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Martha Smith was presented the Boston Post Cane on Sunday afternoon, July 7, by the Hudson Historical Society President, Dave Alukonis. Smith was born and raised in Hudson and is currently 100-years old.

Photo by Chris Paul

Historical Society Presents Post Cane to Martha Smith

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Historical Society presented Hudson's eldest citizen with the Boston Post Cane during a ceremony held at the Hills House on Sunday, July 7.

Martha Smith, a Hudson resident since her birth on Nov. 30, 1924, was the eleventh recipient of the cane in town. The previous holder of the prestigious award was Doris Widebeck, who passed in April of 2024 at 105 years of age.

Martha Smith has four children, three

of which still reside in Hudson, 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, many of which were at the ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

Dave Alukonis, the Hudson Historical Society President, was the presenter of the cane and gave a brief history of the Boston Post Cane. The cane was first conceptualized back in 1909, by the publisher and owner of the Boston Post, Edwin Grozier, who produced about 700 canes and pre-

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Central Gas Station Plan Gets Approval on 5-2 Vote

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board hoped to wrap up a long presentation for the 77 Central Street gas station and convenience store plan at their June 26 meeting. After extensive input, multiple changes to the original proposal, and extensive debate from the Planning Board, the Central Gas project had been pending before the Planning Board for several months. Project Attorney, Andrew Perlman, was at the meeting to continue the presentation, along with Project Engineer, Paul Chisholm, from Keach-Nordstrom Associates.

"We were here last month, and I believe we were down to a handful of questions," said Perlman. "We respectfully request condi-

tional approval tonight."

With the long wait time, there was pressure to move forward with a final approval or rejection of the plan.

"I hear opinions that the Planning Board should decide on this application tonight because we've been over a lot of things," member, James Crowley, conceded, maintaining a concern that more steps were needed to address his concerns with the project. "It was obvious to me that this proposed project had traffic, location, and environmental issues."

He expressed frustration that the plan was not revised enough in response to earlier concerns, singling out a review of the elevation of the gas station's underground storage tank.

"I don't see a stipulation

for it, I don't see any revised plans either, that's what worries me," said Crowley.

Worried about what he saw as an inadequate traffic plan, Crowley asked for a stipulation requiring a sign on the Central Street driveway exit of the gas station to limit left turns from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"If I'm not mistaken, when we put the Mobil station in, a "No Left Turn" sign was placed there. It has since disappeared and people still make left hand turns, but it's not a unique situation in Hudson for that to occur," said Vice Chair, Jordan Ulery. "But we still have that traffic study that says there are no issues."

Chair, Tim Malley, added that no turn signs

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Town Develops Landfill Policy After Issues with West Road

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen were presented with a proposed policy during its most recent meeting about the rules and procedures for the use of the landfills in town.

"The town is currently dealing with the consequences of unapproved alterations of the West Road capped landfill," Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "While it's unclear of exactly what happened, it clearly appears that there was no written communications between town departments and the

NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)."

He said because of what is taking place right now regarding the landfill, they were looking to create landfill rules and procedures.

"To make sure this doesn't happen again in the future, a procedure is warranted for both of our landfills," Dhima said.

Dhima said moving forward, the requests would go through the engineering and public works departments.

"The Engineering Department, which is the department in charge of the reporting compliance, and enforcement of the landfill obligations, will receive all

future requests and consult with the Department of Public Works, which assists with compliance and maintenance," he wrote in a memo.

Dhima explained that if both departments agree on the proposed activity at the landfill, and the Board of Selectmen also agree "then an official request will be made to the NHDES regarding the proposed activity by town staff."

"If a written approval from the NHDES is received regarding the proposed activity, then the request will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for

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Landfill

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approval of the activity and the agreement between the Town of Hudson and the third party," Dhima wrote.

The policy states that "Town of Hudson owns and is responsible for two landfills located on West Road

and Burns Hill. Both landfills are closed to the public and have restrictions on them."

For the West Road Landfill, the policy states that it is a "capped landfill with a closure permit dated 10/2/1992," and has the following restrictions related to post closure activities:

- The facility shall be

closed in accordance with the closure plans approved by the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division, referenced under Section II of the permit.

- Closure Design of the Hudson landfill was approved by letter dated Sept. 8, 1989, from the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division to the Town of Hudson in accordance with materials referenced in Section II of the permit

- The closed facility shall be maintained in accordance with the plans referenced under Section 11 of the permit.

- Facility Closure shall comply with Parts WM 308, 311 and 312 of the Rules.

- The permittee shall comply with the conditions set forth in the groundwater permit #GWP-8905- 121r1, issued June 20, 1989.

For the Burns Hill Landfill, it states that "This is a landfill with a notice of activity and use restriction dated Nov. 16, 2006, with the following restrictions related to post closure

activities:

- Any activity, including, but not limited to excavation, which is likely to disturb waste materials.

- Use of restricted areas as a residence, schools, day care, nursery, recreational area, such as parks or athletic fields, or any other use at which a child's presence is specifically intended.

- Existing briars and other vegetation shall restrict access to the southern slope. Vehicles' access to the top of the restricted area will continue to be provided by strategically placed boulders.

- Maintain existing cover materials that limit access and exposure to waste material.

The policy also states that the landfills "shall be accessible only by authorized staff, such as Town staff, NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and authorized and approved consultants and contractors by the Town or NHDES."

Under proposed changes in activities the policy explains that if someone, or an organization wants to

make a request for a proposed use "that does not violate any of the listed restrictions, they can do so by filling out the Request for Landfill Activity and submit it to the Hudson Engineering Department for review."

"No proposed activities will be valid, until all four parties, including the Engineering Department, the Public Works Department, NUDES and Board of Selectmen have approved and signed off on the proposed activity and form," the policy states.

As part of the policy, it states "There is no appeal process to the proposed activity at the landfills," which lead to some questions about whether or not there is any option for someone to appeal if NHDES says yes, but town staff says no regarding the use of either landfill.

Dhima explained that the intent of the appeal language is so people can't keep going back to try get the decision reversed, for example, if new members of the Board of Selectmen were elected.

"This should be based on a technical decision," he said about appeals.

Dhima also explained that if a use at one of the landfills isn't recommended by Public Works or the Engineering departments, then he wouldn't recommend they approve it.

One concern raised was in regard to what the process would be for the Board to review it, and or approve it in some capacity.

Dhima said he can explain in a correspondence that a request was submitted but it shouldn't go further than that based on what is allowed there as an allowable use or not.

One change to the policy that the Board of Selectmen agreed on, and will be changed, is to add language stating that there would be correspondence to the Board of Selectmen that a determination was made for use of the property and the reasons for it, for the BOS to review.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the amended version of the policy.

