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Labor of Love Natalie Newell of the Friends of Benson Park organization helps to prepare the pergola overlooking the Butterfly Garden at Benson Park for a coat of oil. Newell and a number of other volunteers were busy during Saturday's Clean-Up Day. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Brox Quarry Expansion to Impact Area Wetlands

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The July 8 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission saw a pre-application discussion with paving contractor Brox Industries, which has a quarry at 85 Greeley Street.

Environmental Consultant, Bruce Gilday, of BAG Land Consultants was at the meeting with Eric Stevenson, representing the applicant.

"We were studying this

parcel all during the years of 2022, it's 185 acres I think, the purpose was to expand the quarry operations," explained Gilday. "In 2023 we came before you, and we were proying an impact of six isolated wetland pockets. These were identified, delineated in the field, and most of them were not hydrologically connected."

The requested 2023 permit would have involved

taking the wetland pockets to expand the quarry. Federal, state, and town regulators asked Brox to minimize the wetland impact of the expansion. They received a conditional permit allowing them to remove two of the six wetlands for the expansion back in February.

"There was a condition in that approval, and the condition was that we would come before this Commis-

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Sober House Draws Massive Opposition from Neighbors

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The July 11 meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment was dominated by an appeal hearing for a cease-and-desist notice at 12-14 Gambia Street. Property owner, Keystone Estates, LLC, running what was effectively a boarding house in an area zoned for single-family residences. Attorney, Andrew Tine, was at the meeting to make the appeal.

"The tenants at the property are comprised of seven individuals in recovery from substance abuse, they are living as a family, they are sharing the entire house," Tine explained. "These are not rented rooms because the entire home is being leased to and occupied by the seven individuals as a group."

He argued that without separated, rented rooms, it should not be declared a "rooming house" under Hudson law and as such, did not violate any local ordinance. He also argued that since the residents are allowed to "stay there as long as they want," the situation was legally no different than family members living together in a single home, as there was no formal definition of "family" in the Zoning code.

"It's not a program, it's not a treatment facility, it's not a licensed facility, there's no doctors on-site, it's just a group of individuals living together in a sober environment, under rules to foster their recovery," said Tine. "In the event this Board finds this situation, this housing of these seven

individuals in recovery is somehow different than that of just seven buddies living together, then we're looking for reasonable accommodation under federal law."

He cited the federal Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act as defining reasonable accommodation.

Several members of the Zoning Board had questions about the situation.

"Is this recovery a house registered with the State of NH?" asked Vice-Chair, Norm Martin. "Assistant living facilities have to be licensed."

He was informed that no such registry or licensing was required for a sober house, although he promised to pursue voluntary

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School Board Addresses Use of Tobacco Products

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to a first reading for the District's updated policy on "Prohibitions Regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco products, E-Cigarettes and E-Liquids in and on School Facilities and Grounds."

As part of the proposed updated policy, it states that "State law prohibits the use of any tobacco product, e-cigarette, or liquid nicotine in any facility or upon any grounds maintained by the district."

"Students and minors

are further prohibited from possessing such items in or upon any facility, school vehicle, or grounds owned or maintained by the district," the proposed policy states.

The proposed policy states that "No student shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or use any tobacco product, device, e-cigarette, e-liquid, or liquid nicotine in any facility, in any school building or vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the district."

It also states as part of the proposed policy that students are also subject to the provisions of D.2,

which states "Enforcement of the prohibition against students shall initially rest with building principals, or their designees, who may also report any violation to law enforcement, for possible juvenile, criminal or other proceedings as provided under state law. Additional consequences may be administered pursuant to printed student conduct rules."

Under the employees' section of the proposed policy, it states that "No employee shall use any tobacco product, device, e-cigarette, e-liquid, or liquid nicotine, in any facility, in

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School District Looking To Fill a Number of Positions

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board received an update about a number of candidates hired for various positions and those still needing to be filled.

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained during the meeting that Superintendent, Dan Moulis, had been busy with final interviews to fill positions but noted that there are a number of teachers and other positions they are still looking to fill.

"There are also a number of paraprofessionals, co-curricular, food service, technology, custodial, facilities, and administrative support positions being recruited for at this time as well," the District's Human Resources Department wrote in a memo to the School Board.

When asked by the Board Burk noted that at this point, they are most concerned about hiring for special education positions due to the applicant pool.

One of the positions that Burk noted that has been filled is their new recruiter position saying they are tasked with coming up with "out of the box" ideas to recruit candidates.

Burk explained that they have gone about recruiting through their typical ways, including posting on different job sites aimed at those looking for jobs in education, along with other places.

"We are trying to get the word out as much as possible,"

She also noted that they have had some of their staff attending job fairs at college to try to recruit staff.

"We're basically putting it out as much as we possibly can," Burk said.

It was noted by Burk that Assistant Superintendent, Jessica Benson, and Director of Special Services, Rachel Borge, are helping to fill positions while Moulis is out, so they don't lose any ground with hiring staff before new staff orientation.

At the beginning of the hiring process, Burk said the focus was primarily on hiring certified positions including teachers and the shift as of recently has shifted towards recruiting and hiring paraprofessionals.

"That's now something we've been actively recruiting for over the past couple of weeks," Burk said.

Borge, when asked, said they are generally in the same position as they

were in June with hiring paraprofessionals saying usually those looking for paraprofessional jobs do more so at the end of July.

When asked about how the School District is doing with hiring now versus the same time last year Burk said she thinks they have improved.

"I think we're in a much better position than

where we were in July last year," Burk said.

It was also explained by Burk that as part of the off-boarding process when employees leave, she said the feedback that they have been receiving is that people are moving or taking a higher-level position, and not necessarily because they can make more money in a different district.

The next Hudson slated to take place on School Board meeting is Aug.5 at 6:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

Hugh A. Morrison, Jr.



Hugh A. Morrison, Jr., 90, a resident of North Chelmsford, MA, died on Sunday, July 14, 2024, after a period of declining health. He was the husband of Patricia Morrison, to whom he was married for 49 years. He was born on March 1, 1934, in

Somerville, MA, a son of the late Hugh and Irene (Helsberg) Morrison.

