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Father's Day Fun

Father and son, Derrick and Jesse Wanham pick up debris near the Elephant Barn at Benson Park during the June Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 20. A number of residents took part in the monthly event in an effort to keep the park beautiful.

Photo by Chris Paul

Benson Park Group Clarifies Large Group Rules for Summer

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on June 18 to address several emails from residents hoping to reserve space at Benson Park during what is expected to be a busy summer. Chair Sue Clement

reiterated that the town does not have a formal reservation system for large gatherings.

"We've had quite a few emails about get togethers and parties at the park," Clement said. "If you're interested in having an activity with more than 15

people, we ask that you fill out a park usage form with the Department of Public Works. You can find it on the Benson Park website. There is no fee, but there are no reserved spots. On weekends, they allow only two groups of 15 or more."

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Resident Looks for Answers on \$1M of Missing Funds

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on June 3 for what became a wide ranging discussion on transparency, documentation, and communication between the town, the School District, and the committee itself.

The meeting opened with public input from resident Kelly Santos, who thanked the committee for its recent scrutiny of both the town and school budgets following concerns raised during recent financial audits.

"I do see the problem as two pronged," Santos said. "I think it's not solely falling on the school dis-

trict either. The town needs to be held accountable also." She referenced the discovery of just under \$1 million in "missing" money from the School District's budget an issue that has fueled public frustration and prompted calls for stronger oversight. "I give grace to human error. I think it was a mistake, but it was a mistake on the school and town side, so let's hold everyone accountable."

Santos urged the School Board to adopt greater transparency practices, echoing concerns the Budget Committee has raised for months. She said residents deserve clearer, more accessible financial infor-

mation, especially after the audit findings.

Selectmen Liaison Xen Vurgaropoulos acknowledged that responsibility for the budgeting issues did not fall on one entity alone.

"On the incident you're speaking about, yes, there was fault on both sides," he said. "Since then, the Board of Selectmen has taken action and directed the town to put in some checks and balances."

Vurgaropoulos explained that the Selectmen are reviewing policies to improve how financial information is presented and shared. The goal, he said, is to make documents easier for officials and resi-

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Alvirne Students Help Raise Funds for New Stop Signs

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

Two Alvirne High School students received praise from the Hudson Board of Selectmen this week after successfully raising funds to help install new illuminated stop signs at two dangerous intersections in town.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson told the Board he had been contacted by Madelynne Perron, co-president of the newly formed Hands of Hope Club at Alvirne, about the group's desire to donate money toward safety improvements.

"The group is interested in donating funds to purchase two illuminated stop signs for the Wason-Mu-

squash and Wason-Burns Hill intersections," Sorenson said. "The group is composed of high school juniors who are passionate about improving the Hudson community."

Sorenson noted that the students had already spoken with Town Engineer Elvis Dhima and that Public Works Director Kevin Twardosky had been informed of the request. He added that the signs must comply with MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standards, meaning additional coordination may be needed once the donation is formally accepted.

Perron told the Board that the project was deeply personal. During the first

week of school, her father was struck by a car at the Wason-Musquash intersection, an incident she said reflects a larger safety problem.

"A number of accidents have occurred at this hazardous intersection," Perron said. "It could happen to anyone at any time."

Her co-president, Sanjana Bangaru, explained that the Hands of Hope Club was created this year to encourage student activism and community improvement.

"We have started this club to promote and establish activism and change within our community," Bangaru said.

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LCHIP Grant Decision for Wason Road Land Not Expected Until November

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission received a detailed update on June 8 regarding its ongoing effort to secure a major state grant to help preserve the 121R Wason Road property, a parcel the town hopes to acquire from the remnants of the long abandoned Circumferential Highway project. The land, which includes high value wetlands and wildlife habitat, has been a priority for the Commission as it looks to expand conservation holdings in the southern part of town.

Civil Engineer Don Kirkland reported that the town successfully submitted its required Letter of Intent to the state's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in April. Since then, the town has provided extensive follow-up documentation as part of the program's competitive application process.

"They asked for information associated with the next step, which is basically a lot of project description and project value information," Kirkland said. "They want maps, habitat rankings, budget information, matching funds, and details on the land's ecological, agricultural, recreation, scenic, and cultural significance."

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LCHIP, one of New Hampshire's most sought after conservation funding sources, requires applicants to demonstrate not only the environmental value of the land but also the town's ability to complete the acquisition and long term stewardship. Kirkland said Hudson has submitted all required materials for the initial review.

However, the Commission will now enter what Kirkland described as a "holding pattern" for most of the year.

