

Derry School Board Approves Retention For Fund Balance

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Aug. 9 Derry School Board meeting, one of the agenda items discussed was in regards to what percentage the district would retain from their fund balance.

It was explained by Derry School District Business Administrator, Jane Simard, the District is allowed to retain up to 5 percent of the net assessment, which is approximately \$3 million.

Some of the factors that led to an increase of the 2021-2022 unreserved fund balance includes an approximately \$1.4 million surplus in Pinkerton regular education due to lower enrollment than expected.

The district also saw an approximate \$1.1 million

in surplus due to lower enrollment for their special education students at Pinkerton.

Another area that led to the fund balance that Simard pointed to is not being able to fill all their staff positions which accounted for \$420,000 that was budgeted for, but wasn't spent.

Other factors include approximately \$733,000 from a Healthtrust rebate that wasn't anticipated, \$551,000 in surplus for district benefit accounts along with a special education aid reimbursement of about \$113,000 more than what was budgeted.

Simard warned the School Board the numbers are from the pre audit and the full audit would be conducted sometime around the end of August.

"We went through our

pre audit, but haven't gone through our full audit," Simard explained.

Simard presented the School Board with three different options for them to choose from.

The first option would be to retain 25 percent of the maximum amount they were able to retain, which would be a total of \$753,369.

The second option would be for the Board to retain 50 percent of the maximum amount allowed, which would be for a total of \$1,506,738.

A third option of retaining 75 percent of the maximum amount allowed was presented, which would be for a total of \$2,260,107. The School Board was also given the option of keeping the maximum amount of approxi-

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Hampstead Selectmen Deal with Residency Status Issues

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HAMPSTEAD - At the Aug. 8 Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting one of the topics that was brought up was in regards to residency requirements, specifically when it comes to recreation programing.

It was explained by Selectmen, Laurie Warnock, that she was approached by Seniors Committee member, Jaye Dimando, about concerns regarding recreation programs and what defines someone as a resident.

Warnock said the children programs are at a high capacity, which leads to the question of whether or not summer residents should be allowed to participate in recreational programs.

"Do we allow children who are here as summer residents to participate in summer rec programs," said Warwock.

She explained the question is whether or not they need to have a definition of what a seasonal resident is.

"There is no clear definition or guidelines," said

Warnock.

For one example, Warnock stated for recreational programs if a student goes to school in Hampstead they are considered a resident even if they don't live there.

Warnock said none of the departments were enthusiastic about creating a seasonal residential status, however, they weren't opposed to working to establish guidelines for residence status. She explained it would likely make it easier for staff when it comes to sign ups

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Music & More Children's Music performer Mr. Aaron entertained youngsters during the Old Home Day at the Sandown Public Library on Saturday, Aug. 13. The new stage area was dedicated to Hazel Marlow earlier in the day. See story page 2. Photo by Chris Paul

Chester School Board Approves 10 Cent Increase on Lunch Price

ALEX MALM
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester School Board members discussed another increase to the school lunch program at the Aug. 3 meeting.

It was explained by Chester School District Business Administrator, Sheryl Rich, that as part of the USDA Paid Lunch Equity program it has a goal to increase paid meal prices in order to be more in line with the funds brought in from the free and reduced lunch meal reimbursements.

Rich explained the cost for school lunch in Chester for 2019-2020 was \$2.85 and increased by \$.10 to \$2.95 for 2020-2021.

For 2021-2022 the price increased by 10 cents to \$3.05, but since all students received free lunch during the pandemic it was only in effect for students

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Sandown Library Dedicates New Pavilion to Hazel Marlow

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - Family and friends of the late Hazel Marlow gathered at the Sandown Public Library to take part in the Dedication Ceremony of the newly constructed pavilion area that was named in her honor.

Hazel, whose maiden name was Bassett, had

touched many lives in the town of Sandown. She is especially remembered with overwhelming fondness by the staff and Friends of the Library.

Family members, from as far away as Florida, attended the ceremony that helped kick off the 2022 Old Home Day celebration in town.

Over the past several months, Library Director

Adam Shlager, has been working to finish an outdoors learning area behind and to the school-side of the building. That area was officially named after Hazel Marlow on Saturday morning, Aug. 13.

Shlager welcomed the the modest crowd gathered for a brief speech on what Hazel has meant to the Library over the years.

He also thanked all

those who helped with the project, although Shlager did much of the construction on the music area.

Eagle Scout, Spencer Bohnwagner, contributed heavily to the project by fund raising and building a pathway to the pavilion area.

The Friends of the Library helped raise funds for the project's building materials.

He also had some assistance from members of the Sandown Fire Department who helped out with some of the heavy lifting of materials and the Highway Department chipped in with fill and stone.

Shlager also thanked the Selectmen for their support of the project.

He finished the dedication by saying, "We hope the town continues to value Hazel's memory by using this space often and we hope the space continues to move the library towards Hazel's vision of the library as a vibrant, dynamic community center."



Family members of the late Hazel Marlow admire the new Music Garden at the Sandown Public Library after a Dedication Ceremony on Saturday morning, Aug. 13.
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Selectmen Discuss Shape of Police Department's Roof

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CHESTER - One of the agenda items during the Thursday evening, Aug. 11, Chester Selectmen meeting was the shape of the Police Station's roof.

"The police department roof is leaking," said Board of Selectmen Chairman, Chuck Myette.

