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Ham Radio Day

Members of the Radio Communications Civil Air Patrol participated in the annual 24-hour Amateur Radio On-Air event held Saturday, June 28, through to Sunday, June 29 at the Hudson Memorial School athletic field. See more page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Hudson Hires New Town Accountant, Firefighters

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen selected its next Town Accountant during a June 24 non-public session meeting.

According to the draft minutes from the meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint

Daniel Thibeault to the position of Town Accountant, “with effective date and terms of salary to be negotiated by Town Administrator Roy E. Sorenson.”

In other personnel moves during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to hire Bryan LaBarge for the position of

Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$33.85 per hour.

Another person hired was Joshua Chase for the position of Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$23.08 per hour.

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Selectmen Approve Town Hall Advisory Committee

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved moving forward with an advisory committee for its Town Hall needs during its June 24 meeting.

“At the June 10, 2025, Board of Selectmen meeting, representatives from NorthPoint Construction presented their findings and highlighted several challenges associated with the current renovation plans for the existing Town Hall,” Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “Following this presentation, the Board engaged in a discussion regarding poten-

tial next steps and ultimately decided to pause the current renovation option.”

Dhima explained that “in light of these challenges, staff recommends the establishment of a Town Hall Advisory Committee to further evaluate available options.”

He said the proposal was to have two Selectmen, a budget committee member, member of the Planning Board, the Town Administrator, Town Engineer and an appointee of the Board of Selectmen with the criteria that it is someone from the community.

“The committee will operate under the charter attached for your considera-

tion,” Dhima wrote. “Its primary objective is to develop and submit a formal recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on whether to proceed with renovations or pursue alternative solutions, including the potential construction of a new Town Hall. The committee will deliver its recommendations no later than November 1, 2025. In addition to this, the Board could also hold a workshop meeting related to this matter, similar to past practices.”

As part of the charter it states that the “purpose of THAC is to review, evaluate, and make formal recommendations to the BOS

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Old Derry Road Garage Plans Stall After Some Confusion

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on June 25 and discussed a proposal for an accessory garage at 140 Old Derry Road. Civil engineer Alex Giuffrida from Hayner/Swanson, Inc. attended the meeting to present the case for the 1,344-square-foot garage on behalf of the applicant.

“The site is currently developed with a 2,200 square foot commercial building and a 4,500 square foot garage with a couple of smaller sheds,” said Giuffrida. “The new garage is necessary to provide winter heated storage for larger trucks.”

He went on to explain that the site had wetlands

and that construction would include a relatively large impact on the 75-foot wetland buffer zone. It would not directly interfere with any local waterways. Drain and sewer service company All Drain runs the site. The proposal also aimed to implement a previously stalled 2017 site improvement plan.

“Site improvements include new pavement, curbing, 13 designated parking spaces including an ADA compliant space, a dumpster enclosure area and a stormwater management area,” said Giuffrida. “The system is designed to protect water quality, reduce peak flows, and provide flood control during large storm events.”

Board members noticed that some of the previous improvements had already been approved by an earlier Planning Board.

“You applied for and received a permit for change of use, and the company didn’t follow the requirements, is that correct?” asked Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery, who quickly received confirmation and asked, “Why are you here?”

Giuffrida stated that the improvements got “pushed under the rug” due to COVID-19, along with other expansion plans from the property owners. Additional Planning Board approval was needed for the new garage.

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Proposal For New Voting Machines Approved by BOS

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a proposal to purchase new voting machines.

It was noted that they would be continuing their discussion from the May 13 meeting.

"As you may recall, For-

mer Town Moderator Mark Edgington appeared before the Board inquiring about the purchase of new voting machines from LHS (Dominion) who is also the vendor that supplies the current machines (AccuVote) which will no longer be supported. The Board had several questions including a request for a comparable quote from an additional vendor, Voting-

Works, moreover an evaluation status by the State on both machines respectively," Town Administrator Roy Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "It is understood that LHS and VotingWorks will be the only two voting machines available for next election with the evaluation."

Sorenson explained that they provided all the infor-

mation from the May 13th meeting along with the quote requested from VotingWorks.

"More importantly you will find the spreadsheet that breaks down the overall cost of the machines. In general, it appears that procurement through LHS would be in the best interest of the Town notwithstanding their support and avail-

ability if problems arise," he wrote in a memo. "All things considered, Town Clerk Michelle Brewster, Former Town Moderator Paul Inderbitzen, and myself recommend purchase of machines from LHS."

Before resigning from his position Edgington was asked if there was any research done on the VotingWorks machines.

Edgington noted at a previous meeting they are out of State "and we can drive to Salem with LHS," he explained.

He said if there is a problem, they have service around the corner with LHS, which was the main reason why Inderbitzen thought it made sense to go with them.

Edgington also noted during the previous meeting that most towns in NH are going to be using them.

Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont explained that

based on the evaluations, he would support going with VotingWorks.

"I'll just say that after reading through everything, the evaluations, I lean Voting Works," Dumont said, noting that "longevity-wise, looking into the future, that's the route to go."

Selectman Heidi Jakoby explained that the recommendation from the previous Town Moderator is what persuaded her to go with LHS.

Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd said that the local support and response time is what made him decide to go with LHS.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately voted 4-1 to purchase eight Dominion imageCast voting machines from LHS in the amount of \$38,500 with Dumont voting against.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for July 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

Town Hall

Continued from page 1 regarding the future of the Town Hall."

As part of it, the purpose states that the committee will:

1. Develop a clear, logical strategy to assess whether to renovate, rebuild, or repurpose the existing building.
2. Review existing and potential future design concepts.
3. Evaluate cost esti-

mates for both renovation and new construction options, using industry-standard square foot cost metrics.

4. Prepare conceptual-level site and building plans, with an emphasis on site-specific development cost analysis.

"All recommendations must be submitted to the BOS by Nov. 1, 2025, with a focus on fiscally responsible solutions," the purpose states.

In addition to having the various different voting

members on the Advisory Committee, he also noted that he thought it made sense to have a representative from North Point on it as a non-voting member.

Dhima said that the goal would be to have the feedback by November 2025.

