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Hampstead School Board Reviews Latest Designs For HCS Addition

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead School Board received an update regarding the proposed Hampstead Central School addition during the Oct. 25 meeting, which included reviewing preliminary designs.

School Board Chair, David Smith, said in the coming weeks they are going to have more information being presented to the Building Committee.

He said they are also going to look at areas where they could reduce the price.

Smith said they decided previously to come up with a new plan after the warrant wasn't passed in

the past.

He added that it came down to three different areas they thought they had to address including safety, satisfying special education needs, and having enough student education space.

"That's what we're really looking to address," said Smith.

It was noted by School Board Vice Chair, Jason Giard, they are continuing to discuss things as a building committee and are continuing to get feedback from different stakeholders. "This is something we're working on behind the scenes you know weekly, monthly," said Giard.

Hampstead Superintendent, Bob Thompson, explained that on the first floor

they would have the main office and then would have three offices in the suite, which would be for the principal, assistant principal, and for meeting space.

Also on the first floor, would be the nurses office, which would include a restroom and would have space for three cots, which Thompson said would be the appropriate amount for the number of students they have.

The library under the proposal would be doubled in space, Thompson said, which will also have an office for the librarian and library assistant along with a multi use space. He said they anticipate it being used for storage.

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AT THE POLLS A steady stream of Derry voters made their way to Calvary Bible Church on Tuesday, Nov. 8, to cast their ballot in the mid-term election. With the polls down to just one location from three in town, there were times that people needed to battle traffic along Hampstead Road for over 30 minutes in order to vote. Photo by Chris Paul

Chester Highway, Police, Fire Look for Funding in Budget

PAUL CONYERS NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER The Chester Planning Board came together for its Wednesday, Nov. 2 meeting to review several ongoing projects in town.

Stephen Landau from continued on page 7 the Chester Board Select-

answer Planning Board questions regarding items from Chester's Capital Improvement Plan. The biggest change was the return of a pressure washer to clean transfer station floors and equipment to the Capital Improvement Plan. Environmental con-

man was at the meeting to cerns about washing the salt off Highway Department vehicles have stalled the purchase.

We do want to find out what we need to do to create a drainage area," said Landau, who hopes to find an environmentally friendly solution for the continued on page 5

Committee Scrutinizes Level Budgets for the New Year

PAUL CONYERS NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - The Sandown Budget Committee came together for an effective Oct. 19 meeting to discuss the ongoing expenses of the Budget Committee.

Spending in Sandown largely remained level, with a few small reductions. Concerns over volatile economic conditions in the near future meant a fairly conservative spending mindset.

"On the agenda, tonight is going to be our budget," said recently elected Committee Chair, costs in the site repair line Ben Sharpe.

The first item was to

reduce the payroll for Bud- as last year," explained get Committee Secretary Bassett. "Our lawnmowfrom \$1,500 to \$1,000. The er's getting pretty old, I change came from the rearranged that a little bit recent decision to reduce meeting frequency from every week to every other week. The overall pay rate is higher for town officials to match inflation, and the proposal to save money with fewer meetings was unanimously approved. The Board of Selectmen still needs to greenlight the change.

tery Trustees was at the meeting to present the cemetery budget. Sharpe asked about slightly higher of the upcoming budget.

"The total is the same

in anticipation of the possibility it having to do some work."

Apart from the single line item, there was no discussion following the explanation. The Budget Committee unanimously approved \$5,001 in expenses for the cemetery, а number unchanged from 2022.

Paul D'Amore, Head Carol Bassett of Ceme- Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer in Sandown, was at the meeting to present a lengthier budget proposal for all town inspectors, except electrical. D'Amore

Derry School Board Holds Public Hearing on Master Plan

PAUL CONYERS NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - The Derry School Board held a hearing to get public input from parents and members of the community on the town's ongoing Master Plan for the Derry Cooperative School District on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Initial plans included the closure

Hampstead

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In the back of the building, the design would be to have the four new classrooms they are adding, Thompson said.

"These classrooms meet the minimum standard of 900 square feet," said Thompson.

would allow for additional have a brand new plan it enrollment if they get more

Derry Village and South Range Elementary schools. A new elementary school would cover the combined operations of the older institutions.

The meeting was well attended, with "well over 100" people, according to Erika Cohen, Chair of the Derry School Board. As such, no questions were

students in the District.

The plan is to also fix the undersized 60s wing stairwell, which is dangerous during emergency evacuations. The plan is to create a new stairwell between the two proposed classrooms behind the 60's wing, which will replace the current undersized stairwell.

Smith pointed out that Thompson stated it since they are going to means the process is taking

hearing was designed to give information while gathering feedback. Anybody with questions was instead encouraged to attend the next School Board meeting.

"This process has been going on for quite some time," said Jonathan Dugan, Vice Chair of the School Board, referring to

longer than it has in the past when they essentially recycled the previous plan. He added that they are also going to continue to talk to parents, students, and staff members to see what they would like to see.

"With the new plans we want to make sure we get this right," said Smith.

It was noted they will continue to make updates on their website as they have updates on the project.

Master Plan. The Board began with preliminary studies back in 2015, and more in-depth studies as the town came out of COVID starting in late 2020. "We do see some benefits of having a new school."

With growing cost estimates, the Board has composed a "Plan B" in case Derry cannot overcome the funding hurdles necessary to build a new elementary school. Dugan stressed that the Board strongly prefers the original proposal for a new school, though it understands that voters might not approve the large upfront cost.

One alternative would be a lengthy repair project for all schools, focusing on roof replacement. Such repairs would keep every

or demolition of the older allowed at the event. The the conception of Derry's cost out over several years, 1,969," said Tracey Zysk. though it might have a Derry's budget.

"If we keep doing nothing, we're going to be stuck in the same place that we've been," warned Dugan. "We continue to see rising budgets, we continue to see repair costs, and we continue to see aging facilities, not up to standards."

There was serious concern over the validity of the original Master Plan from members of the public. Many expressed doubts over capacity issues related to replacing two elementary schools with one school.

"In 2019, the School Board wrote that it would close the school if the enrollment dropped to 1,924 students. As of Oct. school open and spread the 1, 2022, the enrollment is

"This is before the new larger overall impact on developments come to the South Range School Area with 600 new apartments. None of these numbers have been in anv reports...why are we even discussing closing a school at this time?"

> Others acknowledged the School Board did not have an easy job and agreed that while some action is needed to fix Derry schools, it is simply not a good time for massive spending projects in town.

"I don't think we can afford a new school, period," said Richard Metts. He noted that funding from the state of NH is not guaranteed. "As far as closing schools, I'd rather see it fixed. There are creative ways to do these things that you have to consider."

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School Board Approves Contract With Support Personnel Association

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During

the Nov. 2 Chester School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to the contract between the Chester School District and the Chester Educational Support Personnel Association.

As part of the contract, the School District proposed starting the hourly wage for PARA II's at \$15.50 an hour with a maximum salary of \$20 an

hour in year one.