Myette pointed out the roof is over 20 to 30 years old and is a metal roof. He said the roof is not very

large.

He said the suggestion is to have someone look at it and see if it can be repaired inexpensively or if they need to look at replacing it and to see what the appropriate route is if that is the case.

"I think it's a maintenance issue," said Myette.

Board of Selectmen, Stephen D'Angelo, asked if they knew whether or not it was a regular roof under the metal one.

Myette said that they

don't know.

It was pointed out by Chester Town Administrator, Deb Doda, that they need to find someone that specializes in metal roofs since they are different from regular roofs.

D'Angelo pointed out that they looked at it about three years ago and it was recommended they replace it with a new metal roof or shingles.

Myette stated he thinks they should look to see what needs to be done and

to also see how much the replacement would be.

D'Angelo said the biggest expense would be stripping the original one off.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to move ahead at looking at what the options are.

Also during the meeting, it was announced by Myette the E coli levels at Wason Pond came back above the standards again on Aug. 10.

It was explained by

Myette they would have an advisory notice letting people know the levels are unsafe to swim in.

Doda said they would have bright yellow signs letting people know about the levels until it is retested and the levels go back to the suitable levels.

D'Angelo said he thinks they should close the beach to swimming until the levels are safe again.

Doda argued that while it's not a good idea to swim there it would be difficult to close it and that they

would have signs warning people.

D'Angelo said he wants to make sure people know what the risks are before they go into the water.

Doda stated all the safety risks are listed on the signs they have.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately decided to go with just the signs and not to take any action of closing it.

The next Chester Board of Selectmen meeting is slated for Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.

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for recreational programs or bus trips that give first preference to residents or not.

"It would make their jobs easier," said Warnock.

One question that was raised was whether or not the issue of residency came up during a specific event or program.

Warnock explained for example some people who live at the campground during the summer were looking to be able to go on

the senior bus trips and since each individual site pays their own taxes they have tax bills, which shows they are technically residents. She said previously the campground would pay the taxes for all the campers and pass on the fees to the patrons.

Warnock stated they looked at what other communities do when it comes to residency status, however, she said very few communities define residency outside of things like voting.

She said her thought is

they can come up with a policy statement that is posted on the website explaining what residency requirements are.

Warnock said she spoke to all the different stakeholders and she thinks it would take away the gray area of who is a resident or not.

Selectmen, Maurie Worthen, pointed out the recreation department along with the Town Clerk recommend they use a driver's license with their town address to identify someone's residency status.

Selectmen, Steve Morse, also pointed out it would also help with the dump stickers. He stated there are often questions about who is eligible to get them and by having more defined residency requirements it could be helpful.

Warnock added that the town currently have beach stickers for non residents, however, they have a different fee than residents stickers do.

Selectmen, Joseph Guthrie, asked if they would have different documentation that they would allow to prove residency.

Warnock said they would, but they need to agree on what the different types of documents would be allowed.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately decided to continue the discussion regarding the residency requirements to their next meeting.

OBITUARY

Jerry W. Holbert



Jerry W. Holbert, 63, of Derry, NH, died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, in Derry Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, Derry, NH. He was born in Long Branch, NJ on Nov. 9, 1958, a son of William and Lillian (Dotson) Holbert.

Jerry was a talented artist who got his start working for Disney as an animator before beginning his career of 32 years as the political cartoonist for The Boston Herald. He was the recipient of the National Cartoonist Society's Editorial Cartoon Award in the year 2000 and was syndicated by GoComics. Jerry's quiet and calming presence made everyone around him feel seen and heard, and his unwavering love and devotion to his family was his life's joy and purpose. All who knew him could attest to his kindness, his resilience, and his clever sense of humor. Jerry was a lover of music, particularly jazz, and his curated collection of albums and mix cds would go on to influence his children to pursue their own musical passions and endeavors. He also enjoyed movies, art, comics, animation, coffee, and good barbeque, and especially loved sharing these with his friends and family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl Holbert; daughter, Kara Holbert; son, Jeremy Holbert; two brothers, Rick Holbert and Larry Holbert as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Aug. 5 in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Funeral services followed in the funeral home. The burial was held in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Rd., E. Derry, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) at www.theaftd.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/

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Editorial

Summer's Winding Down

Things that we just can't ignore; Kids will be back in school before this month is over, the leaves are beginning to turn, the shadows and light have a fall cast.

There's no escaping that while the temperature is still plenty warm and the air conditioners are still getting a workout, the change of seasons is in the air. Town summer recreation programs are over for another year, even town beaches are posting end-of-season closure dates, and sales of mums are picking up.

It seems like just a few short weeks ago that school let out for the summer. Well, a fine summer it has been. It's still too hot to think about winter clothing, but the time for scarves, hats, and boots will be here before we know it. Yet even as one season fades, the opening of the school year comes with it, a sense of everything new once again. Store displays of empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons carry with them an excitement about new things to come. For those of us long past worrying about the first day of school, we still have our

memories.

For parents, getting ready for the start of school brings feelings of nostalgia and the reality of the years that are passing. There's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring.

It's as reminder we should follow whatever the season.

So while we'll still enjoy plenty of days of wearing flip-flops and shorts, the time is running out for the year. In the heat of August, we're spending days and evenings at the beach or by the lake, making use of the backyard pool, and squeezing in a last summer camping trip. We're also filling canning jars and freezer bags, keeping ahead of the weeds in the garden as its bounty increases daily, and we prepare for winter meals.