He also noted that they would be trying to solicit feedback from various people.

"The idea is try to get as much feedback as you can and see what you want to do," Dhima said during the meeting.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson noted that they would ask HCTV to record the meeting as well.

The board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved the creation of the committee, while also appointing Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont and Selectman Heidi Jakoby to be the Board of Selectmen representatives.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for July 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Selectmen Give Go Ahead For Town Planner Search

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The search for a new Hudson Town Planner is underway after the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved moving forward with a proposed plan from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson.

The decision came following John Stoll who was previously selected for the job, informing town officials he wouldn't be able to come to Hudson after all.

"It is unfortunate that our selected candidate withdrew due to reasons that prevented him from relocating from Colorado. He

would have been starting next Monday, June 30th," Sorenson wrote in an email to the Hudson Times last month.

Sorenson in a memo to the Board of Selectmen as part of its June 24 meeting wrote,

"As you know, we had previously offered the Town Planner position to John Stoll after an extensive search and interview process."

"Unfortunately, he has removed himself from accepting the position due to unforeseen circumstances that prohibit him from relocating," Sorenson wrote. "While we have some possi-

ble candidates identified from the previous process, I believe that it would be prudent to reopen the search once again for due diligence."

Sorenson previously told the Hudson Times they would possibly bring a candidate forward for consideration, as early as the July 22 meeting if all went to plan.

"If all goes well, we may have someone here by late August at best," Sorenson wrote.

Sorenson explained during the meeting that they would follow the same process that was previously

approved.

According to the job posting, the position would pay upwards of \$120,481.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby asked why they aren't going with any of the previous candidates from the last round of interviews.

Sorenson said they are viable candidates and could express interest again. "I'm not opposed to it," but said that they could continue to look for more applicants for a couple of weeks as well.

Also during the meeting the Board of Selectmen voted on appointments for boards and committees.

One of the appoint-

ments was for Sustainability Committee with Kate Messner, an incumbent member, being reappointed.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby, who is the liaison for the Committee, said she would support her being reappointed.

"I think, Kate speaks very well and has some great ideas, so I would support her appointment," Jakoby said.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd, who was on the Committee the year prior, said he also agreed with Jakoby.

Messner's reappointment to the Sustainability

Committee was unanimously approved, with her term set to expire in April 2028.

Another reappointment being requested from the Sustainability Committee was for Alyssa Hanley, who was looking to be reappointed to the Sustainability Committee.

Hanley was recommended by both Jakoby and Guessferd.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved reappointing her with her term set to expire in 2028.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for July 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Trustees Secure Financial Situation, Revise Rules

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Cemetery Board of Trustees met on June 5 to go over their latest walkthrough of Hudson's six town-owned cemeteries.

"Aside from a few repairs that need to be made for headstones and whatever, the cemeteries are in pretty good shape overall," said Trustee Christina Madden, who added that there were a few issues owing to the age of the headstones.

She stressed the importance of the Cemetery Trustees' relationship with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and its Director, Jay Twardosky, who recently met with the Board to discuss cemetery maintenance.

"We met with him two weeks ago. I was driving past one of the cemeteries and saw DPW working," said Trustee Dan Barthelemy. "A few days later I walked through Sunnyside where DPW repaired all the

stones where we asked for better support."

He thanked Twardosky and his Department for taking care of "critical items" ranging from headstone support to trimming back problematic hedges at all town cemeteries. DPW also promised to conduct repairs on several historical stone walls around the graveyards.

There was some confusion over how the Trustees would pay for the necessary repairs, despite the existence of a dedicated fund. Madden scheduled a meeting with Town Administrator Roy Sorenson in an attempt to clear up a few outstanding issues related to money.

"We're going to be meeting with Roy Sorenson. Jay didn't quite understand how he was supposed to charge things that they do to our account. I mentioned that Roy will know what's going on with that, hopefully it will get straightened out," said Madden. "Part of his job when Roy was in Salem included being in charge of the cemeteries. Part of our reason for meeting with him is just to introduce ourselves. He had expressed a desire to meet with us at some point, and I thought we could bring up these financial things."

Another issue the Trustees wanted to address was

an update to cemetery rules, which were perceived as outdated and difficult to locate.

"These rules were apparently drawn up, if we look at them, they were received by the Selectmen Oct. 22, 1997. I have no idea what was going on back then," said Madden. "As far as I know, I've never seen these rules published anywhere. There are no signs. I did consult with Jay, and he said he'd be glad to put them up. We just have to pay to have signs made up if we want to have signs made up. I don't know what point

there is in having rules if we're thinking about putting some kind of a sign up."

Barthelemy wondered whether posting signs would be effective

"I've put some thought into it, and I'm not sure that posting signs would do a whole lot, especially if we're not having problems anyway," he said. "If we're having problems we can talk about signage and police presence and other things. I'm not sure we have too many problems."

He pointed out that "signage maintenance" is not an easy task for a Board that

meets sparingly with a limited budget. Members agreed to publish cemetery rules without posting signs while adding a rule requiring attendees to pick up after their dogs, along with a rule limiting unsanctioned gravestone cleaning and rubbings.

"I really think we need to make a rule saying people shouldn't be cleaning gravestones without consulting us and asking permission," said Madden, who warned that cleaning headstones without being careful could cause unintentional damage.

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Editorial

Summer Heat Can Be Dangerous

It's really hot out there! This summer, we've been experiencing extreme heat waves, with temperatures expected to reach the 90s, with added humidity, making it feel like 100 degrees. Many of us aren't used to this kind of heat; making air conditioners work overtime, while those without them are desperately seeking relief.

This is a good time to remind everyone to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves, their family, the elderly, and pets from this intense heat.

Extreme heat can lead to heat exhaustion or, in severe cases, heat stroke. Here are some tips from the American Red Cross to help you stay safe:

- Never leave children or pets in your car.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water; avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothing.
- Slow down and stay indoors as much as possible.
- Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Take frequent breaks if you are working outdoors.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who may not have air conditioning or who are more vulnerable to the heat.

