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PARTY PREPPING Alvirne High School JrROTC volunteers Kaylie Palmer and Lilly Burchell help with the Hudson Old Home Days preparation on Saturday by sinking posts for the parking fences at the Hills House. The celebration begins on Thursday. See details page 1 and 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Selectmen Approve Name For Park on Industrial Dr.

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the 9 Industrial Drive Property. Selectman Dave Morin explained that they were making progress with

the soon to be recreational area. "Continental Paving, who has donated the pavement, was supposed to be there today. They're going to do the final evening in and out for the pavement, and the pavement hopefully by the end of the week or beginning of next week,"

Morin explained during the meeting.

He explained that due to the progress they were looking to come up with what they should do about the sign. Morin explained that the proposal would be to use the same type of sign **continued on page 7**

The 2025 Hudson Old Home Days Start This Thursday

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HUDSON TIMES

The 2025 Hudson Old Home Day looks to have something for everyone again this year and the OHD committee members have added a couple new events for folks to enjoy.

The annual event, taking place Thursday Aug. 7 through Sunday Aug. 10, on the grounds of the Hills House at 211 Derry Road, features a carnival, crafts, magic, motorcycles, food, music and more.

THURSDAY

Starting on Thursday; the parking lot will be opening at 4:30 p.m., with members of the Hudson-Litchfield Youth Football and

Cheer assisting with parking and taking donations.

Events that evening are:

- From 5 to 10 p.m. The carnival rides will be operational starting with "Wristband Night" allowing for one low price on unlimited rides for the night. There will also be a Family Game Night, under the Community Tent, throughout the evening.

- 5 to 9 p.m. A Free Petting Zoo will be open for the youngsters with animals from Carriage Shack Farm out of Londonderry. There will also be Pony Rides available for \$10 per ride. Note, there is a 75-pound limit for the pony rides.

- 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. The Magic Fred Show is sched-

uled to entertain folks of all ages under the community tent. This will be an Interactive Magic show and will feature a Floating Kid Illusion, a Dance Party Vibe with Games, and Walk-Around Close-Up Magic.

- 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Live music with "Day to Attend" will be performing under the Band Tent.

- 7 to 7:50 p.m. The Magic Fred Show is scheduled for a second show to entertain folks of all ages under the community tent.

- 9-10 p.m. New this year, the "Cirque Cyber Show" The Cirque Cyber show is described on their website as the future of entertainment, a combina-

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School Board Get Briefed Summer Projects & Camp

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HUDSON TIMES

Hudson School Board members discussed a number of agenda items during the most recent meeting with two of which being a proposal for an overnight trip for the cheerleading team followed by a number of summer construction projects.

On the subject of the trip, "This is from our athletic director, Justin Hufft," Hudson Superintendent Dan Moulis said during the board meeting.

In a memo to the School Board, Hufft explained that the trip would take place in Rhode Island in August.

"The Alvirne High School Fall Cheer team is requesting permission to attend an overnight camp

this August as part of the preparation for their season," Hufft wrote. "This camp is being run by the National Cheerleaders Association and is being held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI, from Aug. 18 through Aug. 20."

It was noted by Hufft that the team attended last year and that it went well.

"They are requesting bus transportation, departing AHS at 9:30 a.m., on Aug. 18 and returning to AHS at 2:30 p.m., on Aug. 20," he

wrote. "The team has been engaged in fundraising to cover the expense of \$350 per team member. Chaperones will include Varsity head coach Shyla Francoeur, assistant coach Angela Auger, and JV coach Jessica Siefert."

Hufft noted that a total of 28 student athletes are expected to attend the trip.

"The building principal and I support this overnight request," Hufft wrote in a memo to the School Board.

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**SPECIAL
OLD HOME DAY
EDITION**

Old Home Day information inside!

Unapproved Basement Unit Slows Sale of Bond Street Home

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The July meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a variance request from Chelsea Leveille, who had an unapproved Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in the basement of her Bond Street home. Owing in part to a recent, statewide liberalization of ADUs, such requests have grown increasingly common.

"The ADU was one the house had when I bought it. I didn't know it wasn't permitted, that's why I'm here," said Leveille. "It's approximately 1,324 square

feet, is what we figured out. It's in the basement. The unit has been in place many years, and I just figured out today it's been there about 55 years."

She assured the Zoning Board that the ADU was not causing any disruption to the surrounding neighborhood.

"There's been no negative impact to the neighborhood and no issues with the neighbors," she said. "Denial of the variance would impose an unnecessary and disproportionate hardship, despite the fact that the ADU poses no harm to the community."

While there was not much opposition to the presence of an ADU, several members focused on the size of the basement dwelling, especially once it became clear that Leveille intended to sell, the property.

"The biggest thing for the Board to look at is the square footage," said Selectman Liaison Dillion Dumont.

Currently, Hudson allows ADUs of up to 750 square feet.

There were a few other questions.

"How long have you owned it?" asked Board

member Todd Boyer. "When you purchased it, the finished items in the basement were already there."

Leveille stated the home was originally purchased in April and that the ADU was fully furnished with a kitchen and bathroom ahead of time.

"For how you're selling this house, how you're presenting it, are you presenting it as a two family? Or a single-family home?" asked Acting Board Chair Tristan Dion. "Is the space below fully connected to the main home?"

The homeowner clarified that she was listing it as a single-family home, and that the ADU was connected to the rest of the building with a door.

At least one resident wrote a letter of concern to the Zoning Board over the

safety of the basement unit and the rest of the home.

