

Derry Town Council Asks State To Legalize Cannabis

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DERRY - During the Sept. 20 Derry Town council meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposed letter to the state representatives and senators that represents Derry.

Town Council Chairman, Joshua Bourdon, explained that during the past election they had a non-binding referendum question on the ballot that asked voters if they would support the legalization of cannabis for recreational purposes.

He explained that almost two thirds of the voters were in support of it. The letter would encourage their state legislators to support legislation to pass it this year.

"Let's encourage our

state representatives and senators and future governors to pass this legislation now," said Bourdon.

Bourdon stated if the state were to legalize it, the sales would likely raise enough revenue to help reduce property taxes.

Bourdon said he was in complete support of sending the letter.

"I will be signing this letter," said Bourdon.

Town Councilor, Brian Chirichiello, who is also a former State Representative, said he was concerned with forcing the legislators' hands.

"I don't think we should be dictating to the legislature how they vote," said Chirichiello, who has supported the legislation in the past.

Chirichiello stated he was concerned with telling legislators to support a bill

without knowing what is in it.

"We are telling the legislators to support it without seeing the bill. I would never support anything without seeing the bill," said Chirichiello.

Town Councilor, Charlie Foote, said he is in favor of it because it would represent the will of the people and that the language in the letter is a generalized appeal and not specific.

"I am not going to advocate for anything specific," said Foote.

Bourdon said if the legislation is something that doesn't work then he doesn't expect that they would support it.

The Town Council ultimately approved sending the letter to the state senators and representatives

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Sandown Selectmen Discuss 7% Increases to Insurance

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SANDOWN - Sandown Selectmen discussed the rather sizable increase to health insurance costs to the town for next year during their Monday night, Sept. 26, meeting.

It was explained by Sandown Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell, they are expecting to see an increase of seven percent for the cost of health insurance.

Last year's increase was at four percent Blaisdell pointed out.

Selectmen, Darren Hudgins, said he wanted to see what the increase would be if they went from the town paying for 86 percent of the employees health insurance to 85 percent.

"I would like to see that split," said Hudgins.

Selectmen, Tom Tombarello, stated he was concerned with employees having to pay more for insurance.

"The worst thing we want to do to any employee in this town is have it cost them money to work here," said Tombarello .

It was pointed out by Tombarello that the police department's contract says their health insurance costs mirror what the town's rate is.

"They would go up without a say," said Tombarello .

Blaisdell said with the increase a single plan would be a total of \$1,317 with the employee paying \$184 and \$1,133 for the town.

Sandown Police Chief, Joseph Gordon, said he feels the out of pocket costs should be as low as

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300TH FINALE Mickey and Minnie Mouse welcomed attendees to Chester's Tricentennial Grand Finale on Saturday, Sept. 24. Residents gathered at the fair grounds near Chester Academy after an impressive parade that marched down Chester Street to help celebrate the 300th anniversary of the town of Chester. See more photos page 8.

Photos by Chris Paul

Chester Board of Selectmen Discuss Creating New Policies

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CHESTER - The town's policies and procedures were in discussion at the Sept. 22 Chester Board of Selectmen meeting.

Selectmen Chairman, Chuck Myette, explained that he asked town staff to pull together policies and procedures they have specifically when it comes to contractors.

During the previous meeting, the Selectmen said they wanted to have it on the agenda after concerns were raised regarding the hiring of a consultant for the 300th anniversary committee.

"There's really not much we have for policies and procedures," said Myette.

It was proposed by Myette they form a committee to look at what the policies and procedures other towns have for the schools and the municipal-

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Derry Town Councilor Faces Scrutiny For Election Day Shirt

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DERRY - Resident, Butch Timpe, expressed his concerns with what Derry Town Councilor, Neil Wetherbee, wore while working the polls at the public comment portion of the Sept. 20 Derry Town Council meeting. “While each and every election official refrained

from anything that could be politically biased Neil took the opportunity to wear an I heart CRT tshirt in order to, in my opinion, antagonize the residents of Derry,” said Timpe.

It was explained by Timpe he thinks Wetherbee did it because he was looking for a public verbal altercation to take place.

Timpe said he also had an issue with some of the other actions of Wetherbee.

“He has had multiple outbursts during Town Council meetings. He has abstained from more votes than any other Councilor on the Council,” said Timpe.

Timpe stated he ultimately thought Wetherbee should resign from his Town Council position.

“Your actions have not lived up to a Town Councilor and because of that you need to resign effective immediately,” he said.

Town Council Chairman, Joshua Bourdon, said later on in the meeting that he thinks election officials shouldn’t wear anything that could be considered provocative.

“I personally believe that election officials should refrain from wearing anything provocative,” said Bourdon.

He said he wants them to ask the town attorney to see if it is legal to pass an ordinance where town officials for the elections can’t wear symbols during the elections.

He added that he doesn’t know for sure if they should move in that direction, but wants to see if it is legal to do so.

“I am not saying we go down that path, but I would

like to have that information,” said Bourdon.

Bourdon said that based on the law, he doesn’t think any were broken.

“Based on the letter of the law, no law was broken at our last election, but it’s the spirit of the law that might’ve been altered,” said Bourdon

Whetherbee said that he was approached by the Attorney General’s Office following the election regarding the incident and said he was told he didn’t do anything illegal.

“The AG’s office did come speak to me and did confirm that there was nothing wrong with what I was wearing,” said Wetherbee.

OBITUARY

Michelle “Mickey” Warren



Michelle “Mickey” Warren, 61, of Derry, NH, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, in Mass General Hospital, Boston, Mass. She was born in Everett, Mass. on June 21, 1961, a daughter of James and Marion (Saulnier) Warren.