In the final year of the contract. the proposal was to have the maximum hourly wage of \$23 an hour.

For insurance, the District has initiated an entrylevel Health insurance benefit equal to 80% of the cost of the School Care Orange plan's Individual Policy. The District had previously been providing \$3,000 per year towards insurance, which wasn't in compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

For those that sign up

\$7,200 per individual. For those who decide not to take the District's insurance, the District increased the current reimbursement from \$1,250 to \$1,600 in year one and to \$2,000 in year two, which is the same as the CEA agreement.

The cost for the contract in year one would be \$236,023.91, \$288,958 in year two, and \$339,350.36 in year three for a total of \$864,332.27 for the course of the three-year contract.

School Board Chair-

noted that the contract is likely the most expensive CESPA CBA that is being brought to the voters for their consideration.

Richardson said it is because the prior contracts didn't include salary and benefits that are now expected due to the current labor market. He said they are catching up with what other districts are paying.

The School Board ultimately approved the tentative contract agreement with the Chester Educa-

for the benefit, it would be man, Royal Richardson, tional Support Personnel part time art teacher who Association.

The three-year contract December. would run from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

In personnel news, Superintendent, Sharon Locke, told the School Board they received two letters of resignation.

One of those was Sheryl Rich, who would be leaving to take the job as the Finance Director for the Londonderry School District.

The other resignation came from Susan Perry, a

will be resigning in

The School Board unanimously accepted both of the resignations.

In other news, the School Board received an update from Locke regarding their enrollment for the district. She said they are "flat" at 485 students for K-8 students. With the Pre-K students at 19 students they have a total of 504 enrolled students as of Nov. 1.

Chester School Board Discuss Policy Change For Class Sizes

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - At the Nov. 1 Chester School Board meeting, the school board reviewed some of the school district's policies.

One of the policy changes proposed was in regards to the class sizes for the school district.

It was explained that as part of the proposal the classes would have no more than 18 students in preschool to second grade, no more than 22 students in grade 3 to 5 and then 25 students in grades 6 to 8.

School Board member, Sabrina Harris, asked why they were making the changes and what the results would be.

School Board Chairman, Royal Richardson, pointed out that the class sizes would still be less than the NH Department of Education recommended class sizes of 20 students for preschool to 2nd grade, for grades 3 to 5 and no more than 30 students per classroom for grades 6 to 8.

Superintendent, Sharon Locke, said she was confident that the number of students per grade as part of the proposal was appropriate and they would be able to do it.

The Board is expected to take a vote on the class size policy change during their next meeting.

Also during the meeting, School Board Vice Chair, Jonathan Eckerman, gave a presentation about what happened at the

25 students per classroom Pinkerton Academy Din- the increase. ner Meeting.

One of the main things discussed was in regards to the anticipated increase in tuition of 8 to 10 % for next year.

It was explained that the main reason for it was due to increased costs, as well as decrease in student enrolment.

Locke told the Board there was a follow up meeting scheduled with the different school district superintendents who send their students to Pinkerton and the Headmaster to discuss concerns regarding

Richardson said the increase would likely represent 1.5% of the School District's \$14 million budget.

Eckerman told the School Board that the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees would be voting to approve the final version of their budget on Nov. 17.

During the Business Administrator report,

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Business Administrator, Sheryl Rich, said the total revenue budget projection has gone from \$4,194,203 to \$4,314,559, an increase over the original projection of \$117,009.

For the expenses, Rich said the budgeted expense total of \$13,606,290 is currently projected to be \$13,553,463, a reduction of \$52,827.

It was pointed out by Rich that they are expecting to see a reduction of \$52,827 for the special education line, which is offsetting increases for the operation of the plant budget line, which is mainly due to the increased cost of propane and for the transportation budget line.

With the expense line projection going down and the projected revenue going up it means they would have an estimated savings of about \$169,836.

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up on us. Some of our readers might already have their holiday shopping done. However, many of us are still wondering what to buy and where we should go for our holiday shopping. Days are flying by on the advent calendar. If you're still mulling over big ticket items or you've pared down to the bare minimum, there's a world of choices out there for where to go to get those presents for everyone.

In keeping with the "locavore" movement of eating food grown locally, we'd like to suggest that you consider doing all of your holiday shopping close to home and no, this does not include online shopping. Most local shops may not have the flashy, "low, low" prices that the big stores have. However, it can be more sentimental when you buy someone a local gift. Another added bonus for shopping locally is that you will not have to drive far to get there, considering gas prices this year.

Supporting local businesses is the gift that keeps on giving. Each purchase you make helps a local business stay open, as well as, helps the town's tax base. Shopping locally also helps to support local artists. These local artists sell creations that can make for unique and thoughtful gifts. It may be something as small as a pair of earrings or as large as a painting. There's a certain pleasure these days in buying something with a label certifying that it was made in your homeyou may find yourself in a heartfelt conversation about your holiday plans and favorite seasonal recipes, as opposed to the more commercialized alternative where you are more apt to merely be bombarded with incessant sales pitches. A genuine verbal exchange is an added treat to consider, especially at this time of year.

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Sandown Cable Access Board Discuss Promotional Items

Alex Malm NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - One of the agenda items discussed during the Oct. 25 Sandown Cable Access Board meeting was in regards to advertising on Facebook.

Sandown week.

"It's really everywhere," Donnellan said about the prices.

Donnellan said it wasn't clear what they would get for the different prices.

"It wasn't clear what you got for that," said Donnellan.

Donnellan said he thinks the best idea would know they live stream the different meetings for boards and commissions.

the ones who could see it. "The ad would go to other people," said Don- cable access board that nellan.

Donnellan stated they could also post it to other pages like the community pages in town.

Some of the different Station types of posts that Don-Manager, Chris Donnellan, nellan suggested they explained if they were to make would be for things do Facebook boosts it like looking for board could be as low as \$14 a members and for the open positions they have at the station. They would also be able to post about them an issue with the audio having live streams of the meetings.

> "That might be the good way to start first," Donnellan said.

> It was decided by the Board to move forward with the different posts.

Also during the meetbe to promote the station in ing, Donnellan said he was general and let people looking into buying some pens in order to advertise for the TV station.

He explained that the He added they could pens would have the logo schedule posts without for the TV station and that doing ads. People who fol- they could leave them in low their page would be places like the Town

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Donnellan told the about 500 pens would cost them a total of about \$250 to \$300. The rest of the Board had no objection to it.

Also during the meeting, Donnellan said he didn't hear from the person who was concerned about the recording of the meetings in the Recreation Building.

He explained they had being too loud and he went there to fix it. He added that he isn't sure if it worked or not since they haven't had a meeting there since then.

After not hearing back from the town of Plaistow about what attorney the cable access advisory board they use, it was decided to discuss the possibility of putting a Facebook ad out for an attorney.

The Board ultimately unanimously approved putting up an ad.

