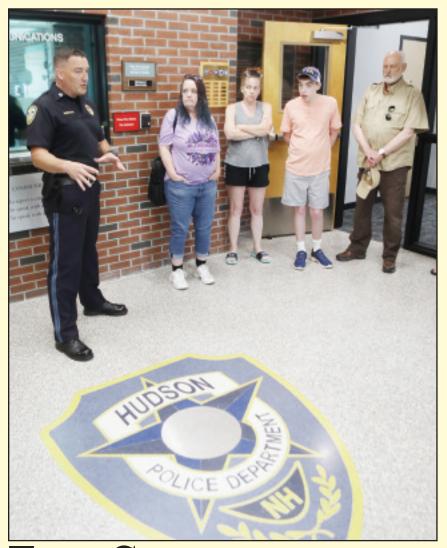
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GUIDE Captain, Steven McElhinney, led a small group through the newly renovated and expanded Hudson Police Station last week during an Open House-Ribbon Cutting. The event took place on Wednesday night, June 26, giving residents a chance to see changes made. See more

School Board Gives Approval For New Fund Balance Policy

ALEX MALM **HUDSON TIMES**

The Hudson School Board had a final policy reading regarding the updated version of its Fund Balance policy during the board's most recent meet-

As part of the policy, it states that, "In accordance with the governmental accounting standard, GASB

School Board recognizes "five categories of fund balance for financial reporting purposes."

Those include:

- Nonspendable Fund Balance - non-cash assets such as inventories or prepaid items.
- Restricted Fund Balance – funds legally restricted for specific purposes, such as grant, food service Statement No. 54," the and expendable trust funds.
- Committed Fund Balance - amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to a formal vote of the School Board.
- Assigned Fund Balance – amounts intended by the Board for specific purposes. The Board can choose to delegate this authority to the Superintendent or Business Adminis-

Selectmen Approve Water Usage Restrictions in Town

HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen OK'd allowing the town to implement higher water restrictions if and when they are needed during its Tuesday, June 25, meeting.

Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, explained that town of Hudson water customers are advised at this time to water their lawns on odd/ even days from midnight to 7 a.m. "per Tier 1 requirements, which takes place automatically on May 1st through October 1st."

to private well owners," Dhima wrote.

He explained that they recently lost one of the

"We shut that off before the rules kicked in and we've been dealing with relying on our one well that's left," Dhima said during the meeting.

Specifically, during the summer months, one of the concerns is about whether or not they get to a level where they need to limit water use, due to the amount of water they have. Dhima noted last summer it wasn't an issue due to the amount of rain there was.

He explained during the "This is not applicable meeting, that if they have to make quick decisions because something goes wrong, and there is low water supply in the tanks, wells in Litchfield due to the first thing they need to

be able to do is cut off irrigation right away.

"Our rules in place allow us to do that through tier II and tier III," Dhima

He explained that right now it is essentially only advisory, but tier II would be a mandatory odd-even schedule and tier III would be a total ban.

"The town could implement Tier II, which is a mandatory odd/even days, or Tier III, which is a total ban on outside water usage, if necessary while dealing with extreme weather or major water main breaks during high water demand periods," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of

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Lion Statues to Make Their Return Back to Benson Park

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The June 20 meeting of the Benson Park Committee of Hudson opened with an update regarding a set of historic stone lions recently donated to the park.

"There is a woman whose parents had purchased the lions at an auction back in 1991. The lions were originally in Benson Park, and they are cast concrete statues," explained Committee Chair, Jack Madden. "What we are proposing to do is place them right next to the southwest corner of the kitchen barn

back to the former Wild Animal Farm, Madden continued on page 4 wanted the lions in a spot

to visitors. The Benson Park Committee was in the process of finding the best spot for the statues, although it will be up to the Department of Public Works to physically move the heavy lions into place.

"DPW will ultimately make the decision on where they will go and that's fine with us as long as they don't block the area around the Elephant Barn structure," said Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park. "That's going to be under construction for the next couple of years.'

When completed, the As the lions harkened Elephant Barn will be renamed the Benson Museum and Discovery Center.

With the rise of vandal-

where they would be visible ism in the area, members also wanted to keep the statues safe from damage, whether intentional or acci-

> "I like the idea of it being somewhat in the easy viewing from police or just people driving by," added Vice Chair, Judy Brouillette. "I think we could probably buy some of those lawn signs that say 'Please do not climb' and hopefully if parents see the sign, they might be courteous."

> The lions are currently at a home on Highland Street in Hudson.

Member, Willaims, also made a donation of giraffe statues to Benson Park.

> "These statues were not continued on page 4

BOS Discuss Committee For Town Administrator Position

HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen discussed creating an interview committee for the Town Administrator search during its June 25 meeting.

"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," current Town Administrator, Steve Malizia,

pose of the interview 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 and selection."

Malizia is slated to retire in August.

Malizia said they had 10 applicants at the time of the meeting but said "there's still two more weeks," explaining that the number of

He explained 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 amount of candidates more manageable if they have a lot of candidates.

At some point the entire board would be interview some of the candidates based on the process they go with.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, said she thinks it's

important for the Board to come up with a rubric and process to select a new Town Administrator, and asked if it made sense to have a workshop meeting.

For example, she said that it made sense to come up with what the process would be for employees and the public to give input or ask questions.

She said specifically that the five Selectmen should be the committee.

"I feel strongly about

Selectman, David Morin, said he thinks they need to decide what they should do in the interim if they aren't able to bring someone into the position by the time Malizia retires.

Vice Chair, Dillon Dumont, said they would likely discuss it during a non-public session.

He also noted that they should use a rubric to narrow down the candidates and then have the top three

candidates be interviewed by the entire Board of Selectmen.

Dumont said they need to make a decision on the committee and process by July 9.

Dumont said he thinks it would make sense to wait until the July 9 meeting since Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, was absent.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved deferring the agenda item to the next meeting.

Before Zoning Board Property I

HUDSON TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment opened their June 27 meeting with a hearing from Peter Madsen, a Project Engineer from Keach-Nordstrom Associates, who was there to request an Equitable Waiver for a property at 18 Garden Circle. The issue arose from an earlier subdivision.