Excessive heat can lead to several heat-related conditions:

- Heat Cramps: Signs include cramps in the legs or abdomen. Move to a cooler space, rest, gently stretch the muscle, and replenish fluids.
- Heat Exhaustion: Signs include

cool, moist, pale or flushed skin; heavy sweating; headache; nausea; dizziness; weakness; and exhaustion. Move to a cooler area, loosen tight clothing, and apply cool or wet cloths to your skin.

• Heat Stroke: Signs include hot, red skin that may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting; and a high body temperature. Slowly drink small amounts of cool water. If symptoms worsen, call 9-1-1.

For pets, signs of heat stroke can include:

- Heavy panting and inability to calm down, even when lying down.
- Brick-red gums.
- Rapid pulse.
- Inability to get up.

If you suspect your pet has heat stroke, take their temperature. If it is above 105 degrees, cool them down with water. Stop cooling them when their temperature reaches 103 degrees and then bring your pet to a veterinarian.

One last warning: If you're looking to cool off in the water, use designated areas. It can be challenging to find open swimming spots this year due to fewer pools and crowd limits, so avoid secluded places that can be dangerous. If something goes wrong, help may not be readily available. Be smart and stay safe!

Summer is usually a time for enjoying the great outdoors, and there will be plenty of opportunities for that once these dangerous temperatures subside. Remember, in a few months, we'll be reminiscing about how much we miss these summer days. Until then, please take the proper precautions to stay safe during this summer heat.

Mosquito Control Program Approved by Selectmen

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen discussed a proposal regarding its Mosquito Control Program during its most recent meeting.

"The Hudson Fire Department has been working through the formal bidding process for a Mosquito Control Program for the town," Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "A request for proposal (RFP) was developed and advertised."

Tice explained that they went through the formal bid process as part of its purchasing policies and ended up with two bids.

"Both bids were fairly comparable," he explained during the meeting.

One of those bids was from Northeast Vegetation & Mosquito Control for \$29,490, and Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc., for \$24,320.

"After evaluating both proposals, we recommend awarding the contract to Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc.," Tice wrote in a memo. "Their plan will extend through the rest of the 2025 season, commencing after July 1, 2025, and wrapping up in late autumn of the same year. The Town of Hudson had engaged their services from 2007 to 2020, until program funding was cut."

Tice said they were

impressed with Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc.

"We were not only satisfied with their past performance, but their comprehensive knowledge of our mosquito breeding sites will prove highly advantageous," Tice wrote in a memo. "It is important to mention that any treatments beyond those already scheduled will incur an extra fee. If necessary, these costs can be covered by the Fire Department's operating budget, specifically under line 5740-252 (Fire - Inspectional Services, Professional Services)."

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved awarding the contract for the 2025 Mosquito Control Program to Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc.

Dumont voted against it, saying he also didn't support it in the budget.

The value of the contract is \$24,320 and excludes any additional treatments that may be required at an additional charge.

Also during the meeting the Board of Selectmen reviewed a request regarding their annual Fire Department open house.

"I am thrilled to share that the Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.," Tice wrote. "Following the success of last year's event,

we anticipate an even greater turnout from our community."

He explained that, like last year, School Street will be closed to traffic from the entrance on Chase Street to the intersection of Library Street.

"The event will take place across School Street, Central Station, and the Town Hall parking lot. All apparatus will be displayed on School Street, adjacent to the Early Learning Center," Tice wrote.

Tice said while they are still working out the details. They have secured attractions "including Smokey Bear, Sparky, a Hazard House, a Side-by-Side Burn Trailer, a Hazard Kitchen, and a K9 Demo. We are actively planning additional activities to keep the event vibrant and engaging throughout the day."

"We eagerly look forward to engaging with the community once again, combining fun with essential educational opportunities," Tice said.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved authorizing the closure of School Street from Chase Street to Library Street on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on July 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

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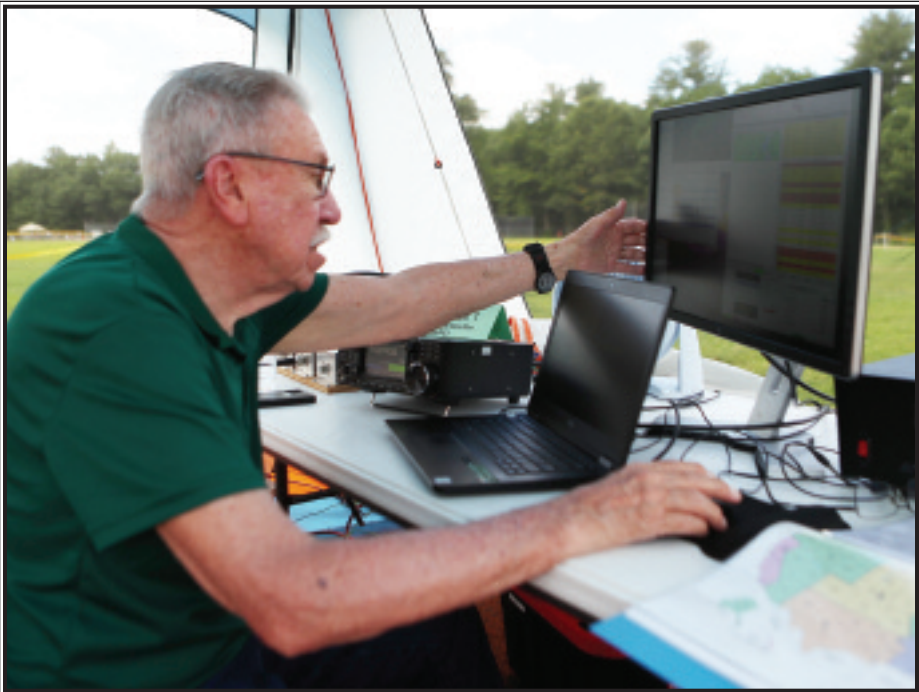
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Radio Society Participates in 24-Hour Field Day at HMS



The annual 24-hour Amateur Radio On-Air event was held Saturday, June 28, through to Sunday, June 29 with members of the Nashua Area Radio Society participating from the Hudson Memorial School athletic field. Tens of thousands of operators participated in the event throughout the country and the world. The public was encouraged to stop by during the two-day period, see how Amateur Radio works and how much fun they can have. Members of the Civil Air Patrol - Radio Communications were also staked out at the event.