Hampstead Lights Of Hope

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Lions Club will again be selling luminaries which benefits local charities. This annual community-wide event, now in its 5th year, will take place on Dec. 24. The current times have brought about big demands from our community locally and globally, including helping to fund our own food pantries, disaster relief, vision testing and more. By lighting up Hampstead we bring light to the issues that face us along with hope, healing and joy. Please help us help others by purchasing the candle kits.

The cost for the kits is \$10. Each kit includes 6



native such as dirt, kitty litter, rock salt, etc. To order please go to Hampstead NH Lions Club website hampstead.nhlions.org. You can also purchase luminaries by mailing payment with a contact candles and 6 bags with name, address and phone directions. Purchasers sup- number to: Hampstead ply their own sand or alter- Lions Club, PO Box 171,

Hampstead, NH, 03841 or by emailing Roxanne Schloth at lightsofhampstead@yahoo.com. Luminaries can be purchased any time of year for any occasion.

Questions: Contact Roxanne Schloth at lightsofhampstead@yahoo.com.

Conservation Group Discusses Hunting Season Safety

PAUL CONYERS NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - The Hamstead Conservation Commission came together for its Oct. 19 meeting a few members short due to the first bout of fall sniffles.

The fast-approaching deer hunting season was on the agenda as Conservation Chair, Tim Lovell, safety.

Commission members reminded hunters to wear orange out in the forests to avoid friendly fire incidents. NH Fish and Game strongly recommends wearing bright orange during hunting season to prevent accidents, although it is not a strict requirement in NH. Blaze orange can be seen by humans from a

talked about improving long way off in the woods, aged to take a gun safety really simple, and all maps months. while deer cannot see bright orange the same way.

> "It's like wearing a life jacket when you're on a boat," said Lovell. "It's not mandatory, but it's a good idea."

> "Regular gun season" begins on Nov. 9 for firearm hunting. Anybody participating in firearm hunting is also encour-

Chester continued from page 1 pressure washer.

Town Planner, Andrew Hadik, noted it would be a "tall order," since the transfer station would need a large containment pit for waste runoff. "We've lived for 25 years without a pressure washer."

Other project items included new computer workstations for all municipal buildings. Chester has already purchased new software needed to move municipal records to a cloud-based system, and the Board of Selectmen is asking for the hardware to match. The proposed budget also covers roof maintenance for several public buildings, most notably the Chester Police Station.

"There's a bid that covers reroofing the municipal complex and police station," said Hadik. He added that the police the Fire Department is a

priority, "they have buckets sitting out when it rains." Only the front of the municipal complex will

department was a higher

see reroofing next year, although Landau hopes to see the rest completed soon after.

Philip Gladu, was also at government the meeting to answer questions on project reviews for the Fire Department. Chester's Fire Department is currently struggling with outdated thermal imagers starting to break down.

> "Both of them are old technology, we've had issues this past year," said Gladu.

> While a switch to digital pagers and new life packs are on the budget, he noted that neither is an immediate concern and can be delayed for a year or two years if necessary.

The biggest item for

new engine pump truck. The estimated price for a replacement is \$900,000, maps is I've now put the with \$650,000 already allocated by the Planning Board. The idea of refurbishing the current vehicle was floated as an alternative.

"We talked to a lot of Chester Fire Chief, the manufacturers, and a complete refurbishment. you're looking at about half the cost, and you're getting a third of the life back," warned Gladu. The Planning Board asked Chief Gladu to prepare more information for a future meeting.

> The Highway Department already has a road improvement plan for maintenance on East Derry Road and North Pond Road. Heavy equipment, including a loaded backhoe, was added to the budget for these upcoming projects. There was concern over rising costs, as initial estimates are higher due in part to inflation.

course if they have not already done so. Any Hampstead land open to hunting will be appropriately marked. Commission members also asked hunters to be respected and courteous to all Hampstead residents.

The Commission has printed new maps of Hampstead land, designed for easier use by the public. All digital maps operate using the Avenza app.

"The new thing on the QR code on the maps, so they're not a separate thing, "Commission member Jim Wilkinson. "I've also improved the GPS versions, so now the QR code will install Avenza if you don't have it. You can download the app and the map, all in one step. It's

are free on the Avenza store. It makes the GPS map a lot better."

The Conservation Commission hopes to put more paper maps in the woods and along trails with the QR code attached. Twelve new maps are expected in the near future. Hampstead has also partnered with the Derry Conservation Commission to create new maps, meaning will be available in both towns. The initial response to the maps has been positive so far.

Lovell raised an ongoing land dispute with a private garden and horse trailer on North Main St. The land in question formally belongs to the town, although the Conservation Commission chose not to act during the summer

"I've been getting some emails from Selectmen being complained to," Lovell said, announcing a plan to remove the trailer from the land. "I said that by fall it would have to go, and it's now November. The trailer has to go."

The Commission agreed to send a letter giving notice of removal within two weeks and pledged to remove the trailer and garden themselves if necessary. The Hamstead Conser-

vation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Since it is the last meeting of the year for the Commission, Lovell decided to hold it at Jamison's Restaurant. As with every other meeting, the public is invited to attend.

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Master Plan & Budget Discussed at Planning Board

PAUL CONYERS NUTFIELD NEWS •

HAMPSTEAD - The Hampstead Planning Board held a public meeting on Oct. 17 to discuss opinions on the town Master Plan and the upcoming budget season.

Board Chairman, Robert Weimar, went over the 2023 budget with Board members.

The main change to the budget was to move Planning Board Secretary, Debbie Soucy, from a part-time employee to a full-time employee with a higher salary. "I frankly believe cult to predict.

that Debbie does a lot more than to support us from a secretarial point of view, the time and effort she's spending have been very helpful to us," said Weimer.

The focus was on line items expected to appear in the upcoming budget. Some of these included training expenses and a new computer for the Planning Board office. Most line items are covered through applicant fees.

Other budgetary concerns include a lawsuit. creating legal expenses with amounts that are diffi-

line items we need to be cautious about," stated Budget Committee Chairman, Tim Lovell, who was present at the meeting. He urged the town to minimize legal spending when possible, noting that Hampstead deals with fewer lawsuits than many other towns in the area.

An ongoing cost is a mapwork for the town. Keeping town maps up-todate is necessary for annual tax collection, among other things. Soucy noted that the maps are "part of the Master Plan" and under the jurisdiction of including the preservation

"This is one of these the Planning Board.

Jenn Rowden from the Rockingham Planning Commission was at the meeting to present a finalized report for Hampstead's Master Plan.

'Master Plans are primarily for the Planning Board, they are the guides and serve as the basis for Zoning," said Rowden. "They also can serve as guidance for other municipal decisions." She added that tax rates are determined by some of what is in the Plan.

Rowden went over several goals of the Plan,

of community character, that we appreciate the clean water, housing, and civic engagement. She noted that Hampstead relies a lot on volunteers, and the Master Plan is designed with outreach in mind, to include more residents of what is happening in town. "Master Plans are

meant to be long-ranging in nature," Rowden added. "It is not meant to be a standing document."