She is survived by two daughters, Ashley Mustone of Derry and Penny Haaby of Manchester, NH; two sons, Michael Warren of Scottsdale, AZ and James Haaby of Mesa, AZ; two grandsons, Jaiden Mustone and Preston Gagnon-Haaby; two sisters, Sandra Gaumond of Belmont, NH and Wanda Estes of Los Alamitos, CA, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Following cremation calling hours were held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. A memorial service will followed.

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with Chirichiello voting against it.

Also during the meeting, the Town Council discussed sending a letter to the leadership at Pinkerton Academy regarding solar power.

Bourdon said that in the letter it explains the town’s accomplishments with net zero and how they think Pinkerton Academy going with solar there would help everyone.

In the letter it explains if they are able to take advantage of the legislation that allows them to do so then it would help reduce the property taxes for the towns that send their students there.

The Town Council ultimately unanimously approved sending the letter to Pinkerton Academy leadership.

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Bus Transportation Concerns Raised by Hampstead Parents

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HAMPSTEAD - At the Sept. 13 Hampstead School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a transportation update.

Hampstead Superintendent, Robert Thompson, explained he has had a number of conversations with parents about buses.

"The start of the school year has not been perfect," said Thompson.

Thompson stated that

ultimately the national bus shortage is hurting students across the state and across the country.

He has pointed out that there have been issues with it since the first day of school.

"I saw students arrive to school late on the first day of school," said Thompson.

Thompson added that he talked to some parents who have missed work or have been late for work because of bus issues as well.

"It's pretty disheartening. I take responsibility for that," said Thompson.

Thompson said they have been working with their bus company, First Student, and despite the challenges they have been responsive.

First Student Area General Manager, David Fairweather, explained they wanted to work towards a solution.

He said one of the biggest issues is the lack of drivers.

"It's a very challenging

job," Fairweather said about being a bus driver.

Fairweather also stated going into the year, they were one driver short out of their nine routes and they lost another driver as well.

"That complicated things for us," he said.

With that said, they have drivers training right now.

"Our application flow is good. I am pleased to tell you that because a year ago it wasn't," said Fairweather.

In addition to recruiting new drivers, Fairweather added that retention is also an important aspect.

Fairweather also pointed out they had some issues in the beginning of the year with their routing software, which caused problems. They are going to look at a new one for next year.

School Board Chairman, David Smith, said he knows one parent who said that their child has been dropped off late every day by 20 minutes and asked when they think the prob-

lem will be resolved.

Fairweather said that by the beginning of October it is expected to be resolved.

He said it ultimately comes down to having enough bus drivers.

"The real fix is having enough drivers," said Fairweather.

It was also asked during the meeting if students who are late for school because of the bus are given a tardy or not.

Thompson said that they aren't given a tardy against them.

Hampstead Readies Residency Requirements

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HAMPSTEAD - In discussion at the Sept. 12 Hampstead Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to updating residency requirements for recreational programming and other town privileges.

It was explained by Selectmen, Laurie Warnock, that since the last meeting they made a compilation of all the residency requirements they have in town. Some of them include things like voting or registering a vehicle or for recreation.

Selectmen, Joseph Guthrie, asked if there was any area in particular they have been having difficulties with the requirements.

Warnock stated one of the areas is recreation, which doesn't have any RSAs regulating it unlike some other things like voting.

"It's more of a matter of policy," said Warnock.

Warnock added that

particularly 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.

She explained the goal was to come up with a list of appropriate documentation to prove residency and then post it online so people can reference it.

"I think it would be a useful tool for residents who are wondering if they qualify or don't qualify," said Warnock.

Warnock pointed to senior trips as an example. The requirement is to have a driver's license with a Hampstead address, however, someone may have property in Hampstead and live there for five months of the year, but since they have their address for their permanent residence they don't have an in town license.

Another example pointed out was someone who has a work truck that was registered out of town

and they had difficulty getting a dump permit.

It was stated by Financial Administrator, Tina Harrington, that in those cases they work with the resident to get them a permit.

Warnock said there are people who don't have licenses who should be able to get the town privileges.

Hampstead Board of Selectmen Chairman, Sean Murphy, said they can try to clarify as many different scenarios as possible, but didn't think they would be able to cover all of them.

"I don't think we're going to be able to cover 100%," said Murphy.

An example of a proposed change, Warnock said currently for recreational senior events it is required they have a driver's license. She asked if they wanted to add utility bills, tax bills, or rental agreements as acceptable documents. The rest of the Selectmen agreed.

It was decided to update the proposed document and have the Recreation Commission give it to a final review before posting the requirements on the web



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Editorial

See You at the Library

As Libraries get back into grove and we head into next year’s budget, lets make sure our libraries stay healthy. The reason is simple: Patrons want more open hours at the library.

More residents are using the public library for many different reasons. While at a casual glance the action of adding money to our libraries could be interpreted as ignoring the economic hardship taxpayers face. In reality, a more accurate response is that as times get tough and money gets tight, residents are using their libraries more and more, which is a good thing. If there is a little extra money, we should think of giving it to the library, the place that only gives back to the residents.

Just as we don’t believe newspapers will disappear, we don’t think books will either. As the cost of books increase and bookstores close, libraries become even more vital. Reading a good book can bring a lot of satisfaction, something that’s hard to duplicate.

