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HISTORIC FINDS Former Hudson Resident, Kevin Larivier, brought his daughter, Maria, and family to the Hills House on Saturday, June 8, for the Hudson Historical Society's Annual Yard Sale in hopes of finding some well-priced treasures. See more photos on page 8. Photo by Sam Paul

Long Session Prevents Final ecision for Central Gas Site

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

A continued hearing on the proposed Central Gas Site Plan at 77 Central Street dominated much of the discussion at the Planning Board's last May meeting. Peter Madsen, Project Engineer of Keech-Nordstrum Associates, was there to speak on behalf of the property owner.

and beyond to address comments from the previous meeting in February," said Madsen.

Some of these issues included a noise study, which the applicant had done by Boston company Acentech.

"They went out to the site, they installed a sound meter where all of the "We are here to seeking action is going to be in conditional approval as we between the convenience

believe we have gone above store and the pumps, and they monitored sound levels over seven days," he explained, going on to say the company compared this ambient noise to the average noise of similar facilities using speakers to simulate the sounds of an active gas station and convenience store. "They found that even with all these sources on, the max sound level to nearest abutter is only going to continued on page 6 far.

Barretts Hill Road Project Gets OK After Long Process

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

Peter Madsen, Project Engineer of Keech-Nordstrum Associates, was before the Planning Board on May 29 to continue with an ongoing open space development plan at 75 Barretts Hill Road.

"This is a 13-lot, open space subdivision with 13 condexes proposed, 26 units total," he explained. "The units will be net-zero emissions by using a passivehouse approach. Last time we met was at the site walk was in contact with Hudin April."

He was looking for final approval of the subdivision plan. The site walk led to several additions to the original proposal, including a the project."

traffic mirror on a nearby utility pole and four-foothigh fencing around a pond on the Barretts Hill property.

"As far as state permits go, we have obtained our Alteration of Terrian Permit from NH DES [Department of Environmental Services], as well as the NH DES state subdivision approval," said Madsen. "A traffic report for Barretts Hill Road was provided for by TEPP, LLC."

Madsen confirmed he son's Engineering Department to meet townwide permitting requirements. The traffic report found "no significant area impact due to

Vice Chair, Jordan Ulery, asked why the subdivision request included a waiver.

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"I believe the regulation reads that you can only develop six lots at a time, and we're requesting 13," replied Madsen, who hoped to construct all condexes quickly using the waiver. "Basically, we want to try and limit the development and the impact to the surrounding residential abutters. It's a fairly small-scale project, we would prefer to build it in a year."

Larger lots normally have a two-year minimum for construction. Interim Town Planner, Jay Minkarah, was unsure why the continued on page 4

Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Reflect on Time at Alvirne

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Class of 2024 is graduating on June 13, and ahead of graduation, the Hudson Times spoke to the class valedictorian, Jodi Watterson, and salutatorian, Lindsay Normand, about their high school careers.

"It is an honor to receive this distinction," Normand wrote in an email. "I feel as though the work I have put in the past 4 years is getting recognized, and I know there are so many other intelligent students that worked just as hard."

Making memories with friends is what she pointed to as her favorite moments during her school career, so

ber the teachers I have had over the years and the ways they encouraged me academically and personally," Normand said. "Some of my favorite moments in recent times have been events through the clubs I am a part of and the Floral

Design classes I have been taking since sophomore vear." Normand and her class-

mates also faced challenges including beginning their freshman year during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We were only in school every other day and certain restrictions made it hard for the year to be considered "normal." There were no pep rallies, and the classes were so small it was hard

"I will always remem- for me to get to know more people," she wrote. "My history class had 5 people, including me! To this day I still feel as though I never had a freshman year and my high school experience technically started when I was a sophomore."

> Following graduation, Normand is planning on attending Suffolk University in Boston for Communications and Journalism.

> "In terms of career goals all I know is that I would like to write," she said. "At six years old I decided I wanted to write a book so it would be cool if I could make six-year-old me happy someday too."

Watterson said she is "honored" to earn the discontinued on page 4

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024



Joshua Brouillette Hudson Memorial School I'm so proud of how hard you have worked and it shows in your academic success during these years! You will continue to shine at Alvirne! Shoot for the stars and anything is possible! Love always, Mom

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024



Camryn Carrier Alvirne High School We are so proud of you and the woman you are becoming! Keep reaching for the stars! We can't wait to see what your future holds. Love, Mom, Steve, Juliana and

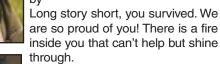
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GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024



Autumn Gray Alvirne High School

"You are the finest, loveliest, tenderest, and most beautiful person I have ever known- and that is an understatement " - The Great Gats-



Remember, the world doesn't owe you anything. You have to work for everything you get and you have to appreciate every bit of success the world gives you. Life isn't how to survive the storm. It's about how to dance in the rain. We love you,

Mom, Dad, Jack and Ruby

Autumn Gray

Alvirne High School Congratulations, Autumn! We are so incredibly proud of you and we know that you will do great things. We love you so very much. Best wishes in all that you do! Love, Auntie Tiffany and Liana

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Liana Gray Hudson Memorial School Congratulations, Liana! As you graduate 8th grade, we hope you have many wonderful experiences in high school. We know you will do great and we are so very proud of vou! We love vou! Love, Mia and Papa

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024



Cami Connolly Poulin Alvirne High School Congratulations Cami. We are so proud of you. Good luck at North Shore Community as you continue your dreams. We love you. Love Grammy. Peter, Chris, Danny, Kelli, Minnie and Cooper

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024



Autumn Grav Alvirne High School Congratulations, Autumn! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments. We can't wait to see what this new adventure brings. Keep reaching for the stars! We love you so much! Mia and Papa

GRADUATE CLASS OF 2024

Liana Gray Hudson Memorial School Congratulations, Liana! I'm so proud of you! I can't believe you're off to high school. I love and believe in you. Best wishes for your next chapter. The rest is still unwritten! Love you to the moon and back! Mom



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School Board Moves Forward With Activities Policy