She contrasted the Master Plan to Hampstead's annual budget and encouraged the Board to work towards the document when possible.

effort you put into this," said Weimer. "You put together such a short and informative talk, thank you." Rowden has been involved in the Master Plan throughout a long process. He also praised the community for its participation, adding new ideas to the Master Plan.

The Board unanimously voted to recommend the final version of the Master Plan. They also noted that it is a flexible document, and can change in the future if needed. The next step is to bring their recommendation "It goes without saying to the Board of Selectmen.

Hampstead Selectmen Approve Residency Requirement For Rec Programs

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD - For a number of weeks the Hampstead Board of Selectmen have discussed their residency what requirements should be when it comes to recreational programs.

During their Oct.24 meeting, the Selectmen heard a proposal for what they should do.

Selectmen,

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town staff was struggling to determine who was a resident or not based on people having a number of different circumstances that qualify them as a resident.

Warnock as an example pointed to senior trips. Right now the requirement is to have a driver's license with a Hampstead address, however, someone may have property in Hamp-Laurie stead and live there for

Warnock, said previously five months of the year, but since they have their address for their permanent residence they don't have an in town license.

Hampstead Senior Coordinator, Jaye Dimando, said the Recreation Commission felt they shouldn't use a drivers license as the standard.

"I think the big sticking point was the driver's license," said Dimando .

She said instead the Commission felt it should be based on voter registration.

"If that's what you want to go with we can leave that in place," said Warnock.

Warnock said that some other departments are willing to use things like tax bills, a license, or other identification to determine residency.

Dimando said the Recreation Commission was adamant about using voter registration for their programs.

'The board was pretty firm with that," said Dimando.

Dimando explained that the Recreation Commission felt they wanted to be able to have a differentiation between seasonal residents and those that are permanent residents. She told the Selectmen the concern was that if someone is from the campground or a seasonal resident they would still have a tax bill.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to allow for voter registration to be used as a way to confirm residency for recreational activities.

Warnock also brought up concerns that she heard from residents regarding the senior holiday dinner. She said she heard from several residents who had issues because they could only buy one ticket because they didn't bring their spouse with them to purchase a second ticket.

Dimando said they would address it at their next meeting.

"We can definitely talk about that at the next meeting," said Dimando.

Warnock said she was surprised that the flier didn't have the requirements on there.

"We will definitely address it moving forward," said Dimand.

Selectmen, Joe Guthrie, said he thinks it makes sense to require identification for each of the tickets, but there could be some exceptions for people with mobility issues.

He said that someone could try to buy an extra ticket for someone who isn't a resident in the community if they didn't have a policy of requiring people to be present when purchasing their ticket.

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Derry Town Council OK Hood Park Watershed Study

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - During the Nov.1 Derry Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to a study for the watershed at Hood Pond.

It was explained by Public Works Director Michael Fowler that the project would help to maintain clear water in Derry and would enhance the quality of life and help with economic development.

pre-applications to the NHDES Clean Water SRF gram will fund a project to assess Hood Pond for impairments such as phoswill assist the Town in Hood Park in 2023.

remaining in compliance with the EPA MS4 permit for storm water."

It was also explained by Fowler that they were approved for a grant that would provide them with a if the kids can swim 100% forgivable loan, which would mean that the Town ultimately not have would be measures and to pay anything for it.

Fowler told the Town Council that the maximum amount allowed through the American Rescue Plan Act loan is \$100,000.

"100% of that is going "DPW staff submitted to be principal forgiveness," said Fowler.

Fowler said that they grant program. The pro- would pick an engineering firm through a Qualifications-Based Selection process and the study is phorus loading and other expected to commence in parameters," the memo 2023, which would coinfrom Fowler to the Town cide with the improve-Council read. "This project ments slated to be made to

One of the questions ever, he said that it's going brought up during the to be part of a bigger dismeeting came from Lisa Hultgren who serves as the Derry Town Moderator.

"Is the end goal to see again," said Hultgren.

Fowler said that there recommendations that come out of the study. In terms of swimming how-

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added that the town plumbing inspector also covers gas and mechanical issues.

"I'm level funded for everything, I haven't changed anything from this year," D'Amore explained. "Business is so volatile, right now, who knows what happens next year."

Some numbers are difficult to calculate, includ-

cussion.

He explained that the main issue is that they have been struggling to find lifeguards like other towns across the State.

"We were barely able to keep Gallien's beach open this summer," said Fowler. Hultgren said that she

knows many people who

ing the original payroll estimate of \$29,564. Estimates are based on the previous year, and projects often carry over from one year to the next. Fees are paid out with the completion of an inspection, making it difficult to predict what will come in at the end of a financial season.

"This is a variable, it's an ever-changing budget," Finance Director, Gayle Hamel, said. A lack of pre-

would want to be lifeguards during the summer; however, the issue is that the cost to become certified is very expensive.

"They wouldn't even make the amount in the summer for what it would cost them," said Hultgren.

Fowler said that they have incentive programs for those who work 200 or more hours during the

dictability also came from inflation.

"Given the cost of everything else going up, is there any consideration to increasing the permit fees?" Committee member, David Solomon, asked.

D'Amore could not answer, as it is a matter for the Board of Selectmen. However, he did note town inspectors have no immediate need to increase the

summer to get money for their license and said that last summer they decided to increase the pay to \$17 to \$19 an hour for lifeguards.

Either way he said they would have more activities in the future there.

The council ultimately approved accepting the grant and moving forward with the watershed study.

fee, and there are no plans to ask the Selectmen for an increase. He added that Code Enforcement has been looking into online permitting to streamline the inspection process.

"I don't know if I'll get to online permitting in this budget," D'Amore warned. I think it would be an asset, it would give us real-time numbers on all of my budgets, though I don't think I'm ready to pitch that today."



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Chester Board of Selectmen Set New Tax Rate at \$21.40

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - During the Oct. 27 Chester Selectmen meeting, members set the town's tax rate.

Chairman, Chuck Myette, explained that despite revenue coming in from the building of new homes they are still seeing increases.

"We still have to go up on this rate here," said Myette.

The main issue the rate. Board of Selectmen had to

of the unassigned fund balance they should use to help offset the tax rate.

Town Administrator, Deb Doda, said if they were to use \$400,000 from the unassigned fund balance the tax rate would go down by 54 cents.

By going with that approach they would decrease the tax rate to \$21.40, which is roughly where they are for this year's tax

Doda stated it is rec-

decide on was how much ommended they keep ties. between 5% and 17% of their levy in the unassigned fund balance. Currently they are at 14% with about \$2.9 million in the fund. She said, however, a couple of years ago they were around 19%.

> Doda noted they used about \$550,000 from warrant articles last year.

Selectmen. Stephen Landau, said he was concerned with costs going up for things like electric, gas, and other commodi-

"This is a year where you might have problems," said Landau.

It was also pointed out they have two years left before the new revaluation.

A question raised during the meeting was what they have for big projects coming up.

Myette said they have some bridges that need to be repaired along with some roads that they may not have the funds for.