OBITUARY

Jeannine T. Michaud



Jeannine T. Michaud, 92, of Hudson NH, died Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Fairview Rehabilitation Center in Hudson, NH, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Feb. 21, 1932, in Nashua, daughter of the late Alphonse and Maria (Gendron) Gagnon.

Jeannine was the wife of the late Normand Michaud of Hudson, with whom she spent 61 years of marriage. It was a marriage made in Heaven! Jeannine was devoted to her Norm!

Jeannine was employed in her early years at Nashua Corporation and Sprague Electric. She would finish out her working career at the Bank of NH where she retired early at the age of 55. She enjoyed traveling with her Norm, and so loved to bowl and play golf with him and their friends. She was a wonderful mother and caring grandmother.

Survivors include one son, Russell Michaud and two grandchildren, Tyler Michaud of Florida, and Derek Michaud of Arizona.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 11 at 10 a.m., at St. John XXIII Parish, in St John the Evangelist Church, 27 Library St., in Hudson. All may please meet at church and park in the back parking lot. Burial will follow at St Francis Cemetery in Nashua NH. 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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Planning Board Debate Continuance Requests to Clear Schedule

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on June 26 to discuss the continuation of a referral for a Conditional Use Permit for a Street Extension and Site Plan at 36 Campbello Street. While such requests are common, Board member, Victor Oates, expressed concern over the overall number of continuations related to the Campbello plan.

"This is the second or third time the applicant is asking, and I feel that we're blocking other applicants

that might have been able to be here tonight," said Oates, who hoped to push the deferral back to August might open space up to new applicants. "Maybe that mitigates the risk of them asking for another referral, and us losing the chance to hear another applicant that's currently waiting."

Chair, Tim Malley, warned that it was difficult to predict what the Planning Board might have to deal with come August and that he could "not speak for availability" that far in advance. It was unclear if

moving the permit request back would not necessarily open the schedule as intended.

"This Campbello project is still waiting for a ZBA decision," added Board member, James Crowley. "I would give more time depending on what comes out of that for the applicant to make what adjustments they have to."

Members unanimously voted to push the Campbello requests back to their August 28 meeting, after confirming that a 60-day limit to hearing applica-

tions should not apply.

A second referral request came from the Miara Transportation Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan. This project at 12 Bockes Road would include a 9,600 square-foot garage with an attached 3,600 square-foot awning at the rear of the property. While the requested continuance date was July 10, it was unclear whether anyone would have the necessary information to act on the plan by that date.

"I think they're waiting on the Conservation Com-

mission. They were supposed to give us input," said Crowley. "It appears to me that July 10 is really pushing it."

The Chair confirmed that the Conservation Commission was making progress with the garage request and intended to send their recommendation on the garage sometime in early July.

"They just did the site walk," Board member, Tim Lyko, confirmed.

He added that Miara Transportation will also need approval from the Fire

Marshal before moving forward.

"I don't know, here again we may be sitting here with a referral on July 10," said Crowley. "I would say at least two more weeks on top of that, maybe things will be straightened out."

After some debate, the Board unanimously voted to move the Bockes Road hearing to their July 24 meeting.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet again at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

School Board Approve Updated Budget, Bonding Policies

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the June 17 Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board had a final policy reading for a number of different policy updates.

One of the policy updates was in regard to the district's policy on Budget Preparation.

As part of the updated policy, it states that the "Superintendent may establish procedures for the involvement of staff in the development of the budget proposal."

"The School Board will adopt guidelines and a schedule each year for the

timely submission of the budget to the Board, and budget committee," the updated policy states.

Another updated policy reviewed during the meeting by the School Board was in regard to bonded employees.

The updated policy states, "State law requires that the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer or Acting Treasurer be bonded."

"The district will arrange a Public Officials Bond to cover the Treasurer and each Deputy Treasurer, if any, in the amount of \$100,000. It is the practice that any employee who administers student activity

money shall be bonded," the updated policy states.

It also states as part of the updated policy that any employee "who administers funds for the district will be bonded appropriately. The district will arrange a Blanket Position Bond, including a Faithful Performance endorsement, in the amount of \$100,000 on all employees who administer funds for the district."

Additionally, the School Board also had a final reading for an updated policy related to Fiscal Accounting and Reporting.

As part of the updated policy, it states that the "District's accounting sys-

tem will be in conformance with the NH Financial Accounting Handbook published by the State Department of Education. An adequate system of encumbrance accounting will be maintained."

"The School Board shall periodically receive financial reports and statements showing the financial condition of the School District," the updated policy states. "These statements/reports shall contain estimates to project cost for the full year including actual encumbered expenses. The School Board may request a financial statement or report at any time."

The various updated policies presented to the School Board were unanimously approved during the meeting.

The School Board was also presented with a number of 2023-2024 postseason nominations for various stipends.

For the Alvirne High School Girls Outdoor Track and Field Team, coaches, Jeff Peterson and Danielle Vallee, were requesting \$200 stipends for the Division 1 Meet, and MOC Meet.

For the Boys Outdoor Track and Field Team, Coach Tom Daigle submitted a stipend request for

\$200 for the Division 1 Meet, MOC Meet, and New England's while coaches, Phil Demers and Adam Dufaul, submitted a stipend request for \$200 for the Division 1 Meet, and MOC Meet.

Coaches, Cam Debrusk and Conor Gannon, submitted stipend requests for \$100 for the first round of the tournament for the Boys Lacrosse Team, and a \$100 stipend request was submitted for Colin Stone for the first round of the Boys Tennis Tournament.

On a unanimous vote, the School Board approved the various stipend requests.

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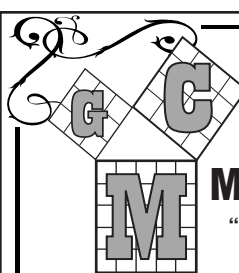
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Editorial

Dangerous Summer Heat

We're in our first extreme heat wave of the summer, with expected temperatures to be in the 90s over the next few days, and then add the humidity well that makes it feel like 100+ degrees. Air conditioners are working overtime coupled with the pain of electric cost, ouch, and those without AC look for shade and cooling stations.

Take proper precautions to protect yourself, your family, the elderly, and pets from the hot weather. These extreme heat conditions could lead to heat exhaustion, or worse, heat stroke. Here are some tips that may help from the American Red Cross:

- Never leave children or pets in your vehicle.
- Stay hydrated and drink plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Slow down, stay indoors.
- Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, or those who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

According to the American Red Cross, excessive heat can lead to:

- Heat Exhaustion; signs are cool, moist, pale, or flushed skin, heavy

sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, and exhaustion, move to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing, and apply cool, wet cloths or towels to their skin.

- Heat Stroke; signs are hot red skin that may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness, vomiting, and high body temperature.