Hugh was raised and educated in Somerville and graduated from Somerville High school, class of 1952. Following graduation, Hugh entered the US Marine Corp. He was in the Marine Air Traffic Control Unit (MATCU-65) in Korea. He was honorably discharged after earning numerous awards and medals in 1955. Hugh went to work for the FAA, working most of his 32 years at the FAA Regional Air Traffic Control Center located in Nashua, NH. He raised his family in Chelmsford, MA, later moving to Hudson, NH after retirement.

He enjoyed wintering in Florida and traveling to various places, including Europe, but especially visiting historic locations when nearby. Numerous forts and battlefields were visited by the family as they drove on their trips down the east coast as well as cross country. He enjoyed visiting casino's, playing cards, chess games, and playing his luck on scratch tickets. He also loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife, Patricia Morrison, Hugh was predeceased by his daughter and son-in-law Theresa and James Lane, and his companion, Diane Savage.

Survivors include one son, Ronald and his wife Sandra Morrison of Oxford, MA; three daughters, Joanne Poole of Davenport, FL, Carol and her husband Michael MacMillan of Salem, NH, and Maryellen and her husband Michael Berry of Chelmsford, MA; seven grandchildren, Andrew Morrison, Alyssa Morrison, Gerald Lane, Kaylee Poole, Lauren MacMillan, Jason MacMillan, and Michael Berry.

Hugh loved his pets and most recently his "handsome" dog Munchkin, who was always by his side. A special thank you to Jan & Kathy for caring for Munchkin and our Dad, and also providing daily interaction and conversation with him.

A Service of Remembrance was held Tuesday, July 23 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will followed in the St. Patrick Cemetery, Hudson.

To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in Hugh's loving memory may be made out to K9s for Warriors at www.k9sforwarriors.org. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson was in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARY

Theresa "Terry" Desjardins



Theresa "Terry" Desjardins, 92, longtime resident of Hudson, NH, died on July 17, 2024 at the Nashua Crossings after a period of declining health. She was born on Aug. 2, 1931 in Nashua, NH, the daughter of the late Edward and Marie Rose (Levesque) Simard.

Theresa was raised and educated in Nashua NH. She married Raymond Desjardins on Oct. 1, 1949 and together made their home in Hudson, NH.

Theresa enjoyed time spent at their summer cottage and in the cooler months Terry and Ray would attend dinner dances with friends. Terry also painted landscapes that were admired by many.

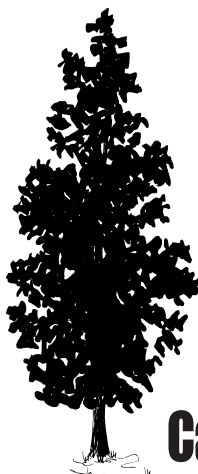
In addition to her parents, Terry, was predeceased by her loving husband, Raymond Desjardins and their daughter, Linda Gaffney.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Desjardins and his wife Claire of Campton, NH, Bruce Desjardins and his wife Wendy of Northwood, NH, a daughter Gail Desjardins and her wife AnnMarie Pelletier of Auburn, NH, 9 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes there will no calling hours held. A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, July 20, in the St. Kathryn Catholic Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH. A burial followed the mass at the St. Patrick Cemetery, Derry Rd., Hudson, NH.

In lieu of flowers, donations in loving memory of Terry can be made to Home Health and Hospice of Merrimack at www.hhh.org or the ALS Association at www.donate.als.org. To leave 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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Editorial

Celebrate Your Town

August is just about here.

The flowers are blooming, the garden is producing a wonderful bounty for us to enjoy, fall sports will be starting or have already started, and yet there's still plenty of time to sit on the porch and enjoy the season. One has to love this time of year.

Even though we are in the middle of summer, you may find yourself catching glimpses of fall on some evenings. There is still lots of time and things to do to get everything in with the long summer days, and one of them is the town festivals!

Hudson's Old Home Day starts on August 8th and runs till August 11th. You can begin by purchasing your wristband or tickets for the carnival rides. Not only are there rides, but there are tons of free family games and plenty of music to entertain you such as a pie eating contest, lots of amazing food, and on Saturday, August 10th there will be fireworks and more.

Londonderry Old Home Day begins on August 14th with a senior BBQ picnic and music. On Thursday, August 15th you have the battle of the bands and on Friday is color run, which is a softball game between Fire and Police ending with fireworks and music. Saturday has a baby contest, a parade, and lots of food, family, and fun! I am sure we left out many other things going on, so look to our pages in the next few weeks for all the details.

These types of big town events bring

community and volunteers together. You're treated to a back to basics festival with games of skill or chance, hearty food, parades, runs and races, displays of old-time kitchen skills, music, cow pie bingo, regular bingo, corn hole completions, the newest emergency vehicles, and often fireworks to cap off the evening. What's new is often what's old too, as long-ago games of tug of war and sack races catch the attention of today's youngsters.

Regardless of the hectic life we lead the rest of the year, the town festivals bring us together. They get us out of our homes and our backyards and slow us down to relax with our neighbors.

But celebrations don't come cheap, pre-packaged, or ready to go, they're the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing a love of their real or adopted hometown and a desire to make their town festival something everyone will want to schedule and come back to every year. That's the heart of what these old-fashioned summer gatherings are all about.

While our weekdays often require long hours in another community or state, summer encourages us to enjoy where we live.

So mark your calendar for your local festival and plan to celebrate where you live. Make this the year to get better acquainted with your neighbors and your town history, and take part in a summer rite that is part of the heart of New England.

I hope to see you there!

Sober House

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registration with the NH Coalition of Recovery Residences.

"The landlord or the owner of said property is not living with the tenants?" asked Board member, Tristan Dion. "It's purely just a rental property? This was bought with the intention of operating as a rental property?"

He confirmed that all of the above was true, with tenants paying a regular rental rate, with rules dictating certain terms for all renters like abstinence from drugs and alcohol.

