The cause of a fire at Ladd's Garden Center in South Windham is still under investigation. South Windham Fire Chief Jan Mott said the second-alarm fire was reported at 11:57 p.m. at Ladd’s Garden on Saturday. He said no one was injured during the fire.

However, property in the storage building was damaged. "It was a significant fire," said Mott.

The damaged building is a house that was being used for storage. Lance Ladd, who has owned the business with his wife, Carol, for more than 40 years, said there were garden fixtures and other items in the house.

The Ladds live in Scotland. Windham Fire Marshal Michael Licata said Monday morning that the fire was started by Ladd’s granddaughter, Raymond Ladd in 1948 as an extension Park before planting a variety of plants and garden- ing items are sold there. The business has been in the current Park since 1981.

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Some new teachers will have the 2023-24 school year, but Scotland Elementary School’s principal, Ann Knowles, said all staff were excited to start the new school year with “new adventures and suc- cesses.”

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, Aug. 23, and Back-to-School Night is planned for families on September 9.

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Willimantic resident Lynne Ide’s daughter-to-be, Aiden, is scheduled to graduate this summer. The school is a part of the new school and will be made on whether students are served in Windham Hospital due to a close distance to the facili- ties.

As part of their plan, Hartford HealthCare officials have said that arrangements will be made to transport Windham Hospital patients to The William W. Buckas Hospital in Norwich for non-urgent care.

Some opponents have pointed out, however, that hospital is far away for patients in the Windham area.

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"This year promises to be wonderful for those who are academically challenging for our students in the community," said Lance Ladd.

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