"They spend most of the summer and the fall reviewing all of the applications they receive, and in November, they make awards," he said. "The award is basically just a notice that says, 'Your application has been looked upon favorably, now we need even more information from you.'"

If Hudson's application is selected, the town must then complete a series of formal assessments before funding is released. These include a full appraisal, a land survey, a title review, an environmental assessment, and the preparation of conservation restrictions and legal documents. Kirkland said these steps are standard for all LCHIP projects and ensure that the land meets the program's requirements for long term protection.

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Funding, if awarded, would likely not be distributed until spring 2027, meaning the town has time to plan for the next phase.

Commissioner John Walter asked how the town would cover the cost of the required assessments, which are separate from the land purchase price.

"These are things we need to satisfy the grant, and there are related costs," Walter said. "Does that go through the Conservation Commission? How is that going to work? This is in addition to the land purchase price of the property?"

Kirkland said the exact funding source has not yet been determined.

"Where those funds come from at the moment, I'm not entirely sure," he said. "I would assume it would probably have to be something from the money we've set aside for land purchase."

He emphasized that no financial decisions need to be made until at least November, when LCHIP announces which projects will move forward.

Selectmen Liaison Dillon Dumont noted that the

grant would significantly reduce the town's financial burden.

"Whether the land costs \$100,000 or \$300,000, the cost borne by the town is 50% of that," Dumont said. "The LCHIP is only good for the other 50%."

Vice-Chair Ken Dickison recommended reviewing past studies related to

the Wason Road corridor to strengthen the application and reduce redundant work.

"In a 2009 wetland study, one of the wetland areas in that corridor was looked at really closely," he said. "There was a lot of background supporting information that might be relevant for this application."

Commissioner Chris

Cameron added that the land may qualify for additional grant programs, and Kirkland agreed to explore those possibilities as the town prepares for the next phase of the process.

The Commission expects to revisit the topic in the fall once LCHIP's review period nears completion.

Missing Funds

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dents to understand and search.

"We're trying to standardize the formatting, to standardize the format and number system and everything," he said. "Ultimately, we're looking to make it so that these are much easier to search. The goal is to have all of this online to search for in some manner, though I don't yet know how that's going to look."

The committee then turned to a recurring frustration: the lack of printed budget materials from the School Board. Several members said they have repeatedly requested paper copies but have yet to receive any.

"We have asked the district to provide the stuff in paper form," said Committee member Robert Everett. "We got what was it 80 pages last month from the town. I've been on this committee three months,

and we still haven't had any pages provided to us from the School Board. I'm old school."

Vice-Chair Kim Rice agreed. "I too am old school," she said. "I also want some printed copies."

Committee member Shawn Jasper said the district has staff capable of producing the documents and that the lack of printed materials is becoming a serious obstacle.

"We should have those. This has to stop, or it's going to be an ugly budget season, at least from my standpoint," Jasper said. "I don't want 300 pages or anything I think they can be summarized pretty well. On the town side especially, it's not as complicated. But I really don't like the emailed versions."

Jasper also reminded the committee that written reports should come from both the town and the School District, noting that

budget issues exist on both sides of the financial process.

School Board Liaison Dan Kilgour acknowledged the oversight and took responsibility.

"I simply dropped the ball on that one," Kilgour said. "I apologize to each and every single one of you. I will make every attempt in the future to have something here."

Committee members said that consistent written documentation from both the town and the School District is essential for a smooth and transparent budget season. Several noted that without clear, accessible reports, misunderstandings and mistrust can grow, especially in a year already marked by audit concerns and public scrutiny.

The Hudson Budget Committee is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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Eversource Builds Environmental Plan for October Pole Replacement Project

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HUDSON TIMES

At its June meeting, the Hudson Conservation Commission heard a detailed presentation from Lindsey Tower of GZA Geo-Environmental and Kurt Nelson of Eversource regarding a conditional use permit for upcoming wood-to-steel pole replacement work along Transmission Line 326. The project, which spans multiple communities, is part of Eversource's long term effort to replace aging wooden H-frame structures with modern steel equivalents.

"We are here for a conditional use permit application on upcoming maintenance work along the existing 326 transmission line project," Tower explained. "It's set to start this October

2026 and be completed prior to May 2027. That's primarily outside the growing season and winter work."

In Hudson, the work involves replacing three existing utility poles located off Boyd Road. The wooden H-frame structures will be swapped for steel poles designed to last longer and require less maintenance. The replacements are part of a broader, multi-year upgrade that has already been underway in neighboring Londonderry and other communities along the line.

