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Bags were flying from 24 teams as the second annual Donna Briggs Foundation Cornhole Tournament got off to a hot start on Saturday, July 13, at the Hudson VFW Post 579. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Donna Briggs Foundation Holds Second Annual Tourney

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Members of the Donna Briggs Foundation held their second annual Cornhole Tournament and Auction on Saturday, July 13, at the Hudson VFW Post 5791.

Briggs, of Derry, who was a retired police Sgt. with 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.

According to The Donna Briggs

Foundation President, Eden Gallant, who spoke briefly before the tournament began, the group raised over \$10,000 from sponsors this year before the tourney even began.

The money raised is earmarked for Camp Resilience, a camp for military veterans, first responders, and their families.

Along with the tournament registration, additional money was raised through Silent Auction items and Raffle Baskets.

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Board of Selectmen Approve Hiring of New Town Clerk

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the July 9 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regard to a resignation from one of the town's commission members.

"Attached please find correspondence from Bill Collins, Chairman of the Conservation Commission," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia. "After receiving an email from recently appointed Alternate member, Mike Catanzaro, indicating that he will not be able to serve due to some family issues, Chairman Collins is requesting that the Board of Selectmen accept Mr. Catanzaro's resignation as an Alternate member of the Conservation Commission."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the

resignation.

Another agenda item was in regard to the appointment of Susan Clement, who was looking to fill one of two open member positions for the Benson Park Committee. It was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to approve Clement to the role, with her term set to expire in April 2027.

The Board of Selectmen also held an interview for Christopher Cameron, who was a nominee for the Conservation Commission. He is seeking an alternate member position for the Commission with a term set to expire in December 2025.

Like with all other nominations for boards and commissions, Cameron was interviewed by the Board of Selectmen during the meet-

ing, and a decision is expected to be made at the next meeting.

Also a number of personnel items were voted on and approved, during the June 25 nonpublic session, were announced.

One included approving a remote work request for Inspectional Services Aide, Paula Orendorf, while she is on a FMLA approved leave.

Another vote was to award Attorney, Nicole Clay, Lieutenant, Patrick Broderick, and Animal Control Supervisor, Jana McMillan, with a merit award of \$333 each, which was recommended by Police Chief, Tad Dione.

The final vote was to hire Michelle Brewster as the Town Clerk, with a Step

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Selectmen OK Moving Voting Location For 2024 Elections

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved changing the voting location for both the September state primary election, and November 2024 Presidential Electors Ward 1 voters to Hudson Memorial School during its most recent meeting.

"I come before you tonight to request a change of voting location for Ward 1 for the September and November election," Hudson Town Moderator, Alana Stangroom, told the Board of Selectmen.

She explained that the Community Center, which

they have used in the past, doesn't have sufficient parking to handle what is expected to be a large turnout, particularly for the Presidential Election.

Stangroom also noted that the feedback they received from the police department's after-action report, and from voters, during the January election, confirms their concerns.

"Hudson Memorial would provide better parking options," she said.

It was also explained by Stangroom that they were looking to use the September primary election more as a test run for the new location.

"We would treat the September election as a test run for the larger November election," she wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman, Kara Roy, asked why they wouldn't just move it there permanently, saying it can get confusing for people if their voter location changes from election to election.

Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, said they should have both of this year's elections there, and then look at the issue again sometime after the November election.

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Developers Look to Renovate Great Eagle Motel Site

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The June 27 meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a case from Survey Project Manager, Dan Barowski, of Fieldstone Land Consultants for a variance on behalf of the owner of 2 Sullivan Road. The .86-acre plot is home to the Great Eagle Motel.

“We are before you tonight to change the use from motel to multifamily housing, which is a similar

use which is currently permitted only in the business district,” said Barowski.

One immediate issue came from notes in the initial staff report, where Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, noted that eight parking spaces for the motel seemed to be in a state right of way. Dhima wanted to know how this right of way might clash with the conversion plan.

“If we were required to remove that parking, I think there’d be enough room out

back behind the building to put in more parking,” explained Barowski, who did not think the right of way would be a significant issue. “When the right of way got changed, the motel already existed at that time.”

He argued that long-term rentals would be a better use for the property.

“It’s currently sitting as a motel; how many units or rooms does it have?” asked alternate Board member, Tristan Dion.

According to Axis Realty Group Manager, Kyle Segal, the motel has 12 rooms with a “really large apartment” on the top floor that will be split into two separate apartments, 14 rooms following redevelopment.

Axis recently redeveloped the Milford Motel for a similar multi-unit conversion.

“We go in, we inject a lot of equity into the property, and make it a lot nicer of a place to live in,” said Segal, who described the existing Great Eagle Motel

building as being in a somewhat rundown condition.

The conversation plan also includes a small addition on the back for additional space.

“How much traffic do you get there today?” asked Board member, Dean Sakati.

He was informed traffic was “not heavy” and was unlikely to change with the redevelopment. There are no planned changes to the layout of the parking lot. Nobody expected the small units to include families.

“We’re not interested in

having big groups of people there,” said Segal.

Despite the assurances, Melissa Johnson and Aaron Locke of 8 Sullivan Road emailed the Zoning Board to express their opposition to the plan, worrying that adding new housing would make it harder to get on and off Route 11.

Without much debate, the ZBA unanimously voted to grant the variance.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is set for Thursday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton room of Town Hall.

Town Clerk

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1 pay of \$54,921.00.

During the consent agenda portion of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen also approved a \$100 donation to the Benson Park Committee.

“At the Next Board of Selectmen Meeting on July 9th, I request that the BOS accept an unsolicited direct-

ed donation of \$100 from Rita Clark of American Legion Post 48 Auxiliary. The \$100 check donation is directed in that it is specifically for materials to rehabilitate the Old Lady Shoe in Benson Park,” Benson Park Committee Chair, John “Jack” Madden, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

He continued by stating, “I understand from our discussion that the \$100 will be deposited in a Benson Park Committee “Donation” account, so that when we file for reimbursement of materials used for the Shoe repairs, the reimbursement will come from the Donation Account.”