Chair, Gary Daddario, wondered why the setup was not considered a business, while the Vice-Chair went further, saying the property should be considered a business in a residential zone.

"I'm here to tell you you're running a business, and according to what we're being told from the state, houses need to be certified on the state registry," said

Martin. "It's a use not allowed by our Zoning ordinance and you should've found that out by our Zoning determination, and you would've avoided all of this."

Several nearby residents were also at the meeting to express their opinions regarding the sober house.

"Many families moved there because it's safe," Alejandro Urrutia of 9 Campbell Street argued that an unregistered sober house could pose a safety hazard to the neighborhood. "I don't believe the nature of this business belongs in a residential area."

Shara Katsos of 7 Campbell Street expressed support for more comprehensive recovery programs with permanent housing and an employment program, accusing the Keystone Estates of running a sober house that did "not appear to be a well-intended or organized" program.

"This was evident by

one of the residents knocking on a neighbor's door, requesting employment so that he could pay his rent to Keystone Properties," she claimed. "The agency is not abiding by regulations of the town."

A long line of other residents brought up a multitude of complaints, including times the police were, with one confirmation of a call for speeding.

Mitch Cabral, manager of the Gambia property, confirmed the house did not use advertising of any kind, finding residents through word of mouth only.

"I've been in the recovery field for a long time. People get out of treatment and need help, I offer them a safe place to live," said Cabral.

Following extensive discussion, the ZBA unanimously voted to deny the appeal, upholding the cease-and-desist.

The ZBA is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton room of Town Hall.

Quarry

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sion, and also before the DES to take those two wetlands," said Gilday. "That's where we are right now."

More research has since taken place on-site to identify any possible protected species in the area.

"We have filed with an intent to cut with the town," said Stevenson. "That activity is ongoing as we speak."

He added that the condition of asking for a new permit to remove the wetlands was a last-minute addition from state regulators.

"So, your company basically likes the granite that is in this area, and when you start blasting, it will damage the wetlands anyway. That's why they say 'taking it?'" asked Commissioner, John Walter.

Stevenson confirmed that was the reasoning given by NH DES.

"When we reviewed this project, everybody was happy we were going to save these two wetlands," said Chair, William Collins. "These two, they're not small wetlands. There are a few acres involved there. Personally, I don't see how the NH Department of Environmental Services can say to you guys: 'No, just go ahead and take them, without any kind of mitigation.'"

Gilday recommended a restoration strategy, rather than trying to preserve the already disconnected wetlands, although he conceded that such restoration was a relatively vague, long-term goal.

"Restoration is now looking on more favorably than preservation," he said. "Who wants to be the stewardship

for all that preservation? Whereas restoration, now you're fixing some infrastructure that really helps."

Such a strategy would involve connecting the remaining wetland plots in the area. However, Stevenson emphasized that restoration was years away.

"Recreation wetlands is obviously a restoration we'll have in place once this mine site is completed," he said. "The life of this quarry is many years in the future."

A presentation looking at the completed application for the quarry expansion will occur at the Aug. 12 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission. Gilday expected to have the application ready "within the next ten days" while taking any comments from members of the public or the Commission into account.

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Planning Board Approve Greeley Street Lot Line Adjustment

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HUDSON TIMES

The Planning Board met on July 10 to discuss a lot line adjustment proposal at 21 and 23 Greeley Street. Chris Hickey, Survey Manager of Keach-Nordstrom, was at the meeting to represent the applicants.

“Both lots are currently nonconforming due to their size, therefore we are proposing an equal land swap so neither lot will become less nonconforming,” Hickey explained. “The main reason for doing all of this

is, over the years, the owners have lived there for a long-time, and they lost track of where the lot line was.”

Recently, Kirk Thibodeau of 21 Greeley Street asked for a pool plan, only to discover the lot line technically crossed a fence and shed already in place. An equal land swap would remedy the situation while preserving a mandated 15-foot setback for the shed. The plan included an easement for a water line crossing the properties.

Board members had a

few comments about the application.

“I kind of wish that on the plans, you’d put the new setback lines as well,” said Board member, James Crowley, who otherwise praised the property owner for bringing the matter before the Planning Board to equalize the mismatched lines. “We should definitely have the easement shown that you talked about.”

It was unclear whether what was essentially a private matter between neighbors needed any input from

the town lawyer.

“You mentioned the water service, but it says on the plan: ‘the applicant shall confirm the location for the sewer service and septic,’ can you make sure he still has access?” asked Board member, Tim Lyko.

While Hickey was unsure of the specifics, Thibodeau stated that his sewer line entered “the front of the house” near a telephone pole on the corner of Greeley and Daniel Webster Drive. Following a request by Vice-Chair, Jordan

Ulery, Hickey and Thibodeau both promised to get a better idea of exactly where the lines go, and to include them on the easement, if possible.

“The hard part finding those without digging everything up,” said Hickey. “With the water shutoff, we know where that is, and I know that if Kirk show me where it enters the house, I can draw an approximate underground water line there and we know the sewer and water lines are supposed to be 10 feet apart.”

Crowley wondered whether the Department of Public Works might be able to scope out the lines for an exact location, although the Vice-Chair indicated that an approximation was good enough if the only alternative was digging up the property.

The Board voted to approve the lot line adjustment, pending final review by the Town Planner and Engineer.

The Planning Board is set to meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Alvirne Graduation Will Switch to Friday Ceremony

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to when the Alvirne High School graduation would be for the Class of 2025.

It was explained by

Hudson School District Business Administrator, Jen Burk, that they had received a request from the Londonderry School District who was looking to have their graduation for 2025 only on the Thursday date, instead of Friday, like normal.

“Alvirne would like to

hold our commencement ceremony on Friday, June 13, 2025, at the SNHU Arena,” Alvirne High School Principal, Steve Beals, wrote in a memo to the School Board. “This is a switch of days from the traditional second Thursday of June to the second

Friday, to accommodate a request from our graduation partner, Londonderry High School. They would move to the second June, Thursday 2025 only and we would then revert in 2026.”