All in all, it's a wonderful time of year, a time when nature's bounty and beauty are on display for everyone to enjoy. These August days call to us to make the most of the hours of sunshine and warmth, because as New Englanders, we know what lies ahead.

Hampstead Selectmen Table Decision on Funding for an Outdoor Pavilion

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NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - One of the agenda items discussed during the Aug. 8 Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to potentially using some American Rescue Plan Act funds for the new library pavilion.

"We're looking to get some more money," said Hampstead Library IT Director, Kate Thomas.

Thomas explained that some of the ARPA funds that they were seeking in 2021 were denied and that they were looking for funds in 2022 that recently became available in order to build the pavilion.

"At this point the library needs \$54,000," said Thomas.

Thomas stated thus far they have raised around \$41,000, which is enough to complete phase 1. The total projected cost is expected to be around \$96,000.

She said the additional \$54,000 will be used to purchase the kit needed for the pavilion.

Selectmen, Joe Guthrie, pointed out the library was able to fundraise a significant amount of money and felt they should use some of the approximately \$390,000 they have left in ARPA funds on the pavilion. He said they should give the library the full \$54,000 they are looking for.

"I think that's what the request is before the Board," said Guthrie.

Guthrie pointed out they are planning on having a workshop meeting for the Board of Selectmen to discuss the ARPA funds and asked if the rest of the Selectmen thought it was appropriate to discuss the proposal more then.

Thomas said that they have a lot of statistics that shows there is still a demand for people wanting to do different programming outside and said some families and patrons still aren't comfortable with going inside the building for the programs.

She said for example they had a story time indoors and outdoors at the same time and they had

significantly more people who did it outdoors than indoors. She said it is the main reason why they are pursuing the pavilion.

"We're responding to what our patrons are asking for," said Thomas.

Thomas said they also have had a lot of their programs for summer reading outside this year.

"Summer reading has done a lot of things outside," said Thomas.

Guthrie pointed out since the town doesn't have a community center the library takes on the role for different things including acting as a cooling center recently.

"You're there when we need you," said Guthrie.

Thomas stated it is expected to take four to six weeks to get the structure from the time they pay for it. She said it still has the potential to get done this fall.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to table a decision on the ARPA funds until after they have a workshop meeting.

Hampstead Heights Plan Concerns Continues Sept. 6

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The ongoing concerns raised by residents regarding the Hampstead Heights elderly housing project discussed at the last Hampstead Planning Board meeting, was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6, with the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

The Planning Board chair, Robert Weimar stated at the end of the previous meeting that they were hoping to continue the public hearing on that date, provided the developer had enough time to address residents and the town's concerns.

The Hampstead Heights elderly housing development proposal is off

Stoney Ridge Road in Hampstead had a great many area residents give their opinion of the plan at the Aug. 1 Planning Board meeting.

The applicant is looking to build a 66-unit Elderly Condo complex for 55-Plus residents and looks to have two cul-de-sac roads be built.

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Derry School Board Approves Increases for NECC Staff

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NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Aug. 9 Derry School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to staffing issues for the New England Center for Children.

Laura Powers, Director of Student Services, said she has been talking about the difficulties of finding

staff for over a year.

She explained they have a partnership for the program for five classrooms, three at the elementary school level and two classrooms at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School.

Powers stated it is to serve the autistic population as a way to continue to have them in the community and not placed out of the district. It also allows them

to be part of the mainstream classrooms.

"We're always looking for the least restrictive classrooms," said Powers.

Powers said with the students intensive needs it requires students in the program to have a 1 on 1 at all times. She said they are looking to fill 14 positions to have a fully staffed program.

Powers explained they are working on ways to find more staff and to stay in Derry. She said right now due to staffing issues some students that they want to put in the program won't be able to be in it.

One of the issues Powers pointed to is they have people who are interested in taking jobs, however, when it comes to the hourly rate they look elsewhere.

"Unfortunately we are losing some wonderful candidates because of

that," said Powers.

Powers said they looked at what it costs for not having the staff members and having students out of district and said that it would be significant.

Powers stated they are proposing to increase the starting hourly wage to \$20 an hour and to bump up the hourly pay for those currently in positions.

"I think that values the importance of the position," said Powers.

Powers pointed out the increases would cost the district about \$200,000, however, having to put students out of the district could cost as much as \$2 million.

Board member, Brenda Willis, said aside from the cost, the bigger issue is the impact it will have on their students if they have to go out of district.

It was also pointed out by Powers that there is a

challenge to find openings for out of district placements as well.

In order to be fair to the staff members they have, Powers proposed they increase the pay for those in the \$19 an hour range to

\$22 an hour and \$23 an hour for those in the \$20 an hour range. She said eight people in total would be affected by it.

The School Board ultimately approved the increases for hourly wages.

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mately \$3 million.

It was explained by Simard the retained funds can only be used for things in emergency situations, primarily for infrastructure or physical needs and couldn't be used for things

like to purchase curriculum or for staffing needs. She said it could also be used to help offset the tax rate.

The Derry School Board voted in favor of retaining 50% of the maximum amount allowed with School Board members, David Clapp and Jonathan Dugan, voting against it.