"I would like to submit my home inspection report," said home inspector for Alpha Building Inspections, Ryan Floody. "This home did not have a valid permit for the already-built basement ADU that was advertised in this listing. I would really caution approving this ADU's requested variance until city code enforcement has completed a full inspection of the property. This home has several hazardous issues still wrong with the property after three home inspections identifying serious problems."

He claimed the ADU had electrical issues, although it was not immediately clear whether Floody was involved in buying the property from Leveille.

"For me, this seems a

little self-serving for somebody to be purchasing the property and then telling this Board what to do, which would clearly benefit them," said Dumont, referring to the letter.

Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah confirmed the property would need a certificate of occupancy, even with a variance. He reminded Leveille she would need to bring the home, ADU included, up to code.

After reviewing their concerns, Board members agreed the letter was not relevant, the size was not a significant issue, and that selling the home would not impact the neighborhood. The variance was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is set for Thursday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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Benson Park Playground to Get Shade Sails to Prevent Overheating

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The July 17 meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee saw its members address recent complaints over a lack of shade at the Benson Park playground.

"There have been some complaints from children and parents using the equipment this summer where it was extremely hot. We do have warnings telling people to be careful, but you know, there's no shade over there at all. You have a couple of trees on the outskirts. On the equipment in the playground area, there's no shade," explained Committee member Sue Clement.

"What we would like to propose are what they call 'sails,' and if anyone has been over to Roby Park, they've done it."

She was referring to shade sails over the playground equipment, which would keep it out of direct sunlight.

"The poles at the other park were these heavy, metal ones, but I think we could probably get away with more of a wood, telephone pole type of thing. I don't know what's cheaper," said Clement. "The sails alone aren't that expensive; they're really not. We could take them down, store them for the winter, and put them

back up in the spring to have them out in the summer. The wear-and-tear shouldn't be that bad."

She stated that they would need help from the Department of Public Works to install the shade sails, mainly the poles and fittings.

"They have rectangle and triangle sails," said Committee member Nathan Muir. "We were going to cover the slide for the large play area and for the smaller one, we were just going to cover the whole thing."

The poles and fittings were considered the most expensive part of the project, and there was broad

agreement that any proposal would need to come before the town for approval.

"Are the poles solid steel?" asked Committee Chair Jack Madden. "I just had a vision of some kid running into it full tilt."

Muir noted the poles would almost certainly be hollow and that injuries did not seem to be a problem at Roby Park.

Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby suggested angling the sails to prevent water from pooling up and damaging them during rainstorms.

"I think sometimes there's angling of the sails, depending on where the

location is," she said.

It was unclear whether the effort to expand shade would eventually move beyond the playgrounds.

"At the field next to the playground, there's a good, flat area that could use a picnic table and some shade," said Natalie Newell, from the Friends of Benson Park. "We're going to try to donate up to \$3,000 for this project."

The Friends of Benson Park is the organization responsible for passing the original complaints of overheated equipment on to the Advisory Committee.

Clement indicated that more shade for picnic areas

was being taken into consideration, but that the playgrounds were being prioritized. She called the playground sails "Phase One," indicating that shade sails in other areas could come later. The full cost of the project was unknown, although the donation was seen as a good start.

"I thank the Friends of Benson Park for bringing this to our attention and bringing me the idea," said Clement.

The Benson Park Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

Sustainability Advisory Committee Elects New Chair, Start Work on Charter

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on July 28 to elect a new Chair after former Chair Deb Putnam stepped down. Committee member Karl Huber was nominated as the new Chair, a nomination that garnered unanimous approval from the other members.

"I just want to use the time to thank Deb for bringing me into this committee and helping me understand the importance of what this committee does for the residents and the town," said Huber. "I also want to thank Craig Putnam and the rest of this committee for guiding me along the way and giving me some insight. Lessons learned without a doubt."

He thanked the rest of the Advisory Committee for the nomination.

"I'm looking forward to

working with the rest of this committee as in the past, especially with the Putnams being in the wings to ensure that we're steering the ship in the right direction," said the new Chair. "Let's trudge forward, let's make it happen."

Huber's first task was to review a proposal to write a charter for the Sustainability Committee, with the aim of getting enough feedback on the proposed charter text.

"One of the things I want to bring up is that this is the first step," said Huber. "What I'm going to propose is that we put this as an action item for this commit-

tee, and I would like to put a target of two weeks to take a look at the template of our charter outline."

Huber thanked Craig for helping out.

"There's been some initial editing of the document," Craig noted. "But it's mostly been typographical, spelling errors and that type of thing. It's not new content. What needs to happen is we need to adjust the comments and turn it into new content."

He described the early edits as a "first step" that still needed extensive work and offered to act as "tech support" for any committee

member who might have trouble connecting to the Google document.

"Right now, we have nothing to work with for the charter or what we want to do going forward. What are some of the projects we want? What are some of the exercises we need?" asked Huber. "A charter is going to be our mission, our marching orders."

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson wanted every advisory committee to have a defined charter. The Board of Selectmen will need to review and approve

any charter.

"I think it's important for every committee member to either make a comment or to read it and say, 'I have no comment,' first and foremost," said Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "Then you need to have one person take that whole document and synthesize it into a draft. A lot of the comments are thoughts and things; the outline isn't a draft."

Jakoby offered to coordinate with the Advisory Committee.

"We don't want to miss

that input," said Huber. "This is going to be what we're looking to accomplish and advice on what we want to give the Town of Hudson. That's why it's called the Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee, we're here to advise on stuff and present that to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or any department."

The next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.

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Editorial

Happy Old Home Day!