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for July 23 at 7 p.m.

Voting Location

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Stangroom that it is expected that there would be less services used by public works and the police department, if they were to go with the Hudson Memorial School location.

Gasdia agreed saying if they can do it in an organized way then “there’s plen-

ty of parking.” It was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to change the election locations to Hudson Memorial School for Ward 1 voters in the September and November elections.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for July 23 at 7 p.m.

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Stormwater Runoff a Concern for Subaru Expansion Proposal

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The July 8 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission opened with a proposal to expand the Hudson Subaru dealership at 6 Executive Drive. Doug MacGuire from the Dubai Group was at the meeting to give a presentation on the conditional use permit needed to make that expansion happen.

“We had several meetings on this project previously, related to a wetland impact related to a car storage expansion,” explained MacGuire. “We had done a site walk out there and took a look at the existing wetland system and I think it

was pretty unanimously agreed upon that it was a manmade wetland caused by drainage runoff from Lowell Road.”

He added that several invasive species were found in the area, indicating the expansion would not have a significant impact, and the expansion would provide a “continuity” to the existing site. The proposal also includes a wet pond treatment system to account for a shallow water table in the area.

“This parking area is intended for car storage, new car storage,” said MacGuire. “It’s not going to see the same level of contaminates that you would

see in a typical parking lot.” Members of the Commission had a few questions.

“What happens when this overtops in a bad storm, like a 100 years event?” asked Secretary, Ken Dickinson, who worried the treatment pond was too shallow to handle extraordinary weather. “Does it mostly just go over the land that goes over the top of the pond and the wetland below?”

MacGuire responded by saying an “emergency overflow” was built into the design to keep contaminated water away from the water table, even with a big storm.

“The snow storage to the north of the parking area, is that a bit of a swale area, so when the snow piles in that spot it sort of sits there and melts?” asked Vice-Chair, Carl Muphy.

He was told that part of the property was designed to drain into the wet pond system, where any salt or problematic runoff could be contained and treated.

Despite the reassurances, Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, worried the grading for the new parking area was not enough to contain runoff.

“I don’t like it; I had a problem with it before and I have a problem with it now,” said Dhima. “I think

they’re not doing enough to prevent any spills. I know they’re new vehicles, but it’s not enough. Everything leaks.”

He suggested re-grading the parking lot to concentrate runoff into more catch basins. According to Dhima, the existing site was also under a site plan violation complaint from the Zoning Board.

“Those vehicles, at April of 2024, some of them are sitting within 50-feet of the wetland buffer,” said Dhima. “I have a problem with that as well, a big one.”

He went on to say that even more recently, vehicles were parked in the extended buffer approved by Hudson

voters a few months ago.

“We’re going try to adhere to that 75-foot buffer a little more diligently,” said Chair, William Collins, who suggested cutting off around ten parking spaces from the plan to keep cars far away from any wetlands in the area, artificial or otherwise.

The Commission agreed to go on another site walk to get an idea of what the area is like and took no immediate action on a recommendation for the conditional use permit.

The Conservation Commission is set for Monday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Buxton Room.

HCTV Director Set to Retire at the End of September

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Cable Utility Committee met on July 8 to discuss upcoming changes to Hudson Community Television with the pending retirement of its current Director, Jim McIntosh.

“I’ve forwarded a letter of intent to the Board of Selectmen notifying them that as of September 30, I’m going to be retiring from the Town of Hudson,” said McIntosh. “We’ve got to work on replacing some people over there since we’ve got other positions that need filling.”

The Director promised to address HCTV staffing issues before leaving, something he originally hoped to do last year. Despite the delay, he was confident things would continue running smoothly.

“Our staff is competent, everything will be a smooth transition,” he said.

McIntosh first came to HCTV in 2006, with 18 years of experience in Hudson.

“I just wanted to make people aware of just how much time you’ve put into this department, facility, everything related to

HCTV,” said Committee Chair, Mike O’Keefe.

Other members of the Cable Utility Committee thanked McIntosh for his years of service to the town.

“You’ve been amazing for all these years and even in your last couple months here, I want to be at a lemonade stand interviewing a kid, that just embodies what HCTV is to Hudson. You guys are everywhere, and you give everybody access to information big and small,” said School Board Liaison, Gary Gasdia, as he highlighted some of the Director’s recent

work.

“Thank you for taking me along on the ride,” Committee member Diane Cannava said. “There should be an ‘M’ in HCTV for McIntosh.”

HCTV has several ongoing projects, including Chrissy Peterson from the Recreation Department, who spearheaded a summer video camp for middle school students. The week-long camp has already had 18 sign-ups, to have students learn video production skills.

“This is just the kickoff, something we hope is going

to keep going,” said McIntosh. “In the future, we want to get some older students, maybe some younger ones, but this is just, we figured this general groups we’ll start with. That way, as they matriculate up, by the time they get to high school, they have a great studio and all this modern equipment that they can work with.”

O’Keefe announced that in compliance with federal ADA regulation, closed captioning will be required within the next few years on “all video streamed off a government website.” These changes will also

include screen readers for the visually impaired.

“Because we’re under 50,000 people, we’re not going to be impacted for two-and-a-half years,” said O’Keefe. “The system we use does support closed captioning, although we haven’t really done much with it.”

He estimated it would cost between \$5 and \$10 per meeting to fully implement closed captioning.

The Cable Utility Committee is set to meet on Monday, Sept. 9, in the Cable Access Center.

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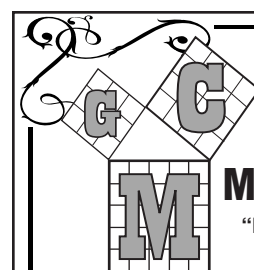
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This Political Season Think Before You Speak

In past years, comments of some candidates have been so outrageous, that they polarize people, get them all riled up, and it's all we can do not to blurt out something as equally inappropriate.

The same holds true as we read and watch most news stories about the latest acts of violence against political parties. It's too easy to react with generalizations, rumors, and accusations that, in calmer times, we would never consider uttering.