OBITUARY

Arline M. Fortin



Arline M. Fortin, 88, of Derry, NH died Wednesday Aug. 3, 2022 at her home. Arline was born in Lawrence, MA on March 22, 1934, a daughter of the late James P. and Ann (Dobrinski) Quinn. She had resided in Derry for the past 58 years.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Gerard A. Fortin of Derry, two sons, Gerard Fortin and his wife Darline of Chester, NH, and John Fortin and his wife Jennifer of Londonderry, NH, four grandchildren, Crystal Fortin, Jessica Marrone, Erin Breen, and Kelly Lewis, seven great-grandchildren, her sister, Lorraine Desharnais, and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Sunday Aug. 7, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services were held on Monday Aug. 8, in the funeral home. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry.

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Board of Selectmen Welcomes New Member of Fire Department

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CHESTER – The Chester Board of Selectmen came together on Aug. 4 for its first meeting of the month. By tradition, the

Chester Fire Department introduces new call member to the Selectmen as they announced the addition of Ken Martin Jr. as the newest Chester firefighter.

“My main focus is in the Fire Department and con-

centrating on firefighting,” Martin said. “I should be going through the fire academy in August to join full time and see where it progresses.” Martin also intends to get EMT training.

Martin is not the first in his family to become a firefighter, his grandfather was a fire chief in the London Fire Brigade in the United Kingdom. The Selectmen wished Chester’s newest firefighter luck in his training.

New business for the week focused primarily on Spring Hill Park. Selectmen Chair, Chuck Myette, reported progress on the ongoing effort to build a handicap ramp at Spring Hill Park.

“We received an over \$12,000 grant for handicap accessibility, plus we’ve raised some other money and we have somewhere around \$16,000 plus in money for the ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act],” Myette stated as he expressed interest in taking a more proactive approach toward increasing accessibility throughout the area. “I would like to do some of that work” in regards to similar projects.

The Selectmen are also preparing to clean up several buildings at the Park, especially the silo and they have already voted on a pressure washing program as part of the cleanup effort. Despite some earlier concerns related to possible lead paint, Myette

reported that the silo “just has the old concrete structure itself, we’d like to get that cleaned up by the Fall Festival.”

Spring Hill Farm’s most recent newsletter is out for its fourth edition. The newsletter contains information about the upcoming Fall Festival on September 10.

Engineers from ReVision Solar plan to send site engineers to determine what steps need to be taken to install a solar array in the wooded area behind Town Hall, hoping to save Chester money. ReVision initially rejected the initial plan for a solar array before recently agreeing to a second look after rising energy costs.

“As you know, you’ve seen a slight increase in

potential electricity prices” Selectmen member, Steven Couture, sarcastically stated. “The value of the energy produced by the solar panels might make the project economically feasible.”

For the 300th celebration, Couture raised the possibility of having a Blackhawk helicopter fly over the final parade, landing on the school grounds. He emphasized that “I was doing this project in my citizen role, using the fact that I’m in the National Guard.” He also mentioned that there was no guarantee the proposal would happen as it requires the approval of the School Board, among others.

The Chester Board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

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who purchased a second lunch.

The School Board ultimately approved increasing the lunch price to \$3.15 for the 2022-2023 school year.

With students being required to apply for free or reduced lunch in order to qualify this year the school district is encouraging families to fill out the application. It was explained at the meeting the more families that sign up for the program in the district it means that the district can receive more state and federal funding.

For those who have

questions about eligibility or about how they can apply they can contact Chester Academy Food Service Director, Leanne Sullivan, at sullivanl@chesteracademy.org or 603-887-3621 x183.

In other news, the School Board was required to approve the updated retained fund balance.

It was announced by Rich that at the end of the school year the retained fund balance was approximately \$225,000, but is possible to be as much as \$245,000 based on the 2022/2023 net assessment.

School Board member, Dana Theokas, said she wanted to keep the retained fund balance at the maxi-

mum amount of 2.5 percent so they can have as much money as possible to offset taxes next year.

The School Board unanimously approved having 2.5 percent of the net assessment in the retained fund.

Also during the meeting, the School Board received an update from Rich regarding the final balances for the 2021-2022 general fund.

It was explained by Rich the unaudited unreserved fund balance is \$401,792. She explained the balance is representative of the unencumbered funds for the 2021-2022 school year, which ended on June 30.

School Board Chair, Royal Richardson, stated the approved budget was approximately \$13.4 million, which means they were able to pay for everything with around three percent of the budget left over.



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OBITUARY

Nancy C. (Needham) Burns



Nancy C. (Needham) Burns, 72, of Derry, NH, passed away Aug. 3, 2022. Born in Dorchester, MA to the late Paul and Catherine (Murphy) Needham. Raised in Dorchester, graduate of St. Clare High School ('67) honors, graduate of Bridgewater State University ('71, serving as Alumni Admissions Ambassador). Dedicated to teaching elementary students in Kingston, MA, Londonderry, NH and retiring after many years from Derry Village School, Derry, NH as a 2nd grade teacher. Always involved in her children's school and sports activities. Served as Volunteer Coordinator & PTA Historian at Derry Village School.

Communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry, where she taught Religious Education classes for many years. Enjoyed traveling with her husband in retirement.

Loving wife of 50 years to her husband Richard Burns. Devoted mother to Brenda Hood and her husband Ryan, Richard Burns, Jr. and Maureen Boak and her husband David. Loving grandmother of Henry and Emily Hood and Brandon, Meredith and Cameron Boak. She also leaves her siblings: Paul Needham and his late wife Edna, Daniel Needham and his wife Jean, Marie Murphy and her husband John and Catherine Needham all of Massachusetts. Devoted aunt to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday Aug. 9, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday Aug. 10, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry with burial followig in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Community Hospice House, 210 Naticook Rd., Merrimack, NH 03054.