At the end of the 19th century, New Hampshire had lost thousands of its residents due to the Civil War, the allure of new frontiers in the west, and the fast-paced lifestyle of big cities. Once-thriving communities and farms became ghost towns, as the cozy homes left behind fell into disrepair. Green fields and pastures soon became overrun with weeds and brush, while deep forests were being cut down to support big business. Life was difficult and disheartening for the remaining residents who remembered how beautiful and industrious their state once was.

New Hampshire Governor Frank Rollins recognized that the state's future was at risk and that life in New Hampshire could not continue down this path. He took it upon himself to initiate change and developed a plan to revitalize the state and its struggling economy. He decided to host a massive reunion for all cities and towns throughout New Hampshire.

This celebration was to be a grand festival showcasing the wonderful aspects of New Hampshire and its citizens, both past and present. The governor hoped this event would encourage former residents to maintain ties with their old communities. He also wanted those who had found success elsewhere to stay connected to their roots by purchasing summer homes and other properties in the state.

Gov. Rollins acted quickly, enlisting local towns to locate the current addresses of former Granite Staters across the country so they could be invited to the very first Old Home Day celebration. The response was overwhelming.

The inaugural night of Old Home Week was Saturday, August 26, 1899. There were outdoor gatherings with bonfires from the mountains to the beaches. On Sunday, attendees sang hymns, and former residents held special services. After the first year, communities expanded their celebrations to include patriotic parades, outdoor concerts, baseball games, contests, and more.

Old Home Week was so successful in revitalizing the state and its residents that other New England states quickly followed suit.

Now, well over 100 years later, New Hampshire continues to preserve Old Home Day. While many cities and towns have upheld this tradition, financial difficulties or declining participation have prevented it from taking place annually in some communities across the state. Citizens of Londonderry and Hudson should take pride in knowing that more than a century later, their hard work and dedication to this historic New Hampshire tradition have been, and will continue to be, preserved for generations to come.

Happy Old Home Day!

Poison Ivy, Invasive Plant Control Given Priority on Conservation Trails

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on July 19 to discuss a site walk at Musquash Pond and their new Tiger Road property earlier in the month. Commission Chair Carl Murphy met with Forester Eric Radloff for the walk. They wanted to identify the growth of nuisance plants in town.

"We went over to Musquash to look at Japanese knotweed and poison ivy," said Murphy. "Radloff said to come up with a proposal for a maintenance spraying of the area. He does not think we need to cut back the Japanese knotweed."

Japanese knotweed is an invasive plant, one known to spread quickly. It has been on the radar of the Conservation Commission for many years. Spraying for poison ivy in the summer months is a common tactic used to open more trails to Hudson hikers on Conservation-owned land.

"There are some companies that have goats for poison ivy," said Commissioner John Walter. "They reduce the amount; they put up a little fenced area

and the goats go to town."

Radloff also suggested developing a five-year plan to control invasive plants, although the immediate priority was treating poison ivy, which was seen as a prominent issue along several Hudson trails.

Another forester, Mike Gagnon, is scheduled to perform another site walk at the Tiger Road property at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The Commission recapped their latest Work Day, which was considered a success after clearing vegetation from trails at Musquash Pond and Colburn Town Forest.

"We did a lot," said Murphy. "We took care of a lot of downed trees at Colburn. Then we cut back some vegetation at the trail head."

Commissioners and other volunteers also picked up trash that had accumulated at some of the nearby parking lots. Members also began planning for their August Work Day.

"There's more vegetation that needs to be cut back at Musquash," said Murphy. "There's a tree down across the Hidden Bridge Trail that goes right

along the Musquash Swamp over there, and then we can finish up work on the Wilkinson View Trail. We'll just finish cutting up that tree that blocks the path, cut back some ferns that have grown up in that area, and then there's some woody shrubs to cut back from the trail itself."

He also wanted to give the town forest a look for an obstruction. After some discussion over who could attend, members agreed to set Sunday, Aug. 17, as their next Work Day.

In a separate project, Walter is installing a new high-quality wood sign at the Hudson Town Forest parking area.

"I worked about six or seven hours altogether on it, had some help with the engraving," said Walter. "Most of that was volunteer labor, although materials were around \$70. We'll install it the next time we go to work up there."

Other Commissioners thanked him for the help.

The next meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Casella Releases Update, New Battery Disposal Ban Now in Effect

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Sustainability Advisory Committee continued its recent focus on updating residents on Hudson's transition from Pinard to Casella Waste Services. As part of the town's public outreach effort, the Sustainability Committee teamed with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to keep residents informed. "To ensure the same quality of service, and seamless transition, Casella made Pinard a separate hauling division," explained DPW Director

Jay Twardosky. "So, all of the day-to-day services and management are being performed by the same personnel Hudson residents are familiar with."

He encouraged any resident with questions or feedback about the new service to reach out to Casella, also encouraging them to view new public awareness ads on HCTV. The ads follow several months of back-and-forth negotiations between Casella, the DPW, and the Sustainability Committee.

"For the past couple of meetings, I'd been working

with the DPW Director and Tony Bellinger from Casella with the goal of getting a quick update on Casella," said Committee member Karl Huber. "We're trying to give a quick update to the residents of Hudson. There's a quick 60-second video that's informative."

He urged residents to watch the video. An information brochure is also available at the Hudson Transfer Station's Hours and Rules webpage.

Committee member Deb Putnam reported that the Transfer Station

remained active during the summer months. The Station will be open for full operations on Saturday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 30, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Remember, that on every Saturday you can still bring your cardboard, your metal, and your yard waste. You do not need a pass for these," said Putnam.

