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Hudson Police Officer and Handler, Jason Downey, poses with "Haven" the communities Comfort Dog. The two help to play a key role in Hudson's Health and Mental Wellness Officer Program. Photo by Chris Paul

## Comfort Dog Plays Role in Mental Health Intervention

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson Police Officer and Handler Jason Downey along with his Comfort Dog Haven play a crucial, but often overlooked role as a key part of Hudson's Health and Mental Wellness Officer Program.

The six-year-old dog was almost literally "born to do this job," being one of three pups selected from a litter of nine for her social temperament by the

non-profit organization Hero Pups. Haven and her handler do not limit their work to Hudson, as their team is just one of many, all of which go where they are needed.

"Haven is the community dog, she puts a smile on everyone's face, doesn't matter what community we're in. We've been all over NH, all the way up to the Vermont border," said Downey. "We've even been to western Massa-

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## Infrastructure Study Warrant Article Amended at Deliberative

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

Voters in Hudson discussed and debated a citizen petition warrant article related to an infrastructure study last Saturday, during the annual Deliberative Session.

Going into the Deliberative Session the warrant article stated:

"Shall the town of Hudson vote to fund a comprehensive infrastructure study, approved in the 2024 election, to be conducted independently by a qualified third-party contractor not affiliated with the Town of Hudson or the Nashua Regional Planning Commission? This study will assess the impact of ongoing

ing and future development on the Town's infrastructure, services, and facilities with funding to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, and no additional taxation required.

The study will include the following components:

1. Comprehensive Traffic Study: Evaluate current traffic conditions and forecast future traffic patterns, including all developments currently under construction or approved for construction.

2. Emergency Services Review: Assess the staffing, equipment, and training needs of the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments based on anticipated demands from new developments.

3. Impact on Schools: Examine the effects of high-density housing and other developments on the town's school system, including enrollment projections and capacity needs.

4. Sewer and Water Infrastructure: Determine current and future sewer and water infrastructure needs based on projected growth.

5. Review of Impact Fees: Reassess the town's current impact fees for developers in light of the findings from this study to ensure they cover the costs of supporting new developments. Results will guide updates to the Town Master Plan, zoning ordinances, land use regulations, and

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## Community Power Faces Rate Hike After Reserve Fund Loss

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Jan. 27 meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Committee included an update on the status of Hudson's Community Power Program.

"As of the end of December the total number of accounts in town was 8,720," reported alternate Craig Putnam. "The community participation rate since launch was 70%. Opt-in since launch was 3.9% with 25 new ones, which is good. Opt-outs are 4.3%, with two new ones in the past month, also good. That number is low."

An overwhelming majority of residents still use the default Granite Basic plan. He recommend-

ed holding off on a planned presentation from Freedom Energy Logistics on a net metering presentation following a similar proposal from the Community Power Coalition of NH, where Putnam serves on the Board of Directors.

Despite the potential offering, he reported that CPCNH might not be able to make a presentation of its own in the near future due to sudden financial issues.

"I have been made aware of some hedging transactions, in other words, contracts for electricity supply that were made over the past number of months by CPCNH's CEO that were arguably outside the policies and procedures CPCNH has established for itself.

Those hedges have resulted in significant losses for the CPCNH's joint reserve fund shared by all CPCNH's member communities," Putnam explained. "The losses are estimated to be between 8.6 and \$12.3 million."

As much of the revenue was uncollected, Putnam was unable to give a more exact number. He stated the CPCNH Board of Directors was working to stabilize the reserve fund. It was unclear what this would mean for the community power plan, although Putnam warned it may be necessary to "revise" the already published supply rates for the upcoming rate period. Currently, the community power rate for those on the

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# Residents Concerned Over Donation Check in Agenda

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HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, during public comment, residents Craig and Debbie Putnam spoke about concerns they had in relation to a recent donation they made to the Town.

Craig Putnam said during the meetings public comment, "That late in December we made a donation to the police department to go to the comfort dog fund." He

explained that they delivered the check in December, and then thought nothing else of it. Craig explains that Debbie Putnam received an email on the night of the Jan. 14, meeting from someone in Town, saying that they had a check she had written, and it was included as part of the agenda packet.

"We of course were shocked and astonished this would happen," Craig said.

Craig stated they understand that the donations

are formally approved during meetings, but didn't understand why a check copy would be included as part of the agenda packet.

He went on to say, "that the check was written from their personal checking account, which has connections to other financial things, and that they also have various bills that they have automatically debited from their account which has caused work needed to be done."

Mr. Putnam also stated

their concerns about security risks. "Think about the information (that) is on a personal check," Craig went on to state that the information could be used to steal someone's information or account. This is why they immediately requested that the packet be edited and for it to be taken down, with the copy of the check.

Debbie Putnam also asked anyone who received the packet to delete it, and anyone who had a physical

copy to have it destroyed. Craig said it was unclear if people who had received it destroyed the physical copies or not. He went on to say that they had contacted their bank the next day to shut down the account and create a new one. The Putnams stated that they thought it was an error and nothing else. "We want to make it clear we think this was an error," Craig said.

Mr. Putnam also said that he thinks they need to have

more training in place, and said that he hopes it's a priority of the new Town Administrator when they officially start with the Town.

"We apologize for that, and as the chair of the board I take responsibility in the end, and we believe this will never happen again," Hudson Selectmen Chair Bob Guessferd said. Guessferd explained that at the end of their meetings, the Selectmen turned their packets in, so they could be destroyed.

# BOS Approves Fire Department Fee Schedule Changes

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the Jan. 28, Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was a public hearing regarding proposed changes to the fee schedule for the Fire Department.

"This meeting tonight allows us to adjust the rates," Deputy Fire Chief James Paquette said.

Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice, noted previously there was a recent change to state

law, regarding what they can charge for fees.

"On July 26, 2024, a change went into effect on RSA 332-1:1 Medical Records; Definitions which states in part; "For any request made by a requester, the cost for electronic copies of the patient's medical records, and all related services, shall be charged at a reasonable rate not to exceed \$50, and the cost for paper copies of the patient's medical records, and all related services,

shall not exceed \$5 for the first page, \$.41 per page for pages 2 through 50, and \$.30 per page for pages 51 and higher," Tice wrote in a memo to the Selectmen.