"Essentially, there was an error made during the application process for the Frenette Gardens subdivi-

sion, which this lot was a part of. What happened was that an additional segment was added to the western lot line, and that was done to ensure the lot complied with the dimensional requirements in subdivision regulations," Madsen explained. "The building setback line was not adjusted with that change, so the actual lot line was changed, but the building setback with that new lot line was not updated."

The error lasted until the final building plan after pouring the foundation for a future structure, leaving some concrete too close to the lot line under town regulations.

"We realized that we were 14? feet away from that lot line rather than the 15 that is required," said Madsen. "We're just asking for the waiver to avoid substantial reconstruction for gaining just that additional six inches."

He also argued that reconstruction for the mistake would disturb abutting residents, with one abutter speaking in favor of the request.

"We've received notice there's a half-foot mishap with a newly poured foundation. We cannot attend the meeting but have no issues with this slightly less than typical setback of 14? feet," wrote Jessica Clegg of 59 Central St., who emailed the Zoning Board to express her support for the waiver.

For the most part, members of the Board agreed with Clegg's sentiment and had no issues with the request.

"Definitely was discovered too late, not in ten

years, but it was discovered during the process," said Vice Chair, Normand Martin. "I have to say that this is the best way for a developer to do their property instead of just overlooking it and moving on, this was very, very well considered. It's an innocent mistake."

He highlighted the willingness of the property owner to come before the ZBA before continuing with construction.

Without much debate. the Zoning Board unanimously voted to grant the equitable waiver.

Members also agreed that it made little sense for the property owner to spend several thousand dollars moving already poured concrete a few inches.

"I definitely agree on the high correction cost," said alternate, Tristan Dion. "It seems pretty absurd at this point to have you guys fix it at this point."

The ZBA is set to meet on Thursday, July 11, in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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HEAC to Fold Responsibilities into Sustainability Committee with Aggregation

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The Hudson Sustainability Committee met on June 24 with an announcement that the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee (HEAC) was effectively dissolving after achieving its goal. HEAC-related webpages were removed from the town website, although they have been archived.

"All of HEAC members are Sustainability Committee members and the role, the activity of the HEAC is now over," said member, Craig Putnam, who outlined some ongoing enrollment goals of the Community Power Coalition of NH

(CPCNH). "CPCNH how now conducted the first enrollment sweep of new customers in Hudson."

These include newly built houses and those that might have had new owners since the aggregation plan came into effect. New customers in town start with an Eversource plan by default, while CPCNH will conduct "periodic" sweeps for those new customers.

CPCNH is preparing to release electricity rates from August to January. The rates will be put up on the Sustainability Committee home page when published.

The Committee made plans for a booth at Nation-

al Night Out after determining they did not have enough people available for a Sustainability booth at Old Home Days.

"Linda Pilla, as Director of Rodgers Memorial Library, has expanded it into an evening where a lot of different organizations have an exhibit. Booths where people can come and ask questions about an organization," explained Sustainability Chair, Deb Putnam.

Members unanimously agreed to participate in the event and voted to spend up to \$50 for the event, mainly to buy colored chalk, which they plan to give away to

kids who visit their booth. The Chair promised to buy the chalk before July 1, when the 2024-2025 begins.

National Night Out is on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 4:30 - 8 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot of the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Currently, the Hudson Transfer Station is open two Saturdays each month, a schedule set to last until the end of September.

The next Transfer Station opening for general waste is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. noon.

"2024 passes will be needed," said the Chair. "No pass is required for

yard waste, metal, and cardboard."

The Station is also open every Saturday from 8 a.m. noon for yard waste, metal, and cardboard only. Residents can get passes from the Department of Public Works office at 2 Constitution Drive from 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Previously, there was a limit of three passes per year, although that will change.

"There will be a new policy starting July 1," Deb added. "They are going to be announcing a program where residents can purchase additional passes at a fairly reasonable fee as many have found that hav-

ing only three passes for the year is insufficient."

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission will also hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 8 a.m. - noon at 9 Stadium Drive in Nashua.

"If you've got any chemicals that you might using around your lawn, your property, weed killers, whatever that you need to get rid of and should not be poured down a sink or put into your trash can, get in on Saturday, Aug. 24," she warned.

The next Hazardous Waste Collection Day is in

Early Plans Under Way for Future Roadside Cleanups

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The Hudson Sustainability Committee opened their June 24 to welcome Alyssa Hanley, a new alternate member recently appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

"We have our first new member in a while," said Committee Chair, Deb Put-

Alternate, Karl Huber, was also elevated to a full member of Sustainability Committee. The Committee still has two vacancies for full members and one for an alternate.

Huber outlined progress made by the Community Roadside Cleanup subcommittee, a group formed after latest roadside cleanup last

"The goal of the subcommittee was to present a team approach, open communication, and to build some best practices for safety and success," he said, summarizing a recent meeting the subcommittee had with Police Chief, Tad Dionne, Captain, Pat McStravick, and Public Works Director, Jay Twardosky.

Topics included whether Hudson officials might run into restrictions when cleaning a state-run road. Normally, the Police Department and DPW are involved with any cleanup. The meeting also looked at the most efficient way to organize volunteers at each event.

"One of the things we did talk about, and we did it in the past April roadside, was having a roadside staging area. Chief, Pat, Jay, and I all agreed that makes the most sense. For residents that want to volunteer it's a nice start point, a place to get started, do an orientation, and then a place to end up," said Huber. "As we

identify those certain roads keep everybody posted." when requests come in, we'll look for parking lots or something else within the area, we'll try to identify those."

Other subcommittee goals included going through equipment inventory like safety vests and signs informing drivers of an ongoing cleanup, which are usually provided by DPW. He called the meeting "productive and informative," promising to more detailed plans in the coming months.

"We'll learn from certain things as we go forward," said Huber. "I'll

Selectmen Liaison, Bob Guessferd, wanted to be sure interested Hudson residents would be kept up-todate on any future volunteer opportunities.

"Is there a plan to communicate this for citizens who want to do a cleanup? Is that in the works?" asked Guessferd.

Huber confirmed there is plan to put an information section on the town website after the subcommittee formulates a collective best practice on how to run future projects.

There was no concrete Room of Town Hall.

goal for how many cleanups the Sustainability Committee could oversee moving forward, with an acknowledgement that different seasons came with different problems.