At the meeting it was noted that the reason why they were presenting the graduation approval so soon is because Londonderry was looking to bring it to their School Board for consideration.

“This request is coming earlier than typical as Londonderry is making a for-

mal request to their Board this summer as well,” Beals wrote in a memo to the School Board.

Burk noted that she didn’t know about the specifics for why the Londonderry School District was looking to have their graduation on Thursday instead of Friday.

It was unanimously approved by the School Board to set next year’s graduation date to Friday, June 13, 2025.

Also during the meeting, the School Board was presented with a request

from the Hudson Old Home Days group.

It was explained by Burk that the Hudson Old Home Days group had made a request to use the Hill Grounds for the annual event from Aug. 8 thru 11, and that as part of the District’s policies the School Board needed to approve the request to use the grounds.

The School Board unanimously approved the request without any objections during the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is set for Aug. 5.

Tobacco

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any school building or vehicle, or anywhere on school grounds maintained by the district.”

“Initial responsibility for enforcement of this prohibition shall rest with building principals, or their designees,” the proposed policy states. “Any employee(s) who violate(s) this policy is subject to disciplinary action which may include warning, suspension or dismissal. Violations may also be referred to appropriate law enforcement and/or other appropriate agencies for criminal or

other proceedings as provided under state law.”

As part of the proposed policy, it also states that the “Superintendent shall establish administrative rules and procedures to implement this policy, which rules and procedures may be building level and/or district-wide. Rules and procedures relating to student violations and resulting disciplinary consequences should be developed in consultation with building principal(s).”

“The Superintendent, working with the building principal(s), shall provide annual notice to employees, students and parents of the pertinent provisions of this policy (e.g., student or staff

handbook) along with applicable administrative regulations and procedures, which may include prescribed consequences for violations of this policy,” the proposed policy states. “Such notice should include information that violation of this policy could lead to criminal or other such proceedings.”

It also states that “Signs shall be placed by the district in all buildings, facilities and school vehicles stating that the use of tobacco products is prohibited.”

The policy was sent to a second reading by the School Board.

The next School Board meeting is set for Aug. 5.

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Subdivision to Add Four New Homes Along Ledge Road

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Wednesday night, July 10, and one of the presentation heard was from Carl Dubois of the Dubois Group along with property owner, Todd Boyer, to continue a presentation on a subdivision plan for 32 Ledge Road to break the existing property into four parts, each designed for a single-family home.

The property owner made several changes from the initial proposal following feedback from town officials, such as Interim Town Planner, Jay Min-

karah, and Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima.

“We the four proposed 10,000 square foot lots along Ledge Road. We had the Town Engineer sign off on that and we have review comments from Jay’s office and we’ve addressed those,” said Dubois. “We’re sending water up the street, we’re extending sewer down the street, with a gravity connection at the existing manholes.”

The pumps for the sewer extension will be privately maintained, with a 25-foot easement included in the plan to serve all four homes.

“Will there be a home-

owner’s association comprised of all the homeowners within the subdivision to maintain the sewer system in this easement?” asked Board member, James Crowley.

There was no solid plan to maintain the system. However, the plan included several options, including a covenant among the homeowners to pay into a common fund without an HOA.

“My experiences with HOAs and stuff is not the best one,” said Boyer. “I would rather make each homeowner responsible for their portion.”

In a letter to the appli-

cant, Dhima called for “drainage improvements” in the revised design.

“He wanted us to grade out the lots and actually put in a real drainage system with catch basins that are off the streets so the lot self-drains,” Dubois explained. “With the driveways in the houses with the two-car garages, we actually put in a real system with real catch basins on our own property and interconnected all of those so we’re not dealing with culverts and ends of culverts on driveways and all that stuff that just makes a mess.”

The drains would flow

into an infiltration basin at the end of the road.

Crowley noted the project was “peculiar” due to the lack of wetlands involved, something uncommon with a project of any size in Hudson. He also requested the applicant formally declare their intent to break the lot into four, single-family residences, something accidentally left off the paperwork, along with the addition of a 25-foot setback from the nearby cemetery.

“We had it walked a certified by a wetland scientist,” Dubois confirmed. He promised to add notes

addressing the declaration and setback while respecting abutters.

“Your construction activities being done in the neighborhood; would you be open to minimizing impact on the weekend to give the existing homeowners a break?” asked Board member, Victor Oates. “Maybe to three or four o’clock in the afternoon? Check out on Saturdays?”

Dubois and Boyer agreed to limit exterior construction work.

Board members unanimously voted to approve the subdivision plan with stipulations.

School Board Approve Travel Request, Stipend Payment

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the July 15 Hudson School Board meeting was in regard to a travel request.

“I am writing to respectfully request permission for our Alvirne High School

Boys’ basketball players to attend the Castleton University Basketball Tournament, which includes an overnight stay, at Castleton University from July 19-21, 2024,” Alvirne High School Athletic Director, Karen Bonney, wrote in a memo to the

School Board. “The team would leave Friday, July 19 and spend two nights and return on Sunday, July 21, 2024. This tournament provides an incredible opportunity for our team to compete against teams from other states as well as pro-

viding a team bonding activity. We are expecting about 10-13 athletes to attend. The cost of the tournament will be covered by the team’s student activity account. The cost of housing (\$50) and food will be paid for by the

athletes/coaches. There will be 2-3 coaches attending this tournament with the team. Transportation will be provided by the school by either the van or the Bronco bus.”

It was explained by Bonney that they know there is extra consideration for different travel requests.

“We understand that overnight trips require extra consideration, and we want to assure you that we will take necessary precautions to ensure our safety and supervision,” she wrote in a memo. “Our coaches will always be present to ensure our well-being and adherence to school rules and guidelines.”

The School Board ultimately approved the travel request during the meeting.

Another agenda item from Alvirne High School


Principal Steven Beals.