She reminded residents that the Hudson Transfer Station is not equipped to take hazardous waste, even with a pass. Residents with household hazardous waste are encouraged to visit an

upcoming collection in nearby Pelham, at the Pelham Highway Department, on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The site has a minimum charge of \$20 per vehicle.

Putnam warned that lithium-ion batteries can now only be disposed of in a few specific locations.

"The most important news to pass along is that there's now statewide ban in effect of the disposal of lithium-ion batteries. There's a ban, you cannot put any lithium-ion batteries in any waste, trash, recycling bins, nothing like that," said Putnam. "The drop-off points where they can be dropped off are at Lowes, Home Depot, and Staples, all in Nashua. HCTV is regularly showing a slide to inform residents."

Batteries Plus and Best Buy were reported to have additional drop-off locations.

According to the NH Department of Environmental Services, the ban was enacted after it was found that improperly disposed batteries became "a leading cause of fires for trash haulers and waste management facilities."

"Those are in everything, the lithium-ion batteries. They're extremely flammable," said Committee member Kate Messner. "Remember, if it's rechargeable, it's recyclable. However, you don't put the batteries in your recycle bin, these are special collections."

Lithium-ion batteries are free to drop off at their designated sites.

Board of Selectmen Briefed By Town Assessor on Re-evaluation Contract

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During his department report to the Board of Selectmen meeting, Hudson Chief Assessor Jim Michaud explained that they are expecting a RFP to come at the end of the year for the general 2027 tax year re-evaluation contract.

"We want to get somebody locked in because there's not a lot of re-evaluation people, and we want to get a company locked in so we make sure we have somebody for 2027," Michaud said. "We don't want to be stuck like some other communities."

Michaud explained that one of the potential issues is not having a contract done, meaning they can't get the revaluation done.

"So definitely planning

for that," he noted.

Michaud also explained during the meeting that they are expecting a discussion on the Veteran's tax credit.

He explained that during the legislative session, which increased the maximum tax exemption for the totally and permanently disabled veteran's tax credit.

In addition to raising the maximum amount towns can offer as part of the exemption, it also makes it so they wouldn't be able to receive multiple ones.

"HB 99 did two things," Michaud explained. "It disallowed the stacking starting next year. You can't do it anymore. But they also increased the maximum of the total and permanently disabled tax credit that you could adopt locally."

Michaud explained that

it is enabling legislation, and currently, the maximum is \$4,000.

"The legislature moved it to \$5,000 max," he said. "So, you don't have to be at the max, but we shouldn't be a dollar less than \$3,600. Because the current folks that are getting \$3,600, if we do nothing, they're going to go down to \$3,000."

Michaud explained that they would need to discuss at least, making it so people aren't losing any of the exemption compared to what they get now.

He also noted that they plan on looking at a possible warrant article related to solar.

"We also anticipate a possible warrant article subject to the Board's discussion to limit the dollar

value of the solar exemption," Michaud explained.

Michaud then went on to say they may want to look at having a limit on how much can be exempt, especially if it's a larger project. "There are communities that limit the amount of their solar exemption," he said.

Michaud said that it is something they could look at moving forward.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Aug. 12, beginning at 7 p.m.

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School District Names Chris Jamrog as New IT Director

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was briefed on summer hiring during the Board's Aug. 4 meeting.

"The School District continues hiring for key positions," Hudson Superintendent Dr. Dan Moulis said during the meeting.

Moulis announced during the meeting that they recently hired their new Director of Technology, after their previous director resigned from his position.

"I'm pleased to report that the District has com-

pleted the hiring for a new Director of Technology," Moulis announced during the meeting. "His name is Chris Jamrog."

Moulis explained that he has experience at previous school districts, including the Litchfield School District.

"We are excited to have Mr. Jamrog join the Hudson School District," Moulis said, noting that his first official day of work is set for Aug. 11.

But Moulis said, as is normal, they continue to look to fill open vacancies

this summer.

He stated they currently have five teacher vacancies at the time of the meeting, explaining that they are still hiring for paraeducator positions, and other roles, but said they have been doing well this summer.

"We're making great gains with hiring," Moulis said.

During his report, Moulis told the School Board he recently met with new Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, and they are looking to collaborate

more moving forward.

"This is part of a collaboration that he and I are starting, where we will have quarterly meetings. This was the first in the series," Moulis said during the meeting. "We're continuing to build upon our collaboration between the school district and the town office."

Moulis said the two men had a great discussion and conversation, including things like shared resources and purchasing.

He said that they would be having regular quarterly

meetings as the school year gets underway.

"The school district will continue these meetings going forward, and I look forward to working with Mr. Sorenson," Moulis said.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said that she thinks the quarterly meetings are a good thing moving forward, not just for the school district, but also for the Town.

"I think that's a great addition," she said. "That's really nice to hear," she added.

Also during the board meeting, the School Board approved a number of coaching positions.

One of those was for the Junior Varsity Golf Coach, David Bressler.

For the Alvirne High School Football team, the Board approved the hiring of assistant coaches Kyle Gora and Tim O'Connor.

The School Board also approved the hiring of junior varsity boys soccer coach Brian Dognazzi.

The next School Board meeting is set for Aug. 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Approve Phone System Upgrade

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to phone system upgrades. Hudson IT Director Doug Bosteels explained that the phone system at Town Hall is outdated and can't be upgraded anymore.

He explained that he did some research and wanted to bring a recommendation forward to change their voice system. "I recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize and approve the attached proposal from our ISP vendor

FirstLight for the replacement of our on-premise Avaya phone system," Bosteels wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "Our current system is no longer upgradable, and we have run out of expansion at the Town Hall and Fire Department. Avaya has filed chapter-11 several times throughout the past several years, and it is difficult to find hardware. Costs to support the existing system continue to rise."