OBITUARY

Ruth E. Ives

M. Ives and Beatrice E. Lavoie, her brothers Howard F. Ives,

Charles W. Ives, Earl L. Ives and Merrill M. Ives Jr. as well as

two nephews. James Ives and Earl Ives Jr. She leaves behind her

sister-in-law June Ives of Port Richie, FL and close family friend

many great and great great nieces and nephews. She liked to talk

about her immediate nieces and nephews, Howard(Laurie) Ives,

Janet (Skip) Dufour, Gayle (Bill) St Cyr, Brenda (Dave)

Andrews, Cynthia (Dan) Lyford, Kathy Miner, Crystal Ives,

Cheryl Hill, Tim (Barbara) Ives, Sandra (Tom) Russell, Beth

(Paul) Hemningway, Mary McCarthy, Greg Ives, Mark (Cindy)

Florida. She completed many courses for career development.

ing to her favorite music from the 40s, 50s and 60s. She enjoyed

going to movies and ball room dancing. A dream come true was

when she saw Liberace perform. She also enjoyed partying with

family and friends. People knew Honey as a loving and compas-

sionate person. She loved life , animals and her surroundings.

Honey was true to her friends and family. She was dependable

when needed. Her word was her bond and she will be missed by

friends at a later date. To share an online message of condolence,

please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan

There will be a graveside gathering for family and close

Honey attended the Hudson schools and Broward school in

Honey enjoyed cruising in her red "56" T-Bird while listen-

Honey often spoke of her 15 nieces and nephews. She had

LEV MAIM Hudson Times

The Hudson School Board had a first reading for a proposed revised policy related to Student Activities and Organizations during its June 3 meeting.

As part of the proposed 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/extracurricular 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 pro- stand that such participa- cy states. grams are intended to supplement 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 proposed 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 proposed policy states that in order to participate " in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, all students must meet eligibility requirements, and under-

tion is a privilege, not a right. The 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 on the requirements of Board policy JJJ," the proposed poli-

of 54 years, Dot Duguay.

all who knew her.

Ives and Barbara (Robert) LaRosa.

As part of the proposed policy, it also states that "In addition, participation in interscholastic sports or other school activities affiliated with outside organizations (e.g., the N.H. Interscholastic Athletic Association. or the N.H. 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, determinations must be

Ruth E. Ives of, Hudson NH, born Feb. 6,

1934 passed away on May 31, 2024 sur-

rounded by family after a brief illness. Ruth

was known by all as "Honey". She was a life

long resident of Hudson. She was the daugh-

ter of the late Merrill and Bessie Ives. She

was also predeceased by her sisters Pricilla

made in the same manner as dents. described in Section A of Board policy JJJ," the proposed policy states.

The proposed policy 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 ("non-enrolled district students"). See Board policy JJJ for information on participation by such stu-

For appeals, the proposed 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 proposed policy was moved to a second reading by the School Board without any suggested changes.

The School Board is set to meet again on June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

OBITUARY **Brett C. Barrett**



Brett C. Barrett, 52, of Hudson, NH, passed away Friday May 31, 2024, at his residence surrounded by loved ones. He was born on Nov. 12, 1971, in Nashua, NH, a son of the late Robert and Roseanne (Boisvert) Barrett.

Brett was born and raised in Hudson and attended Alvirne High School. Brett had a Gift

for Auto Mechanics. He was very talented and had a lot of people who loved and respected him. He started working as a mechanic when he was 15yrs old and he opened his own Auto Shop, Barrett Automotive in 2003. He had many customers and they trusted him fully. Brett always went above and beyond to help them all. He had a very kind heart and would work with customers when necessary. He truly loved what he did and worked very hard to gain the community's trust and respect as a business owner. He will be missed deeply by all of his customers and colleagues throughout Hudson and further.

Brett is survived by his step sister, Peggy-Sue Luedecke; his niece Brenna Shultz; close friends, Tammy Findley, Meluchi Byrd and Milo (his fur baby boy), Jay and Carolyn Simpson, Cody and Mae Simpson and their daughter Charlie, Kim and Johnny Brooks and Jay Beauregard, all of whom will all miss him a great deal. He is also survived by his brother Adam Barrett and his extended family, Aunt Lorraine and Uncle Eddie Boisvert, Aunt Marie Barrett, and Aunt Annette Pelletier; and many other relatives and close friends.

Brett enjoyed doing many outdoors actives throughout his life. He loved jet skiing, 4 Wheeling, Motorcycling, Snowmobiling, working on cars and rebuilding parts. He got a lot of enjoyment out of his activities, and he loved sharing this with his family and friends. He loved spending time with his fur baby, Milo on the weekends.

Following cremation, there are no services scheduled. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1120, Framingham, MA 01701.



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Editorial Let's Keep it Rural and Affordable

It seems like the more we grow, the bigger our tax bills get. Is it time to put in place a Growth Management Ordinance to get a handle on water issues, traffic problems, and yes even our tax bills?

What is a moratorium, you ask? According to the law firm Rudmann Winchell "it is a type of ordinance that a municipal legislative body may enact, that temporarily halts certain, specified development to give the municipality time and opportunity to plan for accommodating or managing the development (or banning it all together)".

Moratoriums can be a valuable tool for local governments and municipalities, but they are special types of ordinances that must be carefully drafted to satisfy specific state law requirements."

What would you like your town to look like? Has the town asked the people lately? We're not claiming to speak for all, but the topic of what kind of community we are keeps popping up in town. I hear residents expressing their fear about property tax increases, traffic, safety, lowering the quality of life, and neighborhoods changing but not for the better.

Towns face pressure from the State to keep updated on ordinances and alter zoning to accommodate developers' wants and needs. Lobbyists for developers, contractors, and real estate developers push laws through the State, such as the Planning Review Board, to take away your local control at the Town level.

The town keeps pointing a finger at the State. Things like highdensity apartments seem to only benefit the developer. They yield the largest return but do they really make housing more affordable? Local new apartments start at \$1,800, going as high as \$3,550 a month, and you do not own.

That begs the question; is it the cost of the houses that are out of reach, or the property taxes? Why does the town government feel the need to keep growing? More traffic, more safety concerns, and a higher school budget are always the consequence.

We [the taxpayers] were told if we paid for the infrastructure, tax bills would go down from all new businesses and housing, but all we got are distribution centers and higher tax bills. Who truly benefits from this type of building?