"Historically, years ago, we used to do one in the spring before the poison ivy and one in the fall, where we had to check the road really carefully because there was poison ivy all over," said Putnam.

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



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Editorial

Summertime & The Livin' Is Easy

and is in full swing. There are plenty of really fun things to do such as; camps, ballgames, swimming, fishing, trips to the beach, going to the mountains, or just fooling around in the neighborhood. It's also the time of the year when our youngest people are most at risk of accidents, and this is particularly true when it comes to bodies of water and the

Water is the ultimate attraction for children and too often there is at least one fatal accident every summer. Regardless of the depths, children tend to have a special fascination with bodies of water. It seems ridiculously obvious to remind everyone that regardless of age or swimming ability, no one should be in or near water alone. Our roads can be just as dangerous as the water with kids walking, running, riding bikes, etc. on and near roads. Parents can issue all the warnings, but that won't keep kids off the streets. Unlike the threats posed by water, motorists can play a big role in preventing serious accidents. When driving in residential areas, especially, just slow down and be much more attentive whether it's day or night.

On a lighter note, recreation programs and athletic camps offer days spent in the company of other kids,

Summer has officially arrived learning crafts, playing games, and generally having fun. Summer reading programs at local libraries have a two-for-one benefit, first, they're free, and they encourage reading, a wonderful way to spend a summer

> Check out our calendar listings each week and plan to enjoy some fun close to home fun. Free concerts for all ages are offered in several of our communities. Consider them a good excuse to get out of the house in the evening, away from the canned entertainment. Prepare a picnic or pick up some take-out food, put the lawn chairs or a blanket in the car, grab the mosquito repellant, and head out for a relaxed evening of entertainment.

> If that's not enough, there are festivals and carnivals popping up in different towns, with concerts, plenty of food, and games all sorts of outdoor fun for the whole family happening in towns all around

> Summer is short, but sweet so fire up the grill, head to the beach or lake, stay in your backyard, or sit on the screen porch and enjoy a fireflyfilled evening listening to tree toads.

> As trivial as it may sound, kids will be kids, and summertime is by far the happiest time to be a kid.

> Let's do our part to make it a safe and fun summer for all.



Lions

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original to the park, although the park had giraffes," said Madden. "It could a nice addition."

According to Willaims, the statues "need a little work," possibly including new primer and bodywork. An earlier attempt to repaint the giraffes was unsuccess-

"We thought they would go great at the playground

and then we all decided, talking to a few people, it was not a good idea because everyone's going to climb on them. They'd be wrecked in a couple of days," Williams explained. "We were thinking, maybe a fenced in area or an indoor area. I think that would be ideal to protect them."

The Chair raised the possibility of putting the giraffes inside the Elephant

"Would it be conducive

to help explain the story of the park by showing some of the animals that were in it? Or do you think it'd be too overwhelming?" asked Madden.

Newell was unsure whether there would be enough space.

Committee members expressed interest in moving forward with both animals, although the donations still need formal approval from the Board of Selectmen.

Fund Balance Policy food service, vocational education funds, etc.) has a expressly delegates to the continued from page 1

trator, depending on the situation. Items that would fall

under this type of fund balance could be encumbrances.

• Unassigned Fund Balance - residual spendable fund balance after subtracting all the above amounts.

For Committed Fund Balance, it states that "The School Board, as the government's highest level of decision-making authority, may commit fund balance by a formal vote prior to the government's fiscal yearend for that fiscal year."

"Future modification or rescission of committed funds must likewise be accomplished by a formal vote of the School Board prior to fiscal year-end," the policy states.

Under Assigned Fund Balance the policy states that the "School Board special revenue funds (i.e.

Superintendent, through the Business Administrator, the authority under this policy to assign funds for particular purposes."

The policy also lays out "spending prioritizations" which is the following:

- * When an expenditure is incurred that would qualify for payment with either restricted or unrestricted funds, it will be paid from restricted funds.
- When an expenditure is incurred that qualifies for payment from either of the three unrestricted fund balance categories, it will be applied in the following order:
 - 1) Committed
 - 2) Assigned
 - 3) Unassigned

Under Deficit Fund Balance, the policy states that at "year end if any of the deficit unassigned fund balance then the Superintendent is authorized to transfer funds from the general fund to cover the deficit, providing the general fund has money to do so."

It also states as part of the policy that the "School Board will return to the town any unassigned general fund balance at year end to offset the next fiscal year's tax rate unless the school district legislative body authorizes the school district to retain year-end unassigned general funds in accordance with RSA 198:4-b."

Under annual review the policy states "compliance with the provisions of this policy shall be reviewed as a part of the annual budget adoption process."

The School Board unanimously approved the updated policy.

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September Fun Day at Benson to Include Petting Zoo

HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on Thursday, June 20, and did a bit of preplanning for the third annual Family Fun Day that will take place in September.

The Friends of Benson Park was at the meeting to give the Committee an insurance certificate needed to include a petting zoo at this year's event.

"This is a travel farm, Carriage Shack farm, I think they're in Londonderry. They're bringing a small group, they'll be goats and chickens, and ducks, and

the typically small animals that kids can pet," said Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park. "They're starting at I believe 11 a.m. and they're going to stay for four hours. It should be fun!"

Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14.

Committee member. Gary Willaims, had bad news regarding a proposed maintenance plan for the dog park, as Sunshine Paving would be unable to volunteer. The original idea had the company providing most the heavy work needed

to keep the dog park usable.

"It is a great plan that they gave us, and now we just have to go to plan b on how to do it without their help and big equipment," said Willaims, who remained confident the Committee would eventually be able to move forward with the project.

One possibility involved directly renting the equipment at a discounted price. Water runoff in the area has led to an accumulation of loose rocks and safety issues.

This brought up the issue of finding new ways for the dog park and other upkeep projects, such as allowing food truck events or wedding reservations at the park in exchange for a

"We've done research on this, we have a file, we can revisit it in the next fiscal year or the following fiscal year to see what we can do," said Chair, Jack Mad-

The June 15 Volunteer Clean-up Day saw nearly 30 people attend, with two new sign-ups for the Park's Adopt-a-Spot program. Attendees added mulch to

to raise the money needed restore the overgrown area around the Old Lady in the Shoe, which is in the process of being refurbished.