"It's the ones we have

to repair at this point," said Myette.

One example is the Hanson Rd., Bridge, which he said the state made a decision on that they wouldn't help to pay for it.

Landau asked if they had time to wait until after the election.

"When do we need to set this by," Landau asked.

Myette stated they wouldn't have time to wait until then since they need to have it set and notices sent out for Dec. 1.

Selectmen, Jeremy Owens, asked how much of an impact it would have on people's payments if they had a \$1 increase for the tax impact.

Myette explained it would be about \$450 for a \$450,000 home, which is around what the average property value currently is.

The Board ultimately unanimously approved using \$400,000 from the unassigned fund balance in order to make the tax rate \$21.40.

Derry School Board Tables Talk on Facilities Survey

ALEX MALM NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - A proposed facilities survey was in discussion at the Oct. 25 Derry School Board meeting.

Superintendent, Austin Garofalo, explained the Administration felt that a as unbiased as possible," survey would be a good way to gauge what direccomes to their facilities.

pointed to is that it would the most. be difficult to determine who is filling out the surveys and if people only filled it out one time.

He said as far as the questions proposed they tried to make it unbiased.

"We tried to make them said Garofalo.

As part of the proposed tion the community thinks survey, the different questhey should go in when it tions asked survey takers to evaluate different state-One of the issues with ments and decide which the survey that Garofalo statement they agreed with money into a new school

The first question was: • Our schools should be renovated and modernized.

• Our schools should be repaired to maintain current configurations.

The second question asked survey takers to say what statement they agreed with most. The statements were the following: • We should invest money into repairing existing schools no matter the cost.

• We should invest

schools in most need of repairs.

The third set of statements asked survey respondents to choose from the following statements:

the five existing elementary schools.

to replace the two (2) four elementary schools. School Board member,

Paul Lutz, said he thought the different questions covered all the different options.

"I think it lays out all • We should maintain the choices pretty well," said Lutz.

Lutz said he thinks they • We should consolidate should also add an open and redistrict schools into ended question asking peo-

OBITUARY **Peter C. Crowlev**

Peter C. Crowley, 79, longtime resident of Derry, NH, passed away Sunday Oct. 30, 2022, in St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Brighton, MA. He was born on July 24, 1943 in Portland, ME. a son of the late William and Mary

(Galvin) Crowley. Peter worked for many years for the IRS in Methuen, MA. He enjoyed bowling and golf.

He is survived by his domestic partner of over 30 years, Jeanne Theroux of Derry, one son, Michael Crowley of Haverhill, MA, one daughter, Jeri-lyn Kirkpatrick and her husband Devin of North Palm Beach, FL, and two grandchildren, Lily Kirkpatrick and Marshall Kirkpatrick.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation. graveside services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry Rd., East Derry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, earmark for use by the Merrimack Valley Clinic.

ple to share their comments if they have any or want to add more.

School Board member, Brenda Wilis, said she had some concerns with some of the questions.

"I think some of the questions are pretty leading," said Willis.

The two questions that she pointed to were the final two, which mentioned "aging schools" in the statements people had to choose from. She felt the adjectives weren't necessary.

"I don't think we should lead people into a decision either way," said Willis.

Board member, Jessica Ring, said she is concerned about how they use the information after the survey is completed.

Lutz said he felt that by having the survey they would get a sense of what the community is looking for.

"It gives you somewhat of a flavor of where the wind is blowing," said Lutz.

It was decided to table having the survey being conducted right now.





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Pinkerton Academy Varsity Spirit Squad Takes DI Title



CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Cheerleading team added another Division I Title to the halls of their school over the weekend and in doing so captured Hackler Gymnasium. their 32nd title.

edge out the team from day and less than 10-points Dover High School to take separated the top four teams

their second straight title and its tenth Division I Fall Championship since 2012.

Pinkerton Academy hosted the event on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6, on what turned out to be some fairly muggy conditions inside the

There were 16 Division The Astros were able to I school taking the mat that

and less than a single point was the difference between the top two.

The Astros scored 100.9 for the title with the Green Wave getting an even 100. Salem High School finished in third with 95-points and Londonderry High School was fourth with 91.2.

According to head coach, Michelle McCarty, this is the program's 32nd



McCarty said, "It was a hard fought battle after a week of adversity. Although not a perfect three-minutes, our Astros dug deep and made every single adjustment to work through issues. They fell back to their level of training and squeaked out the win. Every single member of the

team did the absolute most they could to do in the moment to capture the title for Pinkerton. The coaching staff could not be more proud of the fight displayed on the state mat."

Members of the team include seniors: Haleigh Bowler; Brielle Bryson; Kailyn Carkuff; Emily Lawrence; Emily Taylor; and Sarah Taylor. Juniors:

Jaylan Audette; Sophia DeSimone; Sophia Mosher; Arvana Rischer: Shelby Scott; and Sarah Valliant. Sophomores: Mackenzie Bergstrom; Kelsey Dionne; Téa Holland; and Kiareese Perez. Freshman: Sierra Welch; Alexis Peoples; Hailey Small; Sarah Urban; Alexia Last; and Ashlynn Miller.



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Senior X-C Runners Take Fourth and Fifth at State's MOCs

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

After taking first place at the Division I state Championship, the Pinkerton Academy Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Cross-Country team both had third place finishes in last week's New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Meet of Champions (MOCs).

The final state meet of the season took place at blazers had another strong Alvirne High School this past weekend, Saturday, Nov. 5, during some very warm and windy conditions.

Both Astros teams have now qualified for the New Englands, taking place on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Ponaganset High School in North Scituate, RI.

The top 25 finishers and the top six teams qualify for that regional race.

In the girls' race,

ished in first place with 86points, Bedford was a distant second with 128-points and Pinkerton was third with 145-points.

For the boys, the Division II team from Coe-Brown High School was the top team with 70-points. Souhegan High School (DII) was second at 97points and Pinkerton had 128-points for third.

GIRLS

The Pinkerton Trailteam performance at the MOCs, leading the way was junior captain, Tess Silva, who finished in fifth place overall with a time of 19:04. Like in last week's race, Silva was the second DI girl to cross the finish line.

According to head coach, Jonathan Alizio, the performance is the highest finish by a female Astros runner since Morgan Sansing finished fifth in Hanover High School fin- both 2013 and 2014. Fellow



PA junior captain Tess Silva finished in Senior Theo Davis was the first Astros fifth place overall with a time of 19:04. boy runner to cross the finish line.

finishing 14th overall in 19:45. She was the seventh DI finisher.

Sophomore

(21:23) and Sarah Rzasa respectively. (21:28) to complete the Althea scoring. Freshman Kali

junior captain, Izzy Groulx, LeBlanc had a time of 21:10 Marzolf and senior captain, also ran a very strong race, followed closely by fresh- Grace Jellow, came in with men Gabrielle Bedard times of 21:46 and 24:03

> BOYS The Long Red Line was

led by senior Theo Davis, who placed 23rd overall with a time of 16:46 and earning All-State honors. Davis also placed 23rd at the DI race.