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Annual Derry's Got Talent Competition Set for Sept. 10

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DERRY - The annual Greater Derry's Got Talent show takes place on Sept. 10 from 1 - 3 p.m.

The competitors in the talent show are set to win cash prizes along with the chance to perform at the annual Derry Fest the following Saturday.

"This year, the Derry Opera House stage is scheduled to undergo some repairs so we may not be able to hold the event at the Derry Opera House," the event page read. "If this is the case, a different venue will be selected. We will know more as the event draws near."

Cost: Admission for the event is available on the day of the show at the doors and is cash only with the ticket window opening

at noon. Adult tickets are \$10, children 5 and under is \$5 and seniors 65 and older are \$5.

Prizes: For prizes there are two different age categories and an additional audience picked winner.

For those 16 and older first place is a \$400 and second place is \$200. For those 15 and younger first place is \$200 and second \$100. The golden buzzer price selected by the audience comes with a \$50 prize.

"Audience members receive a single audience vote ticket that is worth 10 points. This ticket will be used to vote for the act of their choice by placing it in the appropriate container located to the right of the stage," the event page reads. "A panel of 3 judges will select the winners for each event and any ties will be broken using the audi-

ence votes. There will also be an additional audience pick that will be decided by the number of audience votes. Any ties in audience votes will be broken by the judge's votes. This act will win the Golden Buzzer prize. Since this is a fundraiser to support the Greater Derry Arts Council, extra vote tickets may be purchased at the events."

Additional audience vote tickets are worth 1 point each and can be purchased for \$1 each, \$5 for 8 and \$10 for 20 tickets.

Performers: The talent show is looking for performers in different areas including those who sing, dance, tell jokes and everything in between.

"To be considered for the show you must first pass a screening process," the event page reads. "This is like an audition,

but we do not judge the quality of your act. What we look for is that your act is appropriate for all ages and also must be no longer than 5 minutes in duration."

State's Drought Impacts Area Groundwater Levels

The Hampstead Water Resources Committee is alerting residents to the need to conserve water to help prevent wells from going dry. The current drought conditions in southern NH have had a measurable negative impact on groundwater levels.

The state has received between 50% and 75% of the normal precipitation in the past few months, following a winter of low snowpack. There are wells

When people sign up a non-refundable \$20 entry fee is required. The fee is per performer, not per act. Example if there are 2 performers in an act it would be \$40. The maximum

owners in Hampstead who have already experienced problems. NHDES has received reports of almost 100 dry wells from well drillers in the state. State assistance is available for low-income NH residents whose wells are impacted. For information on applying for assistance, call 603-271-7179.

NHDES has issued the following recommendation to NH communities:

- Limit landscape

amount per act is \$80.

To sign up visit derrysfest.org/derry-talent.

Proceeds raised during the show are used to help support and maintain the historic Derry Opera House.

watering to before 7 a.m. and after 8 p.m..

- In areas of severe drought, limit landscape watering to two days a week and limit unnecessary water use such as washing cars and driveways and filling pools.

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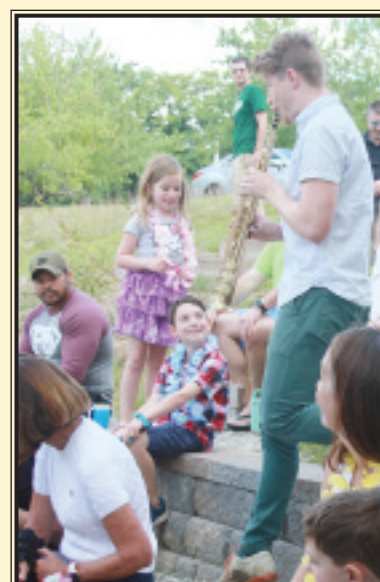
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Sandown Residents Celebrate Old Home Day at Town Center



Sandown's Old Home Day festivities returned to the center of town over the weekend with a number of events happening on Friday night and throughout the day Saturday. Booths were set up behind Central School on Saturday and residents had a number of fun activities to enjoy. The Sandown Fire Department hosted its annual Chicken BBQ later in the day.

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Stockbridge Theatre Begins its 20th Anniversary Celebration

DERRY – The Stockbridge Theatre kicks off its 20th Anniversary Celebration with an exciting array of shows in a variety of popular genres – stand-up comedy, pop music, jazz, dance, circus, and more.

“This is our first complete season following the COVID-19 pandemic, and our 20th Anniversary,” said Shannon Mayers, Stockbridge Theatre’s new Director. “We can’t wait to welcome audiences back to our theater to enjoy shows that

entertain and inspire us all and create opportunities for community members of all ages and backgrounds to experience the arts. Fans of uproarious comedy, foot-stomping New Orleans jazz, Irish music, gravity-defying circus, dazzling dance, and more will find much to love at the Stockbridge this year.”

Stockbridge’s 2022-23 season includes:

David Dorfman Dance - (A) Way Out of My Body Sept. 20 (12:30 p.m. Special Matinee).

With breath-taking lighting and visual design, Dorfman’s newest work, (A)Way Out of My Body, beckons us into the other-worldly-ness of dreams, desires, and routines, as well as potential new worlds awaiting us.