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Selectmen Approve Donations, Advertising For Positions

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to employee earned time payouts.

"This memo is to provide a snapshot of the funds paid out in Fiscal Year 2025 for money expended that is not accounted for in the budget," Hudson Finance Director Laurie May wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "There were 48 accrued time payouts during December and June. We had 29 employees leave employment and 16 earned time maximum payouts. This totals 93 payouts totaling \$743,455.65 that has been booked into the salary and benefit accounts within each department."

She explained that they

were looking to withdraw funds from the Capital Reserve Fund to cover the needed costs.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson said during the meeting that they were required to pay it as part of their policy.

"I am requesting a withdrawal of up to \$744,000 from the "Employee Earned Time Capital Reserve Fund" which currently has a balance of \$1,080,530.84 (thru April)," May wrote in a memo. "I am not anticipating a withdrawal this large; however, we still have three payroll weeks to cover and a few weeks of Accounts Payable to close out the year."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved to withdraw up to \$744,000 from the Employee Earned Time Capital Reserve Fund

should it be necessary to cover accrued time payouts for Fiscal Year 2025, as recommended by the Finance Director.

In other personnel news the Board of Selectmen approved advertising for a truck driver laborer.

"Christopher Alers has abruptly resigned from his position as a truck driver laborer for the Public Works Department Effective June 16, 2025," Public Works Director Jay Twardosky wrote in a memo. "We now have one open truck driver laborer position that we would like permission to advertise for."

The Board of Selectmen also approved looking for a new part-time Animal Control Officer following a resignation.

Also during the meeting the Board of Selectmen

accepted two different donations, with one coming from the Rotary Club of Hudson-Litchfield.

"The Donation is for the new park at 9 Industrial Drive," Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen approved the acceptance of the \$1,000 donation.

The Board of Selectmen also was presented with a donation for the Fire Department.

"We received a check for donation for \$200.00 from The Bar located at 2B Burnham Road in Hudson," a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting the \$200 donation which was deposited into the Fire Department's Gen-

eral Donation fund for of Selectmen meeting is future use. slated to take place on July

The next Hudson Board 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Charles T. Carey



Charles T. Carey, 83, of Hudson NH, passed away on 18 June 2025 at home, surrounded by family, following a courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma.

He was born in Springfield, VT to Floyd and Regina (Lafko) Carey. His childhood years were spent in Vermont, moving to Nashua NH in 1959. Charlie was the loving and proud father of four daughters; they were his greatest joy. He never lost an opportunity to brag about them to anyone. From their childhood sports activities to academic achievements to life tribulations or successes, he was always there to support and love them, unconditionally.

Charlie earned his associate's degree from Hesser College and spent over 30 years working in Subcontracts Administration at Kollsman and BAE Systems. Upon retirement, he spent time enjoying his family, hunting whitetail deer and relishing the great outdoors which he so loved. He was an ardent fan of anything associated with hunting, fishing, birdwatching, gardening, berry picking, woodland and flower photography, any activity that would keep him outside. Charlie was most famous for his homemade donuts, strawberry jam and pancakes, which he lovingly would make for his family and close friends. If you were lucky enough to get any you would agree they were awesome!

Charlie was preceded in death by his daughter Katie J. Dionne. He leaves behind his loving wife, Maureen (O'Leary) Carey, daughters Kimberley Leets, Karen and husband Richard Beaulieu, and Kelly Carey; son-in-law Shawn L. Dionne; grandchildren Matt, Ashley, Kaylee, Zachary, Tyler and Amber; three great-granddaughters Kyra, Karina and Iliana; brothers Ronald (Arlene) Carey, William Carey, sisters Patricia Penny and Barbara (David) Martel; sister-in-law Eileen (Bruce) O'Leary, brothers-in-law Kevin (Mary) O'Leary and Sean (Lori) O'Leary and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends, all of whom will miss him immensely. He will especially be missed by his Siamese cat "Sammy".

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mark's the Evangelist Church in Londonderry, NH on Monday June 23, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a gathering of friends and family immediately after at the church. Burial was held in Last Rest Cemetery, Merrimack, NH.

The family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the staff at St. Joseph Oncology/Cancer Center. The smiles, reassurance and endless support made the journey through treatment possible. The family would also like to thank the incredible Home, Health, and Hospice team that supported Charlie and the entire family throughout the most difficult of times.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph Oncology/Cancer Center, or Home, Health and Hospice in Merrimack, NH. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont Funeral Home at 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH was in charge of arrangements.

Hudson Hires

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The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve hiring Ryan Senior for the position of Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$26.08 per hour.

Also during the non-public session, the board of Selectmen voted unanimously to hire Tyler Burgoyne for the position of Firefighter/EMT in the Fire Department at the contract-

ed salary of \$23.80 per hour.

At the June 10 non-public session the Board of Selectmen also had a number of personnel items as agenda items.

One of those was to unanimously approve authorizing the Director of Community Media to hire Kristen Parziale as an on-call staff member at a rate of \$16 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

Another agenda item was a unanimous vote to authorize the Police Chief to hire Cameron Feely as a full-time Police Officer, with a starting salary of \$31.27 per hour.

The Police Department also had another member of the Department approved with the Board of Selectmen unanimously approving the Police Chief to hire Lucy Elerath as a full-time Telecommunication Technician, with a starting salary of \$23.09 per hour.

Also during the non-public session, the Board of Selectmen unanimously ap-

proved allowing an increase in hourly salary rate by 5.0% for Valerie Marquez until they fill the vacancy for a second Water Utility Clerk. It was also retroactive from May 19.

Another agenda item during the meeting came from the Public Works Department, with the Board of Selectmen unanimously approving authorizing the Public Works Director to hire Rosario Parisi effective June 16, 2025 at \$24.25 per hour.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for July 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Overlay Plan Aims to Provide Cheaper, More Flexible Housing in Hudson

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The last June meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw its members address a series of possible zoning changes with a proposal called the HOME Overlay Zone.