Astros junior Finn Christensen Kraft also earned All-State honors by placing 25th with a time of 16:51. Sophomore Noah Daigle was the third PA runner to break the 17-minute mark and placed 31st with a time of 16:57. Finishing fourth for the Long Red Line was junior Nathan Binda (47th overall) in a time of 17:18. Pinkerton's fifth finisher, freshman Parker Brown, was in the varsity top seven for the first time this season, placing 73rd with a time of 17:50, which gave him the top six freshman finish in the state meet. Rounding out the Astros top seven were Aiden Dowd placing 78th in a time 17:54 and Cody of Santomassimo placing 111th in a time of 18:42.



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Pinkerton Football Squad Take Care of Red Raiders

CHRIS PAUL NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Football team had very little

first round of the NHIAA Division I playoffs on Friday night, Nov. 4, when they hosted the Spaulding

Athlete of the Week

Week of Oct. 31



Emily Lawrence Senior, Fall Spirit Lawrence is a big reason the Fall Spirit team was able to bring home title number 32. She is a selfless leader and demonstrates strong leadership to the younger members of our team, lifting them through a very difficult week. She is has the most demanding role as a base in the center of the pyramid. Emily attacks every task



with polish and grace. Jaylan Audette Junior, Fall Spirit Audette has one of the hardest routines start to finish.

Her three minutes is Go Go Go! She is in every section doing the hard lifting, throwing all the tumbling and bringing her athletic performance to life. She is someone you can't take your eyes off of at the end of the routine. Jaylan is one of the strongest performers on the PA roster.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

trouble getting through the High School Red Raiders. The Astros squad finished the game with a 15point margin, beating that team 35-20.

> The Red Raiders came into the contest as the 13th seed in the tournament, while the Astros had the fourth spot in the bracket giving them home-field advantage for their first two games of the state championship.

> Most of Pinkerton's offensive yards were gained on the ground. They had a total of 272-yards, with 261 of them coming from rushing.

just 155 of total yards.

The game had many of the same names heard throughout the season making big plays for the team's first round playoff win.

Senior running back, Cole Yennaco, put the Astros squad on the board first with a three-yard touchdown carry in the first quarter.

Fellow senior running back, Jacob Albert, put his squad up 21-0 with a 13yard touchdown run.

The Astros were up 28-14 in the third quarter, when junior quarterback, Tim Hersom, connected with

sophomore Matt Morrison, who was wide open for an 11-yard touchdown reception, putting the Astros up by three TDs. Those 11yards were the only passing yards in the game.

The first round victory gives Pinkerton a threegame winning streak and moves them on to another home game, this time, in the division's quarterfinals.

The Astros next challenge will be to play Bishop Guertin, the #5 seed in the playoffs, on Friday night, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

The Cardinals had a Spaulding finished with similar regular season record, finishing at 7-2 in the West Division, while PA finished 7-2 in the Central Division.

If PA gets by BG, they will move on to the semi finals against Londonderry, who is expected to win their first playoff game of the championship against Merrimack High School.



Pinkerton Running Backs, Cole Yennaco and Matt Morrison, made significant contributions in the first round victory over the Spaulding Red Raiders on Friday night. Photo by Chris Paul





Town Readies for Annual Very Derry Holiday Parade

PAUL CONYERS NUTFIELD NEWS

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DERRY - The holiday season is fast approaching with the cool, fall weather, and the town of Derry has started preparations for its 2022 Very Derry Holiday celebration.

The centerpiece of the event is the Nutfield 36th Annual Holiday Parade being planned by the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber.

theme is 'Peace on Earth"

CHRIS PAUL

NUTFIELD NEWS

throughout the morning of

Nov. 11 in Derry under the

combined effort of the:

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 1617; Auxiliary VFW

1617; American Legion

Post 9; Ladies Auxiliary

American Legion Unit 9;

Derry Recreation De-

partment; Derry Commun-

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DERRY - Local veter-

will be honored

Membership Director of the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber. Shea encouraged anybody with questions about the parade to reach out to the Chamber.

The Nutfield Parade is scheduled to set to kick off from Vets Hall at 1 p.m., rain or shine. The parade route heads east along Crystal Ave., and then north to Hood Commons. Anybody who wants to watch the parade should 'This year's parade consider arriving earlier, higher attendance is ex-

Veterans Day services

will start at 7 a.m. with a

Breakfast at Pinkerton

Academy sponsored by

Class of 2024 until 9:30

there will be a Blessing of

Veterans at St Luke's

Church on East Broadway.

a.m. the annual Veteran's

Day Ceremonies will take

place at MacGregor Park

From 10 to 10:30 a.m.

From 10:30 to 11:15

Derry International Order of followed by an Open

1:00 p.m.

Derry Honors Veterans Nov.

Rainbow Girls.

a.m.

of COVID restrictions from the past two years.

"Now is the time to sign up your business or group to march or float,' Shea announced details are available on the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber website.

A Very Derry Holiday celebration will cover more than the parade. As with the previous years, several charity drives will occur before, during, and after the procession.

House, at the VFW Post

1617 from 11:30 a.m. to

MacGregor Park, the Guest

Speaker will be Charles

Andriolo, who is a VFW

Post 1617 Marine Corp

Derry Veterans Day service

area Nursing Homes in the

The theme of this year's

Post members will visit

Vietnam Veteran.

afternoon.

is Suicide Awareness.

At the service at

Food Drive at the beginning of the Parade," said Rotary member, Stephen Dente.

The Food Drive will begin at 1 p.m., preceding the parade along Crystal Ave., until 2:30 p.m. Rotary Club has asked for "non-perishable food and cash donations" from residents who can spare a donation. Volunteers will pick up donations along the parade route.

'The Derry Police "The Derry Village Dept will also be collecting for Toys for Tots at the front of the Parade," Dente added, announcing the return of the successful toy drive. Last year, the Police Department announced a "record-breaking collection" of toys, and they hope to break their record again this year.

Town of Derry Economic Development also announced the return of the Red Ticket Raffle and Small Business Saturday. Residents who spend money at local Derry establishments will be entered into the raffle. The raffle runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Small Business Saturday will run for the entirety of the Very Derry celebration.

The Greater Derry Arts Council is sponsoring live entertainment from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "at The Wandering Stage at Benson Ski

according to Chris Shea, pected with the relaxation Rotary Club will do the and Sport lawn" according celebration will conclude to a recent announcement by the Council. Live music will pause during the parade, then continue until 5 p.m.

The Holiday Craft Fair also kicks off following the end of the parade, including an opportunity for photos with Santa at the Veteran's Hall.

Scott.

with the Annual Tree Lighting at 5:15 p.m. on Benson's lawn.

The date of the Very Derry Holiday Celebration is on Saturday, November 26, with the first events starting at 10 a.m. A Very Derry Holiday will run all day, and attendance is free. Everybody is welcome to

Finally, the Very Derry attend.