He said "At this time, Hudson Town Code § 205-4 Fire Department fees include the following language regarding incident reports:

• Incident reports: \$15. For more than 10 pages, the fee shall be \$1 per page."

"This will require a change to the current Town

Code to be in compliance with the RSA," Tice wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. It's explained there that they were looking to have one fee for fire incident reports and one for medical incident reports.

"We propose having one fee for Fire Incident reports and one fee for Medical Incident reports," Tice wrote in the memo. "This will bring us in compliance with the RSA regarding Medical Records along with adjusting

the fee related to Fire Incidents to include electronic copies when requested."

Tice said they were proposing the following language changes:

0. Fire Incident reports: Paper copies, \$15 for the first 10 pages, \$1 per page for pages 11 and higher. Electronic copies, \$15.

W. Medical Incident reports: Paper copies, \$5 for the first page, \$.41 per page for pages 2 through 50, and \$30 per page for pages 51

and higher. Electronic copies are \$15.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed changes during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, the Board received a donation request from Enterprise Bank, which was accepted.

"The police department received a donation from Enterprise Bank for \$500," a memo to the Board stated. "They requested the money be donated to the Comfort Canine Donation Account."

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# Voting Recommendations Warrant Amended at Deliberative

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One of the citizen petition warrant articles from the Town Deliberative Session last week, was in regards to having recommendations listed on the ballot, from the Board of Selectmen, and Budget Committee, and the Planning Board for zoning amendments, which they currently do.

The warrant article going into the Deliberative Session stated:

“Should the Town of Hudson stop showing the total numbers of votes from the town board (like the Selectmen or Budget Committee) next to questions on the ballot?”

Instead, this change will: 1. List how each board member voted, by name, for every question or article. 2. Make sure boards share clear and honest information about ballot questions at least three weeks before the election. 3. Get this information out

to everyone in ways that are easy to find, like: Posting on the town’s website. Sharing in local newspapers.

Sending emails to people who sign up for town news. Posting on the town’s official social media pages. Printing copies for Town Hall, the library, and other public places.”

During the Deliberative Session, the person who submitted the petition explained that he wrote the

warrant article wrong and that he was proposing to have it so the initials of how people voted to recommend the warrant articles are on the warrant article.

His proposed amendment to do that failed.

The proposed amendment to the warrant article would’ve stated:

“Should the Town of Hudson vote to amend town ballots to show how the boards and committees vote by way of placing the initials of the voting members next to every question?”

The addition of information intends to increase transparency and trust between the town and the residents.”

It was explained by

Town Moderator Paul Inderbitzen that either way, the warrant article would be advisory since state law allows the Selectmen to put the recommendations on the ballot if it chooses to.

“We can do whatever we want in these meetings, just whether or not it will ever take effect is beside the point,” he said.

Budget Committee member Shawn Jasper, said they should remove everything after it asks voters if they support the elimination of the recommendations.

His proposed amendment would make the warrant article state:

“Should the Town of Hudson stop showing the total numbers of votes from

the town board (like the Selectmen or Budget Committee) next to questions on the ballot?”

It was noted by Jasper that there is no appropriation to the warrant article, and to make it clear and realistic he said he thinks the amendment needed to be made that way.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby, said she wants to see how the public feels about having the vote tallies on the ballot or not so she was supporting the amendment.

“So I support this amendment,” Jakoby said.

The amendment passed, which means that the warrant article will be moved to the ballot for the voters to vote on, on March 11.

## Rates

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Granite Basic plan is set at 8.9 cents per kilowatt hour for residents and small businesses. The published Ever-source rate is 8.929 cents per kilowatt hour. If the rate goes up, it will not take effect until the start of March.

“CPCNH is working to determine whether a revision to the published rate will in fact be necessary,” said Putnam. “This will depend on several things: how CPCNH is able to recover from the aforementioned nonstandard hedges, new hedges being put into place this week, and price increases in the electricity supply market.”

Winter was colder than predicted, leading to higher-than-predicted rates. Any rate change will be immediately published.

“These losses, what do they represent as a percentage of the fund?” asked Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd. “Was it a huge amount? The numbers are large.”

Putnam did not have the percentages and did not want to speculate, but said it was “enough to trigger red flags” and to worry the CPCNH Board of Directors. He promised there would be “consequences” for those responsible.

“I think there’s obviously more to come here,” said Guessferd.

The Hudson Sustainability Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## OBITUARY

### Victor Lopez Paravicini



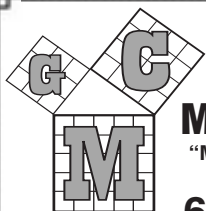
Victor Lopez Paravicini, age 89 passed away peacefully with his family by his side at his residence in Hudson NH on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025.

Victor was born on Aug. 26, 1935 in Oruro Bolivia to Severo Lopez and Juana Paravicini. He married His eternal companion Idalia Carrasco Escalera in Colcapirwa, Bolivia and was sealed to her in the Washington DC temple in 1991.

He loved to play the accordion and express his love through service. He worked in the tin mines of Bolivia for 40 years. He was an avid gardener and loved to raise chickens. He cherished his citizenship in the United States as a great privilege.

Victor is survived by his children - Constantino, Jose, Zaida, Jorge, Javier, and Oscar along with their spouses, 22 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. He will be loved and missed dearly.

A time of visitation was held on Friday, Jan 31 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. On Saturday Feb. 1, there was a Celebration of Life at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. Burial will be held in Hills Farm Cemetery in Hudson this spring.



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## Police Dog

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chusetts. When Worcester State College had a shooting incident, emails went out requesting comfort dogs as they closed the campus. Haven and I were rotated in with other dogs for college students who wanted to pet dogs or who just wanted to chat."

Notably, the Comfort Dog program is not a line item in the budget, as Officer Downey and Haven rely on donations to meet many of their day-to-day needs.

"We run on donations," said Downey. "We initially received donations to purchase Haven, pay for training, raising her with me as handler. Our work isn't part of the police budget. We run on donations with America's Pets donating all food for Haven and we're very fortunate in that aspect."