Drink small amounts of cool water and drink slowly. If signs get worse, call 9-1-1.

Let's not forget about our pets, signs of heat stroke in your pet according to www.akcchf.org :

- Heavy panting and unable to calm down, even when lying down.
- Brick red gum color
- Fast pulse rate
- Unable to get up

If you think your pet may have heat stroke, try to cool the animal down with water. Stop cooling the animal when the temperature seems better, then bring your pet to a veterinarian.

In a few months, we'll be talking about how much we miss the summer and how short it was as we get ready for fall and winter.

Summer is the season of fun outdoors and there should be plenty of opportunities for that once these dangerous temperatures subside.

Until then, take the proper precautions to avoid the summer danger zone of extreme heat conditions.



Left, Martha Smith admires the Boston Post Cane she was presented. At right, her son Jonathan tells some stories about Martha's childhood.

Photos by Chris Paul

Post Cane

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sented them to a number of towns in New England and asked that they be given to the town's eldest citizens.

According to Ruth Parker, from her research for the Town Crier, the first cane was presented to Benjamin Merrill in 1909.

After Merrill's passing, it was then presented to Hiram Cummings. The remainder of the recipients she was able to find are listed online in the July 2024 edition of the Hudson Town Crier.

In 1999, the Historical Society took on the responsibility of presenting the

cane to the town's oldest member and since then 11 residents have held the cane.

James Glispin was the first and he held it until he passed in 2005 at the age of 101.

Along with the cane, Smith was also presented with a pin and a plaque for a lifetime membership to the Historical Society.

Hudson Board of Selectman member, Dave Morin, also presented Smith with a proclamation from the town.

After the presentation, her son, Jonathan Smith, shared a few stories about her early life in Hudson, liv-

ing on Central Street, saying that Martha was in charge of all the pasteurization of the milk being produced on the family farm.

He also told those attending that Martha is a great mom, grandmother, and great grandmother, always having time to devote to her family.

Alukonis added that the Smith's original house was taken down sometime ago, the frame was dismantled and reassembled somewhere in Connecticut.

After the ceremony, the society invited attendees to refreshments and photos with the latest Boston Post Cane recipient.

Gas Station

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were "unenforceable by the police department" without adding it specifically to the town code.

"It's a suggestion, probably kind of a feelgood suggestion," said Malley. "Unless the Board of Selectmen changes the town code to make it a legal requirement, it's not enforceable."

The stipulation was eventually rejected in a two-to-five vote. Requests by member, Victor Oates, to reconsider several waiver

proposals from the last presentation, including a driveway waiver and a requirement to monitor benzene levels at the gas station also failed.

"I think I'm done asking the questions, everybody's entrenched, we all know how this is going to go," said Oates, who was audibly frustrated at what he saw as a lack of proper scrutiny by the Planning Board on the Central Gas plan, especially regarding waiver approval. "I just

don't understand what we're doing."

He also worried that without a full study, the gas station would be a risk to the surrounding wetlands and aquifers.

The Planning Board voted five to two in favor of endorsing the Central Gas proposal with over a dozen stipulations, including limits on exterior construction, state approval, hours of operation for the convenience store, an overflow device, and a spill prevention plan. Oates and Crowley opposed the plan.

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Benson Hired as Assistant Contract Extended for Superintendent

In a press release posted to the Hudson School District website on Friday, July 5, the district announced Jessica Benson to be hired as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and they extended the contract of Superintendent Daniel Moulis.

According to the announcement, Benson comes to Hudson after she most recently served as the principal at Lamprey River Elementary School in Raymond after she spent four years in the Windham School District, which included roles as the Direc-

tor of English Language Arts (5-12), Interim Assistant Principal at Golden Brook School, and Director of Curriculum (K-4). She began her career with the Hooksett School District as an ESOL teacher and then held titles as an English Language Arts teacher and Director of Supplemental Services & Literacy with the Derry Cooperative School District.

Benson's educational accolades include a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the State University of New York at Binghamton, a Master of



Jessica Benson

Science in Teaching English as a Foreign Language from Southern New Hampshire University, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from Southern New Hampshire University.

Following his second academic year as superin-



Daniel Moulis

tendent of schools, Moulis' contract was extended unanimously by the School Board through June 2027.

Moulis has held the title of superintendent for seven consecutive years, as he came to Hudson originally after he served in the same

role with the Barrington School District.

"The School Board is committed to improving student academic performance, the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers and staff, collaboration and positive growth for the Hudson School District," said School Board Chair Maureen Dionne. "We are happy to have

Superintendent Moulis' continued leadership in these efforts. Since assuming the position two years ago, he has excelled in his commitment to the students and staff and the Board's

decision reflects our confidence in his ability to lead the district. The School Board looks forward to the implementation of a new strategic plan and believes he is the best person to provide stability and continuous progress toward achieving the district's goals."

"With the hiring of Jessica Benson and the contract extension of Superintendent Moulis, the School Board thinks we have a great leadership team and are in the best position to move the Hudson School District forward into the future," said Dionne.

School Board Approve Updated District Investment Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the June 16 Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board approved an updated policy related to investments.

"The Hudson School Board's investment policy establishes a framework for the safe and prudent investment of public funds," the policy's preface states.

"This policy provides guidance and direction for the district to conduct the daily investing activity in addition to improving consistency, creating, and defining accountability and in ensuring that laws are followed," the preface goes on to state.

Under scope, it states that the policy "applies to all financial assets in the custody of the treasurer of the Hudson, NH School District."

The funds "are accounted for in the School District's annual audited financial reports," the policy states and includes the following:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue Funds
- Capital Project Funds
- Enterprise Funds
- Agency Funds
- Any new funds created

by the School District, unless specifically exempted by the governing body, in accordance with the law.

Furthermore, the investment policy applies to all transactions involving the financial assets and related activity of all the foregoing funds.

Under objectives, the updated policy explains that its objective is to "ensure the preservation of capital and the protection of investment principal; To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements; To satisfy all legal requirements;

To attain market-average rate of return on investments considering risk, legal constraints and cash flow considerations; To assure assets will only be invested in obligations of the US Government, the public deposit

investment pool established pursuant to Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 383:22, deposits or certificates of deposits in solvent banks incorporated under the laws of the State of NH or in banks recognized by the State Treasurer (RSA 6.7)."

For the Delegation of Authority, the policy states that "Investment transactions will be conducted in accordance with chapter 197:23a of the (RSA)."

"No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the internal procedures and controls hereby established," the policy states.

The policy also states that the "investment policy will be conducted in accordance with the 'prudent person' standard."

The standard requires that "Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which per-

sons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived."

"Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict (or appear to conflict) with proper execution of the investment program, or

which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions," the policy states.