Looking at the anger and outrage of an us VS them mentality makes it even more important to recognize the power that free speech carries. Free speech is a serious responsibility. We need to understand the potential result of demonizing religions, nationalities, or political parties.

It's not just the Presidential election that brings out the worst in people, it happens with all kinds of tragedies. People looking to divide us more instead of making it better in a calm manner has people taking matters to a violent level using fear. We all need to learn how to listen to each other; maybe we think differently or we do not have the same perspective, but no matter what, we must learn to agree to disagree and civilly find common ground.

Calling for violence against each other is just wrong. Whether it's in the

heat of a political race or reaction to a horrendous act it does no one any good and is very hard to justify. The idea of thinking about what we say before we say it needs a huge boost right about now.

In this age of social media and the Internet, people write, send, and post without even a second reading or a thought as to what consequence the words they just posted may have. We're used to immediate gratification when we get all wound up about a cause, politician, or injustice and love an almost immediate reaction. But we're dealing with real lives. If people hear something enough times about someone or something with no truth to it, just allegations, violence is a possible response, one no one wants.

Think before you speak!

It is very human to care, and be passionate about a particular topic or subject. Channel that passion and your messaging in a way that gets people to listen to you, promotes dialogue and discussion, and creates an atmosphere where free speech is welcomed and celebrated. Find common ground, recognize, and appreciate people's differences. We are all just people. Dividing us more than we already are serves no purpose, and the more we draw attention to these differences, the less we see how we are all the same.

Nearly \$500K Awarded to Hudson Fire Department

SCOTT J. TICE
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT
SUBMISSION

The Hudson Fire Department was awarded funding through an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) of \$429,527.27 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support a comprehensive physical and mental health program and Safety and Survival course for our firefighters. The health and safety of our membership is a top priority and was the driving force behind us applying for this type of program.

We are pleased to receive this grant award, which will create meaningful impact for the health and safety of our first responders. This will provide more comprehensive, in-depth health and wellness screenings to include cardiovascular and cancer screenings, as well as an annual mental health consultation and ac-

cess to a clinician for any emergent needs. Currently, cardiovascular disease, cancer and mental health disorders are among the most documented morbidities in firefighters. The opportunity to provide early detection with the physical portion of the program combined with early intervention for mental health issues can be the difference between life and death.

Additionally, this funding will support the implementation of the International Association of Firefighters, Firefighter Ground Survival (FGS) Program. This program is the most comprehensive survival skills and Mayday prevention program currently available within the fire service. It incorporates federal regulations, proven incident management best practices and survival techniques from leaders in the field. Along with real case studies from experienced firefighters, the

FGS program aims to educate all firefighters to be prepared if the unfortunate happens. This type of training is invaluable to first responders.

Special thanks to Deputy Chief Fran Enos, Captain Sean Mamone and Executive Coordinator Erika LaRiviere, who prepared and composed the grant application. To date, this is the largest non-staff related funding award the department has received through AFG.

Official acceptance of this grant is pending a public hearing and Selectmen approval, scheduled to take place on July 23.

The Hudson Fire Department is a career, all hazards department that provides fire suppression, ALS/EMS response and transport, emergency dispatch, technical rescue and inspectional services. Learn more about us at www.hudsonnh.gov/fire.

Toss Some Fun at OHD Cornhole Tournaments

At this years Hudson Old Home Days, come throw some bags at Underdogz Cornhole. The premier cornhole event coordinator in Southern New Hampshire will be on the field all weekend for Open Play. To play is \$2 per player and the group will be hosting two Tournaments on Saturday, Aug. 10.

A full-size BYOP (Bring Your Own Partner) Tournament will start at noon behind the Underdogz

Cornhole tent. The tournament will consist of Four Rounds of Round-Robin, and the Top 32 will move into Double Elimination. Entry fee is \$20, cash only. There will be a cash payout for First, Second, and Third place winner. All proceeds will help to benefit Hudson Old Home Days 2025.

The mini-size tournament will start at 8 p.m., under the Community tent, free entry for participants. The tournament will consist

of Two Rounds of Round-Robin and all players will move into Single Elimination. Gift-card prizes for First, Second, and Third place winners.

Please arrive early to allow sufficient time to check in as registration is required. You can register day of at the table or pre-register on the ScoreHolio App, after download, search "Hudson Old Home Days".

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Lowell and County Road Intersection Public Hearing Set for July 23

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the July 9 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to the Lowell and County Road intersection.

“The Lowell and County Road intersection (southern intersection by Mikey’s Pizza) has been an ongoing discussion point in the past and continues to come up at the Highway Safety Committee,” Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “The Planning

Board completed an evaluation of County and Lowell Road in 2019, which was paid with corridor funds. No action was taken at the time.”

Dhima explained, “This keeps coming up at the Highway Safety Committee meetings.”

He also noted during the meeting that the intersection has been the cause for concern regarding traffic, saying there have been 14 accidents at the location since 2020.

“It’s been seeing significant accidents,” Dhima

said, noting that there haven’t been any fatalities there.

Dhima said during the July 3 Highway Safety Committee meeting that there was discussion and it was “concluded to two options, a short term and a long term solution, should be further discussed at the Board of Selectmen.”

“The short-term solution consists of a temporary restriction of traffic from County Road to Lowell Road by utilizing jersey barriers, per attachment, and it will require a public

hearing to amend Town Code,” Dhima wrote in a memo.

“The second option is a long term solution which consists of converting the Lowell and Birch Road intersection to a four way intersection by extending Belknap Road to Lowell Road. The first step for this option would be to seek Planning Board approval to utilize corridor funds, if any are available, for the design and environmental phase,” he wrote in a memo.

Selectman, David

Morin, agreed something needs to be done there.

“I fully agree something needs to be done at that intersection,” he said, but noted he is concerned that people will continue to go the wrong way even with jersey barriers.

Dhima explained that the Police Department said they would be there at first and they would also have electronic message signs at first to let people know not to go the wrong way.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said he thinks it’s important for

people in the community to come out and give their opinions on the issue.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved having a public hearing at their Tuesday, July 23, meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., on the potential temporary changes.