Alvrine High School's technical Veterinary Science program grooms Haven for free, with veterinarian bills being one of the more unpredictable costs.

Even beyond the Comfort Dog program, Officer Downey stressed the importance of the Health and Mental Wellness Officer Program, an area where he has extensive experience over a long career.

"Current stats will tell you a police officer is five times more likely to lose a life using their own service weapon than from the firearm of a criminal. A normal person might experience two to three traumatic, critical incidents in their lifetime. By contrast, a police officer experiences their career," he said, adding the situation was



Officers Jason Downey, with his Comfort Dog "Haven" at the police station. Photo by Chris Paul

also true for other first responders, including firefighters and paramedics. "We're trying to help these officers. We make sure we're talking about the issues, and discussing what's going on. It's why we have debriefs."

He emphasized that the Mental Health and Wellness program was not limited to those in high-stress occupations, even as they were the group often most in need.

"We give other resources as well, giving individuals the tools and coping strategies to avoid those full crisis moments where the police have to get involved. From Jan. 1, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2024, there were 521 calls for full-blown mental health

crisis in Hudson," said Downey. "I provide resources for anyone who needs them, I'm here for everyone in the town. I don't think many people know what Haven and I do. How extensive our work is."

He described the work he and Haven were doing as somewhat preventative, a way to deal with anxiety and trauma, and one of many resources designed to help people address everything from burnout to compassion fatigue.

Residents interested in making a donation to support Officer Downey and Haven's work can write a check out to the Town of Hudson, NH, with "Comfort Dog" written in the memo line.

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# Planning Board Welcomes Construction Specialist as Newest Alternate Member

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Jan. 22 to hear from resident George Hurd, who expressed interest in filling a vacant alternate position.

"I've lived here my whole life 54 years and my family's been here all over 100. I went to school here, grew up here and I work in the community as well," said Hurd. "I want to get town politics a little bit and operations. I thought this would be a good spot with

my background in developing and also being a lifetime resident. I've seen the town change from 1970 when I was born. I thought this was a good spot as an alternate just to get going a little bit."

Board members had a few questions about his application.

"I haven't noticed you at any of the Planning Board meetings or any of the Zoning Board meetings prior to this. I notice you do live on Merrimack Street, and there was a Zoning Board case for Campbello Street, and

you didn't show up either speaking in favor of or against," noted Board member Todd Boyer. "I was just curious, why now?"

Hurd said he was somewhat involved in the Campbello Street issue, talking to the town's Engineering Department about it.

"I knew all the neighbors were going to show up in force and I'm a builder," said Hurd. "I'm a builder, so I get it, I thought I would just stay out of that one."

After reading through the Board application, mem-

ber James Crowley noted that their newest candidate was an excavation contractor and a master electrician.

"Do you feel you could be impartial in reviewing other developers who you have worked with or for?" asked Crowley. "Is there a possibility, on occasions, that you may recuse yourself?"

Hurd pledged to be impartial and promised to step aside if any project he might be involved in were to come before him while on the Planning Board.

"You mentioned a lot of

good and bad decisions made by the town government. Are there any examples that really burn you?" asked Crowley. "I'm always interested in having a mix of people on this Board and with your construction experience, do you feel the Planning Board misses some needed stipulations on final approvals?"

Hurd did not give specific examples, and admitted that some of the massive growth Hudson was seeing could be "scary" as the town changed. He did not think the Board "missed" much of anything but hoped a construction-oriented viewpoint could improve the planning process.

"How do you prioritize competing interests and make decisions that benefit the overall community?" asked Board member Victor

Oates. "What is your vision for the future development of Hudson?"

Hurd said he would need to "weigh the facts," something he tried to do with everything he did.

"Whether it's Planning Board stuff or not, you need to look at what would benefit versus what doesn't benefit to try and make the best decision you can," said Hurd. "You need business and you need residents, I think there should be a good, healthy mix of that."

The Planning Board unanimously voted to welcome Hurd on as an Alternate member without delay.

"We greatly appreciate it," said Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery, thanking Hurd for this willingness to volunteer. "The type of government we have in NH relies on people willing to step up."

## ZBA Elects Leadership, Plans for Future

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Jan. 23 meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) closed with Board elections to determine who would fill key offices for the upcoming year. Although his term in the ZBA was not set to expire until 2027, incumbent Gary Daddario expressed his desire to step back as Chair before that date.

"I've already announced that I don't expect I'll be able to fully finish my next term," he warned. "However, for the time that I am here, I'm perfectly happy to continue as Chair. My understanding and frankly why I put in the paperwork and didn't just allow my term to end is that the Board and the town wanted the assistance for as long as I could provide it."

Other members thanked him for his willingness to

stay on as Chair in the short term but asked if somebody else wanted to take over.

"I'm happy to continue to Chair for as long as I'm here," said Daddario. "Ideally, in my mind, hopefully, we can do some transition work if there is another member of the Board who identifies themselves at some point who does want to be the Chair."

Incumbent Vice-Chair Norman Martin offered to step up as Chair, telling Daddario he could remain on the ZBA to continue giving input on existing cases over the next few months.

"I know you're willing to stay on as Chair, but even as a sitting member not chairing the meeting, you'd still have input," stated Martin.

Board member Dean Sakati disagreed, asking the current Daddario to stay on as long as possible for "continuity."

"It sounds like you're leaving within a year, my preference would be to keep Gary in the seat, then transition over to Norman," argued Sakati. "I think it's working pretty well."

Daddario was nominated and unanimously re-elected as ZBA Chair for another term, with Martin unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chair and the understanding he would likely take over as Chair before the end of 2025.

"We say in my business, congratulations and condolences," joked Daddario.

There was also a discussion of asking Board member Tristan Dion for the position of Vice-Chair after Martin.

"I think it would be good for any new member who comes into a key role

to take the Vice-Chair spot so they can learn as the process is going along from someone who has been there," explained Selectman Liasion Dillon Dumont. "Norm has done every position, I'm not worried about him, but if there's a new member to be appointed to something, they should work their way up."