The updated policy goes on to state that "Employees and investment officials shall disclose to the School Board any material financial interest in financial institutions that conduct business within this jurisdiction, and they shall further disclose any large personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of this jurisdic-

tion's portfolio."

"Employees and officers shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of this jurisdiction, particularly with regard to the timing of purchases and sales," the updated policy states.

It also noted as part of the policy that it "shall be reviewed periodically by the School Board, or its designee, with changes made as warranted, followed by re-adoption by the governing body."

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School Board Approve Various Nominations For Fall

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During the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board was presented with a number of nomination requests for various coaching positions for the upcoming fall sports season.

At Hudson Memorial School, nominations for coaches included Frank Girginis as girls' soccer coach, with a stipend amount of \$1,600, Kerri Simpson for girls' cross country coach for a stipend amount of \$1,400, and Matthew Simpson for a stipend amount of \$1,400.

The School Board was also presented with a number of requests for team facilitators at Hudson Memorial School.

Those nominations included Erica Mitchell for Team 1, Michel Stilphen for Team 2, Hannah Staib for Team 3, Leanne Phaneuf for Team 4, Carla Griffin for Team 5, and Kimberly Bourassa for Team 6 and for the Unified Arts the nomination was for Michael Seckla.

All of the stipend amounts for these positions are \$2,000.

The School Board also had a number of nomination requests for the Alvirne High School Fall Sports coaches.

For Boys' Varsity Soccer, the nomination was Christien DuBois with a stipend amount of \$3,500, for Girls' Cross Country, the nomination was for Sue Sawyer for a stipend amount of \$3,500 for the upcoming year, for Boys' Cross Country, Phil Demers was nominated for the coaching job with a stipend amount of \$3,500, Scott Rush was nominated for the Varsity Golf position with a stipend amount of \$3,150, Cam DeBrusk was nominated for the

Junior Varsity golf position with a stipend of \$2,205.

Matthew Lee was nominated for the Head Football Coach position with a stipend amount of \$6,700, and Richard Callahan was nominated as Assistant Football Coach with a stipend amount of \$4,800.

Other assistant football coaches nominated included Jason Riley and Dana Boudreau with a stipend amount of \$2,500, and Conor Gannon for a stipend amount of \$2,370.

For the Freshman Football Team, Ryan Andrews was nominated for the Head Coach position with a

stipend amount of \$2,500 with Alex Larson nominated as an assistant coach with a stipend amount of \$2,370, Connor Egan with a stipend amount of \$500, and Craig Freni with a stipend amount of \$1,600.

Jason Lewis was nominated as the Varsity Volleyball Coach with a stipend amount of \$3,500, Jasmine Hamilton was nominated for the Junior Varsity coaching position with a stipend amount of \$2,450, and Rachael Fitton was nominated for the Freshman Volleyball Coach position with a stipend amount of \$2,275.

For the fall cheerleading team, Shyla Francoeur was nominated as the Varsity Coach with a stipend amount of \$2,900, and Jessica Siefert was nominated as the Junior Varsity Coach position with a stipend amount of \$2,030.

Jessica Toomey was nominated as the Unified Soccer Coach position with a stipend amount of \$500.

The various nomination requests were all approved by the School Board during the meeting.

The Hudson School Board is set to meet again on July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Committee Holds First Meetings with Composting Companies

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee met on June 24 to discuss progress made by their composting subcommittee, which had two meetings with companies Renewal Compost and Black Earth. The goal of the subcommittee has been to bring a composting service to Hudson, and each company had a slightly different approach to composting.

"What they would offer basically is to have multiple bins available at a location in Hudson, and then

people would pay in to be able to dump their compostable materials. they will accept way more than a homeowner can do in their own backyard," explained Committee Chair, Deb Putnam. "We ran into issues right away as to where would those bins be placed."

The subcommittee indicated Black Earth might be slightly more flexible.

"When we met with Black Earth and we had two residents sitting on that subcommittee, it was, for me, very informative," added member, Karl Hubar.

"They also have an option where homeowners can work within a personal program, and they have their own two receptacles, they fill it, and they go get them picked up."

However, Huber stated that Black Earth was more established in Massachusetts than NH and wanted to gather more information on both providers.

"What we wanted to see were the samples of those towns that are participating, and also samples of the program for the homeowner," said Huber, emphasizing the impor-

tance of having a composting program available for those who wanted it. "This way we're doing your education. It's a big issue and they could take in more refuse than a homeowner can or we can."

Other suggestions included talking to officials involved in Alvirne High School's gardening program and possibly selling compost as fertilizer. The subcommittee indicated there was still a lot of work to do.

"We're not there yet but

we have a lot of homework just to understand what's going on out there it's a big topic not only for us, but for all surrounding towns," said Hubar. "Maybe there are students who want to do a project, let's see."

Putnam was confident in the potential a composting program could have for the town, but emphasized their need to find a solution that would not negatively impact the tax rate, adding that "only a small percentage of residents" were likely to sign up for a compost-

ing service, at least initially.

"We'll just continue having meetings," she said. "At least 31% of what goes into the trash is food. If we can pull that out of the stream in Hudson, we'd actually end up saving money, because we're not then paying Pinard to take away all this food that can be composted."

The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 22, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



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Campbello Subdivision Plan Struggles to Overcome Frontage Issue

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on June 27 to hear a presentation from Engineer and Land Surveyor, David Jordan, of Greenman-Pedersen, who was representing Sousa Realty and Development with a variance request related to a new private road and ten single-family homes at 36 Campbello Street.

"It is a 4.7-acre piece of property, located between Merrimack St., and Kenyon St. Currently, there is one single-family dwelling on the property that has frontage along the Merrimack River," he explained. "We have 30.37 feet of frontage, where is the town residence district, 90-feet is required."

The lot was originally created by an approved subdivision plan in 1980, which reduced the original Webster Street frontage. The low frontage raised concerns from the Board that the private road would not have enough room to allow emergency vehicles to access some of the new homes more easily.

"Does the Planning Board have a required turning radius for a cul-de-sac and what is it?" Vice Chair, Norm Martin. "I want to make sure that the public health, safety, and welfare is protected here."

The Vice-Chair was informed that the turning radius had to be wide

enough for a fire engine to turn around, and Selectman Liaison, Dillon Dumont, assured the Board that the matter "would get handled through the Fire Department," not the ZBA.

However, several Hudson residents worried about safety issues that could arise from the project.

"We have a shallow well in our basement amongst other neighbors abutting this field, what about our public safety concerns? Who's going to be responsible when we have issues with our well water?" Ryan McMurray of 8 Kenyon Street wondered. "We already have PFAS contamination in our area!"

Jordan confirmed that all ten houses would use the town water system, not groundwater wells.