"We all know Hudson and the entire region are facing challenges. Prices are up, inventory is tight, and we hear more stories about people downsizing, issues along those lines. This HOME Overlay would put in place measures that would allow affordable housing in town not just today, but long term," explained Board member Victor Oates. "Something that wouldn't be affordable on the first sale, but any other sale that may

occur over the next 20 to 30 years."

He described the plan as one that would prevent everyone from younger residents to senior citizens priced out of an increasingly unaffordable housing market.

"Townhomes, right now, have the biggest demand nationwide. The reason why they have the hottest demand is the affordability of them. They allow developers to put up multiple units next to each other that are able to be sold at a price point that more people can get into," said Oates. "I felt like this would be something the town would look at, we could talk about, and we could see something like this put in place."

A few of the details

remained vague, although the focus remained on allowing denser housing in residential areas.

"How does an overlay work?" asked Ed Van der Veen. "If you've an area zoned residential, what does it change?"

According to Oates, an overlay goes "on top" of an existing zone, allowing developers to build different types of housing, such as putting multiple townhomes across a lot designated for a single-family home. The method of applying overlays would depend on the final wording of the HOME Overlay. Additionally, the units could include deed restrictions to encourage long-term affordability, even through ownership

changes.

"My big requirement for this overlay is that it needs to be on town water and town sewer in order to avoid septic and any other potential issues around that," Oates added.

Allowing smaller "cluster homes" were also under discussion.

"How is the overlay different from just re-zoning?" asked Board member Julia Paquin. "Would it be decided like the zones are, having their own rules? Or would it be where a developer came to us and said, 'I'd like to do this,' where we could then enact the overlay to that neighborhood or area?"

Oates stated that technically, developers can already ask the Zoning Board

for exemptions for multi-use or non-conventional developments not typically allowed under local regulations. He indicated that an overlay would set up a "playbook" for developers, making it easier to follow town guidelines for denser housing. The overlay was also described as a "preexisting exemption."

"To give an example, Nashua has created an overlay zone in the area that's by the bridge near here. It used to be all commercial, but they've put in an overlay zone allowing apartment buildings," explained Board Chair Tim Malley, who added that the HOME proposal would not necessarily mean apartments. "You can still do your existing items

that are allowed by the zone, but you can also do something else."

Hudson's Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) was expected to take up the HOME Overlay zoning proposal in the near future. Any changes would require a public hearing and final approval by Hudson residents in a town vote. State officials would likely need to be consulted.

"This is a massive density increase, but it's a controlled density increase," said Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery. "Density is often considered a dirty word, but it's not."

The next meeting of the Planning Board is set for Wednesday, July 23, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

ZBA Favors Merrill Street Variance for Storage of Medical Equipment

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on June 26 to hear a variance request that would allow applicants Edward and Christine Curran to build an attached garage with a room above it at their non-conforming home.

"We had a surveyor who examined the property where we were going to put the garage, and that's where we found the back corner is 11 inches off the 15-foot setback. If we move it back, I won't be able to get my car in there," Ed explained. "The loft at the top is going

to have a bathroom right off the bedroom that we're building."

He went on to say the extra, larger bedroom would also be a good place to keep needed medical equipment in one place.

"The garage will help to decrease clutter, as well as improve property value," said Ed. "Many of our neighbors in the neighborhood have a two-car garage, they have ten-foot doors to fit two cars in there while the one I have is barely eight feet, we can't get our cars or trucks in there."

He added that one of his vehicles was a 1957 antique, one he did not want to

risk damaging by trying to store it in a garage that was too small.

Board members looked through the designs of the property and quickly agreed that placing the structure in a way that complied with Hudson zoning laws was probably not feasible.

"I don't know where else you'd put it," admitted Selectmen liaison Dillon Dumont. "I think they did their due diligence. I think it makes sense where it goes. I don't think you're really looking at anything obscene here."

Going by the provided design, the aesthetics, and

size of the structure did not seem to be radically different compared to others in the neighborhood.

"Did you have conversations with your abutters?" asked Board member Dean Sakati.

The couple assured the ZBA that their neighbors were aware of the garage and that they supported it.

"They love us, they're all for it," said Christine.

One of those neighbors was at the meeting to express their support.

"Absolutely, Ed and Christine deserve this, no question whatsoever," said abutter Todd Boyer. "It should be the easiest decision for you guys."

He argued Hudson's zoning code was never meant to block the construction of a garage and loft over "a couple of inches."

Nobody spoke against the variance.

"It will conform with the area, as other houses in the area seem to have two car garages as well. This is

one of the best places to put it. It will not create any public health or safety problems," noted Board member Tim Lanphear. "Substantial justice will be done to the property owner. I'd say it's a big yes on that one since it's going to be holding a lot of his health equipment."

Most other members agreed, and the ZBA granted the variance request.

The ZBA is scheduled to meet on Thursday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



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Donna Briggs Foundation Holds Third Annual Tourney



Members of the Donna Briggs Foundation held their third annual Corn Hole Tournament and Auction on Saturday, June 28, at the Hudson VFW Post 5791 with dozens of teams participating in the event. The money raised is earmarked for Camp Resilience, a camp for military veterans, first responders and their families. Briggs, who was a retired police Sgt. of the Hudson Police Department, was tragically killed while riding her bike along Route 125 in Kingston back in 2021. She was training for her second Police Unity Tour when she was struck from behind in a hit and run accident. A number of raffle items were also donated by area businesses to help raise funds. More photos next page *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Plans

Continued from page 1 company should complete its initial round of site improvements before building a new garage. Ulerly called for a deferral of the application.

It was unclear how long it would take to complete the improvements.

"There's a lot that's not done that's probably going to create at least an hour of questions from this Board," said member Victor Oates. "If you finished that first plan and then came back with the new plan for the garage, I think that would change a lot of what you're asking for and what needs to be done."

Chair Tim Malley noted that the applicant was technically in site plan violation, complicating any request to combine the new garage with the old proposal.

"The applicant did not complete the task as agreed upon in 2017," said Malley. "Here we are 5,6,7,8 years later and now you want to make a new plan when you haven't completed the orig-

inal."