“The hearing addresses a potential temporary traffic pattern change at the southern intersection of Lowell and County Road. Residents wishing to speak on the matter are invited to attend,” the public hearing notice stated in part.

BOS Approve Town Administrator Interview Committee

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen once again discussed the interview committee for the Town Administrator search during its most recent meeting. Current Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, who is expected to retire on Aug. 30, previously proposed having different department heads on the Committee. “I am recommending that the Board of Selectmen form an interview committee consisting of two Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and the Finance Director,” Malizia wrote in a memo. “The purpose of the inter-

view committee is to vet the candidates who have applied for the Town Administrator position to select the top three or four candidates for the full Board of Selectmen’s interview.”

While the general consensus by the Board of Selectmen during its June 25 meeting was to have the five Selectmen on the Committee, a decision was put on hold since Chair, Bob Guessferd, wasn’t able to make the meeting.

Guessferd said he thought it was important to get some input from department heads.

“I think input from department heads is important,” he said.

Selectman, Kara Roy, said she thinks they can reach out to them and see if there should be any questions asked by the Selectmen, but she didn’t think they should be part of the decision making process.

“I think that’s a reasonable expectation,” Guessferd said.

Vice Chair, Dillon Dumont, said he agreed with getting input from department heads saying they work with the Town Administrator more than the Selectmen do.

“I do value what they say about that position,” Dumont said, saying he thinks it’s important for their questions to get

answered.

Dumont also noted that they have 25 applicants and they should come up with a number of applicants that they all interview.

Malizia explained previously that MRI, the recruiting firm hired by the town to assist with the process, would be vetting the candidates, saying the goal is to be able to make the number of candidates more manageable if they have a lot of candidates.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, said she agreed with getting feedback and information from the department heads, and she thinks staff should be invited to the interviews as they deem necessary.

Roy also noted that when it comes to what candidates they interview as a committee, they can decide based on each Selectman, saying who their top candidates for interviews are and if a majority of the Select-

men don’t agree then they won’t be interviewed.

Guessferd said each of the Selectmen could solicit feedback from the departments they are liaisons for.

It was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to have the five Selectmen as the Interview Committee.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for July 23 at 7 p.m.

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Concern Raised on Water Table and Wetland Impact of Heavy Trailer Garage

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on July 8 to follow up on a recent site walk at 12 Bockes Road. Miara Transportation wanted a Conditional Use Permit for a new garage and paved access path. Allison Lewis of Keach-Nordstrom Associates was at the meeting to represent the property owner.

In response to the site walk's previous feedback, a few changes were made to the original plan. However, members of the Commis-

sion still had concerns about the impact construction would have on surrounding water sources.

"For the building itself, it doesn't look like it's 75 feet away from wetlands and buffers," said Commissioner John Walter. "There's a lot of trucks and trailers which are going to be going in and out of the area, the retention pond is going to collect a lot of toxic materials, brake fluid and grease. Just unintended consequences of having a lot of traffic there."

He indicated that part of

the issue came from apparent intermittent wetlands on the property, which were dry for part of the year, making it difficult to determine where Hudson's mandated buffer zone should begin.

Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, suggested "flipping" the access path and building so it faces the nearby road, drawing some of the expected vehicle activity away from the buffer.

"You won't get it out of the buffer, especially if you keep it in the same line, but

you'll get it away from the wetland and some of that buffer," said Chair, William Collins. "At least some of that buffer has to be adhered to."

Lewis promised to bring up changing the layout to the property owner, although she added that she had to take abutter concerns into consideration.

"If it was going to mean reworking the entire site plan and moving it to the opposite side where it would be not great for the neighbor, is it possible to shift the building further

towards the middle of the site to get more of it out of the buffer?" asked Ken Dickinson, who worried about what reworking the site plan to change to orientation of the garage would mean in regards to what would be much different design from the original proposal.

"I can discuss the different layouts with the owner, it would depend on what they were looking for, but it wouldn't be a major hassle to look into it," said Lewis, indicating an openness to further redesigns.

Members also recommended digging a test pit to see what ground conditions would be like in the area before starting any construction.

With the size of the tractor-trailers being stored on-site, no design kept everything out of the buffer zone. Lewis was in contact with the Zoning Board to address that issue. No action was taken by the Conservation Commission, pending a redesign of the site plan to avoid more of the buffer zone.

Gardeners, Be on the Lookout for Jumping Worms

NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SUBMISSION

In NH, there are a few common worms living in the soil. These little guys are mostly harmless and can only do good for your garden. This changed about seven years ago when NH became exposed to a new type of worm. Even just one of these can disrupt an entire environment.

What are they?

They're called jumping worms, also known as "snake worms" and "crazy worms." These surface dwellers can easily be distinguished from other worms by their erratic behavior. Their body is firm, and they

will start thrashing rapidly when picked up. Additionally, as a defense mechanism, they have been known to lose their tails. At first glance, they can look similar to earthworms. They appear grayish-brown and have a white band that wraps around their head area, called a clitellum. Originally from Asia, these worms have been found all over the country. According to NH Public Radio, they've been spotted in every county in NH. By 2021, there were over 200 new reports of jumping worms in the state.

What's so bad about them?