"The project will be designed to meet all current Hudson stormwater requirements, it'll meet all current State of NH stormwater design standards," he said.

Chair, Gary Daddario, also reminded residents that the Zoning Board was solely concerned with the frontage issue.

"The only issue I have is density of the neighborhood. If 90 feet is required of the other lots, then I don't feel 30 feet is the best decision to circumvent those rules," said Richard Suter of 12 Campbello St.

Ed Welsh of 38 Campbello Street reflected the density concern, worrying

ten new homes would make the area too crowded.

"We have grandchildren running around there. We're going to add ten new families coming in, it's going to be almost like a highway," he worried. "Part of the rules for the Zoning Board is to consider how does it fit with the rest of the community. Everyone in that area has at least 90 feet of frontage, now we're going to have something that's smaller."

For the ZBA, the issue of whether enforcing the frontage setback created an "unnecessary hardship" proved to be one of the biggest sticking points for approval.

"As I look at the plan, I see an existing, two-story single home. What is the hardship on the property besides frontage?" asked Martin. "In my opinion, the hardship exists because you want to put these ten homes

here."

He noted that the ZBA has denied similar plans with similar frontage issues in the past.

Jordan responded by saying the Campbello St. site is a much larger property compared to those around it, even as every other property also has a single home.

"In accordance with the zoning ordinance, this property could enjoy the benefits of having many units on her. The problem is the frontage," said Jordan. "The owner, yes, they have enjoyed the use of this property as-is for many years. However, that was with the expectation that this was an investment, they always had a large property here, they always knew it would get developed."

Other Board members, like Tristan Dion, believed there was a "sense of hardship," since the frontage

issue was preexisting compared to when the current property owner bought the land.

Ultimately, the Zoning Board narrowly voted three-to-two against granting the requested variance.

OBITUARY

Pamphile Turcotte



Pamphile Turcotte, 84, peacefully passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on July 2, 2024. He was the beloved husband of Louise (Nadeau) Turcotte, to whom he was married for 63 beautiful years. One of six siblings, he was the fourth son of the late Trefflé Turcotte and Eva Rose Fortin.

Pamphile, more commonly known as Phil or Grand Papa to his many grandchildren, was born and raised in St. Éphrem, Québec, Canada. He grew up on a dairy farm, attended a one-room schoolhouse, and enjoyed playing ice hockey in his youth. He met his beloved wife, Louise, in their late teens at a wedding anniversary party, a moment that Louise recalls to be "love at first sight," and the couple was married on July 3, 1961. After Pamphile spent a few years working in Montréal, Ontario, and Maine, the newlyweds immigrated to the US in June of 1963 and were residents of Nashua and then Hudson, NH, where they have lived ever since. Pamphile worked in the drywall industry amidst the Boston construction surge. His passion for construction and his skill as a quintessential handyman was passed on to impact the livelihoods and the careers of his children.

Phil and Louise were part of a vibrant French-Canadian community within the Nashua-Hudson area and raised their three children in Hudson. Phil was an enthusiastic outdoorsman. In the winter, he enjoyed ice skating and snowmobiling, and in the summers, he enjoyed the lake, boating, water skiing, camping, and the beach. While establishing his new life in the US, his family enjoyed frequent trips to Canada to visit extended family.

In 1980, Phil and Louise embarked on their first big adventure—a cross-country road trip from Québec to British Columbia. This sparked a lifelong love of travel and exploring the world, a passion that Phil and Louise carried with them throughout their entire marriage. Together, the couple has traveled to Europe and the Caribbean, as well as to Russia, Egypt, Israel, China, Central and South America, and many other places. Of all of their travels, their favorite trip was a tour of US national parks.

In retirement, which started at the young age of 58, Phil enjoyed traveling to Florida to replace the brisk New England winters with sunshine. As snowbirds, Phil and Louise became skilled players of pétanque, shuffleboard, and golf. Phil also served on the board of their condo association.

At the peak of his retirement, Phil enjoyed spending quality time with his immediate and extended family. A great example of this was his 80th birthday celebration—a surprise party in Canada organized by his children, memories of which are fondly cherished. He was known to his grandchildren as man who worked hard and played harder. It is evident that he lived life fully, embraced 'joie de vivre,' love, and laughter with everyone he met. Phil's life tale included his adventures, his love of new experiences, and his love for his wife and family. He was an avid collector of tools, and he loved a good tease. His smile was unforgettable. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife Louise, Phil is survived by his son, Claude Turcotte and his wife Terri Turcotte of Hudson, NH; his daughter, Joanne (Turcotte) Kenyon and her husband Peter Kenyon of Chelmsford, MA; his daughter-in-law, Annmarie Pintal Turcotte of Amherst, NH; and several siblings, grandchildren, and extended family members.

Phil was predeceased by his brother Paul Turcotte, his son Marcel Turcotte, and his granddaughter Lauren Kenyon.

Family and friends are welcome to pay their respects at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH on Friday, July 12 from 4 - 7 p.m. A Prayer Service will take place on Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m., in the funeral home. Guests may arrive starting at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donation be made in Phil's loving memory to Home Health & Hospice Care at www.hhhc.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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Kids Get To Touch a Truck on Saturday at Alvirne High



Residents that were willing to deal with the heat took advantage of a Touch-a-Truck event in the parking lot of Alvirne High School on Saturday, July 7. Dozens of trucks were brought in by the sponsor, Hudson Grand Rental Station, for this free community event. They had police and fire vehicles, a retired military truck, large cranes were set up and a number of food trucks available.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Hudson Cal Ripken Teams in State Tournament

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

As the Fourth of July passes and the weather heats up, so goes the Cal Ripken World Series path that is nearing its halfway point for many age groups. For the 9U and 11U age bracket, the tournaments have come to a close with Hudson finishing eighth in 9U States and fourth in 11U States with 9U going 0-3 in the tournament and missing the bracket portion of the tournament, and 11U going 3-1 and losing a tough battle against Londonderry in the semifinals 2-0. For the 8U age group, Hudson finished as the eighth seed in Pool Play and will play Great Bay in the first round of the

bracket portion of the tournament. Hudson 10U did not make the State Tournament and Hudson was unable to field a 12U team.

For 11U, it was a perfect Pool Play run against Milford (6-1), Quintown (10-9), and Londonderry (12-6) that saw the 11U HitDawgs get a first-round bye after winning Pool B outright. After Londonderry upset Pool A's second-seeded Hollis-Brookline, they earned themselves a rematch with Hudson on Sunday and defeated the HitDawgs 2-0 despite Hudson having multiple bases-loaded opportunities with nobody out and being unable to score a run. Quintown managed to upset

Nashua in the semifinals to play against the host Londonderry and managed to beat the hosts winning the 11U State Tournament.