Board member Julia Paquin wanted to know how much of the old proposal would be disrupted by the new plan.

"The original plan has a smaller stormwater basin, it has a different pavement layout, it has no grading in the back area," said Giuffrida, who argued that not all elements of the 2017 design were compatible with the 2025 design. "If we were to

complete this work in say, two months, three months, and then just tear up that pavement to make the stormwater area larger, that wouldn't make sense."

The engineer added that at least some changes from 2017 were in response to the need for a larger wetland buffer due to changing regulations. Ulerly suggested a site plan modification to solve the problems without "throwing away money"

and tearing up pavement, while Board member James Crowley suggested bringing the issue before the Zoning Board for relief.

Unable to determine the appropriate course of action without more information, the Planning Board unanimously voted to defer the application for six months, giving the applicant time to contact Town Hall and determine the best way to move forward.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Hudson Kids Take Top Spots at Summer Fun Runs

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The annual Greater Derry Track Club held its first two-weeks of Kids Summer Fun Runs on Monday night, June 30 and July 7 with two young Hudson runners taking the top spots in their divisions.

The free races are held each Monday night, weather permitting, at the Londonderry High School track for area youngsters, ages two-years and up competing in seven categories in a variety of distance races.

The club keeps track of race results in the nine-through 13-year old divisions and tabulates overall winners at the end of the season.

Each participating family is asked to donate a non-perishable food item as part

of the registration.

First Weeks Results were as follows.

Nine-Year Old Girls: First, Nyree Zambrana of Londonderry; second, Madison Hoffman of Londonderry and Ava Varsalone of Chester was third.

Nine-Year Old Boys: First, Joshua Tiney of Sandown; Second was Seamus Guanci of Derry; Third, was Christian Sinopoli, of Windham.

Ten-Year Old Girls: First, Sasha Solovyeva of Hudson; Second, Paisleigh DeCarolus of Derry; and Harper Gorman of Chester was third.

Ten-Year Old Boys: First, Liam Kobisky of Derry; Second was Quinn Manning of Chester; Third, was Ryder Sassone, of Chester.



Sasha Solovyeva of Hudson



Andrew Solovyev of Hudson

11-Year Old Girls: First, Ryla Zatsky of Wind-

ham; Second, Erika Smith of Pelham; Third, Jenna Fleming of Derry.

11-Year Old Boys: First, Derek Bath of Derry; Second, TJ Santosuosso of Derry; Third, Joshua Hynes, of Windham.

The 12-Year Old Girls had just Kendall Cimenno, of Londonderry running and winning.

12-Year Old Boys: First, Christopher Mercurio of Derry; Second, Andrew Solovyev of Hudson; Third, Brady Harlow of Londonderry.

13-Year Old Girls: First, Kelsey Santosuosso, of Derry; Second, Emma Wainwright, of Derry.

13-Year Old Boys: First, Sawyer McPherson of Londonderry; Second was Nicholas Tiney of Sandown; Third was Ethan Smith, of Pelham.

On week two, for the Nine-Year Old Girls: First was Madeline Ambrose of Londonderry, with Nyree Zambrana of Londonderry taking second and Rylee Bell of Derry was third.

Nine-Year Old Boys: Joshua Tiney of Sandown was first again; second was Aiden Capone of Londonderry; Third, was Thomasa Hynes of Windham.

Ten-Year Old Girls: Taking first again was Sasha Solovyeva of Hudson; second, Paisleigh DeCarolus of Derry; and Harper Gorman of Chester was third.

Ten-Year Old Boys: Liam Kobisky of Derry remained in first second was Blake Robinson of Londonderry; third, was Will Burke, of Salem.

11-Year Old Girls: First was Ryla Zatsky of Windham; Grace Hall of Derry

took second.

11-Year Old Boys: TJ Santosuosso, of Derry, took first; Joshua Hynes, of Windham, was second; and Aiden Doherty, of Windham, was third.

The 12-Year Old Girls: Annabelle Hall, of Sandown, was first; Corinne Tinkham, of Litchfield was second; and Ava Miller, of Litchfield was third.

12-Year Old Boys: Andrew Solovyev of Hudson took the only spot.

13-Year Old Girls: First went to Emily Miller of Litchfield and Lily Press, of Windham, was second.

13-Year Old Boys: Nicholas Tiney, of Sandown, won.

Races will continue each Monday until the first week of August with registration starting at 6 p.m. and races beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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End-of-Season Softball Bash: A Grand Slam Celebration

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On June 23, 2025, Hudson Girls Softball League brought together 330 people, including 135 dedicated softball players for an end-of-season party on Kiwanis Field. Players ranged from the enthusiastic 4U future stars to the seasoned 14U players. This wasn't just a gathering; it was an opportunity to recognize achievements, foster camaraderie, and bid farewell to a fantastic season. The event was a testament to the league's success in fostering a fun and supportive environment for

young athletes to develop friendships, sportsmanship, and softball skills.

The celebration was held on a blazing summer evening, with the energy and excitement of the girls evident as they enjoyed the festivities. The heat couldn't keep everyone from having fun. The event featured a variety of activities for the players and their families, with highlights including:

- **Dinner:** Hot dogs and burgers (with delicious rolls) generously provided and grilled by Texas Roadhouse!

- **Sweet Treats:** A Lix Ice Cream and Catering truck was on hand, provid-

ing a delicious way for everyone to cool off and celebrate their season's accomplishments. A long line of eager players and families gathered to enjoy the frozen delights.

- **Team Spirit:** The party brought together 16 teams, showcasing the breadth of the Hudson Girls Softball League's programs. Music from DJ Dom (of DBR Events) and yard games were enjoyed by all.

- **Capturing Memories:** Drone photography by Sky Dog Aerial Thermal Imaging captured the special moments of the day, offering a unique perspective of the festivities.



Photo by Sky Dog Aerial Thermal Imagine

The league's dedication to providing a positive and engaging experience for girls in Hudson was clear. While some towns are cutting teams, Hudson's program is flourishing. HGSL is proud to have 19 players,

16 teams, and 53 coaches! The event was a well-deserved celebration of the players' dedication and hard work throughout the season, providing a memorable conclusion to their softball journey. This event high-

lights the spirit of community and the joy of participation that defines the Hudson Girls Softball League! For girls looking into joining the fun, the fall season starts in September and sign ups will start soon.