We’ve heard people question the usefulness of a library in recent years or a book in today’s digital age. We think they’re totally off base. Libraries aren’t stuck in the 19th century; they have audio books for the commuter, or downloadable books for e-readers and computers. Technology plays a major role in their offerings these days, meeting the needs of both the tech-savvy and those who want to hold a book in their hands.

Think back, how many of us introduced our children to a love of reading when they were toddlers, sitting with them at library story time sessions, then, heading home with lots of picture books? That book is comfort, when snuggling at bedtime to bond or escaping the stress of the day is better with a book than a device.

These days, most of us can’t afford to spend money on entertainment. The numerous free programs offered at our public libraries ranging from movies to lectures and art shows give us options to get out of the house, spend time with others, and maybe learn something in the process. Often with a snack thrown in.

When hometown entertainment just won’t do, most libraries offer free or reduced admission passes to museums in both NH and Massachusetts.

Remember where people gather when the power goes out in winter storms? At the library. Kind of a definition of “community,” isn’t it?

We’d hate to see any of this go away. A library is one place where we do get our money’s worth. What we’re finding is that, as money gets tight, we turn to our local library more and more. Pay one a visit today.

Letters

Derry Rail Trail

To the Editor

In regards to the Exit 4A and safety concerns pertaining to the Rail Trail crossing of the new six lane Folsom Road.

On Sept. 22, Derry Rail Trail supporters and residents urged state transportation officials to restore a previously funded and approved concrete box tunnel under the six-lane highway that will replace two-lane Folsom Road. NH DOT scrapped the approved tunnel plan to cut costs (\$770K out of a \$100 million project) but at the expense of the safety of Derry residents and visitors.

The DOT plans now include an at-grade gravel crossing with a button to

stop vehicle traffic so pedestrians and cyclists can cross Folsom Rd and a convoluted longer path with a nearly 5 percent grade and sharp hairpin curves. Neither crossing is as safe as the tunnel. With counts of up to 30,000 rail trail users per month, and projected increase in vehicle traffic, the safety concerns and inconvenience to motorists are evident!

Multiple stakeholders expressed their concerns about the inefficiency and safety factors of the proposed alternative plan and in favor of restoring the original plan for the tunnel crossing.

The town of Derry will assume responsibility for future maintenance of these road crossing solutions and may be liable for any accidents they cause. DOT did not factor in higher future costs to maintain their proposed alternatives compared to the lesser costs of the concrete tunnel which is expected to last up to 75 years.

If you’re concerned about these safety concerns, contact your elected officials. Bring back the safe tunnel plan!

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Upcoming Hunting Dates

Here are some important dates and reminders about this year’s hunting season:

- Oct. 10 - Oct. 16 Turkey
- Oct. 22 & 23 - Youth deer hunting weekend
- Oct. 29 - Nov. 8 Muzzleloader for deer
- Nov. 9 - Dec. 4 Rifle season for deer. (Londonderry is shotgun only)
- Dec. 15 - Archery for deer and bear

You may see more vehicles parked along the side of the roads, especially early in the morning. If something seems suspicious, please call us, and we can check it out.

If you’re going out hunting, don’t be a turkey; use proper firearm safety techniques, and know your target and what is beyond it.

You may contact our conservation ranger, Officer Glenn Aprile, at 603-425-5903 with specific questions or visit the NH Fish and Game website for additional information. www.wildlife.state.nh.us/index.html Here

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during the meeting was how they solicit input from employees to see if they would rather have larger deductibles or pay for the increases through premiums.

Blaisdell said when the Selectmen meet to make a decision she invites employees to attend to weigh in on it. Not everyone attends. Generally it is easier for people to budget for incremental increases rather than large ones.

Blaisdell explained that the insurance provider would be putting together two different options so people can choose the plan that best meets their needs.

“We will see what she comes up with for that,” said Blaisdell.

One question raised



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NHDOT Outlines Exit 4A Project and Trail Redesign

PAUL CONYER
NUTFIELD NEWS

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) held an extensive informational meeting for the planned Exit 4A project recently, on Sept. 22, after having to reschedule earlier in the summer due to extreme heat.

The project will cover the area along the Londonderry/Derry town line, proceeding east of Derry's Pinkerton Street. It will

also reconstruct parts of the Old Rum Trail, Folsom Road, and Tsienneto Road, before ending near the intersection of Tsienneto Road and Pinkerton Street. The project was in the planning stage for several decades before the start of construction.

"The purpose and need of the project are to reduce congestion, improve safety, and reduce the traffic on local roads while providing economic vitality for Derry and Londonderry,"

explained Gene McCarthy, manager of the project consulting team in Concord. Improvements to the area will include three new bridges, a coordinated signal system designed to minimize traffic jams, and stormwater treatment for runoff.

The project is subdivided into three sections, with the section on Folsom Road labeled as ongoing. Construction on the first project has already started. The final segment will be

completed by 2026, although the completion of other sections varies between 2023 and 2025.

Several questions have come up about the project regarding the rail trail following the roads.

"We've heard concerns about the grade of this new proposed path, about the curvature and that it was too tight, there are safety concerns...and the cost," McCarthy said. An alternative design, "It's actually wider than the rest of the sidewalks along Folsom Road, so that will accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists." The trail will have lower grades and will be ADA-compliant.

The construction cost estimate has changed several times as the project plan has been modified. Removing a tunnel from

the original rail trail design saved over \$1 million, although inflation has also been a factor in 2022.

While the current cost estimate is \$29 million for the second section of the project, McCarthy warned that it "gets updated several times between now and when we go to construction." Federal grants will cover 80% of the entire project, with the remaining 20% covered by the state of New Hampshire.