At the 9U level, Hudson was unable to make it out of the Pool Play portion of the bracket as they went 0-3, losing to Roger Allen (10-6), Quintown (13-0), and Swanzy (12-0) in their pool. Barrington, also 0-3, finished seventh thanks to two fewer runs allowed.

In the bracket portion of the tourney, Pool A's second-seeded Swanzy took a beating to Pool B's third-seeded Londonderry, beating them 14-4 in four innings on Friday evening and Pool B's second-seeded Keene beat up on Pool A's

third-seeded Roger Allen 15-0 in three innings on Saturday setting up a semifinal slate of Swanzy vs Exeter and Keene vs Quintown.

In Sunday's first semifinal game, Swanzy exploded for five runs in the third inning and then added two in the fourth, three in the fifth, and one more in the sixth to stun Exeter 11-2 and clinch a spot in the 9U State Championship Game.

The second semifinal game on Sunday might have been the single-best game of the tournament as Keene and Quintown battled for their spot in Monday's State Championship. Quintown started Jacob

Labell on the mound on Sunday against Porter Stromgren for Keene, and the pitchers battled the game out until Stromgren was pulled after two innings saw him reach the 40-pitch mark with Keene's manager looking to make sure his pitchers were ready in the event of a championship game appearance. Clayton Nowak replaced Stromgren and was excellent in his two innings of work on 40 pitches as well. Quintown was able to put up two in the first off of Stromgren and one in the fourth off Nowak, but Keene kept themselves in the game scoring a run in the third and one in the fifth off

Quintown starter Jacob Labell, who put on a gutsy performance, striking out 11 in five innings of work while only allowing the two runs, neither of which were earned, one hit, and walking four batters while keeping his pitch count at just 77, signaling the automatic end of his night as the 9U max is 75 given that the pitcher can finish the batter. Keene was able to pull within a run in the top of the sixth off reliever Trevor Homiak, but Homiak was able to slam the door on the Keene Fireballs, beating them 4-3 and advancing to the title game to play against Swanzy.

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Post 48 Prep Team Rolls to Sweep Week, Advances to 8-2

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

After a well-earned week off, Hudson's Legion Prep team was back in action last week taking on Rochester, Salem Gold, and Dover and picking up three crucial wins to advance to 8-2 and lower their magic number to clinch a spot in the tournament to just six with three weeks to play. They did so thanks to a 6-5 extra-inning victory over Rochester on Monday which they immediately followed with a 7-0 thrashing of Salem Gold on Tuesday and an 8-1 rain-shortened victory over Dover on Friday.

On Monday, Hudson got a crack at the first team that managed to beat them this year as they wrapped up their season series against Rochester coming off the June 19 split in Rochester. Hudson jumped out to an

early 1-0 lead thanks to a PJ Millette RBI single that scored Cam St. Clair for the first Hudson run of the ballgame. Rochester responded with a run in each of the second and third innings to take a 2-1 lead with their first run coming off of an error by usually sure-handed second baseman Kyler Cox and the second coming on an error by Orion Goulet in right field.

Hudson would respond with a run in the home half of the fourth to tie the game at 2-2 on an Adam Griebel RBI single to left that scored Memphis Beach. The game wouldn't remain tied for long, however, as Rochester immediately responded with three more runs in the fifth that ultimately spelled the end of the night for starter Jasper Workman who gutted his way through five innings

allowing five runs, but just one earned on four hits while striking out four on just 76 pitches.

In the bottom of the fifth, Hudson got one of the three runs back when Jasper Workman singled home a run that was aided by an error by the Rochester left fielder to make it 5-3 in favor of the visitors. Hudson then tied the game in the bottom of the sixth when Jackson Quinn singled home Cole Baker and TJ Dembrowski drove home the tying run on a sacrifice fly to right to make it 5-5. Neither team would score in the seventh despite Rochester having runners on first and second with only one out against Memphis Beach, who came on in relief and eventually picked up the win. After a non-conventional 1-2-3 top of the eighth inning that

included a runner reaching on an error and then being caught stealing second base, Hudson had a chance to win the ballgame in their half of the eighth. With runners on first and second with two outs, Hudson manager Chris Olsen opted to push the envelope, and, with a speedy runner in Kyler Cox on second, he sent both runners on a double steal that led the Rochester catcher to sail the throw into left field, allowing Cox to sprint home and score the winning run, giving Hudson the 6-5 win in extras.

On Tuesday, Hudson followed up their extra-inning win with a much calmer 7-0 shutout victory in what was the first of two no-hitters Hudson threw this week and their second of the year. PJ Millette nearly finished off Salem Gold in a no-no of his own, but he reached the 100-pitch mark with two outs in the seventh after striking

out 11 and walking five without allowing a run or a hit. Cam St. Clair came in to finish out the ballgame on just four pitches, retiring the only batter he faced on a ground out back to himself.

Offensively, it was a team effort that allowed Hudson to put seven runs on the board thanks to just four hits and seven walks. Hudson was also aided by five Salem errors on the night.

On Friday, Hudson played host to a Dover squad that came into the ballgame limping at 3-8 on the season. With the help of Mother Nature, Hudson quickly disposed of the future Green Wave 8-1 in their second straight no-hitter, this one of the weather-shortened variety.

After Hudson fell behind 1-0 in the top of the second on a walk, a two-base error by Cam St. Clair who was looking to double off the runner on a lineout, and a wild pitch, St. Clair was able to settle down

nicely and retire the next nine batters he faced with the walk being the lone blemish on his stat line. St. Clair also went 2-3 with a single and a triple while driving in three runs for his squad. PJ Millette (2), Holden Olsen, Jasper Workman, and Kyle Cox also had RBI on the night.

This week, Hudson will take on Salem Gold again on Tuesday and travel to Portsmouth for a double-header on Thursday at Leary Field in Portsmouth. With a win or a Dover loss at any point this week, Hudson will guarantee themselves to have a better record than Dover this season Hudson could also knock out Londonderry and/or Salem Navy from contention of the District's top spot with some help. Hudson could also move their magic number to earn a playoff bid down to just one if they continue to play like they did last week and get some help.

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The Cemetery Trustees

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Flooding Leads to Restoration Work for Alvirne Chapel

ELAINE BRODY
SUBMISSION

The Alvirne Chapel on Derry Road was built in 1909 by Dr. Alfred K. Hills as a memorial to his late wife Virginia. It has been in constant use over these 115 years for religious services, weddings, and funerals, school tours, and other events.

Following serious flooding in the basement of the Chapel this spring, The

Alvirne Trustees, responsible for maintaining the Chapel and its grounds, are embarking on a project over the next year or two to make much needed repairs to the building. This includes but is not limited to assessing the slate roof, repointing the granite on the outside of the building, removing plantings that are impinging on the foundation, regrouting around stained glass windows,

installing a drainage system to keep the foundation stable, and more.