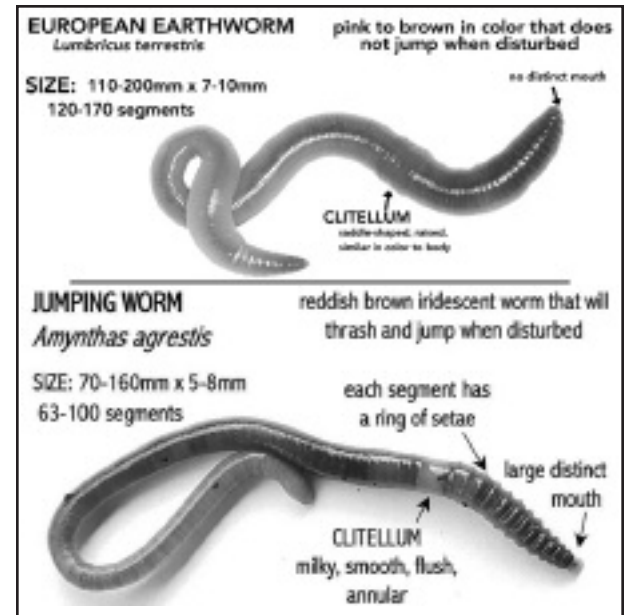
These worms have an insatiable appetite for or-

ganic matter, and they alter soil structure more than any other known worm. When exposed to soil, they will eat the upper organic layer, leaving behind coffee ground-like castings. As a result of this, plant roots are no longer able to grip soil and draw in nutrients and water, causing native plants to disappear. This change in the soil can also displace different species like nesting birds, amphibians, and invertebrates. In addition to soil, they also eat leaf litter, eliminating the homes of tiny critters that reside in the dead leaves. This disruption can have devastating effects on local ecosystems.

Jumping worms are also quite a nuisance for home gardens. Because they can destroy soil chemistry, plants in gardens will either die or not grow at all. If you find one jumping worm, know that there will be more because they reproduce asexually, so it's important to get rid of them as soon as possible, or else there is a risk of an infestation.

So... how can you prevent them?

You can prevent an infestation by root washing, but you must keep a careful eye out for their mustard-seed-like eggs. They are very small and easily overlooked. According to the University of New Hampshire's NHbugs website www.nhbugs.org/damaging-insects-diseases/jumping-worms, best management practices to avoid a jumping worm infestation include checking garden materials such as mulch,



topsoil, compost, and plants for signs of jumping worms or their castings before purchasing. Be especially careful at local plant sales or swaps, as worms will crawl into nursery pots and reproduce. Be on the lookout for adult jumping worms in June. While adults do not survive the winter, their

young persist in cocoons and reach adulthood in mid-summer, according to NHbugs. Jumping worms have been sold as fishing bait and for use in vermicomposting.

If you see jumping worms for sale, do not purchase them for those purposes or any other.

Selectmen Approve Bid for Adams Road Culvert Work

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the July 9 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to the Adams Road culvert.

The issue was a topic of discussion during the Board of Selectmen's previous meeting, where Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima,

explained that it's been something they have been monitoring for the past few months "due to damage related to the significant 50-year storm event we experienced in late December 2023."

"At this time, part of the headwall on the downstream side has collapsed, there are significant and

substantial erosion issues downstream, and the upstream headwall is cracked and in need of reinforcement," Dhima wrote in a previous memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Dhima during the previous meeting explained that his suggestion was to go for a rebid for the lining services since the company who

had the lowest bid, had the thickness of the lining slightly smaller than what was specified in the bid.

The idea he said would be for each of the companies to have the chance to bid on the same specifications which the Board of Selectmen agreed with and approved. The other bid amounts originally were

\$108,900, one for \$178,950 and one for \$188,000.

During the July 9 meeting, Dhima explained that they went back out for bid, and received slightly lower bids by two of the companies but Vortex Services, LLC was still the lowest with a bid of \$108,900.

"We adjusted our specs," Dhima told the Board of Selectmen.

Dhima noted that the estimate for the construction services of the project was originally \$150,000. He also noted previously that Abutters had been notified of the situation.

"Abutters have been notified that the town is monitoring the situation and in the process of evaluating

the best and most cost-effective way to address this problem," Dhima wrote.

It was also explained by Dhima that they originally had allocated \$40,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds but said they had approximately \$3,500 in ARPA funds remaining and suggested they use the rest of the funds for the project, and then get the rest from the Drainage Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board of Selectmen approved the request to award the contract to Vortex Services, LLC and to also use the remainder of the ARPA funds for the project.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for July 23 at 7 p.m.

Sizable Signs Win Zoning Approval

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on June 27 to discuss a triple variance request from Colbea Enterprises LLC, the group looking to build a combined gas station, convenience store, and car wash complex at 91-97 Lowell Road. The three variance requests were for the placement of wall signs, freestanding signs, and directional signs for the business as attorney, Chris Dresher, was at the meeting to give a presentation on behalf of the applicant.

"The applicant is requesting a variance to allow for three business and industrial wall signs where only one is permitted," said Dresher. "Currently, the property is undeveloped, and consists of multiple lots that will be merged into one large lot, about five acres give or take."

The convenience store would include a quick serve "countertop restaurant" ser-

ving fast food. The variance would allow the property owner to include a different sign for each business, including the store, the fast-food location, and the gas station. There will also be outlets for electric vehicles.

"A denial would only result in a more confusing layout for the signs on the business and I don't think anybody wins in that situation," he said. "I can't stress this enough: it's all zoning compliant. The only thing we're really asking for here today is a little relief having to do with the signs."

The ZBA had a few questions about the variance requests, putting most of their focus on how existing rules created a hardship for the property owner.

"What unnecessary hardship are you seeking that's different or outside the scope that other gas stations have to deal with?" asked alternate Board member, Tristan Dion. "I almost feel as though it's a self-imposed hardship on this."

Dresher responded by saying the hardship was related to the line of sight-line issues on the land and the zoning ordinance he claimed was "not tailored" to the project. He claimed a setback requirement would force the property owner to put signs further away from the road, meaning a need for more and larger signs to attract customers.

"The main building is 200 feet back off the roadway and 15 feet up," Engineer, Chris Rice, of TFMoran explained.

While no members of the public were at the meeting, several residents wrote emails to the ZBA to express their opinion on the project, including abutter, Martha Lachance, of 89 Lowell Road.

"The driveways would be immediately adjacent to my property line," said Lachance. "Traffic flow is very heavy on this particular stretch and have had multiple accidents in the last year."

She worried the project would compound the issues, although Zoning Chair, Gary Daddario, reiterated that traffic flow was not the purview of a ZBA focused solely on the placement of signs and the question of hardship.