Noting that there have been a few redesigns and changing cost estimates, State Representative, Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien, asked NHDOT officials, "If you can go over the design-build procurement process." She felt the alternative rail trail design looked "convoluted" and "unnecessarily

winding".

"What happens is the design teams decide they're going to come up with a better way to design something or something more efficient," NHDOT Project Manager, Wendy Johnson, said after opening the meeting to questions. "The alternative technical concept still meets the same requirements, is still safe for the public, and saves money."

Johnson assured the public that NHDOT reads all public feedback, pointing to the new rail trail design as an example. Members of the public are encouraged to continue sending comments and concerns to the project team, although Johnson asked people to refrain from sending the same comment multiple times.

Pinkerton Academy Hall of Fame Inducts Seven New Members

The Pinkerton Academy Hall of Fame Committee has selected 7 inductees to welcome into the Pinkerton Academy 2022 Hall of Fame in September. Its newest members are Edmund Angell, Timothy Cain, Michael Arrato Gavrich, BGen Valerie (Ray) Jackson '90, Dr. Mark Mastromarino '79, General George Thompson, Jr. '07. This year's inductees include a former Pinkerton Academy principal and teacher, a dedicated and well-respected faculty member of the English Department, a retired teacher and multi-sport coach from Pinkerton, an alumna that recently became a Brigadier General in the Marine Corps Reserve, an alumnus who volunteered

as an archivist for the historical collections at Pinkerton, an alumnus who was an officer of the Civil War, and an alumnus that played for the NHL and currently plays for the AHL. The induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29, in the Senior Cafeteria. Contact Meagan Sojka in the Alumni Office with any questions.

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Sandown Selectmen Approve Bid For Road Painting

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NUTFIELD NEWS

SANDOWN - During the Sept. 12 Sandown Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a quote for roadway line painting.

It was explained by Sandown Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell, that there is basically just one company in the area that does the traffic lines. Because of that it has been difficult to get work done.

"It's been extremely

difficult to get them out here," said Blaisdell.

Blaisdell stated they received a quote for some roads they want to do. The quote was for about \$25,000.

Blaisdell added that they would be using funds from Block Grant funding and it would be about 14 cents per linear foot for double yellow lines and nine cents per linear foot otherwise.

One question that was asked was what the timeframe would be.

"If we do this, is there a timeframe for when this

is gonna happen," said Selectmen, Eric Olsen.

Blaisdell said they are hoping to have it done over the next few weeks.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved spending up to \$25,000 for the road painting.

Also during the meeting, Board of Selectmen Chairman, Jonathan Goldman, said they received a ruling regarding a petition in Superior Court to force the town of Sandown to have a Town Meeting regarding the banning of voting machines.

The judge ultimately denied it not only because the petitioner didn't live in town, but also because "RSA 656:40 grants the Board of Selectman the authority to decide the manner of counting and tallying votes, thus any vote on the proposed warrant article would have been advisory and not binding in any way."

Goldman told other residents who have filed petitions for special town meetings that someone could file a citizen petition and it would have to be on the ballot.

Goldman said he is fine with the question being on the ballot if a citizen petition is filed, but wants to make sure everyone knows that it is not a binding question.

"I welcome it on the ballot as long as everyone understands its advisory only," said Goldman.

Goldman explained he has received a number of different emails from people who all expressed that they supported the actions taken by the Board of Selectmen.

"It appears that the town people did support

our actions," said Goldman.

During the Selectmen liaison reports, Selectmen, Robert Nickerson, said the Library has a new Library Trustee after they had a vacancy. He added that Steve Brown was appointed as a Trustee.

He also noted that the patronage at the library is about the same as normal.

"Business at the library is status quo," said Nickerson.

The next meeting is slated for Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

Derry Town Council Disbands Economic Development Committee

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DERRY - The disbanding of the Derry Economic Committee was in discussion during the Sept. 20 Derry Town Council meeting.

It was explained that the committee was created in 2016 as a way to assist in attracting more businesses to the town of Derry.

Economic Development Director, Bev Donovan, said when it first

began, it was very hands-on.

"The committee was originally created without the benefit of professional staff," said Donovan.

Since then Donovan pointed out the structure of the economic development department has been restructured and responsibilities changed. With it, the committee also changed as well.

Donovan explained that one of the major changes was the addition of professional staff within the

department.

With that said, Donovan stated she doesn't think the committee is no longer needed because of the success they have had.

Staff nor committee members time is being used efficiently with the committee now due to the restructuring

Town Councilor, Neil Wetherbee, noted that economic development was a major focus since he has been on the Council.

"From the first day I have been on this Council,

economic development has been a focus," said Wetherbee.

He explained that Donovan is the chief economic development official for the town of Derry and if she thinks she can have a better use of her time then he would support that.

Town Councilor, Charlie Foote, said he was thankful for the volunteers who served on the committee over the years.

"To all the volunteers in the past that have served

on that Board thank you for your service," said Foote.

Town Councilor, Brian Chirichiello, said he was torn because he likes having participation from the community on different things and to be able to get their feedback.

It was pointed out by Donovan that despite the committee not being around still it doesn't mean that they don't want to hear from the community still.

Donovan explained that the committee was

formed before she got to Derry and it was a very beneficial committee. She was thankful for the different volunteers they had.

"All I really did was take the ball I was handed and ran with it," said Donovan.

The Derry Town Council ultimately unanimously approved disbanding the Derry Economic Advisory Committee. It was noted that if it is determined down the road that they need the committee again they could reconsider it.

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ity and make recommendations for what would make sense to have for procedures in Chester.