Benson Park Plans for Volunteer Events & Family Fun Day

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The June 19 meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee saw its members prepare for what they believed would be an active summer for Park volunteers. According to committee member Sue Clement, the park was always looking for more help.

"We have a lot of work we need to get done around the Shoe," she said. "If you don't mind coming to help us with weeding, we need you. Down by the pond there's an area that we clear so the kids can play in the river area. That's overgrown, so we need people there to weed-whack. If you know how to use those things, we have those on-site."

The next Volunteer Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sign-up

sheet is close to the red barn, across the street from the old train station. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

"We have something for everybody to do," said Clement.

Long-term volunteers Natalie Newell and Bill Zink from the Friends of Benson Park nonprofit were at the meeting to give an update on the status of several recently donated picnic tables, which they confirmed were now in place.

"Two new beautiful picnic tables have been put under the A-frame structure. We have two others that will be assembled next Saturday, and Bill is going to help assemble them in the barn," said Newell, who was hoping to get help from the Department of Public Works to finish and transport the remaining tables. "We also have two benches

available for the dog park. If anyone is interested in donating a memorial bench, please let us know: info@friendsofbensonpark.org to get in touch."

The Friends of Benson Park was also soliciting donations, both to help run the park and to push forward with their wish to open a museum and discovery center at the Elephant Barn dedicated to preserving the history of the former Benson's Wild Animal Farm. Recently, that push made an incredible amount of progress thanks to a partnership with Nashua's Nash Casino.

"We are thrilled to announce that we are going to the Nash Casino to pick up our check. We had seven days on their charity list, two of the last days of April and the first five days of May as a gaming partner with the Nash Casino, and

we are picking up a check for approximately \$162,000."

She thanked the casino for working with the Friends.

With most of the new funds going to the Elephant Barn, Newell announced she was still looking for volunteers and sponsors for the park's Family Fun Day in September.

"Last but not least, I

want to mention a save the date for our Family Fun Day. This is our fifth annual Family Fun Day," she said. "This is going to be on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and it's free for the public."

In addition to its entertainment, the advisory committee offered to open the Old Lady in the Shoe for Fun Day.

"We would like to also join in with Family Fun Day again this year. I know the kids really enjoyed last year coming up and getting to meet the little old lady and getting to go inside the Shoe," said Clement.

The Benson Park Advisory Committee is set to meet again on Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Conference Room.



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Barney the Gnome Makes His Return to Benson Park

**BILL ZINK
SUBMISSION**

The Friends of Benson Park are pleased to report that Barney the Gnome has returned to Benson Park for his fourth summer of fun. In an exclusive interview with The Hudson Times, Barney says, "Me love this time of year. Me get to spend the summer hiding out with me friends at Benson Park."

Barney has asked The Hudson Times to remind each child that when they find him for the first time this summer they will receive a little gift if they

take a selfie with him and bring it to the park store on Saturday between noon and 4 p.m. (weather permitting).

Deb, board member of the Friends of Benson Park and friend of Barney the Gnome, is excited to team up with him again this year to bring this fun activity to the community. "We provide a hint about Barney's location which changes every Saturday, and then the search begins. The kids (and their parents) have a lot of fun searching and then taking their picture with Barney when they find him."

This activity is every Saturday this season between the hours of 12-4 p.m., through Saturday August 30.

All you have to do on your first day of participation is come to the park store to register. You only have to register once.

On subsequent weekends, just bring in your photo with Barney at his new hiding place for that Saturday. Participants will receive a raffle ticket to fill out each weekend that you find him. Hints for Barney's location will be

online through Instagram and Facebook, or come into the store and ask one of the Benson Park volunteers.

For more information about the Friends of Benson Park, check out our website friendsofbensonpark.org or facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark. Or, if you are in the park on Saturday between the hours of 12 & 4 visit us at the park store.

At right, Volunteer Deb shares a laugh with Barney who is hanging upside down from a tree limb, which he often does.



Rodgers Memorial Library Prepares for Eventful Summer

**PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES**

The June meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees saw its members prepare for the 2025 Summer Reading Program, along with Library Director Linda Pilla, who was excited about what she felt the library had to offer.

"For those who haven't been over to the library and don't know what to do with themselves this summer, grab one of our programs and look for things to do for the summer. We'll have concerts, we'll have crafts, we'll have book clubs, we'll have talks, we'll have all kinds of stuff for adults," explained Pilla, who as-

sured the Trustees that children's programming would be just as ambitious. "We want you guys to have a quality product. We're going to enjoy the summer between all of us, and we'll end it with the grandest, grand party of it all."

That grand party is the 2025 National Night Out, an event the Trustees were confident would move forward without trouble. "At this point, I think that just becomes something that gets done," said Trustee Chair Karen Bohrer, who noted that Director Pilla and her team had been active in planning the event as early as February with limited input from the Board.

"We've got a couple of

new ideas this year," said Pilla. "We're absolutely thrilled to pieces to be able to partner with Hudson PD every year to bring this particular outreach event to the community."

Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd expressed his excitement with the event, noting that it seemed to be growing bigger with each iteration.

"I just personally have to tell you it's a pleasure to come there that night and to see the participation every year," he said. "I just need to come over and have fun, and a few days later we're over at Old Home Day. All of the fun happens within a week."

Hudson's 2025 Nation-

al Night Out is set to happen on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at and outside of Rodgers Memorial Library. Attendance is free, as are attractions like a petting zoo.

Beyond programming, the Friends of the Library non-profit pledged to continue their Second Hand Prose book sales through July and August. It remained unclear what the long-term status of the Friends' monthly book sales would be next fall.

"The book sale will be here at Hills Memorial Library," said Pilla. "The books on these shelves are the books for sale. It makes me so happy to look around the shelves to see the books in them. These books sell at a very good price, and the book sale is going to be on the second Sunday of July. Check the library website, just to make sure. We'd love to see you here. We'd love to see these books off the shelves and into the hands of people who read them."