We pass ordinances in town for a reason and a moratorium ordinance should be brought to light before it's too late and our town loses the rest of its rural charm.



Jodi Watterson Valedictorian

Valedictorian

Continued from page 1 tinction of valedictorian me will stay with me saying she is "proud of all of the work I've put in to get to this point over the last four years."

"The best moments from my time in the Hudson School District have been meeting some of my favorite people," she wrote in an email. "I have met lifelong friends here, and I couldn't be more grateful for them. We have shared many memories and inside jokes that I will cherish forever. I'm also very lucky to have had many awesome teachers throughout my twelve years in Hudson.

The things they've taught always. There are so many people that are important to me here, especially at Alvirne, and the constant throughout all of my

Watterson explained in her experience "the hardest part of high school isn't managing the work itself; it's managing the work on top of anything life throws vour way."

something new to adjust to, and it can be difficult to keep everything on track," she said. "Trying to figure out life and keep up with all my

school, but I think it has only prepared me for the future." Watterson said next year she will be attending UMass Boston. "I'm very excited to become a Beacon in the fall

favorite memories is them." where I will be majoring in English," she said. "I hope to work in the publishing

industry in the future, as I

"Every year brings

love all things literature. Being involved in the process of creating great books is the dream!" Editor's Note: Multiple

emails were sent to Essayist Sadie Rogers that were not returned for this story. Rogers was one of the top three graduates.

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lot development minimum was in place, saying it was a "legislative choice."

"Considering the terrain, do you consider that to be feasible in the timeframe you suggested?" asked Ulery. "The cuts and fills, it's up and down, it's kind of steep in some areas, you're going to have to cut it back."

The engineer confirmed his estimate of getting development done within a year, outlining an erosion control plan to manage construction.

Board member, Victor Oates, asked the applicant to preserve or rebuild an old stone wall on the site, if possible, for aesthetic reasons, saying stone walls were "part of New Hampshire's history" and that it would be a shame to see the wall removed.

"I found that the cost to rebuild stone walls and the appetite for homeowners to do that was prohibitive," said land owner and applicant, John Gargasz, although he promised to do what could within reason. "If I can use them and somebody wants them, 100%. But building a stone wall with a landscaper is an expensive undertaking, but I agree, it's great to save those stone and if I can I absolutely will."

Board member, James

Crowley, wanted to know who would be responsible for maintaining sidewalks on the land.

"Would the applicant agree to have the homeowner's association maintain the sidewalks within the open space development?" Crowlev asked.

Madsen confirmed the proposed sidewalks were within an easement. It was unclear who was responsible for maintaining the sidewalks.

The Planning Board unanimously voted to approve the application, with multiple stipulations covering easements, restrictions on Sunday construction, reuse of stone wall materials, and limits on blasting during construction.



Lindsay Normand

Salutatorian

work has been the most

challenging part of high

School Board Review Proposed Revised Budget Policy

LEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the June 3 Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a first reading for a proposed revised policy related to the budget.

revised in June 2019.

Under budget responsibility the proposed policy states that the School Board "shall accept the fiscal responsibility to develop and present for approval at the Annual Meeting of the Hudson School District, an annual spending plan which includes an operating budget, a default budget (RSA 40:13, XI) warrant articles, and other subsidiary information."

One of the definitions as part of the proposed policy is related to the operating budget which states: "The

operating budget is the lineby-line spending plan which identifies all appropriations and revenues as well as anticipated expenditures and revenues for the Hudson School District."

For warrant articles it The policy was last explains that there are a number of items that "will not be included with the operating budget, but rather, shall be included as separate warrant articles for consideration."

Those items include:

1. All proposals which represent collective bargaining agreements

2. All proposals which are funded by the issuance of bonds or other long-term debt

3. All capital improvements with a value greater than \$50,000 and with a life span projected to be in excess of five years.

"Default Budget shall be developed as required by RSA 40:13, XI."

In terms of preparation of the budget document it explains that "A budget for the district shall be prepared annually for the School Board's review."

"The preparation of the formal budget document shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee," the proposed policy states. "The Superintendent shall present to the School Board, prior to November 1 of each year, a proposed budget showing the financial needs of the district for the ensuing fiscal year. Any and all warrant articles proposed by the Superintendent shall also be included with the budget document." As part of the proposed

the requirements of the budget document are which includes:

• The estimated amount of revenues for each of the several funds from sources other than taxation

• The estimated amount of revenues to be raised by taxation

• An itemization of the estimated amount to be spent in each of the funds

• A comparison of the amounts proposed to be expended with the amounts

It also states that the policy, it also outlines what expended for like purposes it the Board from making for the two preceding fiscal years

• A brief explanatory section which illustrates which program changes for the ensuing year are responsible for any changes in expenditures

"The School Board shall review the proposed budget for the district and make adjustments where necessary to carry out the operation of the district within the revenue projections. Nothing shall prohib-

any changes, additions, or deletions to any budget line item or warrant article," the proposed policy states.

It goes on to state that "Following the Board's review, the Board shall adopt a proposed operating budget as well as warrant articles for the operation of the district for the ensuing fiscal year and shall deliver the budget document to the municipal budget committee in accordance with the Municipal Budget Act."

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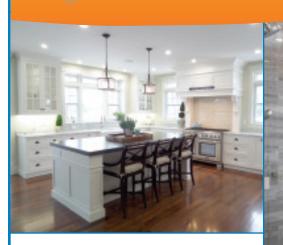
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Budget Committee Get Status on Town Planner, Assitant Administrator

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on June 5 with five new members, including Heidi Jakoby, the new liaison from the Board of Selectmen. She outlined the hiring status of a Hudson's Town Planner, which has been open since November 2023.

"Despite the extensive advertising, they have not selected a candidate as of yet," Jakoby explained.

Currently, Jay Minkarah of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is serving as Interim Town Planner.

"NRPC was contracted back in November of last

be 46 decibels."

been peer-reviewed.

vear to provide interim planning services to the town. They contracted at a rate of \$72 per hour," said Budget Chair, Bill Cole. The Chair noted that

such a pay rate was much higher than what Hudson would pay its own Town Planner compared to what it paid to the NRPC for planning services.