While Dion was not at the January meeting, most members agreed this was a good idea and unanimously re-elected as Clerk.

Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan worried the ZBA was still shorthanded, a problem he hoped to solve.

"I just want to put it out there that we are looking for alternates to join the Board," said Chris Sullivan, who hoped to vacancies in the coming months. "We need help!"

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# Robinson Subdivision Will Open Area to Future Grants

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The last January meeting of the Hudson Planning Board heard a presentation for a two-lot subdivision at 52 Robinson Rd. Town Engineer Elvis Dhima was at the meeting to speak for the plan.

"Hudson is a community that is subject to MS4 permit. The MS4 is basically related to the federal government, which oversees the rivers. Anything that discharges the rivers is regulated by them and that's what the MS4 is about," said Dhima. "Our watershed consists of first brook, second brook, and third brook. Through our MS4 permit, as required by the feds, we have to make improvements

to our watershed."

He cited the ongoing improvements to Robinson Pond and the recent creation of a phosphorus report as examples of how the town has been working to comply with its MS4 obligations.

"Right now, this particular property at 52 Robinson is one parcel, and it includes a fire department building as well," explained Dhima, adding it was tied to a possible state grant needed to help pay for Robinson Pond improvements. "When the state representatives came to the site, they liked the potential plan, but when they saw the fire department being part of this parcel as an issue for the grant. They didn't like a municipal building being subject to

this grant. If get this grant, the parcel will be subject to future improvements as well."

By dividing the 45-acre lot, the town would be able to separate the fire station from the rest of the recreation area, making it easier to earn future grants while remaining MS4 compliant. Around five acres will be allocated for the fire station, leaving enough room for future expansion.

"The 40 acres that you see will include the boat launch improvement and the beach areas as well," said Dhima. "Long story short, we told the state we are moving forward with this subdivision."

Board member James Crowley expressed his ap-

proval of the subdivision request but still had questions.

"The 40-acre lot, that will have a recreational easement?" he asked. "That is being created and doesn't exist right now?"

The Town Engineer confirmed the larger half of the subdivision would have a "blanket easement" designating the whole property for recreational use. That designation was necessary to earmark the land for future grant consideration at the state and federal levels.

"What's the plan for the boat launch?" asked Board member Ed Van der Veen.

Dhima stated that they planned to raise and flatten the parking area to build a "real boat launch," making it easier for residents to back

their boats into Robinson Pond. He hoped raising and flattening the boat launch area would also make it easier to treat runoff. A separate project would improve the beach area.

The Planning Board unanimously approved the subdivision after also

approving a waiver to allow the subdivision without requiring the delineation of wetlands and waterways on the property.

As the grant uses matching funds to improve the area, the overall project will require local funding and voter approval next March.

## Town & School Have Contested Races

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The chance to run for an elected position on boards for the Town and School positions in Hudson ended on Friday, Jan. 31. From those who signed up, a number of candidates have put their names in for the seats available, making for a number of contested races appearing on the March 11 ballot.

Those declaring their

candidacy for the annual Town and School Election on March 11, are listed below.

Six residents will look to fill the two, three-year term Selectman seats: Todd Boyer, Marc Fauteaux, Robert Guessferd, Marilyn McGrath, Peter Sessions and Xenophon Vurgaropoulos have all entered their names.

The three, three-year

term Budget Committee seats has William Cole, Kim Rice and Richard Weissgarber running.

For the one-year Budget Committee seat, Eleanor Basseett and Donna Boucher will be running.

The two, three-year term Code of Ethics seats are being sought by Shane Milley, Chris Poremnski and Heather Smalley.

For Cemetery Trustee a three-year term position, Tom Alciere and Daniel Barthelemy will be on the ballot.

The two Library Trustee three-year term seats will have Ali Rfieymehr and Margaret A. St. Onge running.

Mark Edgington is the only candidate for Town Moderator, a one-year term.

The one-year Town Clerk position has Michelle Brewster running.

For the two, three-year term Planning Board seats, Roger Coutu, James Crowley, George Hurd, Timothy Lyko and Julia Paquin will be running.

Kimberly Allan is the only candidate running for the three-year term of Supervisor of the Checklist.

Garland Mann-Lamb will be looking to be the one, one-year seat as Supervisor of the Checklist.

Stephan Malizia looks to fill the Trustees of the Trust Funds seat for a three-year term

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On School Board, the two three-year term seats are being sought by Randall Brownrigg, Maureen Dionne and Daniel Kilgour.

The two-year term School Board seat is uncontested with just Stephen Meyer signing up.

## OBITUARY

### Eileen Marion Beals



Eileen Marion Beals (McCarthy) of Litchfield (and formerly Hudson), NH passed away on Friday, Jan. 31 at the age of 81. The beloved daughter of the late George and Betty (Cote) McCarthy, she was born in Berlin, NH and later moved to Charlestown, MA where she was the valedictorian and the yearbook editor-in-chief for the Charlestown High School Class of 1961.

The third of 7 children in a large Irish Catholic family, Eileen was particularly close with her siblings. She leaves behind her brother George, sisters Linda and Susan (DeLeo), sisters-in-law Maureen and Carol, and 12 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters Joanne (O'Keefe) and Lorraine (O'Keefe), brother Dickie, and brothers-in-law Joe, Frank, and Larry.

Eileen dedicated her life to her four sons, and never missed an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments. A fixture throughout their lives at countless graduations, ceremonies, athletic contests, music recitals and other events, she demonstrated unwavering love and support for her boys and their families. She will be sorely missed and forever cherished by her sons: Brian Beals of Gorham, NH; Steven Beals of Hudson, NH; John Beals of Auburn, NH; and Kevin Beals of Waxhaw, NC; their respective wives, Wendy, Regina, Karen and Randi; her fifteen grandchildren and their spouses: Meghan, Ethan, Abbie (Dan), Emily (Rob), Nicole, Erin, Owen (Padence), Sarah, Emma, Ben, Evan, Caitlin, Caleb, Ava, and Ryan; and her great-granddaughter, Hayzel.