> "We spent some time putting in gravel, I'm not quite done, I still want to do the rest of my Adopt-a-Spot area," said Sue Clemens. "I'd say it was very productive."

> discussed Members what else needed to be done and looked for more volunteers at future events.

> "I'm sure a lot of people that live in the town would love to volunteer but don't know what to do about it." said member Willaims, who

securing specialized skills or equipment. The June Clean-up Day specifically used a rototiller to break up overgrown grass.

"Maybe someone has a little bit more skill," agreed Brouillette. "I do like the idea of getting it out on social media."

She singled out the need for a new lawnmower.

The next Volunteer Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Friends of Benson Park.

Selectmen Approve Board Members For Zoning Board

LEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen made two different appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment during the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting.

Tristan Dion was seeking a full-time member position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Zachary McDonough was seeking an alternate member position. It was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to appoint him to the ZBA.

In addition to the appointments made, the Board of Selectmen also heard

from two different nominees, one being Christopher Cameron, who was seeking an alternate position for the Conservation Commission, with the term expiring in December of 2025.

Cameron didn't attend the interview during the meeting.

Another nomination was Susan Clement, who was looking to fill one of the two alternate positions for the Benson Park Committee.

Benson Committee Chair, Jack Madden, said over the past couple of months they have had some sudden losses in members, and that he would support time member of the committee.

"I support Sue joining the Committee and support her joining as a full member and not as an alternate," Madden said.

As part of the normal process, no decision was made on the nominations during the meeting, and instead would be made during the next meeting.

Also during the meeting, a number of votes that were taken during the June 11 nonpublic session were announced.

One of the votes was to promote James Martorana

having her join as a full- with an effective date of Fire Captain/AEMT, a non-June 17. He will be paid \$25.56 per hour as of the Teamsters Local #633 agreement.

> Another vote was to promote Lieutenant/Paramedic, Kyle Levesque, to the position of Fire Training Captain, a non-exempt position. He will be paid an annual salary of \$97,026.

> The Board of Selectmen also approved promoting Lieutenant/AEMT, Dennis Haernick, to the position of

> > **Projects**

exempt position, and will be paid an annual salary of \$92,423 in accordance with the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Hall Supervisors Association.

The Selectmen approved promoting firefighter/AEMT, Corey Girard, to the position of Lieutenant/AEMT, a non-exempt position.

The Board of Selectmen also approved promoting Firefighter/AEMT Eric Hac- 9 at 7 p.m.

kett to the position of Lieutenant/AEMT, a non-exempt position, and will be paid \$32.93 in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154.

It was also unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to approve advertising for a truck driver/ laborer position until it is

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on July

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Hudson Selectmen Reject Bids For Adams Road Culvert

HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the June 25 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regard to the Adams Road culvert.

Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, explained previously that they had been monitoring the situation at the location "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 down-

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

It was also explained previously by Dhima that the "situation needs to be addressed in the very near future, and significant funds will be required to address this matter."

"Abutters have been notified that the town is

and in the process of evaluating the best and most cost-effective way to address this problem." For this year he said that they were hoping to use funds from the capital reserve fund, in order to pay to have engineer work done, which would become available on July 1. "As you know Hudson taxpayers were kind enough to approve a Capital Reserve Fund for drainage," Dhima said.

Dhima said received quotes for engi-

stream side has collapsed, monitoring the situation neering services as well as construction services.

> 'The estimate for the Engineering Services was \$35,000 and \$150,000 for the construction services. In addition, we sent the bid invitations to four different vendors for each bid," he said.

> For engineering services, they received two different bids, one for \$35,000 and one for \$27,000.

> In terms of the lining services. Dhima said they received three bids, one for \$108,900, one for \$178,950 and one for \$188,000.

suggested they 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.

He said it would be OK to lower the thickness slightly but they should allow for a rebid so that way everyone was bidding on the same thing. It was also noted by Dhima that he contacted the companies and told them they would be seeking to do that, with the

Dhima stated that he permission of the Board of Selectmen.

> It was explained by Dhima that since they think they will be able to do the engineering in-house he was proposing that they deny accepting the bids for the engineering services and for the lining services.

> It was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to reject the bids, while also going out to bid again for the lining services.

> The next meeting is set for July 9 at 7 p.m.

Aim to Increase Enrollmen Air Force JROTC **Program**

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

Retired Lieutenant, Christian Cheetham, and Colonel, Chris Cole, were at the June 17 meeting of the Hudson School Board with a presentation on the local JROTC program.

"This gives us an opportunity to update the public at large so that they have awareness of what's going on and I think it will help them better understand our program, and what we're all about," said Cole.

Going over the past year, he emphasized the importance of bringing "the fun back" to the JROTC program, adding that "if our ble juniors, and Sophia finprogram is fun and interest-

ing, kids are going to want "She's a very, very talented, to be part of it."

Experiences like field trips, including orientation flights with the civil air patrol, were a focus during the 2023-2024 year and both Cheetham and Cole indicated that strategy would continue through the 2024-2025 school year, along with a new high-end scholarship for students interested the aviation program.

Cole also congratulated Alvirne student Sophia Berube as the Air Force JROTC Cadet of the Year for the New England and upstate New York region.

"There are 17,000 eligiished in the Top 8," he said.

conscientious student. She's a fantastic teammate, she's going to be a great group commander for us next vear."

Enrollment numbers have been down since 2020, partially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With fewer students, the program has been under a letter of probation. Despite the probation, the local Air Force JROTC program was continued for at least another year with support from Superintendent, Daniel Moulis. The presentation included an enrollment "get well" plan to keep numbers up in the near future. The plan included changing who tau-

ght aviation history and science courses with increased community awareness.

It also aimed for a federal reform program to reduce enrollment goals. Cheetham argued that military requirements include "unrealistic" numbers that had not been updated since the 1980s.

"Legislation has been introduced in both the House and the Senate and it's already passed the House to reduce enrollment requirements from 100 to 50," he added. "I want to make sure that everybody in Hudson knows how much we appreciate the support we get, because it's paid off big time."

Another goal was to get more teachers into the JROTC program, which was limited mainly to retired military officials until last year. Attracting instructors to higher-rent regions like New England has been difficult.