While the chapel will continue to be available for events throughout these restorations, there will be changes. For the foreseeable future, the basement level where the bathrooms are located will be closed to the public. The large, and beautiful, Japanese Maple tree near the side entrance will be removed

to protect the roof and the foundation. Other planting beds will be changed to expose more of the foundation as well.

These restorative changes will help keep the Alvirne Chapel as an important and vibrant symbol of the legacy of the Hills Family in Hudson. When the project is complete, the Trustees look forward to having an open house for the community.



Barney the Gnome Gets Sighted at Benson Park Again

BILL ZINK
SUBMISSION

The Friends of Benson Park are pleased to report that Barney the Gnome has returned to Benson Park for his third 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, 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 or Sunday from 12 p.m. to 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 in the park (it changes every weekend) 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 on Satur-

days and Sundays from 12-4 p.m., through Sunday August 25th. 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 hiding place for that weekend. Participants will receive a raf-

fle 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 our volunteers.

For more about the Friends of Benson Park, go to their website, friends-of-bensonpark.org.



Volunteer Deb shares a laugh with Barney who is hanging upside down. *Courtesy photo*

Cal Ripken

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onship Game, it was Quintown that emerged victorious with a 7-4 win under the lights at Greeley Field. Quintown gave the ball to Jayce Senter to start things out against Everett Elliott for Swanzy. Both pitchers went the first three innings of the ballgame with Elliott allowing seven runs, four earned, on six hits while striking out four and walking one. Elliott also hit two

batters in his outing while Senter allowed four runs, none earned, on one hit, striking out six and walking three. Swanzy held two leads in the ballgame, 1-0 and 4-1 before Quintown put up a crooked number and a six spot in the third with Mason Richardi driving home the go-ahead run with his single to right field where Quin Aiken made a costly error that allowed two runs to score. An error by shortstop Tallon MacPhail allowed Richardi

to score just two pitches later.

Both bullpen arms, Mason Richardi for Quintown and Ethan Moreau for Swanzy, respectively, were excellent in relief of their starters with neither allowing a run, Richardi striking out six batters and walking just one while scattering two hits, and Moreau allowing just two hits as well, while striking out three and not walking a batter.

At the 8U level, the

tournament has just reached its bracket portion as the 12 teams wrapped up Pool Play on Monday. Hudson finished 1-1 in pool play after beating Windham (9-7) and losing to Barrington (18-7), earning themselves the eighth seed in the bracket and drawing Great Bay (Epping), 0-2 in Pool B, in the first round of the tournament, with the winner playing on Friday at 3 pm against top-seeded Exeter in the quarterfinals.

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Hudson Native Takes Lead in Legally Blonde Musical

From the company that brought you Mamma Mia! and Newsies, get ready for Ovation Theatre Company's latest summer blockbuster, Legally Blonde, at the Derry Opera House starting Thursday, July 18, through Saturday, July 20.

Legally Blonde is very closely adapted from the wildly popular movie. Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside

down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Hudson's Sami Weis is excited about taking on the role of Elle Woods, even dying her hair blonde. "I have always looked up to Elle, as a character, since watching the movie when I was a kid. I always try to see the best in people, just like Elle. The fact that, no matter what life throws at her, she leads with kindness is really something that I try to live my life based off of. Weis also gets to act alongside the iconic Bruiser, portrayed by Katy, a Yorkshire Terrier from Derry. "Oh my God, it is already so much fun! We've already had a few rehearsals and it makes my job so easy because, since I was little, I've loved dogs and it makes it very easy to feel like Elle when I'm holding the tiny little puppy in my hand. She is the best!"

Elle's biggest supporters throughout the show are her trio of Delta Nu friends, one of which is played by Chloe Ferraro of Londonderry, as Serena. "They definitely expand a lot on the Delta Nus in the musical, as opposed to the movie. In

the musical, they act as a 'Greek chorus' and Elle's cheerleaders throughout the show. They're always there for her, and so it's a really fun like girl-power role to play. Regarding the challenge of playing that 'Greek chorus' role, Ferraro notes "It's definitely different. It is like you're playing two different characters. Both of your characters have the same essence, but one of them is a larger-than-life kind of thing."

Jillian Mastroberte plays the role of Kate and also serves as a dance captain for the show. She describes the choreography as "very upbeat, very fun. It's all about confidence, because lots of people doubt Elle and her abilities to get into Harvard, but she has her Delta Nu best friends to always hype her up and I think that that energy not only is prevalent in those dances, but in all of the different ensemble and different characters' numbers as well."

Legally Blonde features spectacular dancing and powerful singing, with a cast of predominantly adult actors drawn from all over southern New Hampshire. This production is led by veteran creative team Director Meg Gore, Music Director Sarah Herron, Dance and Fight Choreographer Katy Gore and Stage Man-



Samantha Weis, left, plays the lead character, Elle Woods, with Jonathan Kaplan and Erin Fehlau who play her parents.
Photos by Chris Paul

ager Avenley Allen. The cast includes Chloe Ferraro, Katy Gore, Joseph Smith, Malia Smith, Krystal Timinski and Randy Williams of Londonderry; Ella Burroughs and Jonathan Uber of Hampstead; Suzy Denu, Nick Ford, Kaylee Gifford, Alycia Leriche, Lorelei Stahl and Jenna Sullivan of Derry; Debrah Hernandez of Chester; Kevin Battistelli, Greer Danzey and Adbu Nessralla of Auburn, Allison Bialias, Erin Fehlau, Jonathan Kaplan, Ryan Kaplan, Jillian Mastroberte and Finn Roach of Windham, Samantha Rapaport of

Salem, Lucas Ross of Plaistow, Samantha Weis of Hudson, Janet Sesay of Manchester, Shane Gillis of Nashua, Camille Bishop, Dara Brown and Lauren Craven of Bedford, Kaitlyn Beauchemin of Goffstown and Dana Gastich-French of Exeter.

Legally Blonde will be presented on Thursday, July 18, Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, with all shows at 7:00 pm, at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry, NH). Tickets are \$20 through July 12 and \$25 beginning July 13 and are on sale at ovationtc.com.



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Fun Run Series

After a few years off post COVID the Hudson Kids Summer Fun Run Series is back on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. at Alvirne High School this summer with opening night July 17. The weekly series is for kids age 2 to any age as an adult. Each race is age appropriate for distance with the 13+ age group ending the night racing a 1 mile cross country fun race on the Alvirne High School grounds. The family fun run

Series is free with ribbons for finishers, watermelon station, hydration station, and T-shirts to the 1st 100 registrants. Please join the facebook page to follow weekly updates - Hudson Kids Summer Fun Run Series.