“This is an authorization for payment of a stipend for Colin Stone - \$500 for the National Skills USA competition that was held in Atlanta, GA from June 24-29, 2024,” Beals wrote in a memo to the School Board. “Colin was originally not scheduled to attend but was filling in for Dave Anger who was unable to attend due to illness.”

The request was unanimously approved by the School Board.

The School Board was also presented with a nomination request to hire Kali Trunca as the Girls JV Soccer Coach with a stipend amount of \$2,450, which the School Board unanimously approved.

The Hudson School Board is set to meet again on Aug. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hills Memorial Library.



Hudson Community Power – Fall 2024 Competitive Rates & Energy Options

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School Board Review Drug Free Workplace & Drug-Free Schools Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the July 15 Hudson School Board meeting, the Board had a first reading for the District's updated Drug Free Workplace and Drug-Free Schools policy.

As part of the policy, it states that "All district workplaces are drug- and alcohol-free."

It states that all individuals are prohibited from:

- Unlawfully manufacturing, dispensing, distributing, possessing, using, or being under the influence of any controlled substance or drug while on or in the workplace, including employees possessing a "medical marijuana" card.

- Distributing, consuming, using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol while on or in the workplace.

"For purposes of this policy, a "controlled substance or drug" means and includes any controlled substance or drug defined in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812(c), or NH Controlled Drug Act RSA 318-B," the policy states.

It explains that as part of a "condition of employment, each employee and all contracted personnel will:

a. Abide by the terms of this policy respecting a drug- and alcohol-free workplace, including any administrative rules, regulations or procedures implementing this policy; and

b. Notify his or her supervisor in writing of his or her conviction under any criminal drug statute, for a violation occurring on district premises or while performing work for the district, no later than five days after such conviction.

The policy also goes on to state that "In order to make employees aware of dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, the district will endeavor to:

a. Provide each employee with a copy of the district drug- and alcohol-free workplace policy.

b. Post notice of the district drug- and alcohol-free workplace policy in a place where other information for employees is posted.

c. Establish a drug-free awareness program to educate employees about the dangers of drug abuse and drug use in the workplace, the specifics of this policy, including, the consequences for violating the policy, and any information about available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, reentry, or other employee-assistance programs.

As part of the proposed policy, it explains that "An employee who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action; up to and including termination of employment. Alternatively, the Board may require an employee to successfully complete an appropriate drug- or alcohol-abuse, employee-assistance rehabilitation program."

"The Board will take disciplinary action with respect to an employee convicted of a drug offense in the workplace, within 30 days of receiving notice of a conviction," the proposed policy states. "Should district employees or contracted personnel be engaged in the performance of work under a federal contract or grant, or under a state contract or grant, the Superintendent will notify the appropriate state or federal agency from which the district receives contract or grant moneys of an employee/contracted personnel's conviction, within 10 days after receiving notice of the conviction."

It also states that the "processes for disciplinary action shall be those provided generally to other misconduct for the employee/contractor personnel as may be found in applicable collective bargaining agreements, individual contracts, School Board policies, contractor agreements, and or governing law. Disciplinary action should be applied consistently and fairly with respect to employees of the district and/or contractor personnel as the case may be."

Under implementation and review it states that the "Superintendent is directed to promulgate administrative procedures and rules of this policy."

The School Board sent to implement the provisions the policy to a final reading.

OBITUARY

Peter Edward Fraser



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, family and friend, Peter Fraser of Hudson, NH.

Peter's story began on Aug. 28, 1953, in Stoneham, MA, when he was born to parents Fred and Ann (Mossey) Fraser.

As a young boy he attended Hudson schools, graduating from Alvime High, class of 1971. Not long after Peter met Sue and they fell in love, got married and had three children who Peter was very proud of and loved dearly. With the help of family and friends Peter built the family's lifelong home, the signature log cabin on Central St. This would always be his sanctuary whether it was sitting on the porch or in his man cave basement listening to music and pondering life.

Peter loved all things sports and had a competitive drive. This quality did not serve us well when it was family game night because he hated to lose but we pretended to have fun anyways. He took the game of cornhole very seriously at family parties, measuring the correct distance between the holes every time and watched the scoreboard like a hawk. As a young man he excelled at playing football and pitching softball. His love of the mountains made him an avid skier, an experienced fly fisherman, which became a favorite hobby that he shared with his son Ryan. There were many family trips to Twin Mountain.

For many years he and Sue enjoyed traveling to the Caribbean, especially Aruba and Punta Cana. He made certain to learn the word, "Presidente" so he could kindly ask for more beer from the staff in Punta Cana. They conveniently traveled in the dead of winter when there was a two-foot snowstorm back home.

Peter loved a good gathering especially if there was music and dancing. He would rip up the dance floor like no one was watching. His favorite song had to be, "You shook me all night long" by ACDC, which always got the party started.

He was a hard-working man and held various positions over the years with several local companies. His last position was with the Sprinkler Fitters Union, Boston Local 550, where he worked up until his retirement. He held great pride in being a Union worker and they continued to take care of him and Sue long after he hung up his hardhat.

Peter was a gentle, generous soul and loved his animals, especially his beloved dog Juno who was the protector of the family for many years. If you could get by Juno, then you were alright to join the rest of the clan.

Peter is predeceased by his father, mother, and brother David. He is survived by his wife Susan of 48 years, his daughter Shannon and husband Phil, his son Ryan, his daughter Lindsey and husband Bentley, and his grandsons Sam, Jack, and Patrick. He is survived by his siblings Fred, Maureen, Alan, Glen, and Debbie, his brother-in-law Kenny, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Our family would like to extend our gratitude for all the love and support we received from friends, family, and the caring staff at St. Joseph Hospital. This was Peter's source of strength when he needed it most.

Peter will always be remembered for his generous nature and rough exterior. He was a tough old buck that never went down without a fight, even at the very end. His legacy will live on as we continue to solve the problems of the world from his Central St. porch.