Board members encouraged Cheetham and Cole to continue working to improve the program.

"I think on behalf of the Board, on behalf of the community, I'm incredibly grateful for the amount of work you have done on this," said Ethan Beals. "Literally looking at the data, meeting with Congressional delegation, all of the heavy lifting."

Chair Maureen Dionne agreed, calling their efforts "above and beyond."

More information on the JROTC program, including possible scholarships, is available at Alvirne High

Continued from page 1 Selectmen.

He added: "Due to the current extreme weather, unforeseen situations such as a water main break, and being abundantly cautious, it is important to have Tier II & Tier III ready to be utilized if and when neces-

In terms of implementation, Dhima explained that it would be through a red alert notification to the customers, "which is done through text, email, and a phone call and will remain in place until further notification," he wrote.

"This will ensure we continue to provide domestic and fire protection

throughout the water district," Dhima wrote in a memo.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved authorizing the Town engineer to implement Tier II or Tier III, if it's necessary, during the months of June, July, and August

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for July 9.



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School Board Approve District's Credit Card Policy

The Hudson School Board gave its final approval for changes to the school district's policy on credit cards during the June 17 meeting.

As part of the revised policy, it states that "The use of credit cards can, in many instances, be a costeffective method of obtaining supply and service items for the district."

"The use of credit cards also makes the district more accountable by providing detailed purchase histories and other important recordkeeping and time-saving

information," the policy states. "Some travel and training costs may also be handled best through the credit card process. All benefits arising from the use of credit cards will belong to the district."

The revised policy also states that credit cards will be provided to the "Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Business Administrator, and any other employees deemed necessary by the Superintendent."

One of the aspects of the revised policy outlines the use of credit cards.

"An employee will receive a unique card with

"Hudson School District" and the employee's name on it. The cardholder has the ability to make transactions on behalf of others, however, the cardholder is responsible for all use of the card," the policy states.

The policy goes on to state that the credit card has to be used to "conduct District business only."

"The use of a district credit card to acquire or purchase goods and services for other than official use of the district is fraudulent use and may subject the employee to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal as specified in the district's personnel policy and/or criminal prosecution. All purchases should adhere to the purchasing policy of the district," the updated policy states.

It also states as part of the policy that the cardholder "will retain vendor's receipts and/or records of telephone, Internet, and/or mail orders and file for future reconciliation of the credit card statement."

As part of the revised policy, it also has a section for unauthorized credit card use, stating that it can't be used for:

a. Personal purchases or identification

b. Cash advances through bank tellers or automated teller machines.

c. Personal purchases or expenses with the intention of reimbursing the district.

"A cardholder who makes unauthorized purchases will be liable for the total dollar amount of such unauthorized purchases, plus any administrative fees charged by the bank or card company in connection with the misuse. The cardholder will also be subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination," the policy states.

The policy goes on to state that a "cardholder who makes unauthorized purchases with the credit card will receive a written warning on the first offense. A notation of misuse will be made in the cardholder's personnel file."

"Any subsequent offense may subject the employee to disciplinary action up to and including termination as specified in the district's personnel policy and/or criminal prosecution," the policy states.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

School Board Approve Revised Student Activities Policy

HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board gave its final approval for a revised policy related to Student Activities and Organizations during its June 17 meeting.

As part of the policy, it states that "It is the policy of the Board to allow opportunities for all students residing in the district to participate in co/extra-curricular activities and programs designed to meet their needs and interests. Co/extra- curricular activities include, but are not necessarily limited to field trips, excursions, athletics (including intramurals), band, chorus, clubs, organizations, school dances, and others."

"Such activities and programs are intended to sup-

plement and enrich regular academic instruction, provide opportunities for social development, encourage participation in clubs, athletics, performing groups, or encourage service to the school and community," the revised policy states.

It also states that any student organization or "school/district sanctioned team, club, or activity must be recommended by the building principal and approved by the Board."

Under eligibility, the revised policy states that in order to participate " in cocurricular and extra-curricular activities, all students must meet eligibility requirements, and understand that such participation is a privilege, not a right. The

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Superintendent is directed to establish eligibility standards and procedures for acceptable academic performance, good citizenship/ sportsmanship, parental permission, fees, and physical exams/health requirements."

"The building principal, or his/her designee(s), will verify that all students meet eligibility standards and procedures prior to the students' participation in the activity. Any person so designated by the principal must be trained in the requirements of Board policy JJJ," the policy states.

also states that "In addition, participation in interscholastic sports or other school activities affiliated with outside organizations (e.g., the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association, or the NH Music Educators Association, etc.) is subject to the rules and eligibility requirements of those organizations. Additional Board policies, administrative regulations, or activity rules may apply to specific programs, clubs, and activities. "

"In the event that a program has reached capacity,

As part of the policy it determinations must be ("non-enrolled district stumade in the same manner as described in Section A of Board policy JJJ," the policy states.

> As part of the policy, it also outlines the rules for "Participation by Home Education and Other Non-Enrolled District Students."

It states that "Participation in student activities and organizations must have the same eligibility and participation requirements for both district students and for home educated, charter school, or non-enrolled district school resident students dents"). See Board policy JJJ for information on participation by such students."

For appeals, the policy states that "Any student/parent who believes that the district's policies/regulations or the state's laws/regulations have not been appropriately or fairly interpreted regarding eligibility or participation in a school a course or program may appeal in the same manner as provided in Section E of Board policy JJJ."

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 15 at 6:30 p.m.