Bosteels stated they received "several" quotes for the proposed project. One of those was considered "option 1" through the com-

pany FirstLight, which came with a price of \$35,508 per year. It would be an increase of \$8,940.92 per year. "This includes all new IP phones," Bosteels wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "This is a cloud-based phone system that utilizes our high speed fiber redundant connections and a guaranteed uptime of over 99%."

Option 2 would be for a total cost of \$40,188 per year, which is an increase of \$13,620 per year. "This includes all new IP phones. It also includes a fiber run/connection to the landfill at a discounted rate per month of \$390 from \$500 a savings of \$1320/yr," Bosteels said.

Another option would be to go with VOIP which would cost \$50,040.96.

"This is an increase of \$23,473.88," Bosteels wrote. "This Does not include phones which would be an additional cost. Current support costs for existing system: \$26,567.08/yr. (no longer able to upgrade or add hardware) our current Vendor has increased support 20% for both the Police Dept. and Town Hall, and 40% for the DPW.

FY-24 Costs were \$19,803.82; FY-25 Costs were \$21,803.72; FY-26 are \$26,567.08."

Another option would be Mako Networks for \$56.952 per year. "This is an increase of \$30,384/yr. This does not include phones," Bosteels wrote.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately chose to go with Option 2.

School

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The School Board unanimously approved the overnight travel request during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, during his superintendent report, Moulis provided the School Board with an update related to summer

projects taking place.

"I've been touring some of the different buildings both with Mr. Pratt and with some of the principals," Moulis said during the meeting.

He explained that one of the updates was at Hudson Memorial School.

Moulis noted during the meeting that the floor tiling in the cafeteria "is complete

as of last week."

At Nottingham West Elementary School, Moulis noted that the entrance sidewalk area is completed.

For Hills Garrison Elementary School, Moulis told the School Board that the carpet there has been installed.

At Hudson Memorial School, he said the fire panel is complete, and that

the science labs at the school "are well underway."

While a lot of the work has been completed for the most part for the science labs, Moulis noted that they are still waiting on the furniture.

Moulis said there are also other projects happening this summer.

"There are a lot of other projects underway," he said.

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Park

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that they have throughout the Town already. "It just gives a name and tells people it's a recreational area," Morin said. "And once this is open with the pickleball courts, they want to have the sign there so people

know that that's what it is."

One question raised during the meeting is if they should just label it as a recreational park, or if they should come up with a specific name for it. Morin explained that the family they were originally going to dedicate it to moved out of state, and they haven't heard back from them at all.

"There was no contact back or anything, so that's why they're just going to name it a recreational park," Morin explained.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby said that in her opinion they should come up with a name for it. After some discussion by the Board of Selectmen it was decided that they should encompass

the community somehow into the name of the park.

"I like community because it was both the employees, (and) community ideas that came years ago, and the donations," Jakoby said. "So, it really, I think community might be the best word." The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to name it Hudson

Community Recreational Park.

During the non public portion of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved a number of different personnel items. One of those was to hire Kory Partridge for the position of Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department. Another personnel move

was to hire Izabella Gali-peau as part-time Provisional Call Firefighter, an unpaid position with no benefits. The Board of Selectmen also approved retaining the services of former Town Accountant, Beth McKee, for up to six months beginning July 9, 2025, at the rate of \$65 per hour without benefits.

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Hudson Old Home Days

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tion of classic thrill acts with a modern twist. This show features state of the art lighting and sound, along with creative and colorful costuming. Watch acts such as the "Wheel of Destiny" "Aerial Lyra" "Tight rope walking" presented in a theatrical performance.

The website also states,

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They are a tenth-generation group of circus performers that have traveled all over the world to entertain audiences of all ages. The Cirque Cyber show was created by Marc and Elvira Murcia with a combination of classic thrill acts with a modern twist.



Volunteer Hanna Fay drives in a post to help mark the parking area at the Hills House grounds.

• 10 p.m. The event closes for the evening.

FRIDAY

On Friday, Aug. 8 the Old Home Days crew brings attendees a second night of Fun from 5 to 11 p.m.

Carnival Rides & Midway Games will continue with additional fun for all ages throughout the night. Food Trucks and Fair Favorites along with live music on the main stage starting at 7 p.m. There will also be Vendors and Local Businesses throughout the park.

• 5 to 9 p.m. A Free Petting Zoo will be open for the youngsters with animals from Carriage Shack Farm out of Londonderry. There will also be Pony Rides available for \$10 per ride. Note, there is a 75-pound limit for the pony rides.

• 5 to 11 p.m. Events will take place under the Community tent.

• 6 to 6:30 p.m. Granite State Kenpo Karate will have a demonstration under the community tent.

• 6:30 to 7 p.m. A "Y Dance in Motion" demonstration will take place under the community tent.

• 7:30 - 8 p.m. The "FRC TEAM 5962" will perform a First Robotics Demonstration under the

community tent.

• 7 to 10 p.m. Live Music by "Standard Tuning" will perform under the Band Tent.

• 11 p.m. OHD closes for the evening.

SATURDAY

On Saturday, Aug. 9 there will be nearly 12 more hours of fun on the fairgrounds.

Events will take place starting at noon and run until 11 p.m.

Those attending the annual festival's longest day can expect: A Petting Zoo; a Family Fun Zone; Face Painting; Games and Crafts for Kids; Pony Rides; a Vendor Market; Live Music and dance performances all day; Food Trucks; Fair Treats and Carnival Rides with Midway Games open all day.