Julian Fleisher and His Rather Big Band, 1975 – October 14

1975 is Julian Fleisher’s roof-raising, barn-burning concert event devoted to the proposition that 1975 was

the best year in American Popular Song. Using arrangements of hits by Joni Mitchell, The Eagles, Stevie Wonder, Barbra Streisand, and more.

Louis Prima Jr. and the Witnesses – Nov. 5, 20th Anniversary Celebration

Get ready to “Jump Jive An’ Wail” with Louis Prima Jr. and The Witnesses as they bring the wildest big band show this side of the 60s to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Stockbridge Theatre! Louis Prima Jr. and The Witnesses are a boisterous, horn-driven, 10-piece New Orleans-style band known for their energetic performances that raise the roof and bring audiences to their feet.

Pete The Cat’s Big Hollywood Adventure – Nov. 8 Student Matinee

Join Pete, Callie, Ethel the Apatosaurus, and Robo-Pete in this rockin’ new musical adventure that features several fun-filled Pete the Cat books including Cavecat Pete, Pete the Cat



The Peking Acrobats will appear at the Stockbridge Theatre on Feb. 23, as part of their 20th Anniversary Celebration. *Courtesy photos*

and the Treasure Map, and The Cool Cat Boogie.

sics, this group has always been the one to watch.

Rockapella – Dec. 10

Rockapella returns for their annual holiday tradition at the Stockbridge! One of the world’s most sophisticated, lasting, and imitated vocal groups around today, Rockapella takes the Stockbridge stage for the 19th time! With buckets of catchy original pop songs and contemporary versions of pop, rock, and soul clas-

MeSSes: a circusShow Feb. 4

Circus artist "janoah... anygoodjokes?" Balin juggles several tasks simultaneously: performing & teaching! During this interactive performance Janoah engagingly guides the audience through the essentials: throwing, catching and messy-ing up.

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Louis Prima Jr. and the Witnesses will appear at the Nov. 5, 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy.




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Peking Acrobats – Feb. 23

For the last thirty-two years, The Peking Acrobats have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. They perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs and display their technical prowess at such arts as trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. They push the

limits of human ability, defying gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility, and control

Dervish – March 17

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an evening of music from the west of Ireland. Dervish are long-established as one of the biggest names in Irish music internationally. They're renowned for live performances, which match dazzling sets of tunes with stunning interpretations of tradi-

tional songs. The Guardian newspaper commented: "Dervish are simply brilliant... they carry Irish history with them."

Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents: Songs That We Love – March 29

The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, led by Wynton Marsalis, is made up of the finest soloists, ensemble players, and arrangers in jazz music today. Songs We Love is a journey through the first 50 years of jazz song.

Combining their distinct talents, the group will sing their way through four decades of music, beginning with the early blues and jazz of the 1920s and ending in the early 1950s. Iconic singers to be explored include Ma Rainey, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland.

The Magic School Bus – March 30

When the class gets lost

on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle saves the day by blasting into outer space for an epic interplanetary field trip! But when rivalries both old and new threaten to tear the students apart, our young heroes must learn to pull together or risk getting forever lost in the solar system. Hop on the Magic School Bus for a ride in this new musical adaptation based on the original book series published by

Scholastic.

Pinkerton Players

Pinkerton Academy and the Stockbridge Theatre is also home to the Pinkerton Players, a high school theatre troupe that performs three shows per year.

Performances this year are scheduled for:

- The Glass Menagerie: Oct. 28-30
- Clue the Play: Dec. 2-4
- Anastasia: March 24-26

Village People Scarecrow Season Gets an Early Start

Scarecrow season is beginning early this year for the finale of the 300th Anniversary. Pick up day to get your scarecrow is August 27, at 9:00 - until sold out at Stevens Memorial Hall, 1 Chester Street. It will be outside and if it rains the sale will be held inside. They are \$30. each cash or check. This is

the Chester Historical Society's annual fundraiser. The society uses the profits to teach and preserve the great history of Chester. Please set your scarecrow out to celebrate before September 24. Remember it is not necessary to do a different one every year. You may purchase more than one as scarecrows are often

displayed in groups. If you cannot make this date have a friend pick one up for you. We always ask that they be taken down by Oct. 30. Chester Rocks this. Have fun.

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CHESTER

Mahjong Club

Love Mahjong? Come and play with this Chester Library's group at the library every Friday from 2 - 4 p.m. Want to learn? We can teach you. Sign up at the front desk or by calling 603-887-3404.

Protecting Pollinators

From beetles and ants to moths and butterflies, discover the many insects playing essential roles in both our natural and homegrown habitats. Let's dive into the interconnectedness of Nature as we discuss a multitude of simple ways we can help support these endearing invertebrates by planting for pollinators in the yard and garden. At the Chester Library on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. This relaxed gathering will consist of a short presentation followed by plenty of time for Q&A and discussion. Registration required.

Chester Town-wide Yard Sale

On Saturday, Aug. 20, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Rain date 8/21) Pick up your copies of the town-wide yard sale map at the Chester library, Chester General Store, Bittersweet Blessings or Back In Thyme. Happy shopping.

You Can Do Karate Too

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m., join world-class Sensei Sarah-Beth Gosselin for this fun and exciting program at the Chester Library. Children will listen to a story about karate and then get a chance to try out some moves themselves. This class is for children ages 4-6 ONLY. Space in this program is limited please send a message, give a call, or sign up at the front desk.