He also expressed concern that Minkarah was already the Executive Director of the NRPC, making it impossible for the Interim Town Planner to commit all of his time to Hudson.

"Can we get the specific agreement or contract?" asked member, Rich Weissgarber, who wanted to know

guards or trenches to keep

more about the Interim icipal Resources Inc. (MRI) Town Planner agreement.

Cole promised to get a copy of the contract to every member of the Budget Committee.

Jakoby also had an update on the search for a new Assistant Town Administrator.

"The Assistant Town Administrator, that status has been put on hold, because our Town Administrator has informed us of his retirement as of August 30," said Jakoby. "We want to get a new Town Administrator in place, and then go out and recruit for the Assistant Town Administrator."

Plymouth agency Mun-

Madsen promised that

the gas station would com-

ply with all state and local

regulations, saying more

drainage would be added if

put our best foot forward

here," said Madsen. "I just

want to reiterate that gas

stations are allowed, they

ances, the site plan still

faced questions from the

Board, including the possi-

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bility of placing

Despite the reassur-

are an allowed use."

We've really tried to

needed.

was chosen to help Hudson find a qualified Town Administrator, allotting up to \$7,000 for the task.

"It would seem to me that you might want to get somebody on board as soon as possible so they can overlap with Mr. Malizia," said Cole.

Jakoby confirmed that was the goal. The Board of Selectmen is also looking to hire an assistant.

According to a report, the Unexpended (Rainy Day) Fund Balance stood at \$9.5 million, although that number was outdated by two months.

The Hudson Fire Department officially placed

entrance on Melendy Road instead of Central Street to relieve traffic, although it was unclear if the site had room for such an addition.

Crowley emphasized the need for another engineering study to look at the driveway, noting "a tremendous amount" of public input at the February meeting.

"I don't think an exit at Melendy Road will work." said member, Ed Van der Veen, after looking at the site map.

The Planning Board voted down requiring another engineering study and a second motion to further restrict construction hours. Several other propos-

its expected order for a platform truck last May.

"Target and the town negotiated \$2.1 million," said Jakoby, referring to the agreement between Target and Hudson that led to the purchase of the \$1.9 million truck.

Unused funds from the agreement were earmarked for STEM programs for the CTE school.

Cole criticized the agreement, calling the agreement "inappropriate" and saying it did not go through the normal appropriation process, the money was allocated from a \$7.5 million fund generated by the contract with Target. The fund is separated into

als to add new requirements

or stipulations to the site

plan were proposed and

voted down throughout the

night, leading to some frus-

to put forth requests over

and over, and I'm not sure I

100% understand why we

don't support one another

as a Planning Board, and

why we continue to support

applicant, and not the resi-

dents who are asking us and

providing us all this input to

do something," said Board

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This was matched by

member, Victor Oates.

cant's side.

"I feel like we continue

tration.

several impact fees.

Committee member, Kevin Walsh, suggested looking into a future warrant article to put unused money from the truck into a capital reserve fund for platform truck maintenance to keep spending in the same general area.

Members looked into creating a subcommittee to analyze the \$7.5 million.

The Hudson Budget Committee will not be holding a meeting in July, and are scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. in the lowerlevel Buxton Community Development Meeting Room at Town Hall.

submitted by professional engineers," said Project Attorney, Andrew Perlman, following a question over whether the gas station would have room to accommodate fuel trucks. "We're not designing a site that's going to fail, it doesn't make sense."

Despite a one-hour extension, the meeting ran out of time at 11 p.m. without a final vote on the site plan application. Two waiver requests, one regarding a 100-foot buffer between residential and commercial uses and one to allow more than one driveway onto the proposed site, were ap-

Central Gas stormwater runoff free of continued from page 1 underground storage tanks, after failing to find such drainage in the revised site At the Central Street plan. State law and the site site, zoning regulations permit would require ways allow up to 50 decibels. to keep runoff from the Updates to the site plan also tanks. He also wondered addressed the issue of why the new plan had an underground storage tanks, elevated grade when the pictures of similar gas sta-

original visuals at the first tions, and the methodology meeting indicated it would of the traffic study, which be on flat land. he assured the Board had "I just hate to approve a

Member, James Crowplan that I know shouldn't ley, expressed concern over be approved," he said.

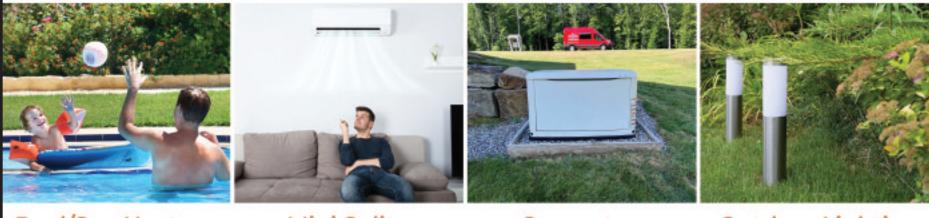






St. Joseph School of Nursing is affiliated with St. Joseph Hospital and located at 5 Woodward Avenue in Nashua. St. Joseph School of Nursing is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and the Associate of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.975.5000). The nursing programs are approved by the NH Board of Nursing, and all programs are approved by the NH Department of Education.

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School Board Approve Meal Price Increase for 2024-25

HUDSON TIMES

with a proposal to increase During the June 3 Hudthe meal prices. son School Board meeting,

tool, that ensures the federal reimbursements from "The NHDOE has a free and reduced lunches





LE AT THE HILLS Residents flocked to the Hills House over the weekend for the Hudson Historical Society's Annual Yard Sale, in search of their own treasures. This yard sale is held to raise funds for upkeep and maintenence of the historic Hills House. Photos by Sam Paul



of paid lunches. This is based on participation, cost of food, and contributing revenue from non-federal sources," Food Service Director, Karen Atherton, wrote in a memo to the School Board.

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained during the meeting that the "goal is to not have paid lunches subsidized by the amount we received for the free and reduced students that get our lunches."

It was explained by Atherton that as "a result of this tool, it was calculated that our current average price of meals is \$2.95. The Paid Lunch Equity tool suggests an average meal price of \$3.03."