Eileen worked as an office secretary for many years, including positions at Marion Office Products, Sanders Associates, and within the Hudson School District at Nottingham West, the School Administrative Unit (SAU) Building and Hills Garrison.

Eileen and her family are grateful for her many kind and supportive friends in the Stage Crossing community of Litchfield, and are most appreciative of her personal caregiver Michelle and the caring ER and ICU staff members of the Elliot Hospital.

Consistent with her wishes, there will be no formal visiting hours. She will be celebrated with a Mass of Christian Burial with a reception immediately to follow at Saint Kathryn's Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH, at 10 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 7. A private family burial will be held later the same day at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice, or to the Hudson Feeds Our Kids Program, through the Hudson Food Pantry (PO Box 293 Hudson, NH 03051). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of services. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com).

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# School Board Reviews Next Year's School Calendar

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had its first review of the proposed calendar for the next school year, during its most recent school board meeting.

Hudson Superintendent Dan Moulis said the proposed calendar so far is similar to the last couple of years, with school starting on Aug. 25.

"There's a couple of interesting things to note with this calendar," Moulis said during the meeting.

Moulis explained during the meeting, that how the

holiday break falls, can have a major impact on the overall calendar.

He explained that there was some discussion about having school on Dec. 22, and or Dec. 23, and Moulis said that they are proposing this as of now to go to school on both of those days.

Moulis noted during the meeting that they are using the suggested calendar from the NH Department of Education.

One of the items pointed out by Moulis was that they typically have a lot of workshops in the fall, and then don't have one after

November until March.

Moulis explained that since they don't have a primary in September this year, there is some latitude to have one of the workshop days during the middle of the year, this school year.

"So (I'm) looking for board feedback," Moulis said.

As of right now, the proposed calendar calls for teacher workshop days on Oct. 10, Nov. 4, Jan. 29, and March 10.

Hudson School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said she understood having pro-

fessional development sometime after the holidays, but said she is concerned about having it the fourth day, after the beginning of the second semester for the high school, as it is currently being proposed.

School Board member Gary Gasdia, said he thinks it makes sense to have professional development days on either a Friday or Monday, so it makes it easier for families by giving them an opportunity to do something for a three-day weekend, instead of having the day off or early release, during the middle of the week.

School Board member Ethan Beals said he also agreed with Gasdia, that it would make more sense to have professional development days, at the beginning or end of the week if possible.

"I would agree a Friday or a Monday would be an ideal situation," Beals said.

The holiday break, as of now, would begin on Dec. 24, and students would return to school on Jan. 5.

Winter break would be from Feb. 23-27, and spring break would be from April 27-May 1.

The tentative last day of

school, as of now, would be June 19. The last day of school, June 19, would include up to five snow days if needed.

It was pointed out by School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell that if people have any thoughts on the proposed calendar they can reach out to the school board, noting that they are only in the early stages of discussing the proposed calendar.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Hills Memorial Library.

# Various Donations Approved by Board of Selectmen

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, a number of donations given to various organizations and departments in Town were formally accepted.

One of those donations was a donation to the Hudson Police Department from Debra and Craig Putnam in the amount of \$100.

"They requested the money be donated to the Comfort Canine Donation Account," a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

Another donation was for Benson Park.

"The Friends of Ben-

son's purchased some additional items that Benson Park Committee/Town of Hudson could use for the upkeep of Benson Park," Benson Park Committee Vice Chair Judy Brouillette wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The Benson Park Committee is requesting the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen to accept these donations."

It included a tiller for \$834.40 and painting supplies for a total of \$110, for a total of \$944.40.

Another donation was for the police department.

"The police department received a donation from Anagnost Investments in the

amount of \$1,000," a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. "They requested the money be donated to the Comfort Canine Donation Account."

The Board of Selectmen approved the request.

The Board of Selectmen also approved a donation from Sparkling River Condominium Association.

"A donation was sent to the department by the Sparkling River Condominium Association. The amount of the donation is \$425," the memo stated.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen were presented with requests in order to pay for

various items from the Capital Reserve Funds.

"Attached please find two Applications for Payment from Capital Reserve Funds," Acting Town Administrator Steve Malizia wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The first application is for reimbursement for Police Department Body Worn Cameras and Vehicle Communications."

Malizia noted that the request was from the Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

"This reimbursement request is in the amount of \$69,953.43 and is coming from the Police Safety

Equipment Capital Reserve Fund that was established for this purpose," Malizia wrote in the memo.

A second application was for the Police Station HVAC system updates.

"The second application is for reimbursement for Police Station HVAC system updates. This reimbursement request is in the amount of \$44,850.00 and is coming from the Energy Efficiency- Capital Reserve Fund which was established for this purpose," Malizia wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Malizia that the Trustees of Trust Funds requested

the Board's approval.

"The Trustees of Trust Funds have requested that the Board approve all disbursements from capital reserve funds. The Board of Selectmen are the agents to expend for these capital reserve funds and there are sufficient funds in the capital reserve funds to make these disbursements," Malizia wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

During the meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved the requests.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 11 beginning at 7 p.m.



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# Amendment to Kill Town Hall Warrant Article Fails

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the Hudson Town Deliberative Session last Saturday, one of the warrant articles debated was concerning potential Town Hall renovations.

The warrant article states: Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,800 for the design costs for the renovation of Hudson Town Hall? This project will include renovations to the existing Hudson Town Hall along with an addition of

approximately 2,000 square feet. This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the Operating Budget.

The estimated tax rate impact would be one cent if it's approved by the taxpayers.

"The current town hall was built in the 1960s, with an addition in the late 70s," Selectman Kara Roy said during the Deliberative Session, explaining that they have made some minor renovations over the years.

After having a study done about the facility, Roy

said that some deficiencies were found, along with a lack of workspace for its employees.

At the previous Board of Selectmen meeting, Acting Town Administrator Steve Malizia explained that they ultimately had two different ways to go about it, one would be to go with design costs of a renovation of the current Hudson Town Hall, and the other option would be for the demolition and replacement of Hudson Town Hall.

"I have prepared two

warrant articles for the Board's consideration," Malizia wrote in a memo. "The first article is for the renovation of the existing facility and the second article is for the demolition and replacement of the existing facility."