Myette stated they also need to make sure they are following the policies and

procedures they have in place for hiring contractors.

Selectmen, Stephen D'Angelo, explained that when he first got on the Board of Selectmen he was working on helping to come up with different policies, but due to circumstances those efforts

stalled.

D'Angelo added he also thought it made sense to look at what other communities are doing.

"We don't need to reinvent the wheel," said D'Angelo.

Selectmen, Steve Couture, said he would be

willing to work on it and thought they should look at their own procedures as well.

D'Angelo said most of the things they do as Selectmen is from state statutes, however, Couture said it would be good for

them to have their own handbook.

Couture stated he also thinks they should have policies and procedures for how their board operates specifically. He would meet with Chester Town Administrator, Deb Doda,

and would come back to the Board of Selectmen with a proposal and to see if they should move forward with having some sort of formal committee.

The next Chester Selectmen meeting is slated

Taylor Library Storywalk



Taylor Public Library in East Derry celebrated a Storywalk Dedication this month, with residents taking the opportunity to share information about the Moore family, who donated the money to help fund the walk. Staff also thanked the Derry DPW and Parks and Recreation for the installation. "We called many places and it was too odd a job. Parks stepped in and got it done ahead of schedule and we are so thankful," said Taylor Library Director, Jen Thielker.

She added, "This story walk was made possible by the generous contribution of the Moore Family, who requested the funding be used for 'The Children of Derry.'"

The benefactors' are Martha (Chase) Moore and Ira "Pete" Moore. Martha, a lifelong Derry resident, Pinkerton Academy alumnus class of 1921, who was known for her curly locks and musical prowess with piano, harp and organ. Martha graduated

from Plymouth Teacher's College and was a fifth grade teacher and later administrator at the former Floyd School for over forty years. She founded the Derry Junior Young Women's Club, a civic organization committed to charity work and was President of the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and a Taylor Library Trustee from 1974-1984.

Martha met Ira "Pete" Moore at a dance held at Adams Hall (now known as the Adams Memorial Opera House). They fell in love and married in 1926, and while they had no children, they had a lot of close friends. Pete, originally from Manchester, worked at a bedding factory in the 1920s. Pete was a U.S. Navy veteran, an auto mechanic and a part-time police officer for the Town of Derry from 1940-1960. Pete outlived Martha by twenty-nine years and was a three-time recipient of the Boston Post Cane. Pete died in 2003 at the age of 103."

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LOCAL SPORTS

Astros Fall to Lancers in Annual Mack Plaque Contest

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Londonderry High School Football team secured their spot as the top team in the Division I Central standing at the Mack Plaque game against Pinkerton Academy on Friday night, in Londonderry, with a 31-6 victory.

The LHS win handed the Astros their first loss of the 2022 season and their sixth consecutive defeat in many tries against the Lancers going back to 2019.

The Astros gave Londonderry a very quick advantage, on the opening kick-off, with an extremely hard wind at PA's back, LHS senior Anthony Amaro found an opening down the far-sideline and sprinted to a 92-yard return resulting in a 7-0 deficit to begin the game.

The Astros failed to score on their opening drive, despite good field position on the ensuing kickoff. The Londonderry punt was short

due to the 30-40 mph wind.

The Lancers next possession ended with short punt, putting PA at the LHS 45-yard line, but again, PA failed to take advantage due to the tough Londonderry



Astros sophomore running back Matt Morrison had 13-yards on 4 carries against LHS.

defense.

The Astros ended that drive with a fourth and seven attempt, which resulted in a turnover on downs.

The following LHS possession resulted in another short punt and a early tackle on Jacob Albert for an interference penalty putting PA in Lancer territory.

In that PA drive, the LHS defense quickly recovered a fumble after a high snap by the PA center on second down.

The Lancers pounding the ball down the field through the end of the first quarter, and finishing that drive with a 36-yard field goal at 9:09 in the second quarter.

Pinkerton was halted in the following drive, resulting in a punt that actually went backwards due to the heavy winds, and put LHS inside PA's 20-yard line.

One play into that drive resulted in another Lancer TD.

PA was finally able to get on the board to start the

scoring in the second half.

Senior Cole Yennaco had a six-yard touchdown run one play after a long pass from QB Tim Hersom to Caden Michaud halfway through the third quarter.

As it turned out, those were the only points the Astros would get in the game.

Londonderry got their third touchdown when senior Andrew Soucy ran in for nine-yards at 1:40 in the third.

Heenan gave the Lancers their fourth touchdown of the evening with pass completed to wide receiver Andrew Kullman for 44-yards and a lopsided victory.

Londonderry had 204 yards of offense in the game to PA's 133.

Pinkerton also had three costly turnovers, two fumbles and an interception.

Hersom was 5-10 in pass attempts with Michaud leading in catches for 33-yards and Albert getting 10.

Michaud and Albert also



Rushing attempts by Jacob Albert were halted by the Lancer defense much of the night in the annual Mack Plaque contest. *Photos by Chris Paul*

led in rushing with 31-yards each on eight and seven carries respectively.

The loss put PA at 3-1

on the season and they will host Salem (1-3) on Friday night at 7 p.m.

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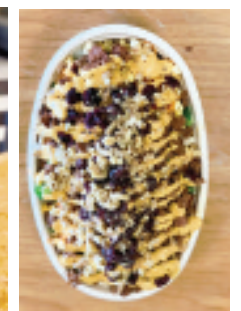
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Astros Girls' Soccer Get Mack Plaque Win Over Lancers

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coming off a disappointing 6-2 loss to the Timberlane Regional High School Owls on Wednesday,

Sept. 21, the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Soccer team bounced back with a much-needed win over the Londonderry Lancers in a 3-2 victory during the annual Mack Plaque contest on

Saturday afternoon.