Based on that Atherton said she was recommending an increase of 10 cents for meals.

For elementary lunches

Skilled Nursing

the Board was presented tool, the Paid Lunch Equity does not subsidize the price it will go from \$2.75 to Paid Lunch Equity tool rec-\$2.85, for middle school lunch it will go from \$2.85 to \$2.95, and for high school it will increase from \$3.25 to \$3.35.

There was no increase proposed for breakfasts.

It was also noted in the memo by Atherton that they do have an option of not increasing the prices.

"We can apply for a waiver to not raise prices, however, we will have to bring our pricing into compliance at some point and the increase would be substantial as opposed to this gradual increase," Atherton wrote

Burk during the meeting explained that it was recommended to increase it this year by 10 cents, in order to avoid a more dramatic price increase the following year. "These increases will

put us on target to bring the average to the amount the ommends," Atherton said.

Burk pointed out during the meeting that they haven't had an increase in the pricing since 2019.

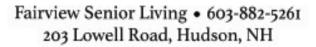
"The last increase in meal prices was in 2019, which was followed by two years of free meals due to COVID," Atherton wrote in a memo to the School Board. "We did not seek to increase meals pricing post-COVID, but the District has reached a point where the price increase is necessitated. There is no proposed increase in the price of breakfast or adult meals, which are not covered by the tool."

It was unanimously approved by the School Board to approve the increase in meal prices.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Hills Memorial Library.

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HUDSON SPORTS

HMS Softball Makes Playoffs in First Year with New Coach their roster composition around the edges to a team. It was a pleasure ross nine games. HMS 2025, the Colts are in

BLAKE SANTANA HUDSON TIMES

In a year that Hudson school sports took a major step forward, Hudson Memorial's softball team was no exception, managing to make the playoffs under firstyear head coach Meg Radziewicz, who is the sister of former head coach and current Alvirne softball head coach, Becky Radziewicz.

tered 18 total players Pooler's graduation. with 14 on the active ros-

was the fact that both starting pitchers for Memorial were just sixth graders, which will be an advantage for the Colts in the coming years as Leah Schucart and Hailey Stauch grow through middle school and into high school, especially when you consider the prospect of Alvirne softball and the fact that they will both be fresh-The Lady Colts ros- men coming off Kenzy

"Coming into this ter and four players on season as a new coach the practice squad, get- to the team, I was both ting valuable reps and excited and nervous middle school experi- because I didn't know ence. One of the more what to expect. The interesting notes on team was a little rough

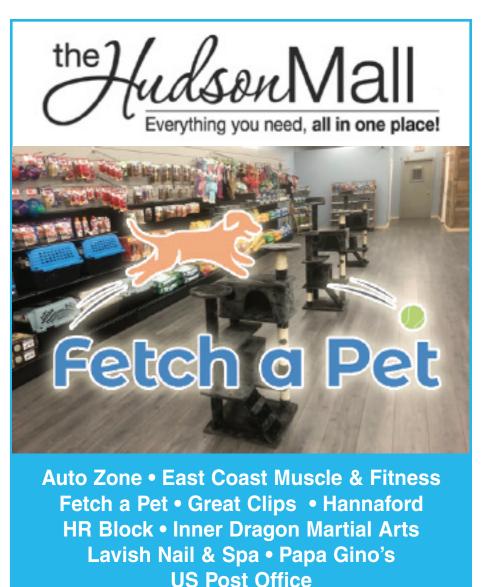
start the season, but with hard work and dedication to the sport we all love, the girls were able to make their way to the playoffs. The girls played tough but fell short in the quarterfinals. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls for my first season coaching and I look forward to coming back next year stronger than ever," said coach Meg Radziewicz when asked about the season. "I am so proud of the progress these girls made throughout the season. They worked hard to improve themselves both individually and as

coaching them," added Assistant Coach Meg Powers.

The Colts were led offensively by Em Powers who, across 11 games this season, hit for a .435 average while putting up a .522 slugging percentage (total bases divided by plate appearances) and getting on base 65.8% of the time, racking up an OPS (on-base-plus-slugging) of 1.180, which even in just 38 plate appearances is exceptional. Karisa Ruiter wasn't far behind in OPS, and she put up a 1.077 OPS in 30 plate appearances acwas also a perfect 23/23in stolen base attempts on the season, which is a testament to a sound baserunning and speed combination that any team would love to have.

In the circle, Leah Shucart and Hailey Stauch carried most of the workload with Claire Gonthier throwing 3.1 innings out of the bullpen. Stauch was the team's ace, throwing 44.1 innings and pitching to just a 4.26 ERA. Leach Shucart pitched to a 10.84 ERA in 20.2 innings. With all three set to return to HMS in

solid shape in the circle for next year as well. "I feel that as a team and as individual players, we have all improved so much. Although we had some tough losses, we learned to be a better team on the field and off. Through the season we learned to collaborate better on the field with our communication and we supported each other through games that were tough mentally, errors, mistakes, losses and wins. Each girl who stepped out onto the field played their position in a way that continued on page 11



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Alvirne Spring Athletes Celebrated in Athletic Awards Night

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On Monday night, June 3, Alvirne High School celebrated their student-athletes who participated in the spring sports offered at at the school. All told, 26 athletes were recognized with awards and an additional seven were awarded scholarships that will allow the selected student-athletes to to the True Grit Award, help cut into the cost of furthering their educations, totaling 33 awards for the night.