There will be no visitation hours. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Fall at the convenience of the family. 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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Volunteers Take to Cleaning Throughout Benson Park

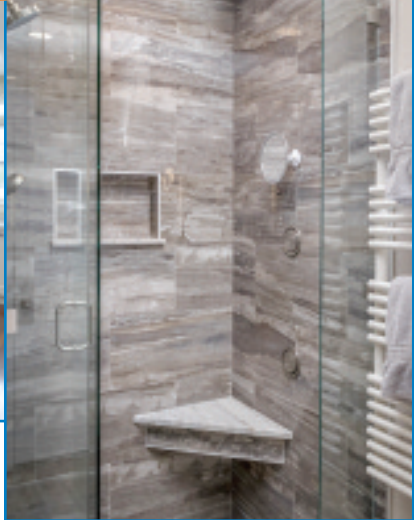


Dozens of volunteers were spread out around Benson Park on Saturday, July 20, for a Volunteer Clean-Up Day. Pictured are members of Scouts BSA of America, Troop 20, Continuity Landscaping, members of the GFWC Women's Club Club and Friends of Benson Park. They were busy clearing weeds, trimming over-growth, adding mulch, and clearing around the park.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Post 48 Prep Goes 2-0 in Division, 3-0 Overall for Playoff Spot

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

In the world of American Legion baseball, Hudson's Prep team has been a legitimate contender all season, and last week, Hudson clinched their coveted playoff spot with their two District wins in Dover, bookending a non-District 9-0 pounding of Bedford on Tuesday. Their wins against Dover came 10-4 on Monday and 12-1 on Friday.

On Monday, Hudson was looking to lower their magic number to just one with a win over Dover, and they did just that, thanks to some early offensive production and solid pitching. Offensively, it was an RBI groundout by Adam Willett in the second that gave Hudson a 1-0 lead early, allowing starter Cam St. Clair to settle in on the mound. His team then picked up a pair of runs in the third inning on an RBI groundout by PJ Millette and an RBI double from Jackson Quinn to give Hudson a 3-0 lead.

Despite allowing a run in the third, Hudson was unfazed as they added six runs in the fourth thanks to a Cam St. Clair RBI

groundout, a Jasper Workman RBI single, a Heath Haynes walk that brought home a run, an RBI fielder's choice off the bat of Reilly Hughes, and a bases-loaded hit by pitch to Adam Griebel that brought home the ninth Hudson run, sixth of the inning.

Hudson then added another run on a wild pitch in the fifth, pushing the lead to 10-1 before pulling St. Clair off the bump in favor of Chase Fuller, who let up three runs in his lone inning of work in the fifth before Hudson turned to Memphis Beach to finish the game off, as he struck out five batters in two innings while scattering two hits.

On Tuesday, Hudson played their only non-District game of the season against a Bedford team that has been a powerhouse in District A, not having lost a single game to that point. Hudson decided to be their first loss of the season as Post 48's defending champion squad crushed Bedford 9-0 in Bedford. Hudson scored three in the first, two in the second, two in the fourth, and two in the sixth while

stranding several runners on base, having the chance to mercy rule NH Prep Division's lone undefeated team while only allowing two hits on the night. Bedford did commit three errors that led to a pair of unearned runs, but even without the errors, the Hudson pitching staff showed its superiority, as Jasper Workman, PJ Millette, Heath Haynes, and Jackson Quinn combined for the two-hit shutout, with both hits coming off Workman. Hudson only walked one batter, as well with that being off Heath Haynes in the fifth inning.

Hudson broke the ice with a run-scoring fielder's choice off the bat of Jasper Workman, then another run thanks to a Cole Baker bases-loaded walk, and a third run on a wild pitch that brought PJ Millette home. Then in the second, Hudson scored a run on a balk and another on another wild pitch that brought Jasper Workman in to score. Hudson then earned a pair of runs in the fourth with the first coming on a Jasper Workman RBI single and the second being an RBI groundout from PJ Millette that

scored TJ Dembrowski. Post 48 grabbed their final two runs in the sixth when Cam St. Clair scored on an error by Bedford's third baseman and Adam Willett drove home Kyle Cox on an RBI single to right.

On Friday, Hudson had a chance to join Salem Gold, Bedford, and Lebanon for the NH Prep State Tournament, and they did just that, beating Dover for the second time last week, this time by a final score of 12-1 in five innings.

Hudson put up 12 runs on five hits, while walking twelve times and getting hit by a pitch, while also being helped by three Dover errors. Jasper Workman, on the other hand, threw all five innings for Post 48 in their clinching game, allowing just one run on three hits while striking out four and not walking anyone.

Post 48 got their runs early and often in this game, scoring five in the first off back-to-back errors, followed immediately by five walks in six batters, then an RBI fielder's choice off the bat of TJ Dembrowski after PJ Millette, Cole Baker, Memphis Beach, and Jackson Quinn all picked up RBIs on walks.

In the third, Hudson added four more thanks to a hit batter, a pair of singles, an RBI ground out by Jackson Quinn, an RBI single from TJ Dembrowski, and then back-to-back bases-loaded walks from Ethan Buja and Kyle Cox to make it 9-0 Hudson.

Then, in the fourth, Hudson added three more runs on a PJ Millette RBI single to make it 10-0, and then a two-RBI fielder's choice off the bat of Cole Baker that failed to get an out and allowed Hudson to

extend their lead to 12-0.

Workman did allow Dover to get on the board after an RBI single by L. Grigas to make it 12-1 Hudson, but that run would prove to be a moot point as Hudson won 12-1.

Post 48 will wrap up their regular season this week with a game at Londonderry on Wednesday, and then two home games vs Salem Navy and Londonderry on Thursday and Friday, respectively. Hudson has clinched a spot in the Prep State Tournament and currently sits in the second spot in District B. In order for them to move, Hudson would have to win their remaining three games and Salem Gold would have to lose to Dover on Thursday. Hudson cannot finish lower than second in District B and will likely play Lebanon in the first round of the Prep Tournament.

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Hudson Community Fun Run Series Hopes to Kick Off This Week



Hudson Community Fun Run Series organizer Matt Simpson lets runners know that the first week of racing will be cancelled due to rain.