Second Hand prose events typically occur on the second Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The next meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is set for Aug. 20, at 6 p.m.

OBITUARY

Carole Ann Bennett Blackwell



Carole Ann Bennett Blackwell, 84, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 5, 2025. She was born Oct. 5, 1940, in Springfield, MA, daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth (Moore) Bennett.

Carole was an active member of her community, volunteering her time to help others, including assisting with tax preparation. She took pleasure in being involved with a variety of groups and social circles, where she formed many lasting friendships. Above all, her greatest joy came from spending time with her beloved family.

She is survived by her sister, Nancy Chadbourne; her three children, Janet Dionne and her husband Daniel, Jeff Blackwell, and Amy DiMambro; her five grandchildren: Molly Dionne and her significant other, Jon Costa, Rachel Savoie and her husband Kyle, Laura Dennis and her husband Ryne, Mackenzie Dionne, and Michael DiMambro; and her four great-grandchildren: Quinn and Carter Savoie, and Oliver and Hadley Dennis.

Carole will be forever missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

A time of visitation to celebrate Carole's life was held on Wednesday, July 9 from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A private burial for the family will be held in St. Patrick Cemetery in Hudson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carole's loving memory to the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter at www.nshks.org. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Modern Calligraphy

Come to the Rodgers Library on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m., to learn the popular and playful Modern Calligraphy! Taught by calligrapher, Debby Reelitz.

Music Around the World

Children entering grades 1-5 are invited on a Native American cultural adventure on Wednesday, July 16 at 2 p.m., at Rodgers Library.

LEGO Race Cars

Build a vehicle from LEGO bricks and race it down a track at the Rodgers Library at Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Teen T-Shirt Tote Bags

On Thursday, July 17 at 3

p.m., Teens entering grades 8-12 are invited to make no-sew tote bags with t-shirts at the Rodgers Library.

Wings of Fire Fan Club

On Friday, July 18 at 2 p.m., Fans of the chapter books and graphic novels are welcome to this meeting at Rodgers Library. Please read at least one book before attending.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come play and grab a donut at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Anti-Profanity Leagues

Come to the Rodgers Library on Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m., and join Evan

Christensen, a student researcher from the University of NH, for a lively exploration of how Americans once tried to clean up "colorful" language.

Tween Anime Club

On Tuesday, July 22 at 1:30 p.m., Grades 5-8th are invited to come visit the Rodgers library to watch anime, eat pizza, and color.

Mr. Aaron's Musical Adventure

Come to Rodgers Library on Wednesday, July 23 at 2 p.m., for a thrilling musical adventure with award winning musician Mr. Aaron.

Teen Eco Prints

On Thursday, July 24 at 6 p.m., teens entering grades 8-

12, can use flowers to make Eco Prints on white socks or white T-shirts at the Rodgers Library.

Extreme Survival

Come to the Rodgers Library Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m., where New York Times bestselling author Michael J. Tougias will captivate the audience by chronicling harrowing survival stories.

Button Making

On Friday, July 25 at 2 p.m., use the Rodgers Library's button maker to create your own buttons. All ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafting with Chris

Come to the Rodgers Library on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m., for quilting like you've never done it before. Be prepared to get a little messy and have loads of fun with this painting project.

Cookbook Club

Love to cook and bake? Join the Rodgers Library on Monday, July 28 at 11:30

a.m., to sample and discuss recipes from popular cookbooks and food themes.

Tween Soap Carving

On Tuesday, July 29 at 6 p.m., Grades 5-8 are invited to make soap carving sculptures at the Rodgers Library. Supplies will be provided.

Drumming Circle

On Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m., Students entering grades 5-12 are invited to a deep dive into the sounds and rhythms from across the globe in this interactive drumming experience at the Rodgers Library.

Teen Nintendo Jeopardy

Test your knowledge of Nintendo games during Teen Nintendo Jeopardy at the Rodgers Library on Thursday, July 31 at 3 p.m. Grades 8-12 only.

Bestselling Author Presentation

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Second-Hand Prose Book Sale

Mark your calendar for the July 13 Friends of the Library's monthly Second-Hand Prose book sale at Hills Memorial Library, main floor, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity

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Drop In Stitchers

A group for those who love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, will meet at Rodgers Library on Friday, July 18 and 25 at 9:15 a.m.

Story Safari

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

Break-A-Record

Come to the Rodgers Library during July to try and break a record. On Thursday, July 17 at 11:30 a.m., test your balancing skills and see how many CDs you can balance on your finger before they topple! On Thursday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m., test your throwing skills and see how many times you can flip a plastic bottle in one minute. On Wednesday, July 30 at 11:30 a.m., test your building skills and see how fast you can arrange Mr. Potato Head while blindfolded.

Artist Study

On Monday, July 14, 21, and 28 at 2 p.m., children entering grades 1-5 can join to learn about artists from around the world, then complete a project that reflects the artists' style at the Rodgers Library.

Red, White, and Blue Zentangle Class

On Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a 2-hour class to create some beautiful patterns and bring them to life with watercolors.

Teddy Bear Picnic

On Friday, July 11 at 10 a.m., bring your favorite stuffed friend for a picnic on Rodgers library lawn. Cookies and juice boxes will be served.

Life-Saving Essentials

Learn essential life-saving skills that can make a critical difference in emergencies on Saturday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m., at Rodgers Library. This class will cover topics such as Bleeding, CPR, Shock, and Stroke Care.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This group will meet on Monday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library. This month's book pick is "The Sunset Years of Agnes Sharp" by Leonie Swann.

Tween Fruity "Pebbles"

On Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m., Grades 5-8 are invited to paint on pebbles to replicate fruit at Rodgers Library.

Cemetery Group?

Would you like to assist the Hudson Cemetery Trustees? Interested in helping those with genealogical needs such as finding a relatives grave, cleaning it and sending photos? Then the board would like to hear from you as they are currently seeking to create a new volunteer group to help fulfill requests that do not currently fall under their duties. All interested parties should go to the Hudson Cemetery Trustees Facebook page to send a direct message about their interest.

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Teen Hangout

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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.

Adventurers Storytime

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

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

Teen Smash Bros. Tourney

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