Track and Field was the first team to give out their awards, and they began with their Girls' Rookie of the Year Award, which was given to a young woman who nearly helped break a school record in the 4x100 relay as a fresh- were

Labonte ran in the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relay while also participating in the long jump event this season. On the boys' side, Jeremiah Caraballo-Sophos took home Rookie of the Year honors after being thrust into the 400m race as a freshman and managing to qualify for the state meet. They then moved which was given to a young lady who ran the 4x400m, as well as the 800m races. She also placed fifth in NH in the 800m race and was just four seconds away from breaking Alvirne's school record in this race. Ava Martin took home the True Grit Award for the Broncos. The next awards given Coaches' the

was given to team captain Colin Fay who was injured much of the season, but did just about anything he could to help his team succeed. The other Coaches' Award was given to Shawn "Coach's Kid" Boudreau who participated in the discus this season and has set a goal to break the discus record next season of which he is about 18.5 feet away. They then followed with the Most Improved Female Athlete, which was presented to Addison Tobin. The final awards were the Most Valuable Athletes. On the boys' side, it was an underclassman who won this award, which is highly unusual. Sophomore Joey Marcotte took

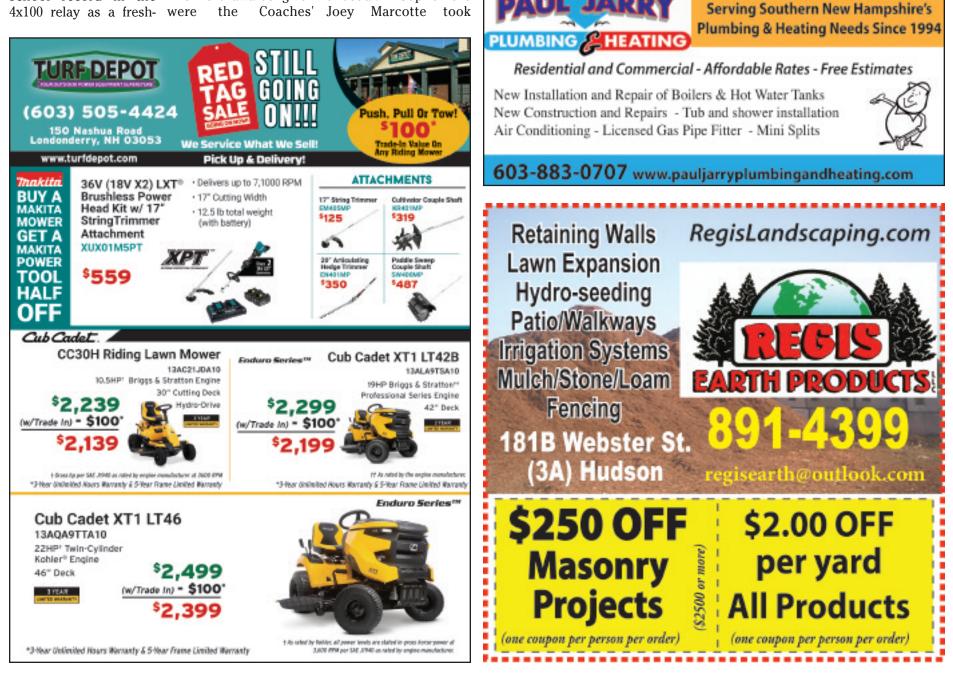
Ofori took home the honors, which should be a surprise to nobody, as she participated in the 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, high jump, and 4x100m relay as the third leg. She broke the school record in the 300m hurdles twice this season alone. She also participated in New Englands in the 100m hurdles.

Alvirne's baseball team was the next to honor their student-athletes coming off a season in which they narrowly missed the playoffs, which would have been their first time back in the dance since 2021. The team started

man, Abby Labonte. Award, one of which home the honors. On 1-10 and Farmball nearly Member this season. the girls' side, Petrina made the dance. Coach Houle, in his first year at the helm, nearly did the unthinkable, and he discussed it in great length. The first award given was the Comeback Player of the Year, which was given to Mikey Bebris who was the unrivaled winner of this award coming off Tommy John Surgery a year ago, Mikey took the bull by the horns and nearly carried his team to the playoffs on the mound while also hitting .362 and swiping nine bags. He put up a 2.03 ERA throughout the season including a couple massive saves at the end of the season. He was also a Second-Team All-State

The Coaches' Awards were given to Logan Chase Casey and Mitchell. Casey was solid on the bump for the Broncos and a solid defender at third, always working to better his craft on and off the field. As for Chase Mitchell, he was always behind someone as an underclassman, be it Nick Jacques, Alex Blais, or Dylan Page. even Mitchell was a solid player for the Broncos when in the lineup, and a leader off the field for the near-Cinderella Broncos.

Softball was the next team to honor their award winners, and they continued on page 11



Awards

Continued from page 10 started with their Comeback Player of the Year Award, which was given to another player recovering from an arm injury, Ashleigh Ducharme who came back to the Broncos after missing her sophomore and junior year to a shoulder injury. They then moved to their Coaches' Award, which was given to senior captain Jenna Kulick. Jenna helped lead the team both on and off the field this season through her positive attitude and strong will for her team to succeed. The final award for the Broncos was the team MVP, which went to none other than Alyssa Abbott, who hit .443 this season and was a leader on and off the field. She only committed three errors in 82 chances at her secondary position.

Abbott is naturally a Improved Award and Landmesser, who before centerfielder and only two Coaches' Awards. committed three errors at a position that, when she began her high school career, she had no familiarity with.

Boys' Tennis was next on the docket, and they began with their Most Improved Award, which was given to a player who struggled to find a rhythm at the beginning of the season, and he turned rhythm into his strength, Dylan Burke. The Coaches' Award was given to Sam Hergenhan who "won with class and lost with grace" throughout the season. The final award was the MVP. which went to Caleb Lambert who scored 25% of Alvirne's points this season. He also instituted 5:45 am "sunrise practices" on days that the team had home matches.

For Girls' Tennis, they had а Most

First, the Most Improved Award went to Samantha Schiller, who won more matches for the Broncos than anyone on the team as part of the "Fab Four Freshmen". The Coaches' Awards went to Zailvn O'Learv and Emma Coppi who served as de facto assistant coaches to Coach Moe LeClerc throughout the season. Boys' Lacrosse was

the penultimate team to present their awards, and Coach DeBrusk's staff presented three awards this year. The first of their awards was the Scholar-Athlete Award which was given to Ryan Hurrell who is enrolled in a number of CTE and AP programs while also being a fierce competitor on the field for the Broncos. The Most Improved Award was given to Mikey Scholarships to seven

joining the Broncos, he had never played lacrosse, and he pushed himself so hard to improve that he found himself starting in a playoff game. The final award given was the Coaches' Award. Aiden Mills took home the award as his third time this year taking home a Coaches' Award as he won for football and basketball already in the 2023-24 academic year.