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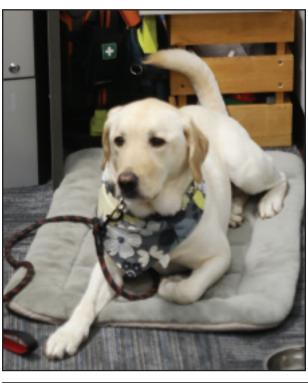
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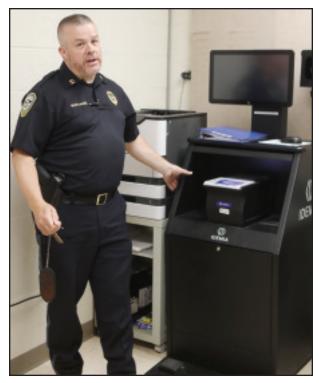


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Members of the Hudson Police Department were available for resident questions during guided tours through the newly renovated and expanded station last week. On Wednesday, June 26, Hudson Police held an Open House and Ribbon Cutting for residents to view the improvements made over the past year. Small groups were escorted through the facility with officers and given the opportunity to ask questions of staff members as they were shown all the changes made throughout the building.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Hudson 8U, 9U, 11U Qualify for Cal Ripken States

With summer underway, the annual tradition of Cal Ripken Baseball Area tournaments is in full swing with Hudson beginning tournament season with a team in each of the 8U, 9U, 10U, and 11U age brackets, with the town being unable to field a 12U team this year. While 8U's Cal Ripken run is yet to begin, their first game is scheduled for Saturday, July 6 at 1:00 pm in Hampton, beginning their pool play against Windham, the three remaining teams have begun their tournamoving on to the state tournament.

For 9U, their path to States was simple, they clinched a spot due to the fact that they were awarded the opportunity to host back in February. That said, the 9U squad was still active in their area tournament which saw them win their first game by a final of 5-1 over Windham in the first round of double-elimination and then lose a close battle to

the eventual champion, ets allow at least as many Keene, 4-2 the following night and wrapping up their area tournament with a 4-3 loss to Londonderry in a close battle, finishing fifth in their area, but eliminating Milford, who finished fourth, as the top three teams from the West, as well as Hudson, moved on to the State tournament. As for 9U States, being

the fourth seed in the West has been tough on the 9U HitDawgs, as they dropped their first game of the tournament to Roger Allen (Rochester) 10-6 in a tightly-contested battle and then ment seasons, with two were dismantled by last year's 8U State Champions, Quintown (Atkinson) by a final score of 13-0 in four innings. In their pool, Hudson currently sits at 0-2 after losses to Quintown and Roger Allen, but can still sneak into the bracket portion of the tournament to take on Keene in a rematch from Areas if they can beat Swanzey and either Roger Allen beats Quintown outright or if Quintown beats Roger Allen and the Rock-

runs to Quintown as the HitDawgs do to Swanzey. Either way, Hudson has to beat Swanzey in the nightcap on Tuesday to stay alive. On the opposite side of the bracket, Exeter came away with the bye in Pool B after their thrilling 8-7 win over Keene in walk-off fashion on Monday and won't play until Saturday against the winner of Pool A's second seed, likely Roger Allen or Quintown, and Londonderry. Keene picked up the second seed and will play Friday night at 7:45 pm against the third seed in Pool A, likely either Hudson or Swanzey.

For 10U, Hudson came just two wins short from a States bid this season, also going 1-2 in Areas after being 10-run-ruled against Hollis-Brookline in their first game and then sneaking by Amherst 3-2 in their first elimination game before falling just short against Kearsarge Mountain in a game that the winner moved on to play Nashua for the right to play

in the state tournament in Gilford. Hudson, unfortunately, lost that game 4-3 and that allowed Kearsarge Mountain to eventually finish third in the Area tournament after their 9-8 loss to Hollis-Brookline in the loser's bracket final.

In 11U, the HitDawgs came out swinging after their lackluster performance at home in the State Tournament in 2023. The HitDawgs finished second in the area tournament, going 4-2 in the tournament, beating Londonderry's B team 9-7, losing to Nashua 2-0 in a tightly fought game, and then running the table with the loser's bracket, beating Kearsarge Valley 12-6, Milford 8-3, and Nashua 9-5 in a rematch from just days prior that sent Hudson to the loser's bracket to begin with. Hudson ultimately lost 6-2 in the first game of the West Area championship, and because it was their second loss, ended the tournament there.

The HitDawgs then moved on to 11U States, as did Milford, Nashua, and Hollis-Brookline, and have been a pleasant surprise to say the least in pool play after beating Milford 6-1 on Saturday and upsetting a team that was a win away from the 10U Cal Ripken World Series in Quintown by a final of 10-9 in seven

innings to set themselves up to potentially win the pool outright if they can beat Londonderry on Tuesday evening. The HitDawgs could also win the pool if their game with Londonderry ends in a loss of less than two runs and Quintown allows as many as three fewer runs than Hudson does against Milford. If Hudson finishes first in the pool they would play on Sunday against the winner of Hollis-Brookline/Pool B third seed, if the finish second, they would play on Saturday against Exeter, and should they finish third, they would play Hollis-Brookline on Saturday in a West Area Final rematch.

The Hudson Kids Summer Fun Run Series Returns

Series will be returning on Wednesday nights at Alvirne High School starting at 6 p.m. this summer with opening night on July 17.

The weekly series is for

After a few years off kids age 2 diaper dash to series is free with ribbons post COVID, the Hudson any age as an adult. Each for finishers, watermelon Kids Summer Fun Run race is age appropriate for distance with the 13+ age group ending the night racing a one mile cross country fun race on the Alvirne Kids Summer Fun Run High School grounds.

The Family Fun Run follow weekly updates.

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Crowds Attend Week Two of GDTC Kids Fun Runs



CHRIS PAUL HUDSON TIMES

The annual Greater Derry Track Club held its second set of Kids Summer Fun Runs on Monday night, July 1. at the Londonderry High School track under some beautiful weather conditions.

Area youngsters ages two-years and up took to the track competing in

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 nonperishable food item as part of the registration.

Some familiar faces seven age categories in a were once again in the top Derry; Second was Ryder

three of the races being recorded including a number of runners from Hud-

> Nine-Year Old Results: Girls:

First, Sasha Solovyev of Hudson; Second, Samantha Pannell of Londonderry and Mia Swenson of Londonderry was third.

Boys:

First, Liam Kobisky of

Sassone of Chester; Third, Cerie Girouard of Derry Tiney of Sandown. was Owen Geary, of Hud-

Ten-Year Old Results: Girls:

First, Ryla Zatsky of Windham; Second, Ryley Menard of Chester; Third, Lisa Kelleher of Londonderry.

Boys:

Derry; Second, Jacob Timinski of Londonderry; Edwards of Londonderry; Third, Lucas Jonesinski of wright, of Derry. Londonderry.

11-Year Old Results: Girls:

came in first.