The win over LHS allowed Pinkerton to gain a 4-3 advantage in the Mack Plaque games heading into the Boys' Soccer match, which ended in a 1-1 tie.

The Lady Astros headed into the Mack Plaque game with a season record of 3-4, so a win would not only be big for a match against their rivals, but would also even out their season to .500.

In that game, held in Londonderry under very windy conditions due to a passing coastal hurricane, the Lancers got off to an early one-goal advantage, but by halftime, PA was able to knot the battle at 1-1.

In the second half, Pinkerton was able to score two more times to Londonderry's one goal and held on for the one-goal victory.

Pinkerton goals were scored by: senior forward Kayla Franks, freshman middle Cali Lockwood and junior forward Hannah Sippel.

Hannah Sippel and Lockwood also each had an assist in the game.

Libby Williams was able to block seven shot attempts by Londonderry.

Leading up to that victory, on Wednesday, Sept. 21, the Pinkerton girls fell 6-2

against the Lady Owls of Timberlane who were riding a six game winning streak.

Pinkerton was behind early in this game, losing 3-0 by halftime.

The two Astros goals came from Hannah Sippel and Lockwood. One assist

went to junior forward Maddie Schoenenberg.

Senior goalie Lindsay Blum had 10 saves.

The PA girls will play Salem (3-5) on the road on Tuesday, Sept. 27 and Bishop Guertin (5-1-1) the following day at home.



Astros middle Kayla Silveira works the ball to the center of the field Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

Pinkerton Academy Golfers Pick Up Some Victories

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Golf team notched a few more marks in the win column last week to put their record to 12-8.

The team's week started at home on Monday, Sept. 19, at Hoodcroft Country Club in Derry, where they fell to two of their three opponents at the Par 36 course.

Concord placed first, scoring a 204, Dover placed second (206), Pinkerton was

third (210) and Spaulding shot a 226 for fourth.

Match Medalist, Julianna Megan, had the best round for Pinkerton with a 36. Jack Dambach shot a 42 and Ethan Johnston, Campbell St. Pierre, Nathan Jasper, Owen Doherty and Brady Cuneo all carded a 44.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Salem High School's Campbell's Scottish Highlands course, another par 36, Pinkerton settled for second.

Dover High School shot the lowest team score with a 201.

Pinkerton was just two strokes over their total, with a 203, and Salem shot a 211.

Julianna Megan came in with a 38 on her card, Ethan Johnston shot a 39 and Campbell St. Pierre, Nathan Jasper, Tyler Morin and Brady Cuneo all had 42's.

Two days later, the team traveled to Nashua North and had wins over South, North and Salem.

The Astros team shot a 213, Nashua North was second with a 218 and Salem shot a 236 for third.

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Pinkerton Field Hockey Team Drop Two Close Games



Pinkerton Academy junior Natalie Paradzick ties to get by the Lancer goalie late in the Mack Plaque game on Saturday morning. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite some pretty intense effort, the Pinkerton Academy Field Hockey team dropped two close games to neighboring towns, one in Salem and the other in the team's Mack Plaque contest against Londonderry.

The Astros started the week on Wednesday, Sept. 21, with a trip south to Salem High School, where they were upended 2-0 by the Blue Devils.

All the scoring in the game came in the third period. Salem scored two times within just over a minutes time, at 11:30 and at 10:33 in the period.

Elise LeBlanc had two saves in the PA goal and Emma Madsen had a stand-

out performance on the backline in the game.

Pinkerton second game of the week was in Londonderry where they played another heartbreaker. Despite some extremely strong offensive efforts on the part of Pinkerton, the team came away with a 2-1 loss.

Pinkerton's only goal of the game was scored on a penalty corner by Jaelyn Crossman in the first quarter at 7:33 off a great feed from Natalie Paradzick and Ava Bennett.

Two minutes later, however, the Lancers tied the game when Keira Strike got behind the PA goalie LeBlanc and was fed a pass from Meghan Daileanes at 5:37.

The two LHS girls then paired up for the eventual

game winning goal at 2:41 in the first.

Londonderry played a strong defense throughout the remainder of the game, especially in the third quarter when they kept PA scoreless on nine corner attempts.

Martin made four big saves on the Lancer side and Elise LeBlanc had three saves in the PA net.

Pinkerton controlled the

ball for most of the second half, but was never able to connect.

Pinkerton head coach, Katie Littlefield, felt there was some great effort and leadership shown from Aili Carney and fantastic effort on the front line by Anna Perkins and Hannah Lisauskas. She also mentioned the PA defensive line, led by Gianna Rosa, was dominant in this game as well.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 19

**Theodore Davis, Senior
Boys Cross Country**

Davis was the Astros team's top finisher in both the Mack Plaque race and Manchester Invitational, running personal records on each course.



**Cali Lockwood
Freshman, Girls Soccer**

Lockwood, a freshman, had a great week. She scored two goals and had one assist. She always has energy on the field and creates many chances for the Astros team.



Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Astros XC Teams Compete in Manchester Invite

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams competed in the Manchester Invitational at Derryfield Park on Saturday, Sept. 24, and both teams had some good results.