Oliver Cole Scott, 8, of Chester, NH, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, in his home while with his mother and father after the most courageous battle against cancer. He was born in Exeter, NH on Dec. 14, 2013, a son of Douglas and Katherine

Oliver loved so many things and so many people. Oliver loved the water. He loved to swim. Oliver loved the beach and sand. He loved the lake and paddleboarding. He loved riding his scooter. He loved blowing bubbles. He loved playing board games. He loved card games. He loved video games. ESPECIALLY Fortnite. He loved his cousins. He loved all his aunts and uncles. He loved his grandparents. He loved all his friends, and he had so many, he would make friends everywhere he went. He loved his siblings, so much, being a brother was his favorite thing. He gave the best hugs and head rubs. He just had an aura about him. He was undeniably irresistible when he wanted to be. He will be missed every second of every day.

On addition to his parents, he is survived by his sister, Faith Rousseau; two brothers, Bruce, and Slade Scott; paternal grandparents, Ted and Terry Scott; maternal grandparents, Curt and Maureen Fitton; maternal great-grandmother Elizabeth LaRosee; five uncles, Steve Scott and wife Megan, Ken Scott and wife Meranda, Ted Scott, Jr., CJ Fitton and partner Stephanie, and Nick Fitton and partner Martyna; his honorary Aunt, Amanda Gibbon along with many cousins and extended family members.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Monday, Nov. 7, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium.

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CHESTER

Explore Girl Scouts

Come explore Girl Scouts on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Chester Academy, 22 Murphy Dr., Chester. Can't make it to an event? The group can host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Library Hours

The Chester Library will be Closed Friday, Nov. 11, for Veteran's Day. Open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23. Closed Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

Afternoon Book Club

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m., join the adults book club at the Chester Library for some great reading and discussion. Books are chosen at each month's meeting. to get your copy of the cur- after Among Us for kids ages rent book. New members 8+. No devices required. welcome.

Scrabble Club

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 3 - 5 p.m., bring your scrabble board and join the Chester Library for casual word play with a welcoming and friendly group of people. Registration is required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on the Library's website and Facebook page.

Board of Trustees Meeting

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m., the Chester Library Board of Trustees wil hold their monthly meeting. Meeting is open to the public.

Among Us in Real Life

On Saturday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m., at the Chester Library prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of

Contact or come in the library an in person game modeled Registration is required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on Library's website and Facebook page.

Crafting Club

On Monday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. The Chester Library's Crafting club is back with Melody! Bring your scrapbook, knitting, crochet projects, or anything else you may be working on. If you'd like to learn to crochet we can help with that too! Please register by calling (603) 887-3404 or send a message on Facebook.

Book Page Pumpkins

Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m., join Ms. Grace at the Chester Library to make this bookish decoration to usher in fall. Would make a great turkey day centerpiece. All materials will be provided by

required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on the website Library's and Facebook page.

Library Foundation Meeting

On Tuesday, Nov 22 at 3 p.m., The Chester Public Library Foundation meeting will be held. New members welcome.

Make Your Own Play-Doh

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m., join Ms. Grace at the Chester Library to make your very own play-doh from scratch. Customize your colors and bring it home to enjoy. All materials are provided by the library. Registration is required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on the Library's website and Facebook page. NOTE: If anyone in your group has a food allergy please contact Grace at youthserviceschester@gmail.com

DERRY

Turkey Trot

The 49th annual Greater Derry Track Club's 5k turkey trot being held is Thanksgiving morning, 9 a.m., at Galliens Beach on Beaver Lake in Derry NH.

This is the oldest and one of Academy from 7 - 9:30 a.m., the largest turkey trots in NH. Participants are asked to donate a canned good to help local food pantries. Register early to make sure you get a race shirt. Go to gdtc.org to register.

All About John Carpenter

Reference librarian Liz uses this month's film program to discuss one of her favorite directors-master of horror. John Carpenter on Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m., online. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

Fraud Awareness and Prevention

St. Mary's Bank presents an informational webinar on how to spot scams, and how to recover should you fall victim on Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m., online. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

Teen Pizza and Books

The Derry Library will provide the pizza, and you bring your current reads. On Nov. 19 at 2 p.m, at Meeting Room A . Ages 11 - 18. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

Veterans Day Activities

On Nov. 11, at Pinkerton

there will be a breakfast sponsored by the class of 2022, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at St. Lukes Church a Blessing of the Veterans, from 10:30 -11:15 a.m., at Macgregor Park Veterans's Day Ceremonies. At 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., an Open House at the VFW 1617 Post Home.

Gremlins

Billy Peltzer is about to get the most chaotic Christmas gift of all time. Showing at the Derry Public Library on Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

A Gift from Bob

A film about a man named James and his cat, Bob, as they try to make a living on the streets, and ultimately discover the true meaning of Christmas spirit along the way. Showing at the Derry Public Library on Nov. 30, at 6 p.m. Register at derrypl.org or call 603-432-6140

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Christmas Craft Fair

Hampstead Congregational Church will host its annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at 61 Main St., Hampstead. Enjoy shopping the wide assortment of crafter tables and take a chance on numerous raffle items. Take home some delicious homemade baked goods and yummy soups-to-go. Admission is free. All are welcome.

Bagels & Bingo

Adults are invited on Friday, Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m., to the Hampstead Library. Play Bingo, win a prize, and enjoy bagels, coffee and tea in the company of others.

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group meets on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. These charitable quilt sewers meet to create items for groups of people and animals in need. If you have questions about what the group does, contact stitchedwithlovehampstead@yahoo.c om or look for them on Facebook. Even if you don't quilt, they still welcome assistance with related tasks like cutting fabric and ironing.

Skywatch

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., volunfrom teers the NH Astronomical Society share their knowledge and their telescopes with the community. Enjoy the beauty of the night sky, learn how to identify objects through a telescope, and expand your knowledge of our universe. This program is appropriate for older children, teens, and adults. Register in advance via the Events Calendar on the Hampstead Library's website. If skies are cloudy, the rain date is Dec. 7.

Spinners & Knitters

On Nov. 12 at 10 a.m., the Spinners & Knitters group meets at the Hampstead Public Library. The group is comprised mostly of knitters and spinners who create their own yarn on spinning wheels; however, all needleworkers are welcome to join.

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preparing and serving drivethrough meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you questions have call 603.437.2833.

Transfer Station Hours

The Town Transfer Station hours of operation during this holiday season are as follows: Closed Veteran's Day Nov. 11, Open 6 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Nov. 12, Closed Thanksgiving Nov. 24, Open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Nov. 25, Open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Nov. 26, Christmas Open 6 a.m. - noon Dec. 24, Closed Dec. 25, Open 6 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. New Year's Dec. 31, Closed Jan. 1, 2023. Please Borelli, Recycling Coordinator at the Transfer Station at (603) 432-4650 for further information.