Roy explained that they ultimately decided to move forward with the design for renovations to the current building.

"The board decided the most economical option was to renovate the current building with a modest

addition," Roy said.

During the Deliberative Session, resident Victor Oates said he was opposed to the warrant article.

"I stand against this," Oates said.

He explained that they passed a warrant article last year for an infrastructure study, and said the Town Hall would've been covered as part of it.

Oates also argued that the Town Hall needs more than just renovations saying "it needs a lot more."

At the Deliberative Ses-

sion Oates ultimately made a motion to amend the warrant article which would make the appropriation for the warrant article to \$0 which would essentially mean there would be no funding for the design fees for Town Hall.

The amendment failed, and the original warrant article was sent to the ballot, during the Deliberative session. Hudson voters will have the chance to vote on the various warrant articles on the ballot during voting day on Tuesday, March 11.

## Infrastructure Study

**Continued from page 1**  
budget planning for town services. The study is estimated to cost \$250,000 - \$500,000. This article provides the funding needed to proceed with the project as approved by voters in 2024."

The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend the warrant article.

The person who submitted the warrant article was not able to make the Deliberative session, Town Moderator Paul Inderbitzen said.

"I have to say right now this is not a moneyed article," Inderbitzen said.

Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Guessferd said

that they need to move forward in "some way, shape, or form," but noted there was no appropriation as part of the warrant article.

One amendment was successful in removing the sentence at the end that states "This article provides the funding needed to proceed with the project as approved by voters in 2024."

Another successful amendment was to remove the language stating:

"With funding to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, and no additional taxation required."

The final successful

amendment was to change the word "fund" to "support."

The warrant article now states:

"Shall the town of Hudson vote to support a comprehensive infrastructure study, approved in the 2024 election, to be conducted independently by a qualified third-party contractor not affiliated with the Town of Hudson or the Nashua Regional Planning Commission? This study will assess the impact of ongoing and future development on the Town's infrastructure, services, and facilities. The study will include the following components:

1. Comprehensive Traffic Study: Evaluate current traffic conditions and fore-

cast future traffic patterns, including all developments currently under construction or approved for construction.

2. Emergency Services Review: Assess the staffing, equipment, and training needs of the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments based on anticipated demands from new developments.

3. Impact on Schools: Examine the effects of high-density housing and other developments on the town's school system, including enrollment projections and capacity needs.

4. Sewer and Water Infrastructure: Determine current and future sewer and water infrastructure needs based on projected growth.

5. Review of Impact Fees: Reassess the town's current impact fees for developers in light of the findings



from this study to ensure they cover the costs of supporting new developments. Results will guide updates to the Town Master Plan, zoning ordinances, land use regulations, and budget planning for town services. The study is estimated to cost \$250,000 - \$500,000."

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# The Mouse Trap Performing at Ovation Theatre Company

Local audiences will have the chance to see history's longest-running play this February, as Londonderry's Ovation Theatre Company will present a unique adaptation of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

The history of this murder mystery play is legendary, with film rights granted well over 70-years ago, but with the one stipulation that a film could not start production until six months after the play closed in London - and it never has! To this day, audiences are asked to closely guard the outcome of the play, to preserve the mystery for future attendees.

The plot is classic Agatha Christie. While news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. As the

story unfolds, the guests discover - to their horror - that the killer is in their midst. Tensions and fears escalate, and one by one, the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts.

The Mousetrap is being presented at Ovation Studios in the round, thereby putting the audience right in the room with all of the suspects and of course the murderer! This unique staging, while exciting, presented some incredible challenges and opportunities for director Adrianna Bridge. "The audience is almost participating in a way, because they're all in the room where it happens. No matter where you sit, there is going to be a different experience every night. Some people will see certain expressions that others won't."

Nick Ford plays Detective Sergeant Trotter, the

classic Christie sleuth. "It's important to play a role that is pulling things together, pushing forward the plot. It's exhilarating!"

Bryan De Oliveira is excited to portray Christopher Wren, a young, energetic guest at Monkswell Manor. "It's a very interesting contrast to be the person that eases the tension in the audience, as opposed to causing it. It's very fun and it's definitely stretching all of my acting muscles."

Joseph Smith brings the carefree Mr. Paravacini to life, in a performance that charms everyone in the room. Of course, everyone is a suspect. "It's really cool to be in a who-done-it and to possibly, you never know, be the killer? I enjoy it thoroughly."

The Mousetrap features a talented cast of adults



from all over southern New Hampshire. This production is led Director Adrianna Bridge and Assistant Director / Stage Manager Dan Gore. The cast includes Joseph Smith of Londonderry; Brianne Puls and Arielle Margot Welch of

Derry, Brian MacHarrie of Nashua, Bryan De Oliveira of Manchester, Nick Ford of Concord and Charles Gastich French and Dana Gastich French of Exeter.

The Mousetrap will be presented over two weekends, on Friday and Satur-

day, Feb. 7 and 8, as well as Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15, with all shows at 7 p.m., at Ovation Studios, 61 Harvey Road, Londonderry. Tickets are \$23 and are on sale at [ovationtc.com](http://ovationtc.com).

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Boys' Edge Out Trinity Pioneers, Move to 7-4

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball squad had just one game scheduled last week, but that contest resulted in the

team's fourth straight victory, giving them a 7-4 record heading into the last month of the regular season.

The Pioneers came into the game sporting an 8-3 record in the Friday night, Jan. 31 contest and the

Broncos came onto the court outscoring their visitors at Alvirne High School 20-12 in the first quarter and 17-12 in the second.

The 14-point lead the Broncos had established heading into the second half was whittled down to five-points by the end of the third period. In the fourth-quarter, the AHS squad narrowly escaped an overtime period with the 54-52 finish.

The Pioneers defense stepped it up in the second half, holding the Broncos to just seven-points in the third quarter and limiting them to 10-points in the final period.

Trinity was able to tie the game at 46-46 two-minutes into the fourth, forcing the Broncos to step it up in the final minutes for the hard-fought victory.

Senior guard Sam DeWitt led the Broncos in scoring with 20-points, most of which were by way of three-point shooting.