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Community Fun Run Series has returned for its third rendition after a hiatus caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was supposed to return last week, but thunderstorms on Wednesday just as the event was about to get underway caused the series' first week to be canceled, despite the excitement surrounding the event.

Last Wednesday night, July 17, approximately 100 runners had been registered for the Fun Run before the threat of lightning and rain dashed the runners' hopes.

The running series will now hope to commence this Wednesday. The event is hosted by the Friends of Hudson Memorial Cross



Despite rain cancelling the first night of Hudson Community Fun Runs, those attending were still able to enjoy watermelon. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Country/Track & Field, led by Matthew and Kerri Simpson. The couple hopes to turn this event into something larger that can ultimately create a small scholarship fund for high schoolers looking to further their educations beyond Alvirne

High. For anyone interested in attending this event, there is no entry fee, although the Friends of HMS XCTF ask that anyone who is able bring non-perishable items to help support local food pantries in the Hudson com-

munity. If there is anyone interested in joining the Fun Run Series, registration begins every Wednesday at 6:00 PM at the Alvirne Track with stretching beginning at 6:15 PM and the first races kicking off at 6:30 PM.

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Hudson HitDawgs Highlight Has Championship at 11U

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Last week, the Hudson HitDawgs were able to pile up wins between the four age groups, finding their way into many tournament brackets as the week progressed. Some teams played their final games of the season this week, with 11U managing to finish off their season with a 603 Classic Championship in Londonderry on Sunday.

Hudson's 8U team had a week of ups and downs, with some struggles in the Conway Classic contradicting total domination in the 603 Classic. The 8U HitDawgs began the week with a 15-8 loss against Dracut in

pool play for the Conway Classic in Tewksbury, then beat Hollis-Brookline 10-5 in the first game of the 603 Classic in Londonderry on Tuesday. Hudson then played Dover in Londonderry on Thursday, and won 6-5. The HitDawgs wrapped up their week with a Saturday split doubleheader, playing in the quarterfinals of the Conway Classic, and unfortunately falling to the host Tewksbury 10-5, ending their tournament and finishing themselves off as the fifth-place finishers in the 8U age bracket before taking a ride up to Londonderry and besting Salem Blue 14-1 to win their pool in the 603

Classic. They will play the winner of Hollis-Brookline/Dover at 7:30 PM on Founders Field in Londonderry on Tuesday. If they win there, they would wrap up their season in the 603 Classic Championship Game on Wednesday night at 5:30 on the same field.

For 9U, they found success in the Conway Classic, earning themselves a trip to the semifinals on Thursday evening. Hudson, unfortunately, struggled in the 603 Classic last week thanks in part to a very tough pool, coupled with a nearly impossible first-round opponent. The HitDawgs began their week in Tewksbury with a 18-10 loss to

Salem Blue, then, on Tuesday, they lost in Londonderry 12-7 to an Exeter team that finished in the top 3 in the 9U NH State tournament a few weeks back. On Thursday, the HitDawgs lost a tough battle against Reading Red (Reading, MA) 9-8 in Tewksbury. Friday, Hudson lost 13-9 to Great Bay (Epping, NH) in Londonderry, and then on Saturday, Hudson swept their doubleheader between Londonderry and Tewksbury with a 16-4 win over Seacoast in Londonderry for their first game and then beat Georgetown, MA 14-4 in Tewksbury, sending them into Sunday at 1-2 in each tournament. Hudson split their Sunday doubleheader, beating Reading Black 28-6 in Tewksbury, advancing them to the semifinals in the Conway Classic, and losing to Quintown 10-0 in the nightcap in Londonderry, ending their 603 Classic run. Hudson will play

against Salem Blue on Thursday at 5:30 PM in Tewksbury for the semifinals. If they win, the finals will be on Saturday at 11:30 AM.

For the 10U HitDawgs, they entered the week 1-1 in the Conway Classic, while not yet starting the 603 Classic. They played their first game of the week on Thursday against Amherst in Londonderry, winning 15-1. They then beat Londonderry on Friday 8-7 to move to 2-0 in pool play before wrapping up their pool in Tewksbury with a convincing 15-8 win over Georgetown on Saturday in the early game and then traveled to Londonderry where they beat Marshwood 11-10 to win their pool. On Sunday, Hudson earned a bye into the semifinals before being upset by Londonderry by a final score of 10-5, losing to the eventual champs. Hudson still has at least one more game to play at the 10U

level this week as they take on Methuen on Tuesday night in the quarterfinals for the Conway Classic. Semis would be on Thursday against Reading with the finals being slated for Saturday at 2:00 PM.

The 11U HitDawgs wrapped up their 2024 schedule last week, with their season ending in a 603 Classic Championship. 11U went 4-2 this week in Londonderry after starting the week with an 11-5 loss to Dover on Tuesday, beating Londonderry's B-team on Wednesday 8-2 and then their A-Team on Thursday 6-5. Hudson then wrapped up pool play with an unfortunate 7-1 loss to Nashua, slotting them as the third seed for the bracket before getting revenge against Dover and beating them 4-3 on Sunday morning to advance to the championship Sunday afternoon against Nashua, which they won 5-2 over Nashua.

Toss Some Fun at OHD Cornhole Tournaments

At this year's Hudson Old Home Days, come throw some bags at Underdogz Cornhole. The premier cornhole event coordinator in Southern NH 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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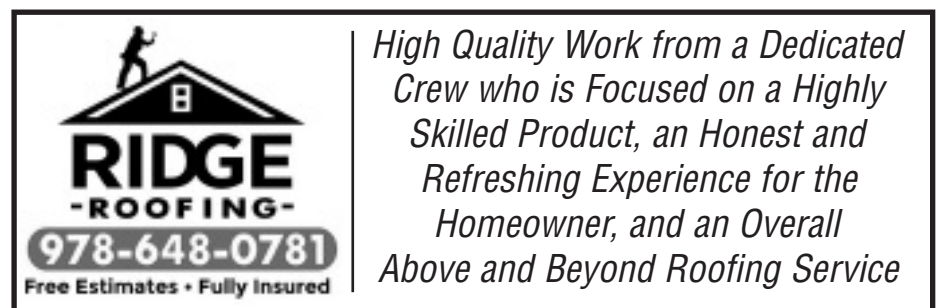
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Legally Blonde Lights Up the Stage at Derry Opera House



Ovation Theatre Company presented Legally Blonde, at the Derry Opera House, from Thursday, July 18, to Saturday, July 20, filling nearly every seat for three shows. The musical put a spotlight on some outstanding local talent from a number of area towns, including Londonderry, where the theatre company is based.