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Dignity Drive

From Nov. 15 - 29, a Dignity Drive to benefit the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry will be held at the Hampstead Library. Please help by donating the following hygiene items: Chux pads, Poise/Tenna pads, adult pullups (any size,) baby wipes, nutritional supplement drinks (ie: Ensure, Boost, Gevity,) and rubber gloves. Please make sure all packages are unopened, and not past the sell-by date. Look for the collection box inside the Library. Please do not leave any donations outside.

Meditation Class

On Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m., there is a half-hour Meditation Class at the Hampstead Public Library in the second-floor Crowley Room. The instructor is Sue Crump. Online classes are also available on select Wednesday evenings. Check the Library's website calendar for class dates and times. If you have not already registered for fall classes, please do so via the Events Calendar on the website.

God's blessings

Island Pond Baptist Church will celebrate God's blessings throughout the year with a Thanksgiving dinner, on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to a 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, NH. If you plan on attending, please let the church know to help prepare adequately, by contacting at info@islandpondbc.com, or 603-329-5959.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council #9058 of Hampstead, will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, Nov. 11, from 1 - 6 p.m., at St. Anne Church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead, NH. 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

Thrifting For A Cause

The Elaine David Thrift Shop, at the Hampstead Public Library, is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Stop at the Shop for bargains on clothing for men, women, and children. Gift cards are available in any amount, and never expire. Visit frequently to see new items, and shop pop-up sales. The Thrift Shop is run by the Friends of the Library. Donations of new and gently used clothing in season is greatly appreciated and can be dropped-off inside during Library business hours. Proceeds from the Shop help fund Library programs and items not covered by the normal town budget.

Christmas Parade

Sign up now to have a float or car in the Hampstead Winter Wonderland Parade! It's happening on Sunday, Dec. 11

at 1 p.m. Go to our Facebook page: hampsteadchristmasparade for the most up-to-date information and link to register. Registration form is due by Nov. 1. If you have any questions, email us at: hampsteadparade@comcast.net or call Roxanne McGaffigan at: (315) 405-7905.

SANDOWN

Food Pantry

The Sandown Food Pantry expects to assist many families again this year with Thanksgiving Dinners. The need continues and we appreciate vour help. Items Needed: Frozen Turkeys 10-15 lbs o Stove Top Stuffing Mix, Jellied Cranberry Sauce o Large Jars of Gravy, 5 lb. Bags of Potatoes, Canned Whole Kernel Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, Canned Green Beans, Brownie Mix. Supermarket Gift Cards & Monetary Donation can be mailed to: Sandown Food Pantry PO Box 1756 Sandown, NH 03873. Please contact Arlene Bassett (603) 887-3453, (603) 505-1512 or

email abassett@gsinet.net if you are donating a turkey. An accurate count is needed to ensure all families are guaranteed a meal. If you prefer to drop off your Thanksgiving donation, non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Town Hall during regular business hours until Thursday, Nov. 17, or at the Food Pantry during open hours; Tuesdays 4 - 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 - 10 a.m. Frozen turkeys can be dropped off at the Town Hall on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 1 - 3 p.m.

PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne of the Sandown Library at 4:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Registration is required.

Mahjong

Come join the Sandown library's game day! The Mahjong group meets every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. - noon. 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

REGIONAL **Youth Art Contest**

The Londonderry Arts Council is pleased to again be hosting the 2022/2023 Youth Art Contest for students in NH. This year's contest runs from Nov. 1 - Jan. 9. The contest is open to students in NH, ages 5 - 18, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category will win gift certificates for art supplies and be able to display their work at the Londonderry Library. The winners will be notified by Jan. 24. For details on the contest see the application you can download here. https://londonderryartscouncil.org/youth-art-contest

OBITUARY **Robert F. (Bob) Mears**



Robert Frederick Mears, 79, of Derry, NH passed away Friday Oct. 21, 2022, at his home, after a period of declining health. Robert was born July 5, 1943 in Manchester, NH and was a son of the late Frederick and Meriel

(Boire) Mears. He was raised and educated in Manchester, and was a graduate of Central High School. Bob had been a resident of Derry for over 50 years.

Bob served in the US Army from 1963 to 1966 and later, he attended schooling to become an ASE Certified auto mechanic. He was employed as a mechanic with Peters Auto Group of Nashua for more than 35 years. He was a lifelong car enthusiast and enjoyed building Hot-Rods. He could often be seen at car nights and area shows.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Frances (Walling) Mears of Derry, two sons, Edward Mears and his wife Lindsay and Brendan Mears, four grandchildren, Spencer, Isabella, Eliana and Evelyn, five siblings, Kathy (Mears) Hrycuna and her husband Charles, Karen (Mears) Harris, Paula Mears, Marc Mears, David Mears and his partner Doris Annis. as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a brother Thomas Mears, brother-inlaw, Francis Harris and sister-in-law, Helene Walling.

After cremation, a graveside committal of his cremated remains was held Monday Oct. 31, at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Liberty House, 221 Orange Street Manchester, NH 03104. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY **Stafford R. Squires**



Stafford R. "Steve" Squires, 90, of Derry, NH, passed away Thursday Nov. 3, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 19. 1932 in New Haven, CT, a son of the late Stafford and Elsie (Rusch) Squires.

Steve, as he was known to family and friends, had a very close relationship with his brother Donald with whom he worked for nearly 20 years at the Derry Village Store. They enjoyed spending time, along with their wives, travelling. Stafford also was an avid horseshoe player, a pastime he passed on to his two sons. who both were State horseshoe champions. Stafford was an avid New York Yankees fan. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor.

Stafford's family included his beloved wife of 65 years, Carol (Swertfeger) Squires, two sons, Steven Squires and his wife Deborah and Dean Squires and his fiancé Denise Page; one daughter, Dawn Smart and her husband Christopher; 10 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two sisters, Jeanette Child and her late husband Al and Audrey Lowe and her late husband James, and his late brother Donald Squires and his wife Margaret, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services will be held on Saturday Nov. 12, 2022 at 10 a.m., in the Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry Rd., Derry. Memorial contributions may be made to Animal Rescue League of NH, 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH 03110 or at www.rescueleague.org/donate.



OBITUARY **Rita T. Demers** Rita T. Demers, 93, our devoted

mother, originally from Derry, NH died Oct. 25, 2022 at her home in Winter Haven, Florida, surrounded by friends and family. Rita was born in Manchester, NH on July 29, 1929 to Henry and

Stella Cote. A lifelong resident of Derry, she married Roland Demers from Derry. The two were lifelong companions and were blessed with three children, David, Lori, and Lyndi.

Rita and Roland together owned Demers Real Estate in Derry for 30 years and were active in the community and as members of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. She later wintered in Florida until relocating permanently to Winter Haven, Florida. She loved to travel, spend time with friends and family, and play bingo.

She is survived by one son, David Demers of Clearwater, Florida; two daughters, Lori Davis and her husband William of Calais, VT, and Lyndi Demers of Palm Harbor, FL; one granddaughter, Lani Demers of Palm Harbor, FL; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Thursday, Dec. 8 from 6 - 8 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m., in St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. The burial will follow in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Manchester, NH. In place of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