Karate Kids

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 1:45 p.m., join world-class Sensei Sarah-Beth Gosselin for this fun and exciting program at the Chester Library.

Children will listen to a story about karate and then get a chance to try out some moves themselves. This class is for children ages 7-12 Only. Space in this program is limited please send us a message, give us a call, or sign up at the front desk.

Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories, songs, and crafts with Miss Grace every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. They will meet on the lawn behind the library (weather permitting) Please register.

Diamond Painting Club

Find your Zen every Thursday from 6 - 7:30 p.m., at the Chester Library. Materials are provided for this drop in club. No Registration required.

Dominoes Club!

Love dominoes and already know how to play? Or are you looking for something new and fun to try? Join

Terry Armstrong for this fun new club, meeting in Chester Library conference room every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm. All skill levels welcome! For more information and to register call 887-3404.

DERRY

Spartans Youth Basketball

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Fall AAU tryouts at the Derry Sports Center. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 3rd - High School. The first tryout date is Saturday Aug. 20. Times are 3rd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 10 - 11 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 11 a.m. - noon and High School boys and girls from noon - 1 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@hotmail.com.

Derry Homegrown

The Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market is now open every Wednesday, Rain or Shine at 1 West Broadway, Derry. Close of Season is Sept. 28. For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-479-5918, derryhomegrown.org, facebook.com/derryhomegrown or

instagram.com/derryhomegrown

Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Tiny Tot

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot's on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

Story and Building Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Story and Building Club on Thursdays, at 4 p.m., this group is open to all ages. Call Library at 603-432-7186 for more information.

HAMPSTEAD

Book & Bake Sale

From Friday, Aug. 26, through Tuesday, Aug. 30, during regular Hampstead Library hours. Many gently

used books and DVDs for adults and children will fill the second-floor meeting room. As a fundraiser special, for \$30 you get a high-quality canvas tote bag that you can fill with as many books as you wish. The staff also has a Bake Sale fundraiser during the Book Sale. Please come pick out yummy baked goods along with books. All proceeds help fund Library items and projects not covered by the regular town budget.

Thrift Shop Sale

The Elaine David Thrift Shop is having an End of Summer Sale to coincide with Hampstead Library Book Sale days. Come shop on Saturday, Aug. 27 and Tuesday, Aug. 30 to get extra special prices. The Shop carries new and gently used clothing and accessories for men, women and children. They also have jewelry and some household goods. Normal Shop hours are on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Raffle Basket

A Friends of the Hampstead Public Library raffle basket is on display at the front counter in the Library. The theme is all things **continued on page 13**



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British. The woven basket contains a London LEGO® set, scone mix and tray, Downton Abbey word search book, Yardley soap, an umbrella, elderflower cordial, tea, biscuits, and much more. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. The drawing is on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, just before the Friends' sponsored event at the Library.

Servant Life

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library host the NH Humanities event Life Downstairs: British Servant Culture in Fact, Fiction and Film on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. While servant narratives have been popular for centuries, there is a resurging interest in these stories in recent decades with films like The Remains of the Day and Gosford Park, plus PBS dramas like Downton Abbey. The presenter is Ann McClellan, a professor of English and Interim Provost and VP of Academic Affairs at Plymouth State University. She explores the history behind British servants

and why Americans are fascinated by their stories. This event is funded by the New Hampshire Humanities. It is free and open to the public.

Tea Time

Wildlife Tea on Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. Lindsay Webb, a Wildlife Educator with NH Fish and Game, discusses the diversity of wildlife in the state at the Hampstead Library. The tea being served is Harney & Sons Serengetea, which has an earthy and fruity flavor. Although it is not required, we greatly appreciate participant contributions of a small dessert, fruit, etc.

Brick Fundraiser Ends

The Hampstead Public Library's Brick Fundraiser ends on Aug. 22. Those who wish to order a commemorative brick should do so by that date. The staff and Board of Trustees thank those who have purchased bricks and appreciate the community support of this project. This completes Phase 1 of the Pavilion Project. Installation of a foundation, slab, and brick walkway is scheduled to begin at the end of August. Phase 2 will involve more

fundraising for the purchase and installation of the pavilion structure. For more project details, contact Kate Thomas at kthomas@hampstead.lib.nh.us or 603-329-3411. Donors are greatly appreciated.

Jigsaws & Java

If you love doing puzzles or sharing your morning "cuppa" with others, you'll enjoy this social event at the Hampstead Library on Monday, Aug. 22, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Drop-in for group or individual puzzles, and grab a cup or two of coffee or tea. No registration is necessary, and all are welcome to attend.

Sew at Library

These charitable quilt sewers meet to create items for groups of people and animals in need on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Hampstead Library. If you have questions about what the group does, contact stitchedwithlovehampstead@yahoo.com or look for them on Facebook. Even if you don't quilt, they still welcome assistance with related tasks.

Club Discusses Mr. Rogers

Books are now available to borrow for the Hampstead Public Library Nonfiction Book Club's September meeting. The group discusses The Good Neighbor, the Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King. All readers of the book are welcome to attend the meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. The Good Neighbor, the first full-length biography of Fred Rogers, tells the story of this unique and enduring American icon. Drawing on original interviews, oral histories, and archival documents, King traces Rogers's personal, professional, and artistic life through decades of work.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, NH will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 26, 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 redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Book Sale Cometh

The Big Annual Book Sale returns to the Hampstead Public Library on Friday, Aug. 26 through Tuesday, Aug. 30 during regular Library hours. Many gently used books and DVDs for adults and children will fill the second floor meeting room. Proceeds help fund Library items and projects not covered by the regular town budget.