• 12 p.m. Opening Ceremony at the Flag Pole near the Hills House.

• 12 to 11 p.m. Carnival rides will be open.

• 12 to 1 p.m. "Perfect Entertainment" hosts Art & Crafts with a Coloring Contest under the Community Tent.

• 12 to 2 p.m. Live Music with "Carter on Guitar" under Band Tent.

• 12 to 6:30 p.m. "A Free Petting Zoo will be open for the youngsters with animals from Carriage Shack Farm out of Londonderry. There will also be Pony Rides available for \$10 per ride. Note, there is a 75-pound limit for the pony



Hudson Old Home Day Committee members set up one of the entrance areas. Photos by Chris Paul

rides.

• 1 to 2 p.m. Tallulah Cirque will be performing a Hula Hoop show under the Community Tent

• 2 to 3 p.m. "Perfect Entertainment" hosts Kid's Olympics under the Community tent

• 2 to 4 p.m. "Let's Play Music" School Showcase of Talent under Band Tent

• 3 to 4 p.m. "Perfect Entertainment" hosts Carnival Games in the Community Tent

• 3 to 6 p.m. "Alvirne Broncos Football Touch-down Club" will be assisting with Parking and Collecting Donations.

• 4 to - 5 p.m. - "Tainted Hearts" performs under the Band Tent.

• 4 to - 4:30 p.m. - "Perfect Entertainment" hosts Kid's Pie Eating Contest under the Community Tent for those 17-years old and under.

• 4:30 to 5 p.m. - "Perfect Entertainment" hosts Adult Pie Eating Contest (18-years old and up)

• 5 to 8 p.m. "Perfect Entertainment" hosts Gift Card Bingo under the Community Tent

• 5 to - 9:30 p.m. the "Alvirne Bronco Boosters Club" will be assisting with

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Parking and Collecting Donations at the Alvirne High School Parking Lot.

• 6 to 6:30 p.m. Miss Nutfield will perform under the Band Tent.

• 7 to 11 p.m. Live music with "Whiskey 6" under Band Tent.

• 8 to 11 p.m. "Perfect Entertainment" will host an Interactive Music Bingo under the Community Tent.

• 9 p.m. The JPI Pyrotechnics Fireworks Show, sponsored by "SL Chasse Steel" will take place.

• 11 p.m. OHD closes for the evening.

SUNDAY

On Sunday, Aug. 10, the final day of Hudson Old Home Days will take place from noon to 5 p.m. featuring music from the Hudson American Legion Band, Carnival

Rides and Games, and it

will be the last chance for people to visit vendors and local crafters. A Craft Fair will take place under Community Tent throughout the afternoon.

• 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Alvirne High School Junior ROTC will be assisting in the parking and collecting Donations

• 12 - 5 p.m. Carnival Rides

• 12 - 5 p.m. Fouth Annual Craft Fair under the Community Tent

• 12 - 3 p.m. STEM MOBILE

• 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saval Dance Academy will have a demonstration under the Band tent.

• 1:30 to 2 p.m. Sea Cadets Demonstration under the Band Tent

• 2 to 4 p.m. Hudson American Legion Band under the band tent

• 5 p.m. The Event Closes for Year



Hudson Old Home Days Committee members map out a set-up plan for the upcoming festivities.

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Sunday	CLOSED

Hudson Soccer Club Brings BINGO Party to Chunky's



Hudson United Soccer Club brought excitement and community spirit to Chunky's Cinema Pub in Manchester on Monday night, where 97 people gathered for a fun-filled evening of bingo — all in support of local youth athletes.

The fundraiser featured 12 rounds of bingo, with each round offering a chance to win a variety of

prizes ranging from soccer balls to Chunky's gift baskets. The atmosphere was lively and enthusiastic as players competed for prizes while supporting a good cause.

Hudson United Soccer Club is a nonprofit youth travel soccer organization based in Hudson, dedicated to providing competitive soccer opportunities for local children and teens.



The event was organized to raise funds for equipment and player development programs.

"We're thrilled with the turnout and grateful for the community's support," said Vanessa Boudreau, Vice

President of Hudson United Soccer Club. "Events like this not only help us raise money, but also bring families together and strengthen our club's connection with the community."

The club said the suc-



cess of the bingo night is a promising step toward reaching its fundraising goals for the season. More community events are already being planned for

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Occasionally, you read a book you wish didn't end because it is so good on many levels. The last chapter is bittersweet as answers lead to a conclusion you either suspected, hoped for, or dreaded.

On Aug. 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., the Friends of the Library will offer their last Second-Hand Prose used book sale at the Hills Memorial Library. The final two hours of Sunday's sale will be 'fill a bag' for \$5. All books must go. The historic old building is closing after a very long, illustrious and beloved chapter of its existence. As of this Fall of 2025 the Library Trustees will be closing Hills Memorial Library building for all library purposes, including Second-Hand Prose book sales. In June of 1909, Hills Mem-

orial Library opened its doors to welcome everyone to the world of books. Between the pages of the books people met fascinating people, went on adventures, solved mysteries, learned about a vast array of subjects, all without leaving the Library. One can almost hear a gentle 'thud' as the book on the life of Hills Memorial Library is closed.