The final team to honor their athletes was girls' lacrosse, who gave out a Leadership Award, Defensive Player of the Year Award, and an MVP Award. The Leadership Award was given to Audriena Chipperini. Rachael Stevens won Defensive Player of the Year. MVP was awarded to Cadence Bice.

Alvirne then presented the Boosters Club

different student-athletes. The first scholarship being the Barbara Hamilton Award which was presented by 2023 Barbara Hamilton Award winner, Bella Coppi, to Alyssa Abbott. The other six athletes awarded scholarships were Matt Branco, Logan Casey, Aiden, Flaherty, Martin, Jace Zach

Softball

Continued from page 9 makes the team proud. Overall, Colts 2024 softball was a great experience and I'm so proud of each and every player," said co-captain Liv Burtt about her team that went 4-6 in the regular season and went on to lose in the quarter-finals to third-seeded Timber-

lane on the road 8-1.

Proulx, and Sadie Rodgers.

The Broncos also recognized the four state championships won this school year, as well as members of several different scholarathlete groups including the newly resurrected Student-Athlete Leadership Council, as well as others.

Next season, the Colts will be looking to take a step forward in year two under Meg Radziewicz and potentially make a run at bringing another Tri-County Championship to Hudson Memorial in 2025, but for 2024, while they fell short in their ultimate goal, they showed perseverance that can turn into momentum for years to come.



State Property Tax Relief Available for Homeowners, Applications Open Until June 30

NH's Low and Moder- slight increase from the ate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program provides tax refunds for individual homeowners who earn less than \$37,000 annually or a married couple or head of household who earns less than \$47,000. These thresholds were raised in 2021 after two decades without adjustments since the program's inception in 2001. Applications are currently open until June 30, 2024 and can be submitted to the NH Department of Revenue Administration.

Rising Program Participation

Although there has been an increase in program participation over the last few years, the number of claims granted had been on a steady decline from its peak of 27,208 in 2003, the first year of its implementation. A total of 5,943 claims were granted for 2022 as of July 2023 data, which is a

total number of 5,821 claims in 2021. Despite this increase, the total amount of relief paid has declined to about \$900,000 in 2022 after spiking to approximately \$1.4 million the prior year. In 2021, the average relief amount per claim was \$240.51, which is the highest it has been since the average relief amount was \$275.65 in 2003, unadjusted for inflation. Thus far, the average relief amount was \$151.44 in 2022, which may fluctuate as claims continue to be processed and paid in 2023. While homeowners with low and moderate incomes have benefitted from the program, renters, who have substantially lower median incomes, are not eligible for relief. As of 2022, the median household income for renters was about \$56,000 while homeowner median income was approximately \$108,000.

determined based on specific income brackets, with households making lower incomes receiving higher refunds. Higher median incomes and wage increases may have pushed more households into other income brackets, thus decreasing the total amount refunded. While incomes may continue to increase as inflation persists, more people may become ineligible for assistance through the program due to the fixed income thresholds in State law. In addition, substantial and rapid increases in assessed property values may have affected the equalization ratiosthat are used by the State to determine the percentage of each house's value that is eligible for the program, which could have limited refunds in some cases. The Impact of Relief

for Homeowners

While raising the in-

provide assistance to an increasing number of applicants since 2020, the decline in claims over the previous 20 years may be due to the limited relief provided when compared to the amount of property tax that is paid by homeowners. For a married couple with a total adjusted gross income of \$30,000 and a home assessed at \$310,000 in 2023, the total refund provided would be \$190.08, assuming that the State's estimated equalization ratio does not impact the home value. According to the State's tax credit form for the program, this refund is calculated by dividing the capped eligible assessed home value of \$220,000 by 1,000, and then multiplying figure by that the Statewide Education Property Tax rate, which averaged \$1.44 per \$1,000 statewide in 2023. That total, \$316.80, is adjusted

subsidy amount based on household income. Households with lower incomes receive higher refunds; a married couple with a total adjusted gross income under \$23,100 would receive a full refund of \$316.80 in this scenario. While the refund amount is lower for 2022 compared to 2021, both income eligibility limits and the value-based credit cap are not adjusted for inflation.

While refund rates are low in comparison to the amount paid in property tax, the program helps offset costs for homeowners with low and moderate incomes who typically pay a greater percentage of their income in property taxes relative to homeowners with higher incomes. According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Granite Staters under 65 years old with incomes between \$62,300

Refund amounts are come threshold has helped by a sliding scale of the and \$153,900 paid about 5.0% of their income in state and local property taxes in 2023. This percentage was higher among those with incomes below \$35,000, who paid approximately 5.9%. The highest one percent of households by income, with more than \$721,000 annually, paid about 2.0% of their incomes in property taxes.

How To Apply

Eligible homeowners are invited to apply for relief by June 30, 2024. Applications can be submitted online through the State's Granite Tax Connect portal, as well as via mail by submitting a paper form. The State encourages applicants to view the program's website to learn answers to frequently asked questions, check online claim status, and contact the NH Department of Revenue Administration with any additional questions.



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website (friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

Flag Retirement

The VFW Hudson Memorial Post 5791 & Auxiliary is holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14. In Hudson, there are collection boxes at the Town Hall (left side door area); HPD lobby, VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd., and Veterans Bingo Hall 14 Melendy Rd.

In Londonderry, there is a box at their Town Hall, and in Litchfield, there is one at the Transfer station.

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.

Story Safari

Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles. It will take place on Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m., Thursdays, June 13, 20, and 27 at 10 a.m. All ages welcome. Geared to ages 3-8.

Preschool Water Play

Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rodgers library lawn on Wednesday, June 26 at 10 a.m.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow people Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rodgers Library and grab a donut on Saturday, June 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Access Wisdom Book Club

On Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Library, certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a club highlighting books that help us gain more access to our own wisdom. This month's book is "Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True

Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone" by Brené Brown.

Genealogy Club

This month, on Friday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m., Rodgers Library will have a research jam session. Either join from home on Zoom or bring your device and do some research in the community room with fellow genealogists whom you can ask for advice.