Car Show

The Aviation Museum's annual Classic Car Show takes place on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date is Saturday, July 20.) Vehicles of all makes and

eras are welcome, including odd or unusual conveyances. Admission/registration is \$10 per vehicle entry plus occupants, cash only. To facilitate orderly set-up, owners are asked to arrive between 9 - 10 a.m. at the grounds of the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. Admission to the grounds for spectators is \$5 per adult; children 12 and under free. Admission is cash only. Only show cars will be allowed on museum grounds; spectators

and visitors are asked to park on local streets outside the museum and walk to the car show. The event will have food trucks. Portable toilets will be available during the show. The Aviation Museum will be open to visitors with admission included with car show admission. Businesses or dealers wishing to attend as vendors at the car show should call Leah Dearborn at (603) 669-4877 to reserve space. A limited number of vending spaces is available. For more information about the Car Show or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviation-museumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

Lions Club Blood Drive

Join the Hudson Lions Club Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 18, at The

White Birch Function Hall, 222 Central St., Hudson, from Noon - 5 p.m.

Brunch Bunch

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

Story Safari at Benson's

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., except July 23, Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles. Meet up near the playground. Bring blankets and chairs.

Crime & Cookies!

True Crime Podcast Club at the Rogers Library will meet on Wednesday, July 17,

at 7 p.m. This month we'll listen to "Scamada," the true story of a woman whose own words held the key to her secret.

Library Concert

On Friday, July 26, at 6 p.m., Rogers Library will host a concert featuring the Beatles tribute band 4Ever-Fab.

Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rogers library lawn.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come and grab a donut, at the Rogers Library on Saturday, July 20, at 9:30 a.m.

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On Tuesday, July 16, at 1:30 p.m., join Rogers Library for the third Tuesday of every month for an in-depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and non-fiction books including biographies. This month's book is "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles.

Tween Anime and Ramen

On Thursday, July 11 at 2 p.m., relax, color, and snack at the Rogers Library while watching anime and talking about favorite manga and animated series. For students entering grades 5-8.

Medicare and Managed Care

On Friday, July 12, at 1 p.m., please join the Rogers Library for an information session given by Cheryl Field on understanding the differences of Medicare and Managed Care with a question and answer session at the end.

Genealogy Club

On Friday, July 12, at 1:30 p.m., join Rogers Library circulation librarian Dana Benner for a short presentation and discussion on researching Native American people and culture.

Yoga Storytime

On Friday, July 12, at 10 a.m., bring a towel or yoga mat to the Rogers Library for stories and yoga with Ms. Lauren Young. For families with children ages 4-9.

Trauma Medicine Class

In this important and informative class John Watkins will cover topics such as scene safety, conversing with 911, patient assessment, and the 3 Killers - Bleeding, Breathing and Shock. It will be held on Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m., at Rogers Library.

Teddy Bear Picnic

On Monday, July 15, at 10 a.m., bring your favorite stuffed friend for a picnic on the Rogers library lawn.

Lemonade and cookies will be served. Please bring your own picnic blanket and chairs.

Library Concert

On Friday, July 12, at 6 p.m., Rogers Library will host a concert for the band Hungrytown, a true artistic hybrid, able to hold Celtic and Americana, ballads and psychedelia, sunshine and darkness, joy and despair.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m., come the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams. Not a formal class, but people willing to help.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

You know you love it - murder, mystery and mayhem all in one place. This month's book pick is "Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake" by Sarah Graves, will be held on Monday, July 15, at 1 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

Senior Sports

On Wednesday, July 31, at 1 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for an exhilarating afternoon of friendly competition at our 55+ indoor sports event.

Family Obstacle Course

On Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m., drop in at the Rogers Library and try an obstacle course for the whole family.

Book Donation

The Hudson Friends of the Library will hold monthly book donation days July 18 and Aug. 15 at Rodgers Memorial Library, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Donation days are always on the Thursday following Second-Hand Prose Day. Current fiction, non-fiction and children's books in good to excellent condition are gladly accepted. Books may be dropped off at the Rodgers Memorial Library outside donation bins.

Characters & Cocoa

This is a monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshoping. Hot chocolate will be served. It will be held on Thursday, July 18, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

Pokemon Party

Drop in for Pokemon activities at the Rogers Library on Monday, July 22, at 1:30 p.m.

Storytime On the Lawn

On Tuesday, July 23, at 10 a.m., meet on the Rogers library lawn for stories, songs, and bubbles. Bring blankets and chairs.

Button-Making & Pizza

Eat pizza and make your own buttons at the Rogers Library. For teens entering grades 8-12 only on Tuesday, July 23, at 3 p.m. For teens entering grades 8-12 only on Thursday, July 25 at 6 p.m.

Wildlife Encounters

On Tuesday, July 16, at 6 p.m., enjoy learning about seven live animals at this junior zookeeper encounter at the Rogers Library. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for this outdoor event.

"Name That Tune"

Test your musical knowledge as John Watkins, our skilled host, guides us through an engaging journey of melodies at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, July 24, at 1 p.m.

Flower Pot Painting

Paint a flower pot then plant some flowers at the Rogers Library. For tweens entering grades 5-8 only on Wednesday, July 17, at 3 p.m. For teens entering grades 8-12 only on Thursday, July 18, at 6 p.m.

Musical Adventure

A thrilling musical adventure with award winning musician Mr. Aaron will be held at Rogers Library on

Wednesday, July 24, at 2 p.m.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park on the third Saturday of each month to make the beautiful park even more beautiful! Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. Great people. Great fun. Great exercise. Lunch provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

Field of Flags

The annual Field of Flags at Library Park is set up. The Flags will remain up until just after Flag Day. Thanks to the Town of Hudson for their continued support and Alvirne High School AFJROTC Cadets for their assistance in setting up. The Field has grown to almost 200 flags this year. Over the next few days weather permitting you will see our members adding more lights to cover the flags, and inspecting them daily over the next month.

A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodger Library to Share tips, tricks, and stories while you work on your latest project and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts. Bring your own supplies and stitch the evening away.

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

Book Sale

Mark your calendar for the July 14 Friends of the Library's monthly Second-Hand Prose book sale at Hills Memorial Library, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. A wonderful opportunity to get your sum-

mer reading supply. Book purchases support library programs, such as summer reading program prizes, museum passes and scholarships for graduating Hudson seniors. New books arrive each month, so plan for the Aug. 11 sale as well. Remember - the second Sunday of each month is Second-Hand Prose Day.

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.

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

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Teen Hangout

On Tuesdays in July at 2:30 p.m., the Rodgers Memorial Library will have a Teens only time for snacking, playing board games and video games, doing crafts after school, and just hanging out. Ages 13-18 only.

Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

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