Hudson's first free public library was established in March of 1893 by a unanimous vote at the town meeting. On June 12, 1909, the library found a permanent home known as Hills Memorial Library. Hudson gratefully accepted Kimball Webster's land donation, Dr. Alfred Hills' offer to build a permanent building and Dr. Adoniram Greely for providing 500 volumes from his personal library. In 1984 the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Space was getting a bit

cramped in the library, so in 2001 Hudson voted to purchase a house at 49 Ferry Street building for public use and library storage. Friends, a group of volunteer supporters, and Trustees held monthly meetings in the living room of the house. The Friends received permission from the Trustees to use a few rooms at 49 Ferry St., to create a monthly used book sale with proceeds used to support library programs and scholarships. The catchy name, Second-Hand Prose, was the winning submission of a "Naming" contest. After the building of Rogers Memorial Library, the Trustees granted permission for 'Friends' to convert the former Hills Memorial Library Children's Room into a new location for Second-Hand Prose book sales. Opening day at the new location was in August 2009 during a Library Lawn Sale con-

ducted by GFWC.

June 2009 was a very busy and memorable month. Rogers Memorial Library was dedicated; Hills Memorial Library celebrated its 100th birthday and Friends of the Library celebrated its 30th anniversary of its founding. Originally, the Friends of the Library was known as "Friends". The official name became Friends of the Library of Hudson, NH. These hard-working volunteers stocked shelves in the Hills Memorial Library basement to raise funds to help support and assist with library programs and events, offered free passes to area educational and entertainment venues (See Science Center, Strawberry Banke, etc.), help pay for special events and offer a scholarship to an area high school senior.

Hills Memorial Library was home to Second-Hand Prose from August 2009 to August 2025.

People of all ages would faithfully come to the monthly sales for gently used quality books at very affordable prices. In addition to selling books FOL also sold adorable and sturdy tote bags, note cards, sun catchers, and the cutest hedge hogs you ever saw. All proceeds were used to support Rogers Memorial Library activities. The August 2024 very heavy rainstorm flooded the ramp area into the basement. Surprisingly, neither the book sale area nor books were affected. However, the ramp and boiler areas were contaminated, which necessitated the closure of basement and Second-Hand Prose. The Hills Memorial Library basement sales area was closed from September 2024 to May 2025. Library Trustees granted FOL temporary space on the main library floor for sale in June and July of 2025. People were elated to be back in the

beautiful library perusing the bookshelves, chatting with friends and collecting bargains. However, all things seem to have a life cycle, even buildings like Hills Memorial Library. Like so many of us, Hills is showing significant signs of old age which are costly to repair. If Hills Memorial Library could leave a parting quote it might be "Libraries store energy that fuels the imagination. They open windows to the world and inspire us to achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life." (Sidney Sheldon).

Friends of the Library organization will continue to work to support Library programs, special events and a scholarship for a graduating senior. They will continue to maintain the Second-Hand Prose bookshelves in Rogers Memorial Library with the same gently used quality books for sale at bargain prices. So, keep calm and read on.

Air Pollution Levels Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups

The NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) expects concentrations of fine particle air pollution to reach unhealthy levels for sensitive individuals on Tuesday, Aug. 5. NHDES officials advise sensitive individuals to take precautions to protect their health by limiting prolonged outdoor exertion. Sensitive individuals include child-

ren and older adults; anyone with lung disease such as asthma, emphysema, and bronchitis; and people who are active outdoors. Even healthy individuals may experience mild health effects.

The particle air pollution is the result of wildfires in Canada. Wind patterns transport waves of smoke from these fires across much of the Northeast and

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United Soccer Club's Hulks Program

Hudson United Soccer Club's Hulks Program for children ages 3-10. A fall soccer development program on Sundays from 8 - 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Field (190 Derry Rd). The cost is \$75 and includes a t-shirt. Visit the groups website or facebook to register. HUDSONHNSOCCER.ORG. Any questions? Contact REGISTRAR@HUDSONHNSOCCER.ORG

Second-Hand Prose Fire Sale

With heavy hearts the Friends of the Library announce the final sale at Hills Memorial Library. This fall the Library Trustees will be closing the building for all library purposes, including Second-Hand Prose book

sales. The August sale will be an extended two-day sale, Aug. 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The final two hours of Sunday's sale will be a 'fire' sale - fill a plastic grocery sack with books for just \$5. All books must go.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, meet new people and enjoy the out-

doors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website FRIENDSOFBENSONPARK.ORG and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This group will meet on Monday, Aug. 11 at 12:30 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book is "Every Time I Go On Vacation, Someone Dies" by Catherine Mack.

Genealogy Club

On Friday, Aug. 8 at 1:30 p.m., This Rodgers Library club will discuss New Frontiers in Genealogy. Lisa Alzo will demonstrate how emerging technologies will shape a new frontier in family history

including how we research our ancestors and share their stories.

Wildlife Encounters

Come to the Rodgers Library on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m., to learn about seven live animals. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for this outdoor event.

Access Wisdom Book Group

The Rodgers Library group will meet on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "How We Live Is How We Die" by Pema Chodron.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m. This month book to discuss is "Leadership in Turbulent Times" by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Crime & Cookies

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. This month's podcast will be "Karen Read and the Death

of John O'Keefe."

Coffee Paint Night

On Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library to make a painting using coffee.

Cookbook Club

On Monday, Aug. 25 at 11:30 a.m., prepare a recipe from this month's topic, then engage with others at Rodgers Library. This month's cookbook is "Good Lookin' Cookin'."

Story Safari

On Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages welcome.

Coffee History and Tasting

On Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m., come to Rodgers Library to learn about coffee's origins, its impact on cultures around the world, and the art of roasting. Indulge in a guided tasting of various coffee blends to discover your perfect cup. This event is hosted by Mill City Roasting Company.

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NH Named 7th Worst State in the U.S. for Hay Fever This Summer

New Hampshire is one of America's hay fever capitals, with the 7th highest average pollen score of 5.73 this summer - just under triple Florida's 2.70 at the bottom of the ranking.