Boys:

First, Christopher Mercurio of Derry; Second, Andrew Solovyev of Hud- Londonderry; son; Third, Brendan Kuncik of Derry.

12-Year Old Results:

First, Brooke Tilton, of First, Derek Bath of Windham; Second, Eden Third was Emma Wain-

Boys:

First, Liam Newbould of Nottingham; Second was Uriah Geisser of London-Only had one runner, derry; Third was Nicholas

Girls:

First, Stella Dutton of Second, Emerson Presher of Londonderry; Third, Emma Melo of Hudson.

13-Year Old Results:

Boys:

First, Landis Beckman of Nottingham; Second, Soren Jonesinski of Londonderry; Third, Jacob Tiney of Sandown.

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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New England Charge 14U Fall Short In D1 Gold Bracket

HUDSON TIMES

Last Wednesday, the New England Charge 14U team finished their season, finishing second in the New Balance Select League's NH/ME Division I Gold Bracket after making a run to the finals as the 8th seed in the tournament, losing to the second-seeded Grizzlies Baseball Showcase based out of Manchester, NH.

The two teams traveled Wednesday morning for an early-morning 9 a.m., first ed with two runs of their

pitch between the two own, coming off a Liamteams, and the Charge jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning after PJ Millette tripled home Jasper Workman, who had reached on an error, and Cole Baker promptly singled him home on the next pitch to make it 2-0 Charge before starting pitcher Cam St. Clair set foot on the mound for NEC.

Unfortunately for the Charge, the Grizzlies were Lawrence, MA on not fazed by the two-run first inning as they respondCarter Patten two-run inside-the-park homerun with two outs in the bottom half of the first after an error committed by the usually sure-handed Jasper Workman at third.

NEC was then shut down in the top of the second inning without much issue before the Grizzlies added a run on an RBI infield single for Jakobi Little that gave the Grizzlies a 3-2 lead that they never turned back from.

The Grizzlies tacked on

inning and then five in the fourth to make it 9-2 heading into the fifth after they had long since chased the NEC starter Cam St. Clair prior to the end of the third

New England managed to get a runner into scoring position on two separate occasions in their half of the fifth, desperately needing a run to keep some of the pressure off their bullpen to avoid the mercy rule, but unfortunately, Brogan Matte being throw out try-

another run in the third ing to take third cost the down the number one seed-Charge as they stranded runners on first and second in the inning.

> The Grizzlies managed to put the Charge away in the bottom of the fifth after Asher Merrill walked, Connor Loughlin singled, and Merrill put the finishing touches on the mercy rule on his steal of home to win the ballgame and the NH/ME Championship for Grizzlies Baseball Showcase.

> While the season didn't end the way they wanted it to, they did manage to take

ed Next Pitch Black Bears Blue in the first round of the Gold Bracket Tournament. and then followed that win up with a semifinals victory over the fifth-seeded Western Maine Mountaineers in the second round on Tuesday afternoon, the cause for Hudson's Legion Prep game being postponed. Charge finished their season at 17-16-1 overall, good for a .515 winning percentage, and ultimately, the silver medal in the NH/ME D1 Gold Bracket.

acrosse 2024

BLAKE SANTANA **HUDSON TIMES**

Boys' lacrosse was one of two Alvirne spring squads to make the playoffs along with boys' tennis, and the lacrosse team did so despite ups and downs throughout the season. Finishing at 10-7, boys' lacrosse holds the distinction of having the best regular season of any Alvirne team throughout the 2023-24 school year, although football finishing at 5-4 and baseball's near Cinderella runs may have been more impressive. Hockey's fourth-place finish overall is a team's best finish from Alvirne this year.

To begin the season, Alvirne jumped out to a 3-0 start beating Goffstown and Nashua South (Division I)

home opener. Through their first three games, Alvirne was not only one of the powerhouses in Division II, but they were being discussed as a favorite to compete for a title as one of the best teams in NH after outscoring their opponents 29-17 in that stretch. John Santana, Ceddy Beaulieu, and Ryan Tobin emerged as early-season offensive leaders while Ayden Kelley held down the fort nicely in net, having a GAA of 5.67 through three games, almost a goal and a half above what is considered "above average" and pushing him towards the elite category.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and the Bronco win streak did just that in their fourth game of the year as the Oyson the road and taking down ter River-Newmarket Bob-Souhegan at home in their cats came to town and

crushed the Broncos 14-2 which sent Alvirne into a bit of a spiral as they lost their following three contests, as well, falling 12-10 at Hollis-Brookline after what could be described as questionable officiating, 20-6 at St. Thomas Aquinas, and 10-5 at home against the Windham Jaguars on a cold and raw night. Suddenly, Alvirne had come crashing back to earth and was 3-4 and their season was in jeopardy.

Alvirne seemed unfazed against Keene-Monadnock on Senior Night as they were going bird hunting and beat the Blackbirds 17-2 at home to even their record at 4-4 before pushing their record back over .500 with a 17-1 win over John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering.

The Broncos then played host in the annual rivalry game between the Broncos and the Campbell Cougars. Campbell entered as Division III's best team and batted Alvirne tooth and nail with the Broncos and Cougars going blow for blow as the teams entered overtime tied at 8-8 with Campbell scoring with 3:36 left in double overtime to break Alvirne's hearts and sending Alvirne back to

The Broncos seemingly took that loss to heart, beating Hanover 5-4 just two days later and going on to win four straight before things were said and done, taking down Nashua North (Division I) 12-1, ConVal 14-2, and Merrimack Valley

13-4. The Broncos were 9-5 Division II as all high seeds with Santana and Beaulieu won in the preliminary leading the charge with Ryan Tobin, Ryan Hurrell, and Brandon LaVarnway adding some key goals.

Alvirne played their final home game of the year against Portsmouth, losing 18-9 before traveling to Pembroke and beating the Spartans 13-4 on the road and wrapping up their regular season with a close 8-6 loss to the Winnacunnet Warriors on the road in Hampton.

In the playoffs, Alvirne was matched up with Ovster River-Newmarket and was beaten handily 12-2 on the road, finishing the season in tenth place overall in round with #3 Windham being the lone team to be upset in the tournament, losing 5-3 to the Warriors.