"I stress that what we're making a decision on here, regardless of other interesting concerns, is strictly whether or not there's going to be three signs on the main building," said Daddario. "I think the purpose of the ordinance in this case is to prevent the overabundance of signage."

Dresher made similar arguments in favor of freestanding and directional signs, promising that nothing would "block abutters" or "look like anything you'd see on the Vagas Strip."

Despite some concerns, the Zoning Board unanimously voted to approve all three variance requests, with the stipulation that signage size would not deviate from the proposed plan.

OBITUARY

Eileen V. Cuff



Eileen V. Cuff, 79, of Hooksett, NH and formerly of Hudson, NH, passed away on Wednesday July 10, 2024 at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH, with her loving family by her side.

She was born March 1, 1945 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late Francis and Elizabeth Drake. Eileen was predeceased by her devoted husband, Richard W. Cuff, DMD in 2019. She was also predeceased by two brothers; Richard Drake and Frank Drake.

Eileen graduated from Eli Whitney High School and was later employed with the US government at the Nike Missile site in Parma Heights, OH. She met her then future husband, Dick, while he was a dentist in the US Army. They married on September 24, 1966.

As the years went on, Eileen held various employment positions including a 20+ year career as an administrative assistant at DEC before enjoying an early retirement. She enjoyed reading, jigsaw puzzles, family time and hosting family events. She also loved traveling the US in the RV with Dick and taking cruises with her girls.

Her loving family includes a son; Richard Cuff of Portland, ME, two daughters; Jennifer Remington and her husband Kenneth of Auburn, NH, Veronica Glidden and her partner, Greg Gilbert, of Marlborough, MA, three grandsons; Matthew Remington, David Remington and Jordan Cuff, a brother; Thomas Drake and his wife Theresa of Wantagh, NY, as well as a sister in law; Carole Drake of Port Charlotte, Florida, also several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Following cremation a time of visitation was held on Thursday July 18 from 9 - 11 a.m., with a Service of Remembrance and Prayers at 11 a.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A private burial in the NH State Veteran Cemetery will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations in Eileen's loving memory to ASPCA, PO Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929 or online at www.aspc.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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Cornhole

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Gallant spoke after the event, “We formed the foundation July 2023 to help further Donna’s vision of providing trauma related care for all first responders. We do this event because Donna loved corn-hole and the raffles and silent auction items we get from generous businesses, friends, family and just people who knew

Donna and want to help, enable us to provide help to first responders, and their families, as they battle PTSD, mental health issues and daily challenges of their jobs. Donna always advocated for those who were unable to do it on their own, so we are now carrying her vision forward.”

She added “We donate a significant portion to Camp Resilience, a 501c3 out of Gilford, that offers 3-4 day retreats for first responders and veterans to bounce back and improve in mind, body and spirit.

Donna was registered to go to the First Responder Peer Support Retreat in October and was a great human being and well respected in the law enforcement community, and left a lasting impression

on everyone she met.”

Donna completed 20-years at Hudson P.D. and retired as a sergeant, she then went on to become a massage therapist and worked on many first responders.

The group will be having their third Annual Donna Briggs Foundation Cornhole Tourney and Auction on June 28, 2025 at The Hudson VFW.

The money raised this year came from significant sponsorships from numerous local businesses and local Police Departments and from those who knew her - or of her and wanted to support our great cause.

There were about a dozen cornhole courts set up at the VFW post with tournament winners receiving cash prizes.

The first place winners of the tourney were: “The Mariah Carey Fan Club” Jermaine King and Mike Silva, they won \$150 each. Second Place went to: “Bean Bag Toss” Travis Gelo and Erin Bock, \$75 each, and Third Place was taken by “Uphill MC” Seng Sao and Hillary Heng, \$40 each.

The event, with the corn-hole tournament, all the raffles, silent auction, Donna Briggs merchandise sales, and donations that day, came to about \$12,000, which was huge. They had a lot of people show up and the raffles and silent auction items were a big hit.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Legion Post 48 Prep Goes 2-1 Closing in on Playoff Berth

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

As the Legion Prep season nears a close, Post 48 is nearing a playoff berth once again, as, despite their loss to Salem Gold 4-3 on Tuesday night, their magic number to earn themselves a playoff spot is just two after their Thursday night sweep of Portsmouth in relatively easy fashion, earning a 13-1 win in five innings via the mercy rule in their first game, and then a 6-0 win in five innings in their second, that being a planned five-inning affair.

On Tuesday night, Hudson had a chance to defend their top seed in District B as they took on Salem Gold at home, and unfortunately, things did not go according to plan for the home squad, as they fell 4-3 in a tight battle.

Salem Gold took a 1-0 lead early on against starter Jasper Workman,

who gave up a leadoff double to Kyle Bailey, who was allowed to score on an error by Jackson Quinn. Fortunately for Hudson, the damage in the first was limited to just one run as Workman picked up a pair of lineouts to center and right field, respectively before striking out Mason Wiles to retire the side.

Both sides were then held scoreless until the home half of the second rolled around when PJ Millette led off the inning with a four-pitch walk, and, after stealing second and third base, scored on Gavin Baviello's RBI double to right, evening the game at 1-1. Hudson tacked on two more runs in their half of the third inning to take a 3-1 lead as both Harry Leinson and Holden Olsen scored on Cam St. Clair's two-RBI double.

Salem Gold immediately responded in their half of the fourth inning as

an error charged to Cam St. Clair led directly to the second Salem run, and then, just three pitches later, a sacrifice fly off the bat of Brody Lyons scored the tying run, evening the ballgame at 3-3 through three and a half innings.

Hudson was then shut down by Salem reliever Anthony Roman who came on in relief of Mason Ridlon in the bottom of the fourth and proceeded to retire 12 of the 13 batters he faced with the lone blemish on his stat line being a Jasper Workman single. Roman did not allow a batter to reach via the walk while striking out one, earning the win after a sixth-inning JR Marchesi RBI double.

Hudson was given the opportunity to bounce back following the tough loss in Portsmouth with a 7/5 doubleheader against Portsmouth as Hudson looked to inch closer to a

playoff spot. They did just that, knocking their magic number down to just three by the end of the night as they won game one 13-1 via the mercy rule in five innings and 6-0 in game two which was a scheduled five innings.