Manchester residents face the state's highest pollen concentration at an index score of 5.85, alongside their neighbors in Concord, and Portsmouth.

Western states sweep the hay fever rankings, claiming six spots in the top ten.

Oregon has been named America's hay fever capital this summer according to shocking new research from experts at handmade honey goods Bee Inspired.

The experts measured pollen index scores across multiple locations in each state, which were then averaged to create a final pollen score out of 10 for each one and to identify America's hay fever capitals.

Oregon dominated the rankings with an average pollen score of 8.17, taking the title as the worst state in America for hay fever sufferers. The coastal town of South Beach registered the nation's highest index score of 8.96 alongside Sweet Home, Eugene, Gardiner and Bend. Even Portland - Oregon's least affect-

ed area - scored 8.10 which still exceeds most other states' highest readings.

Idaho claimed second place with an average pollen score of 6.20 across the state. The study found the highest counts are in Pocatello, American Falls and Twin Falls with index scores of 6.32.

Neighboring Colorado secured third position with an average pollen score of 6.19. La Jara recorded Colorado's peak pollen level at an index of 7.23, while Colorado Springs and its surrounding communities weren't far behind with 6.84.

Utah landed fourth place with an average pollen score of 6.14. Major population centers suffer from hay fever the most with Salt Lake City, Logan, Ogden and Provo all seeing an index score of 6.65.

The Pacific Northwest continued its domination as Washington completed the top five with an average pollen score of 6.13. Vancouver stood out with an exceptionally high index score of 8.10 while East Wenatchee and Yakima reached 7.61.

Wyoming took sixth place with an average pollen score of 5.95. The highest concentrations of pollen appeared in Evanston, Dia-

mondville and Frontier with index scores of 6.65.

Northeastern states New Hampshire and Rhode Island tied for seventh with identical average pollen scores of 5.73. Manchester, Concord and Portsmouth led New Hampshire's readings with an index score of 5.85 while Bradford, Newport, Rockville and Providence topped Rhode Island's list at 5.73.

Despite its arid reputation, Nevada claimed eighth position with an average pollen score of 5.66. The tiny outpost of Montello produced the state's highest index score at 6.65.

Vermont secured ninth place with an average pollen score of 5.62. Southwestern towns, including Bennington, Manchester and Peru recorded the state's highest index score at 6.46.

New York rounded out the top ten receiving an average score of 5.38. The capital region, including Albany, Hudson and Glens Falls registered the state's peak index score at 6.46.

The southeastern States fared better for hay fever sufferers. Florida recorded the nation's lowest average pollen score at just 2.70. Even the Sunshine State's worst spots - West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce -

registered an index score of 3.28, which falls far below readings from western states.

Alabama posted the second-lowest average pollen score at 2.81 nationwide. Northern regions, including Huntsville and Florence, topped state readings, but still measured a modest index score of 2.92.

Mississippi ranked third from bottom with a statewide average pollen score of 2.93. The highest concentrations appeared along the Tennessee border in Dundee, Southaven and Mound Bayou where index scores reached 3.24.

Georgia came fourth from the bottom averaging a pollen score of 3.10. Small towns including Swainsboro, Augusta and Sparta recorded the state's peak index scores at 3.57.

Tennessee followed with a statewide average pollen score of 3.29. Knoxville and nearby communities, including Maryville, Morristown and Oakridge, led state measurements with index scores of 3.53.

Louisiana registered the sixth-lowest average pollen score at 3.33. Jamestown and Shreveport topped state readings with index scores of 3.84.

North Carolina came next, with an average

pollen score of 3.45. The northeastern communities of Elizabeth City, Jarvisburg and Sunbury recorded the state's highest index scores at 3.61.

West Virginia placed eighth from bottom with a statewide average pollen score of 3.48. Martinsburg stood out with an index score of 4.49, which significantly exceeded the state average.

South Carolina followed at ninth from the bottom averaging a pollen score of 3.59 statewide. Columbia and its surrounding areas, including Orangeburg and Peak, registered the state's highest index scores at 3.79.

Kentucky completed the bottom ten with a statewide average pollen score of 3.64. Paducah recorded Kentucky's highest index score at 4.20.

Kara Brook Brown, Founder and Creative Director of Bee Inspired, commented:

"These numbers reveal striking differences in pollen levels between regions of America. People in states like Oregon and Idaho should check local pollen forecasts regularly since it can dramatically impact their daily comfort during peak seasons.

"However, this data not only reveals interesting

findings for residents in these states, but for sufferers planning out-of-town trips as we are in the midst of the travel season. Florida is a renowned tourist hotspot with plenty to offer, from the theme parks to the beaches - but for those with hay fever, it's an even better option to consider given the low pollen score. And, similarly, New York is another popular state for tourism, so out-of-towners planning trips there this summer may reconsider, given its high score in the study.

"It's also worth considering that, even if you have hay fever but don't suffer too badly with it at the moment, the pollen count in your state might not be too high - so, if you're planning to take a trip to one of the top ten areas, don't dismiss your symptoms as being minor as they could become progressively worse in another location. Prepare yourself by packing all of the necessary medications, and be sure that you wash your clothes immediately after wearing them to prevent the pollen from settling on them."

The research in this piece was conducted by beehinspiredgoods.com. For further insights please see their website.

Around Town

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Free Health Screening

Medical professionals from AFC Urgent Care Hudson will be holding a Free Health Screening at George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson, to provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. - noon. No registration is necessary. Learn more at www.afcurgent-care.com/hudson or Call them at (603) 634-8614.

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Movers & Shakers

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Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Memorial Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

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