DeWitt had five three-pointers and went 3-4 at the foul line.

Fellow senior guard, Gabe Conrow, scored 12-points in the game with two, three-pointers, two foul shots and two buckets.

Junior forward Garrett Hall had six baskets in the game, two from the free-throw line and four for two-points.

Seniors Ryan Rocheleau and Evan Bettencourt both finished with six-points. Each player had three buckets in the game.

The Broncos are scheduled for a game at Nashua North High School on Tuesday night, Feb. 4. Before the game, the Titans were sitting at 3-9 in the Division I standings.

On Friday night, Feb. 7, they will host a game with one of the division leaders starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Bedford Bulldogs come into town with a 11-2 record, tied with the Portsmouth Clippers for second place in the standings.



Alvirne junior forward Garrett Hall battles under the hoop against Trinity Friday night.



Senior Broncos guard Sam DeWitt led the Broncos in scoring with 20-points against the Trinity Pioneers on Friday, Jan. 31.

Photos by Chris Paul



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# Admirals Skate Their Way to a Three-Game Win Streak

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

As the Alvirne-Milford Admirals hockey squad makes its way through the halfway point of the Division II season, they were able to get their season record to 8-3 with two more wins last week.

The victories over Merrimack-Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield (MHBD) Warhawks and the Nashua South-Pelham Kings, the Admirals started the month February working off a three-game winning streak.

All three games of the streak took place on the team's home ice, at Skate 3 in Tyngsboro, with the lat-

est wins finishing at 4-2 and 5-4.

In the 4-2 victory over the Warhawks on Wednesday night, Jan. 29, the Admirals started their scoring in the first period with a goal by Milford senior forward Braydon Atwood, assisted by Alvirne senior forward Ryan Ricard.

The 1-0 home-team lead held until 3:41 in the second period, when MHBD's Caleb May put one past Admirals goaltender, Alvirne sophomore, Mason Komarek, tying the game through two periods.

In the third, at 12:27, Milford senior, Bryce Larco broke the tie with a short-handed goal from juniors

Brandon Callahan and Landon Briand.

Five-minutes later in the third, Atwood got his second of the game, at 7:27, from junior Mason Tomkins and Larco, making it a 3-1 lead for the home team.

With just under six minutes left to play, Atwood got his third goal of the game, for the Hat Trick and a commanding 4-1 lead for the Admirals.

With just over a minute left in the game, Colin Hamlin scored the only other goal for the Warhawks.

Starting Admirals goaltender Mason Komarek made 23 saves on 25 MHBD shots made in the

game. The Admirals had 37-shots on the MHBD goaltender.

The Alvirne-Milford squad had five penalties called against them, while the Warhawks were put in the box for just two.

Three days later, the Admirals pushed their season record up to 8-3 with a 5-4 victory over the Nashua South-Pelham Kings at home.

The team is scheduled for two road games this week, starting on Wednesday, Feb. 5, the Admirals will play the 0-11 Timberlane Regional High School Owls.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, the team is scheduled to face Bishop Brady-MV for the second time this season. The first game between the two teams ended in a 6-3 Alvirne-Milford victory.



Milford senior forward Braydon Atwood had three goals in the team's game against Merrimack-Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Team Spirit

The Alvirne High School Varsity Cheerleaders helped to get fans into the Broncos Boys Basketball win over the Trinity Pioneers on Friday night, Jan. 31. The student section was sporting beach attire.

*Photo by Chris Paul*



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# Broncos Girls' Suffer Two Tough Losses, Sit at .500 Mark

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HUDSON TIMES

After coming off a week with two straight victories,

the Alvirne High School Girls' Basketball team fell in their two contests last week.

On Tuesday night, Jan.

28, the Lady Broncos suffered a tough 22-point loss to the girls from Concord Christian Academy with a 58-36 result.

Three nights later, in Manchester, Alvirne was narrowly edged out by the Trinity Pioneers 46-49.

In the home game against the 8-2 Lady Kingsmen, two low-scoring quarters for the home squad resulted in the wide-margin loss.

The Broncos held their opponents to 23-points in the first half, keeping the game within reach for the second half. They trailed by five points after two and went into the halftime break with a score of 23-18.

In the third, Concord started to pull away, outscoring the home team 18-12.

The fourth quarter was the Broncos worst of the night, allowing 17-points, while scoring just six for the difficult loss.

Senior forward Ella Hartson had 14-points in the game and led the Broncos in scoring.

Junior guard Lexi

Floyd finished with seven-points on two three-pointers and one shot from the foul line.

Juniors Julia Adams and Haylie Christman both had four-points.

Three nights later, on the road against Trinity High School, the Broncos offense was much better, but in the final stretch of the fourth quarter, another single-digit effort resulted in the three-point loss.

The Broncos scored 23-points in the first half, but trailed by three at halftime.

In the third period, things started to look promising for AHS, outscoring the Pioneers 15-8 and taking a 38-34 lead into the final period.

In the fourth, the Broncos only managed to come up with eight-points, while giving up 15 for the 46-49 loss.

Hartson was once again the team leader in scoring, getting 18-points on three, three-pointers and three for two.

Sophomore forward Courtney Anderson had 11-points in the game. She was five-for-seven at the foul



Sophomore Courtney Anderson had 11-points in the game against Trinity. Photos by Chris Paul

line and put up three for two-points.

Floyd had three from

outside the arc, scoring nine-points. Adams and Christman both had four-points.

The Broncos hope to get back on track this week with a home game on Tuesday night, Fe. 4, against the Nashua North Titans (7-4) in Hudson.



Senior forward Ella Hartson had 32-points in two games last week, to lead the team.

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## Cardboard Sled Race

The Friends of Benson Park will be holding a Cardboard Sled Race on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 1 - 4 p.m., at Benson Park. This event is open to kids, adults, businesses, and groups. There is a minimum donation of \$10 per sled to enter. Registration at 1 p.m. (Waiver must be signed), only cardboard, duct tape, adhesive, paint & other decorative finish allowed. Awards categories for children & adults. No raindate. If no

snow, there will be a judging contest on sled design & originality.