For Alvirne, several players had key impacts with Jon Santana scoring 70 goals and adding 13 assists, Ceddy Beaulieu scoring 40 goals and adding 33 assists to lead the team in scoring. Alvirne also got contributions with key goals from Ryan Tobin, Ryan Hurrell, Brandon LaVarnway, and Cam Drohan while Ayden Kelley helped will his squad to the playoffs, putting up a 7.64 goals against average and scoring a few goals of his own.



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Basketball Charity Classic Raises Funds for Non-Profits











CHRIS PAUL **HUDSON TIMES**

Basketball enthusiasts from the Southern New Hampshire area flocked to the Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy on Saturday, June 29, for the fourth annual Charity Classic New Hampshire.

There were 15 teams with over 100 players competing this year event with the winner of the tournament receiving a \$2,700 check to the non-profit organization of their choice.

This year's check went

youth and family community center located in Brent-

The team that won this year's event was made up of Zach Frizzell, Chase Frizzell, Tyler Frizzell, Dom Malvey, Jason Allen, and Andrew Pugh (photo with organizers top right).

The tourney was founded and organized by Andy MacDonald and A.J. Lesburt, Jr., both with Derry connections

MacDonald is a Pinkerton graduate, who is currently attending the Univerto the to Austin 17 House, a sity of New Hampshire.

Lesburt is a Derry native that attended Bradford Christian Academy and is currently playing basketball at Brown Univer-

The Charity Classic N.H. has raised over \$10,000 for deserving organizations since its inception.

According to MacDonald, he and friend, Lesburt, love making a difference, "We love the idea of being able to use basketball to bring people together and make a difference."

Lions 25th Annual Scholarship Awards



On behalf of the Hudson Lions Club, Lion Joe Kasper and Lion Past Council Chair, Roger LaTulippe, presented Alvirne High School secretary, Kelly Fontaine, with a Granite State Fellow Award, the highest award in Lions in the State of New Hampshire. The award was presented in appreciation for the many years that Kelly has served coordinating getting the word out to high school seniors as to the availability of scholarships from town organizations. The award was presented at the Lions 25th Annual Scholarship Awards dinner sponsored by the Hudson Lions Club. Courtesy photo

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Fun Run Series

After a few years off post COVID the Hudson Kids Summer Fun Run Series is back on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. at Alvirne High School this summer with opening night July 17. The weekly series is for kids age 2 to any age as an adult. Each race is age appropriate for distance with the 13+ age group ending the night racing a 1 mile cross country fun race on the High School grounds. The family fun run Series is free with ribbons for finishers, watermelon station, hydration station, and T-shirts to the 1st 100 registrants. Please join the facebook page to follow weekly updates -Hudson Kids Summer Fun Run Series

Car Show

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

eras are welcome, including odd or unusual conveyances. Admission/registration is \$10 per vehicle entry plus occupants, cash only. To facilitate orderly set-up, owners are asked to arrive between 9 - 10 a.m. at the grounds of the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. Admission to the grounds for spectators is \$5 per adult; children 12 and under free. Admission is cash only. Only show cars will be allowed on museum grounds; spectators and visitors are asked to park on local streets outside the museum and walk to the car show. The event will have food trucks. Portable toilets will be available during the show. The Aviation Museum will be open to visitors with admission included with car show admission. Businesses or dealers wishing to attend as vendors at the car show should call Leah Dearborn at (603) 669-4877 to reserve space. A limited number of vending spaces is available. For more information about the Car Show or the Aviation Museum, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

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

Downsizing and Decluttering

On Monday, July 8, at 1 p.m., Rogers Library will tackle practical, easy-to-follow downsizing and decluttering tips to get your home and office organized.

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depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and nonfiction books including biographies. This month's book is "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles.

Fairy Tale Party

On Monday, July 8, at 1:30 p.m., Drop in at the Rogers Library to enjoy STEM activities related to fairy tales. For students entering grades K-5. Siblings welcome.

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 6 & 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Cookbook Club

On Tuesday, July 9 at 11:30 a.m., join the Rogers Library to sample and discuss recipes from popular cookbooks and food themes. July's Cookbook is "100 Morning Treats: With Muffins, Rolls, Biscuits, Sweet and Savory Breakfast Breads, and More" by Sarah Kieffer.

Tween Polymer Clay

On Tuesday, July 9, at 3 p.m., make beautiful clay creations with guidance from Ms. Marissa at Rogers Library. For students entering grades 5-8.

Fizzy Magic Potions

On Wednesday, July 10, at 6 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for this drop in family event. Create your own magic potion and watch it bubble and fizz.

Tween Anime and Ramen

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

entering grades 5-8.

Medicare and Managed Care

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

Genealogy Club

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

Yoga Storytime

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

Trauma Medicine Class

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

Teddy Bear Picnic

On Monday, July 15, at 10 a.m., bring your favorite stuffed friend for a picnic on the Rogers library lawn. Lemonade and cookies will be served. Please bring your own picnic blanket and chairs.

Library Concert

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

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m., come the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams. Not a for-

mal class, but people willing to help.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

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

Senior Sports

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

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.

Characters & Cocoa

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

Pokemon Party

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

Storytime On the Lawn

On Tuesday, July 23, at 10 a.m., meet on the Rogers library lawn for stories,

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Button-Making & Pizza

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

Wildlife Encounters

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

"Name That Tune"

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

Flower Pot Painting

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

Musical Adventure

A thrilling musical adventure with award winning musician Mr. Aaron will be held at Rogers Library on Wednesday, July 24, at 2 p.m.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

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

Field of Flags

The annual Field of Flags at Library Park is set up. The Flags will remain up until just after Flag Day. Thanks to the Town of Hudson for their continued support 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 cover the flags, and inspecting them daily over the next month.

A Good Yarn

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

Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website rodgerslibrary.org

Book Sale

Mark your calendar for the July 14 Friends of the Library's monthly Second-Hand Prose book sale at Hills Memorial Library, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. A wonderful opportunity to get your summer reading supply. Book purchases support library programs, such as summer reading program prizes, museum passes and scholarships for graduating Hudson seniors. New books arrive each month, so plan for the Aug. 11 sale as well. Remember - the second Sunday of each month is Second-Hand Prose Day.

Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're

starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

Dino the Therapy Dog

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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.

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.

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