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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.

Beatles tribute band 4Ever-Fab.

Library Concert
On Friday, July 26, at 6 p.m., Rogers Library will host a concert featuring the

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.

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.

Book Donation
The Hudson Friends of the Library will hold monthly book donation day 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.

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.

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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

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.

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.

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.

Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are A) low-income, and B) living in our Greater Nashua catchment area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between

9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment. Please email info@unitedwaynashua.org if you have any questions.

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.

PFOA Water Test

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov, 603.271.8801

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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 Cen-

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.

OBITUARY

James Arthur Gardner



James Arthur "Jim" Gardner (Lt. Col. USAF, Ret.), 98, died Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at home in Hudson NH, surrounded by his loving family. A decorated World War II veteran, he served the US in the Navy, Coast Guard and US Air Force.

He was born Nov. 27, 1925, in Washington D.C., son of the late Frederick and Mary (Reed) Gardner. Jim was husband to the late Rose (DeFranco) Gardner, with whom he shared 72 years of marriage.

Jim enlisted in 1943 directly from high school into the U.S. military, beginning a career of active and reserve duty and civilian service for the Navy, Coast Guard and US Air Force spanning five decades. During his service, he saw action in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War and was recalled to service during the Cuban missile crisis. Jim flew more than 11,800 hours as a pilot and command pilot, and thousands more as an enlisted crew member. After retirement from active service, Jim was a logistician in the Air Force's Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) program, representing both U.S. and NATO interests.

A mainstay in his church and community, Jim was a life member of the Knights of Columbus (4th Degree), American Legion Post 48, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5791, Reserve Officers Association, Commemorative Air Force, and Air Force Association (AFA). He and his wife Rose traveled with their trailer all over the US, and they were able to visit many relatives and military friends around the country. Jim was involved for many years with the Hudson Seniors, and was a Eucharistic Minister, most recently with St. John XXIII Parish in Hudson.

Jim Gardner's loving family includes one son and three daughters: Dr. James A. Gardner, II, and his wife Dr. Jennifer L. Gardner of Sudbury, MA; Angela G. Murphy and her husband Jim Murphy, of Nashville, TN; Dr. Mary E. Gardner of Springfield, MA; and Rose Larson and her husband Bill Larson of Attleboro, MA; eight grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Mary Mazzie, brother-in-law Charles DiFranco and his wife Anne of Bedford, NH; and sisters-in-law Marie DiFranco and Mary "Mickey" DeFranco, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers; Neil Gardner and Fred Gardner, and was brother-in-law to the late Carmelo DeFranco, Paul DiFranco, Sam DeFranco, Ann Farinelli, Joseph DiFranco and Dorothy Firl.

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, July 24 in the in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 25 at 10 a.m., in St. Kathryn's Catholic Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH. Burial will be at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 DW Hwy in Boscawen, NH, at 2 p.m., that same day. All may please meet at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations be made in Jim's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org. Those choosing to send floral arrangements are asked please refrain from including lilies as there is an allergy concern. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home on Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Trustees Announce Training for Headstone Cleaning

Many people ask the Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees how they can help clean headstones so that inscriptions can be read. Mel Gannon, one of our Cemetery Trustees and a Wreaths Across America Location Leader, will be

holding 2 training sessions on August 3 and 4 at 10:30 AM in Sunnyside Cemetery on Central Street. There is no charge, no need to register, and you need only attend one session. She will demonstrate proper cleaning methods and provide

approved cleaning solutions. Improper cleaning methods or solutions can be harmful to the headstones, so the Trustees request that volunteers receive training before attempting to clean headstones. The Cemetery Trustees appreciate proper-

ly trained volunteers cleaning the many very old headstones in our cemeteries. If you are interested, please attend. The Town Cemeteries are: Ford, Senter, Old Center, Blodgett, Poor Farm, and Sunnyside.

Home Invasion Culprit Arrested

On Thursday, July 18, just after midnight, Officers from the Hudson Police Department responded to Towhee Drive for the report of an unknown subject forcing entry into a residence. The household occupants were home at the time and had barricaded themselves inside an upstairs bathroom.

Upon arrival, Officers found that multiple doors to the residence had been physically breached and entry gained by the suspect. Officers located a confrontational male subject inside an upstairs bedroom.

He was later identified as Lwaboshi Simwerayi, 26 years old of Nashua, NH.

Simwerayi refused police commands and resisted arrest. He was subsequently taken into custody after taser deployment. He was treated by Hudson Fire Department Personnel for injuries sustained in the commission of the home invasion.

Residents of the home were located safe and without any injuries. Simwerayi is unknown to the household members. It is believed he acted alone and there is

no current threat to the public. Simwerayi was transported to Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua, NH for his minor injuries and later released to police custody for booking.

Simwerayi was charged with Burglary in a Dwelling at Night, two counts of Resisting Arrest, Simple Assault on a Peace Officer, Loitering/Prowling, and Disorderly Conduct. Simwerayi was held on Preventative Detention and transferred to the custody of the Hillsborough County House of Corrections pending his

arraignment, July 19 at the Nashua District Court.

This is an active investigation and the Hudson Police are asking that anyone with information related to this incident to contact Detective Tyler Merrill at (603)-816-2260. Additionally, the Hudson Police are requesting that residents in the area of Towhee Drive report any potentially related video surveillance or found property by calling Detective Merrill at (603) 816-2260 or the Hudson Police business line at (603) 886-6011.

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