In game one, Hudson jumped out to a 6-0 lead before starter Jasper Workman ever took the mound thanks to RBI hits from PJ Millette, Cole Baker, TJ Dembrowski, and Holden Olsen as they sent 11 batters to the plate, six of them scoring with two runners being stranded on base.

It turned out six runs were more than enough for

Workman to work around as he was dealing on Thursday-five innings of one-hit ball while fanning 10 Portsmouth hitters and walking just two while only allowing one unearned run.

Hudson also tacked on seven more runs in the fourth inning while sending 12 batters to the plate and stranding two more runners on base in the inning. RBI in the inning came off the bats of Jackson Quinn (2), Ethan Buja (2), and Orion Goulet (2), with the seventh and final run of the inning coming in to score on an error on a popup off the bat of Jasper Workman.

In game two, it was more of the same for Hudson, as they picked up their fourth no-hitter of the season, this one coming just a single walk away from being a perfect game, as PJ Millette picked up 13 strikeouts in five innings while walking just the one batter, allowing no other blemishes on his line as only two balls were put in play against him, a groundout to short to lead off the ball game and a flyout to right field to end the fourth inning. Millette was able to do this on just 75 total pitches, only throwing 47 for strikes while getting help offensively from two

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Fun Runs Continue Under Hot and Humid Conditions



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

It was yet another hot, humid night for young runners during the fourth night of races at the Greater Derry Track Club Kids Summer Fun Runs on Monday night, July 15, at the Londonderry High School track.

According to club member, Colum Creed,

“Despite the heat, we still had a lot of runners and they consumed a lot of watermelon and Stonyfield yogurt. At the finish line, there was a cooler of ice water with sponges for the runners to cool down. To date, close to 500 children have participated in one or more weeks from Derry, Londonderry, Auburn, Hudson, Manchester,

Windham, Chester, Sandown, Pelham, Hampstead, Litchfield, Bedford, Deerfield, Hooksett, Nashua, Fremont, Salem, Epping, Merrimack and Raymond.”

Area youngsters ages two-years and up took to the track competing in a variety of distances.

The free event happens

each Monday night at the track with the nine through 13-year old divisions being recorded for an overall winner at the end of the season.

Each participating family is asked to donate a non-perishable food item as part of the registration.

This week’s winners were:

Nine-Year Old Girls:

Sasha Solovyev of Hudson took first for the fourth consecutive time; Second, went to Samatha Pannell of Londonderry; and Nyree Zambrana of Londonderry was third.

Boys:

First, went to Malik Brahim of Windham, and second went to Alexander Georgoulis of Londonderry.

Ten-Year Old:

Girls:

First was Ryla Zatsky of Windham, Second was Ryley Menard of Chester; and third went to Amaia Provost of Londonderry.

Boys:

First, Derek Bath of Derry; Second was Jacob Edwards of Londonderry; and third place went to TJ Santosuosso, of Derry.

11-Year Old Results:

Girls:

Cerie Girouard of

Derry came in first and was the only runner at that age.

Boys:

First, Christopher Mercurio of Derry won again; second went to Andrew Solovyev of Hudson; and third was once again Brendan Kuncik of Derry.

12-Year Old Results:

Girls:

First was Megan Mullaney of Derry; Second was Adelynn Mullaney, of Derry; and third went to Emily Miller of Litchfield.

Boys:

Nick Tiney of Sandown took first as the only runner.

13-Year Old Results:

Girls:

First went to Stella Dutton of Londonderry; second was Isley Morri-sion of Londonderry; and Kelsey Santosuosso of Derry took third

Boys:

First went to Jacob Tiney of Sandown and second was Dillon Bath of Derry.

Races will continue each Monday until Aug. 5 with registration starting at 6 p.m. and races beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Hudson 8U HitDawgs Finish 10th in States, 9U-11U Go to Invitationals

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

As summer vacation nears its halfway point, Cal Ripken Tournaments are nearing their end with all state tournaments having wrapped up and teams heading into the invitation- al portion of their summer schedule. Hudson's 8U team wrapped up their state tournament bid this week in Hampton and has now completed their tour- nament in West Newbury, MA. 9U, having finished eighth in states already, participated in the Cam Ricard Souhegan Valley Invitational (SVI), and finished second with a 4-1 record in the tournament. They also began their Con- way Classic Tournament run in Tewksbury with a 13-3 win over Winchester Red. 10U went 1-2 in SVI,

falling to make it out of pool play, and also split their first two games of the Conway Classic. 11U played in the SVI tourna- ment as well, finishing 2-2 and placing fifth in the tournament.

For the 8U team, they began the week with a 14-11 win over Topsfield-Boxford in the West New- bury Tournament, then fell 26-10 to Great Bay (Epping, NH) in the first round of the state tourna- ment, ending their bid for a State Championship there. They then played in game two of the West Newbury Tournament and lost to the Newburyport Clippers 15-10 in a much closer game on Thursday evening. The 8U HitDawgs then crushed Winchester Red 13-3 in the first game of the Conway Classic on Sunday to wrap

up their week at 2-2. Hud- son finishes 2-3 in the West Newbury Tourna- ment, falling to make it into the bracketed portion of the tournament, while finishing tenth in States and starting out the Con- way Classic on the right foot at 1-0. They will play Dracut on Monday in their second game of the Con- way Classic while moving to the 603 Classic in Lon- donderry against Salem Blue on Tuesday and Dover on Thursday. They will then conclude pool play in the Conway Clas- sic on Saturday morning against Lowell Red and in the 603 Classic against Londonderry Saturday evening.