Library Birthday Party

Rodgers Memorial Library's 15th Birthday Party will take place on Saturday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m. Please join for a lunchtime party celebrating 15 years of reading, learning, making friends, and inspiring ideas. The festivities will include music and dancing, food, laughter, and fun

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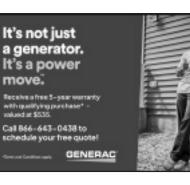
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while reminiscing about the past and look forward to

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 Cashmere" by Sally Goldenbaum. The club will meet on Monday, June 17 at 1 p.m.,at Roders Library.

Tween Anime and Ramen

On Monday, June 17 at 3 p.m., come to Rodgers Library to relax, color, and snack with us while watching anime and talking about your favorite manga and animated series. For students entering grades 5-8.

Concert: Let's Play Music

On Monday, June 17 at 6 p.m., come hear young local musicians from Let's Play Music share their musical talents with you at an outdoor concert at Rodgers Library.

Steve Blunt at Benson's

On Tuesday, June 18 at 10 a.m., Mr. Steve will be under the pavilion near the pond. Bring chairs or blankets and be prepared to move and groove.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind

On Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m., join the Rodgers Libray for this information session with Guiding Eyes for the Blind and learn how dogs are trained.

Family Candy Bingo

On Monday, June 24 at 10 a.m., come play BINGO with the whole family and win candy at Rodgers Library.

Rolling Video Games

On Thursday, June 20 at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m., the Rodgers Library will host a video game trailer equipped with widescreen high-def TVs and speakers in front and back! For students ages 9-12 at 5 p.m., and 6 p.m., 12-18 at 7 p.m.

Teen Candy Bar Bingo

On Friday, June 21 at 1:30 p.m., Play BINGO and win candy at Rodgers exciting chapters yet to come. Library! For teens entering grades 9-12.

Lithuanian Cooking

On Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m., join Chef Oonagh Williams for a program on Lithuanian cooking at Rodgers Library. She will demonstrate several Lithuanian dishes.

Tween Candy Bar Bingo

On Monday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m., Play BINGO and win candy at Rodgers Library! For teens entering grades 5-8.

Read 'Em & Eat

Come to T-Bones on June 24 at 7 p.m., to discuss books over good food and drinks! You can pick up a copy of the book from the library. May's book is "The Guncle" by Steven Rowley.

Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m., Join the Rodgers Library for the third Tuesday of every month for an indepth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and nonfiction books including biographies. This month's book is "Hell of a Book" by Jason Mott

Characters & Cocoa

Come to the Rodgers Library on Thursday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m. for 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.

True Crime Podcast Club

Crime & Cookies! True Crime Podcast Club will meet on June 27 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Libray. This month podcast is "American Scandal Season 56: Aaron Hernandez: Football А Tragedy" and "Root of Evil: The True Story of the Hodel Family and the Black Dahlia."

Teen Paint Night

Hang out and paint with watercolors or acrylic on June 27 at 6 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. Try out new tools and techniques. No experience required. Ages 13-18 only.

Brunch Bunch

Eat pancakes and talk about books you love (and books you love to hate) on June 28 at 11 a.m., at Rodgers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades.

The Silver Circus

On June 25 at 1:30 p.m., Andrew Silver explores the concept of perseverance as he is faced with the daunting task of presenting a full circus show all by himself at the Rodgers Library. Featuring tons of audience participation.

Family Movie

Come watch Shrek on June 28 at 1:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library. Enjoy snacks and coloring pages while watching.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The ETZ Hayim Synagogue will hold its 3rd Annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 17, from noon - 5 p.m., at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. You can donate at age 17 with parental permission, it is (almost) painless, and what a MITZVAH! Blood supplies are dangerously low! Your donation is needed and appreciated. Questions? Contact Beth at ETZHAYIM-GIVEBLOOD@GMAIL.CO Please Make Your M. Appointment At Redcross.Com Or 1-800 Red Cross.

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

Surviving, Thriving, and **Finding Purpose**

On Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m., Beth Hudson will tell her story of Surviving, Thriv-

ing, and Finding Purpose, at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Beth Hudson was involved in a near-fatal accident on June 29, 2017. She spent a year hospitalized and then had a left-below-knee amputation two months after arriving home. This is a story of courage, determination, and resilience. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH 03038. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Library Fundraiser.

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website https://rodgerslibrary.org/buy-a-brick

Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will be holding their monthly book sale - Second Hand Prose (SHP) the second Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Hills Memorial Library location. Upcoming date is June 9. Your purchases support the friends to help the library - summer reading program prizes, museum passes, and also our annual High School scholarship awarded to a graduating senior living in Hudson.

Book Donation

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will hold a book donation day each month at Rodgers Memorial Library from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. It's the Thursday immediately following Second Hand Prose (SHP). Upcoming dates June 13. Books are dropped off at Rodgers in a study room. Do not use the donation bin in the parking lot, the bin donations do not go to the friends. In May they will accept games. No missing pieces and good condition please.

Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays in June at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial

Library. This event is or ages 3-5. There will be a different theme each week. Caretaker participates with their child or children. Children should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome.

Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

Dino the Therapy Dog

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

Songs & Snuggles

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

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.

Teen Hangout

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

Movers & Shakers

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

OBITUARY Virginia "Ginny" Steeves

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother Virginia "Ginny' Steeves. She was born on July 26, 1924 and passed on May 29, 2024 from a short illness while surrounded by her loving family. She grew up in Woburn, MA and later in

life she moved to Hudson, NH where she resided. She loved gardening, crocheting and watching the hummingbirds on the back porch. Her precious moments were spending time with her family at Sunday dinners, pool parties, playing right left center on the Holidays and her visits to York Beach Maine in the summer.

Ginny is survived by daughters; Sharon Walsh of Hudson, NH, Mary Martin and her husband Robert of Hudson, NH, Maureen Steeves, of Hudson, NH and Helen Steeves of Nashua, NH. also several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister; Dorothy Langhan, her sons; James, Michael and Gerald Giuliani, and a granddaughter; Victoria Giuliani.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 19 at 10 a.m., in St. Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut R.d, Hudson, NH. All may please meet at church. Burial will be private. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in Ginny's loving memory to the Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home In Hudson Is In Charge Of Arrangements.



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