The Long Red Line competed in the Varsity Large School 3.1 Mile Race and senior Theo Davis once again led the Astros to a strong performance on the hilly course in Manchester. Theo placed 45th overall with a time of 17:12. Pinkerton's next three run-

ners all broke the 18:00 mark, averaging 5:40 per mile. Noah Daigle was 61st in 17:26. Finn Christensen Kraft was 75th in 17:43, and Elias Brodeur was 85th with a time of 17:53. The team's fifth man on the day was junior Aiden Dowd placing 131st in 18:37. Rounding out the Astros top seven were juniors Nathan Binda and Cody Santomassimo running 18:45 and 19:22 respectively.

The Astros team placed 11th with 380 points out of 34 teams from the New England area.

For the varsity girls, the

Pinkerton Academy Trailblazers coaches were extremely proud of their team.

In the Varsity race, junior captain Tess Silva ran an exemplary race and crossed the line in a time of 19:34 to claim sixth place. She was the third New Hampshire finisher. Her time was the seventh fastest time ever run by a Pinkerton junior at Derryfield. Fellow junior captain Izzy Groulx fought through a week-long illness to run a time of 20:54 for 29th place. Sophomore Althea LeBlanc ran a 50 second Derryfield PR (21:30); senior captain

Grace Jellow outkicked about a dozen girls in the final stretch for a 22:24; sophomores Sydney Sexton and Mia Eckerman stepped up to run at the varsity level and established Derryfield PRs of 24:09 and 24:26 respectively.

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Pinkerton Boys' Soccer Squad Tie Lancers, Beat Keene

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Soccer team finished the weekend of the Mack Plaque games with an overtime 1-1 tie.

The tie game gave Pinkerton a 4-3-1 advantage

in the overall Mack Plaque standings and secured the trophy for another year. It also put their season record at 3-4-2 coupled with a win over Keene earlier in the week.

The Astros started the week, on Tuesday, Sept. 20, with the long trip west to

Keene, where they were able to come away with a 4-2 victory.

Zack Smith had two goals in the game, Sean Kelly scored on a penalty kick and Jason Rzasa also scored. Assists went to: Kelly, Devin Keith and Giovanni Iob.

Pinkerton head coach, Kerry Boles, was pleased, but knows more work is needed.

He said, "This was a good performance today. I never have to question their effort. That is always there. We played well, but still have some messes to clean up. We need to figure out how to put teams away when we have that opportunity."

In the Mack Plaque game on Saturday afternoon, in Londonderry, the two teams battled in a

intense game to a 1-1 finish after 80-minutes of regulation and two overtime periods.

Ethan Bellows had the only Pinkerton goal of the game with the assist coming from Zack Smith.

Boles said after the game, "Pinkerton played a very good game against their rivals. Unfortunately, they couldn't make their one-goal advantage hold up

and had to settle for the draw. I feel we are making good progression as we head into a very difficult stretch of games in October. Our lineup has been more consistent and we are minimizing our turnovers. These are positives for us".

He added Noah Sands, Giovanni Iob, Hayden Marshall and Cam McMahon played very well in the contest.



Ethan Bellows, #3 moves the ball forward against LHS Saturday while Devin Keith readies to advance the ball.

Photo by Christine O'Loughlin

Astros Girls Volleyball Squad Get a Shutout Win and a Shutout Loss

CHRIS PAUL
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Volleyball squad got a much-needed win over the Keene Blackbirds to start the week, but suffered a tough loss in Londonderry to end the week.

Heading into the game against Keene, at home on Tuesday, Sept. 20, the Blackbirds had only managed one win of the season and Pinkerton was coming

off a two-game losing streak, so both were anxious for a victory.

In the match, the Lady Astros got their third win of the season in a straight set victory 25-12, 25-18 and 25-11.

Junior captain Sarah Bolduc had 13 kills, 13 service points, six aces and 11 digs to pace the PA squad.

Senior captain Sophia Phaneuf added eight kills, 11 service points, five aces and nine digs.

Setter Kara Porter delivered 22 assists; Lexi Heiser had nine service points and six aces; Izzy McIntyre had four aces; and Hannah Bernard collected three aces.

In the Mack Plaque match in Londonderry the news wasn't so good to end



Sophia Phaneuf

the week on Saturday morning, Sept. 24.

The Lancer ladies were able to win that match in a clean sweep, handing PA set losses at: 25-18, 25-13 and 26-16.

The loss pushed the Astros to 3-5 of the season, while Londonderry moved to 8-0.

Phaneuf finished the game with 12 kills to lead the team's offense.

Other standouts were: Bolduc with 13 digs and four kills; Natalie Bergin had four service points, two aces and 12 digs; and Porter dished out 15 assists in the tough loss.

They play Timberlane (0-7) on Tuesday, Manchester Memorial (0-8) on Wednesday and the undefeated Nashua North Titan's on Friday.

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CHESTER

Library Closure

The Chester Library will be closed Monday, Oct. 10, for Columbus Day/Indigenous People's day and Saturday, Oct. 29, for our annual Haunted House! Closing at 5 p.m. Halloween day.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Join the Friends of Chester Library for their monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

Banned Book Club

Join the Chester Library for some great reading and discussion on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. Contact or come in the library to get your copy of the current book. New members welcome. This club is for adults.

Murder in the Library

It's the Chester library's 100 year celebration, and

everyone is having fun and enjoying each other's company until a scream echoes throughout the building. A death has just occurred. Can you discern which suspects are telling the truth and which are hiding something? And is that something murder? Come for this cooperative murder mystery game on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Recommended for groups of 2-6. Ages 14+ recommended but not required. Space is limited. Registration is required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on library's website and Facebook page.