The 9U HitDawgs had a bit quieter of a week this week, only having the SVI tournament on their sched-

ule where they went a per- fect 3-0 in pool play beat- ing the host Hollis-Brook- line 5-4 in a tight battle on Tuesday night, taking care of business easily against Windham 18-8 on Thurs- day, and then beating Mer- rimack 11-7 on Saturday. Winning their pool, Hud- son earned themselves a second straight matchup as the home team against Merrimack, this time not requiring a coin toss win, and they won with ease 16-2 to send themselves into the finals against Keene, which the HitDawgs led 4-0 in the first and 5-3 through three innings before allowing four runs in the fourth inning to give Keene a 7-5 lead which the Fireballs never relin- quished, despite Hudson getting a run back in the fifth, as Keene added five

in the sixth to win 12-6, securing the SVI 9U Championship. 9U will play Salem Blue on Mon- day in the Conway Classic, Exeter on Tuesday in the 603 Classic, Reading Red back in Tewksbury for the Conway Classic on Wednesday, Great Bay in Londonderry on Friday, Seacoast in Londonderry on Saturday morning, and Georgetown on Saturday afternoon before the play- off portion of both tourna- ments gets underway on Sunday.

For 10U, it was a 1-2 SVI tournament this week as they beat Exeter 9-1 on Wednesday, lost to Nashua 10-3 on Friday, and lost 13-2 against Londonderry on Saturday, causing them to fail to make the bracket portion of the tournament this year. They also went

1-1 in their first two games of pool play in Tewksbury, losing to the hosts 8-4 on Saturday and beating Mer- rimack 19-2 on Sunday. The 10U HitDawgs will play Londonderry on Tuesday, Amherst on Wednesday, and Marshwood on Friday, all in the 603 Classic in Londonderry before wrap- ping up pool play in Tewksbury against Georgetown on Saturday afternoon.

Hudson's 11U Hit- Dawgs went 2-2 in the SVI tournament, defeating Londonderry - Cregg 8-4 on Tuesday, losing to Oys- ter River (Durham, NH) 6-5 on Wednesday, losing 12-1 against Hollis-Brook- line on Friday, and then beating Kearsarge Valley 8-2 on Sunday. The 11U HitDawgs schedule for this week is not posted.

Legion Prep

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runs in the second, one in the third, and three in the fourth innings to give Post 48 their tenth win of the season.

Thanks to Portsmouth, Salem Navy, and London- derry being beaten up over the weekend, Hudson man- aged to lower their magic number down to just two

entering the week with just two district games to play, both against Dover, on Monday and Wednesday with a game against 11-0 Bedford who has run the table with District A this season, not having a game closer than 5-1 on their opening night against Manchester. That Bedford game will not count toward

playoff standings, so if Hudson can come away with wins against Dover in both games this week, they will be in the playoffs once again for the fourth straight year as they look

to defend their title. Both district games will take place at Woodman Park in Dover at 5:30 p.m. Tues- day's matchup will take place at the SAU field in Bedford at 5:30 p.m.

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Ovation Theatre Company will present Legally Blonde on Thursday, July 18, Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, with all shows starting at 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry). Legally Blonde features spectacular dancing and powerful singing, with a cast of predominantly adult actors drawn from all over southern New Hampshire. Tickets are \$20 through July 12 and \$25 beginning July 13 and are on sale at ovationtc.com.

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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.

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.

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 study room. Do not use any outside donation bins.

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.

"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.

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.

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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

Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Fri-

day 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

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Teen Hangout

On Tuesdays in July at 2:30 p.m., the Rodgers Memeorial 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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BINGO!

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

Northeast Airlines 'Flying In Style' Exhibit Extended to Sunday, Aug. 4

Aviation Museum of N.H. display of vintage airline uniforms and memorabilia to remain on display

Relive the Golden Age of Aviation in New England with 'Northeast Airlines: Flying in Style,' an exhibit on display now through Sunday, Aug. 4 at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire.

The exhibit, organized

in partnership with the Manchester (N.H.) Historic Association, was originally scheduled to close in June. However, popular demand prompted museum officials to keep the exhibit on display for an extra two months.

"Visitors are fascinated by the uniforms, promotional posters, and other memorabilia from Northeast Air-

lines, a legendary air carrier that once served our area," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of N.H.

From its early days in the Great Depression through the 1970s, Boston-based Northeast was the region's hometown airline, providing air service to Manchester, N.H. and dozens of other communi-

ties in New England and beyond. Northeast Airlines merged with Delta Air Lines in 1972.

The exhibit 'Northeast Airlines: Flying in Style' offers selections from the Aviation Museum's extensive collection of Northeast items, highlighted by a display of vintage uniforms worn by flight attendants (then called "stewardess-

es"), maintenance personnel, and flight crew members.

"Many of our visitors have fond memories of Northeast, the airline of the 'Yellowbirds,'" Rapsis said. "But even if you've never heard of the airline, our 'Flying in Style' exhibit provides a window into an earlier era of air transportation that's now gone forever."

Admission to 'Northeast Airlines: Flying In Style' is included in the non-profit Aviation Museum's regular entrance price of \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids 6-12, seniors 65+, veterans and active military; free to kids 5 and under.

The Aviation Museum is open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.

Based in the 1937 art deco passenger terminal at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, the museum is dedicated to preserving the Granite State's rich aviation past, and also inspiring students today to become the aerospace pioneers of tomorrow.

For more information about the Northeast Airlines 'Flying in Style' exhibit or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs

2024 Ward Law Group 'Shining Star' Scholarship Recipient

Ward Law Group, PLLC is pleased to announce Sophia Cicero as their 2024 Ward Law Group "Shining Star" Scholarship winner. Attorney John Ward established the scholarship in 2019 in an effort to help families afford the costs of secondary education and to assist individuals with a heart for their community by aspiring to make a difference in the lives of others. The scholarship is awarded annually to students who display the very values that have contributed to the firm's own success, including perseverance, excel-

lence, and hard work.

This year alone, there were more than two hundred applications for the award and a great number of students exemplified the core values the scholarship represents. However, despite the many deserving candidates, the Scholarship Committee unanimously decided Sophia should be the 2024 "Shining Star" due to her determination, caring nature, and her unwavering motivation to learn.

Sophia is a 2024 Graduate of Alvirne High School in Hudson, NH, and will be



attending the University of New England this fall to pursue a Master of Science degree.

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