Donations

The Hampstead Public Library currently accepts book and media donations, specifically, adult fiction, children's books, and DVDs for all ages. Donations should be fairly recent publication, and free of damage. Please, do not contribute items that have stains, water damage, mold, mildew, dust, yellowing pages, musty smell, etc. The staff appreciates donations of no more than two boxes or bags at a time. Please bring things inside during Library business hours, do not leave any donations outside. All donations are greatly appreciated,

and many will be used in the big Annual Book Sale in August.

Crochet Club

Ying Zhang will be teaching in person either one on one or small private groups on Saturdays at the Hampstead Civic Club Building next to Town Hall. Email Ying at Yzhanglai@comcast.net to book an appointment. The Civic Club will still provide the material needed.

Chess Club

Meeting on Sundays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., for players from Hampstead and their friends from nearby towns. There is no cost to play and all skill levels welcome. Due to Covid-19 the Chess Club will be online only. Go to <https://hampstead-civicclub.org/chess-club> for more information.

June Storywalk

The featured book in the Hampstead Public Library's Storywalk® for the month of June is It's a Firefly Night by Dianne Ochiltree. The Storywalk® is located on the Library's front lawn. The public is welcome to enjoy it at any time.

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SANDOWN

Mahjong

On Thursday, Aug. 18 and 25, from 10 a.m. - noon come join the Sandown Library's game day. Our Mahjong group meets every Thursday morning. Come play this beautiful, fun and ever challenging game played with tiles. American Mahjong is similar to the card game rummy. New players always welcome.

Brown Bag Movie: The Bad Guys

On Thursday, Aug. 18, from noon - 2 p.m., join the Sandown Library for lunch and a movie at the library. Bring your own lunch. We will be watching the movie The Bad Guys. Registration is required.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Giving blood is a simple thing to do but it can make a huge difference in the lives of others. Join Friday, Aug. 19, from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. upstairs at the Sandown Town Hall to give the gift of life. Appointments are necessary and can be made at redcross-blood.org using the sponsor code, SANDOWN COMMUNITY.

Trivia Game

Are you a Trivia Pro or just an Average Joe? Join in the fun and play the latest edition of our popular Trivia Game on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with the Sandown Library. Teams may be created and ZOOM breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time.

Preserving Your Harvest

Too many tomatoes, zucchini and squash? Join the Sandown Library on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., as Ann Hamilton, a UNH Extension Food Safety Specialist shares her knowledge on what we

can do with our bountiful garden harvest. This introductory food preservation class will cover the latest research-based methods and recipes, answer questions, and share experiences about a variety of topics. This program will be held outdoors and will be rescheduled in the event of rain.

Summer Saturdays - Movie Magic

Enjoy evening movies at the recreation building on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. This month's movie will be Spider-Man No Way Home. This event will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather. Movies will start as soon as it is dark enough.

Tales for Tots

On Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Sandown Library. Ocean based stories, songs, and activities will be incorporated into this story time designed for busy toddlers. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under.

Crafting Crew

On Wednesdays from 10 - 11 a.m., at the Sandown Library an Ocean themed crafting fun for the summer. This program is recommended for children 3 years and above. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m. the evening prior to the program.

Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

Cookie Bites & Canvas

Join Michelle's Art as she guides us through a paint project at the Sandown Library, and we enjoy a new cookie treat each month on Saturday from 1 - 2 p.m. All materials and snacks will be provided by the library. Dress in clothes you don't mind getting paint on. This program is for tweens and older please.

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.

Legos and More

Do you love Legos? Come and build at the Sandown Library on Mondays from 4 - 5 p.m. We will have building challenges, introduce some STEM activities, and have open, creative time. This program is appropriate for ages; 5+Registration is required.

PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk

Story Hour

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

BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and

have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or pthomas@sandownlibrary

Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we 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. Registration is required for this event.

A Novel Bunch

Join the Sandown Library teen book club, A Novel Bunch. It will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be snacks. At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk. This book group is for those in grades 8-12.

Potter Book to Movie Club

Do you love all things Harry Potter? If so, this club is for you! On the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30 - 6 p.m., this Sandown Library group will watch a Harry Potter movie based on one of the books and have a discussion comparing them. Is the book always better than the movie? There will be great snacks! Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk.

Mother Goose On The Loose

Join the Sandown Library on Monday mornings 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.

Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m. to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

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Burbine Tourney

Come join the fun and excitement and compete in the 4th Annual Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Tournament the weekend of September 9th-11th. The tournament raises money, through entry fees, raffles and donations, and awards 2 scholarships to graduating high school. Players can register for one or more categories of play, Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. The entry fee is \$35 per player/per category. To register or make donations Venmo @peruffburbine or pay by cash/check on the day of the tournament. Email first and last name, t-shirt size and phone number to SkipBurbineFoundation@gmail.com Choice of t-shirt size to those who register by 8/18.

Women's Scholarship

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Free Food & Snacks

End 68 Hours of Hunger of Derry and Chester will offer free weekly food and snack bags will be available this summer at: Derry Public Library Teen Room and Children's room, Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club, Marion Gerrish Community Center, and Taylor Library. Bags are available to take, no qualifications or requirements or proof needed.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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