Scrabble Club

Bring your scrabble board and join at the Chester Library for casual word play with a welcoming and friendly group of people on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. Registration is required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Scary Special Effects Makeup

Join Ms. Grace at the Chester Library for an introduction to spooky special effects makeup on Thursday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m. You will learn techniques and practice making blood, wounds, and other gruesome features. All materials will be provided by the library. Registration is required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on our website and Facebook page. Note: Makeup used contains latex and is not advisable for those with a latex allergy.

Library Book Sale

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Crafting Club

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Afternoon Book Club

Join the Chester Library for some great reading and discussion on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. Books are chosen at each month's meeting. Contact or come in the library to get your copy of the current book. New members welcome.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

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Halloween Costume Party!

Come in costume for a spooky time with music, games, and sugar cookie decorating at the Chester Library on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. Registration is required via Eventbrite. The link can be found on the Library's website and Facebook page. If anyone in your group has a food allergy please contact Grace at youthserviceschester@gmail.com

Library Foundation Meeting

The Chester Library Foundation's meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m. New members welcome.

Babysitting Basics and Childcare Class

Join local postpartum doula and childcare expert, Bekah Kistler, for this must-take babysitting course at the Chester Library on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Topics will include: health and safety, nutrition, hygiene and routines, communication, conflict resolution, and more. If you're interested in babysit-

ting or want to brush up on your skills be sure to register via Eventbrite. The link can be found on the library's website and Facebook page.

Scary Haunted House Tour!

Are you brave enough to enter the Chester Library's haunted house??? This event will be a fundraiser for the Chester Library, \$5 at the door on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6 - 8 p.m. For adults and brave kids! Parents' discretion is advised. Please Note: strobe lights may be used. No registration required

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this interactive event that introduces you to the fascinating subject of forensic science. Subjects include functions of a forensic scientist, blood, DNA, fingerprints, crime light, and footwear impressions. This event is free and open to the public.

Thankful Raffle

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library have a new raffle basket fundraiser on display at the Library's front desk. This "Thankful for Fall" wire basket contains three autumn-scented candles, a stuffed flannel pumpkin, and a "thankful" décor piece. Tickets are \$1 for one ticket, and \$5 for six tickets. The drawing is on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

Enhance Your Well-being Through Spiritual Practices

This fall, The Rev. Kathy Youzwak, Pastor of Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St. Hampstead, will be leading a four-week series, "Enhancing your well-being with spiritual practices" from Living Compass Faith and Wellness Ministry. All are invited to attend this series. No background is necessary—just a willingness to learn about and try different spiritual practices. Each session will be about an hour long and will include learning about, trying, and reflecting upon different spiritual practices. Session will be held in-person on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m., in the church gathering space above the social hall, beginning on Thursday, Sept. 29. To sign up or learn more, please contact the church office at 603-329-6985 or office@hampsteaducc.org. All are welcome, even if you can't attend all sessions.

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://hampsteadcivicclub.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.

SANDOWN

Learn How to Protect Your Immune System

It's that time of year when the cold and flu season arrives. Learn how to protect your immune system through the use of food and medicinal herbs. The Sandown Garden Club is delighted to host this program given by Heather Peloquin owner of Back in Thyme Wellness and Herbs of Chester, NH. This program will take place on Monday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in The Ed Garvey Rec Center on Pheasant Run Drive. It is free and open to the public. To learn more about the Sandown Garden Club, visit www.sandowngardenclub.org and see us on Facebook.

Patch Wood Farm Open House

"Open Farm Day" at Patch Wood Farm this year is set for Oct. 22, from noon - 4 p.m. There will be a raffle, food, arts and crafts, bounce house, face painting and pony rides. Our Hooves, Paws and Claws 4H Club will have a bake sale to support their club as well. They will also showcase the farms rescue horses and do a demo. This is a rain or shine event. Located at 42 Hawkewood Rd., Sandown For more information call 978-998-1751

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.

Food for Thought

Explore recipes and cooking at the Sandown Library. Second-guess the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. This month: Cuban recipes. Registration is required for this event.

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.

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.

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.

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

phthomas@sandownlibrary

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.

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.

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.

REGIONAL

Explore Girl Scouts

Come explore Girl Scouts on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish

Community Center, 38 W. Broadway, Derry, or on Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Christian Church, 372 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Can't make it to the events? No worries. We host multiple in-person and virtual sign-up events throughout the year. You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org.

GriefShare

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You are not alone. We invite you to attend a GriefShare support group taking place at Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. Choose to attend on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., beginning on Oct. 4; or Mondays at 6 p.m., beginning on Oct. 3. Register at www.orchardnh.org. For more information, contact Lynne at lynnne@orchardnh.org.

Respect Life Essay Contest

The NH Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay Contest. The contest is open to any Jr-High (grades 6,7,8) and Sr. High (grades 9,10,11,12) student in NH. The NH Knights of Columbus will make up to six cash awards of \$100. You do not have to be a member of the Knights or a Catholic. The theme for this year's contest is: "Even though the Supreme Court ruled there is no 'right' to abortion in the Constitution (Dobbs), many mothers still experience fear and uncertainty. What can I do to help make abortion unthinkable?" Deadline: Midnight, Dec. 15, Rules: Essays may not be longer than 500 words; typed, and submitted as a PDF or Word Document and emailed to matu19@comcast.net. Include student name, age, grade, school, parent name and address, phone, parish and email. Students may obtain help & information, including from parents, teachers, friends, and internet, but the essay itself must be their own work. Further contest details may be obtained from K of C NH contest chairman John P. Matuszewski (603-434-4098) or K of C NH State Pro-Life Chairman Ron Distasio (603-595-7837).

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