## Youth Baseball Registration Is Open!

Hudson Youth Baseball registration is now open till Feb. 15 for youth aged 4-12. For more information or to register go to [www.hudsonyouthbaseballnh.org](http://www.hudsonyouthbaseballnh.org). Have questions Contact [hybregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:hybregistrar@gmail.com) follow us at [www.facebook.com/hudsonyouthbaseball](http://www.facebook.com/hudsonyouthbaseball)

## Lions Club Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will award multiple scholarships consisting of four individual \$1,500 scholarships, two \$1,500 memorial scholarships, honoring Lion Al Rodgers and Lion George Philip Rodgers, a \$2,000 memorial scholarship in memory of Lion Joe Kasper, and a single \$1,500 scholarship for an Alvirne Leo's Club Member. Applicants must be a Hudson resident, graduating from any high

school and have been accepted at a school of higher learning. Applications are available at Alvirne High School Guidance Department or by email: [dgroger@comcast.net](mailto:dgroger@comcast.net) or online at: [www.NHLions/Hudson](http://www.NHLions/Hudson). Application deadline April 11, 2025

## Meat Raffle

On Feb. 15, at 2 p.m., The American Legion Post 48 will be hosting a Meat Raffle to benefit the Sons of the American Legion. You must be 16+ to play. The Post is located at 37 Central St pre-buys are available call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

## Karaoke

On Feb. 21, from 6 - 10 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music. This event is open to members and bona fide

guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

## Trivia Night

On Feb. 22, from 5 - 7 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting Trivia Night. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

## Legion Meet

The next Monthly General Membership Meeting for Post 48 will begin at 6 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m., for Squadron 48 on March 3.

## Pancake Breakfast

The American Legion Hudson Post 48 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 23, from 8:30 - 11 a.m., with proceeds to benefit Veterans and their families.

## Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesday at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Library. For ages 3-5.

## Digital Navigators

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers Library.

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rodgers library on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 9:30 a.m., and grab a donut.

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### Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday Feb. 13, 20, and 27, at 10 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

### Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m. (except last week of month) at the Rodgers Library Teens are invited to relax in our teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available. A different theme each week.

### Curious Kids: Winter

On Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m., explore learning centers with your preschooler at the Rodgers Library. Ages 2-6. Siblings welcome.

### Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams.

### Tween Bracelet Making

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., Tweens (grades 4-8) are invited to the Rodgers Library to make beaded bracelets or charm bracelets. Registration required.

### Sustainability Series: Sourdough Starter Workshop

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m., come to Rodgers Library to learn how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter from an expert sourdough baker and food blogger at [sourdoughbrandon.com](https://sourdoughbrandon.com).

### Llama Painting

On Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m., Grades 1-5 are invited to the Rodgers Library for a paint-along of a valentine

llama painting.

### Access Wisdom Book Group

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Lovingkindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness" by Sharon Salzberg.

### Genealogy Club (Virtual)

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m., a virtual presentation will be held with the Rodgers Library. Claire Smith will present "Piecing it Together: Discovering a Family Secret."

### Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "I Pass as White" by William "Tex" Pointer.

### Family Storytime

Come to Rodgers Library on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m., for songs, stories, and bubbles for families with children.

### Characters & Cocoa

Come to Rodgers Library on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m., for a monthly support group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft.

### Photographer Anthony Attardo

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., join Hudson photographer Anthony Attardo for an enchanting evening as he shares the stories behind his nighttime photographs of NH at the Rodgers Library.

### Elementary Art: Penguin

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m., children in grades K-5 are invited to come to the Rodgers Library to create a mixed media penguin with paper, markers, and paint.

### Cookbook Club

The Rodgers Library cookbook club will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "Baking Yesteryear: the Best Recipes From the 1900s to the 1980s" by B. Dylan Hollis.

### Spinning Tops

Come to Rodgers Library on Monday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m., for families with children. Color your own DIY top. Try spinning on a variety of surfaces. Battle against other tops.

### Read 'Em & Eat

This Rodgers Library Book Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett.

### Tween Chocolate Olympics

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m., Grades 4-8 are invited to join the Rodgers Library for relay races, a donut eating contest, Hershey Kiss shuffleboard, and more! Prizes awarded.

### Sustainability Series: Maple Sugaring

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library to learn about the history, science, and methods behind tapping maple trees to produce delicious maple syrup.

### Crime & Cookies: True Crime Podcast Club

This group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., at Rodgers Library to discuss "Sweet Bobby," a multi-part investigation in search of one of the world's most sophisticated catfishers.

### Pajama Storytime

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m., come to Rodgers Library for songs, stories, and bubbles. Wear your pajamas if you wish.

### Straw Mazes

On Saturday, Feb. 22, at

10 a.m., families are invited to create their own straw mazes, making for a fun hand-eye coordination test at the Rodgers Library.

### Pizza and Wire Tree

Thursday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m., Teens are invited to the Rodgers Library for pizza and a wire tree craft.

### Steve Blunt Sing-a-Long

On Thursday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., Steve Blunt will share a concert full of fun, upbeat songs that will tickle the funny bone, warm the heart, and delight the imagination at the Rodgers Library.

### Engineering Lab

On Friday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m., Families with children are invited to build a bridge, a tower, a city, a castle, or whatever you can imagine using the blocks provided at the Rodgers Library.

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### Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers 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.

### Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website [rodgerslibrary.org](https://rodgerslibrary.org)

### Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

### Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

### BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

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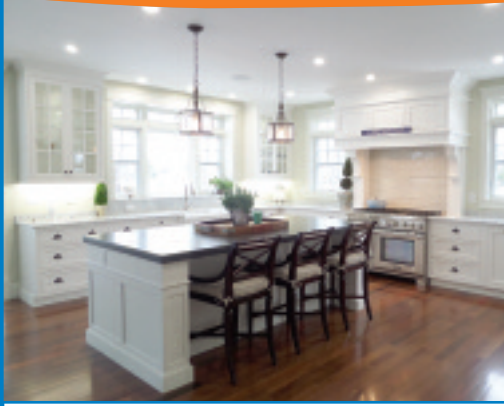
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