Tower emphasized that the project does not involve direct wetland impacts. Instead, the work will affect approximately 4,300 square feet within the town's 75 foot wetland buffer, primarily to allow access to the

poles and to construct a temporary work pad.

"We are proposing to use an existing access road, it's already in place," she said, noting that minimizing new disturbance was a priority.

Nelson described the work as "straightforward" and said Eversource has been in contact with Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima, who indicated that structure replacements are typically viewed as exempt maintenance activity.

Commission members, however, sought clarification on the long term effects of the gravel work pad and access area.

"The proposed wetland buffer impact seems to be 4,300 square feet. Is that temporary? You said it was

just a pad going in there?" asked Selectmen Liaison Dillon Dumont.

Nelson explained that while part of the gravel pad would be temporary, a portion would remain in place to create a compacted, level area for future maintenance. He added that the remaining gravel would likely "vegetate over time," even without full restoration.

Secretary Chris Cameron questioned whether compaction might hinder re-growth.

"Depending on how much you compact it, that might affect the ability of anything to grow," Cameron said. "Do you plant anything afterwards?"

Tower responded that the company uses a "standard grass mix" of soil and seed to stabilize disturbed

areas once work is complete.

Vice-Chair Ken Dickin-son asked for specifics on the construction footprint.

"How much gravel, and what's the thickness of it that you're putting down? How wide is your road?" he asked.

Tower and Nelson said the plan calls for a compactable gravel layer roughly one foot thick, with an access road between 16 and 20 feet wide to accommodate heavy equipment. Nelson added that Eversource is coordinating with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to ensure compliance with state regulations.

"I wouldn't expect us to have to widen it at all. We have used this in the past," Nelson said. "Step one

when we're planning these is to figure out what our scope of work is, then we put a substantial memo together that goes to the DES Ecological Review Group."

To protect wildlife, preliminary work cannot begin before October 15. With the project scheduled to run through early spring, Tower said the timing avoids sensitive growing periods and reduces environmental impact.

After reviewing the proposal and confirming that environmental professionals would oversee the work, the Conservation Commission voted to recommend granting the conditional use permit, adding several stipulations to safeguard the surrounding wetland buffer.

School Board Gets Briefed on May Discipline Reports

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed its monthly discipline report at its most recent meeting, receiving updates on detentions, suspensions, and other incidents across all District schools for the month of May.

At the Early Learning Center – Library Street, the report showed a completely incident free month. There were no detentions, no in-school or out-of-school suspensions, and no bullying reports. During the same period last year, the school recorded one in-school suspension.

The Early Learning Center – Dr. H.O. Smith also reported minimal disciplinary activity. There

were no detentions issued, one in-school suspension, and no out-of-school suspensions. No bullying incidents were reported for the month.

Hills Garrison Elementary reported no detentions in May, matching last year's total. The school did see an increase in in-school suspensions, issuing 13 this year compared to seven during the same period in 2025. There were no out-of-school suspensions, consistent with last year, and one personal communication device violation was recorded.

At Nottingham West Elementary, there were no detentions issued in May. The school reported four in-school suspensions and no out-of-school suspensions. Last year's totals for the same period included one in-school suspension and one out-of-school suspension.

Hudson Memorial School reported 28 detentions for the month, slightly higher than the 26 issued in May 2025. The

school issued 15 in-school suspensions, a decrease from 23 last year. out-of-school suspensions also declined, with three issued this May compared to six during the same period last year. There were 11 personal communication

device violations.

Alvirne High School reported the highest number of disciplinary actions in the District. The school issued 223 detentions in May, a significant increase from 110 during the same month in 2025. in-school

suspensions dropped to 15, down from 27 last year. out-of-school suspensions also decreased, with six issued this May compared to 11 last year. The school recorded five personal communication device violations.

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Editorial

A Reason to Celebrate: 250 Years of One Nation

On July 4, 1776, a group of ordinary people made an extraordinary choice. They declared that a nation could be built on freedom, equality, and the belief that people, all people, deserve a voice in their own future. They weren't perfect, and they didn't agree on everything, but they agreed on something bigger, liberty, and that idea still holds us together.

That's why this year's Fourth of July carries more weight than usual. Those imperfect but determined individuals signed their names to an idea bold enough to change the world: that ordinary citizens, not kings, not rulers, not distant powers, should decide their own future.

It's easy these days to focus on what divides us. We hear it on the news, we see it online, and we feel it every election season. But the truth is simpler than the noise: most people in this country are good people trying to live decent lives. They love their families, care about their communities, and want a future that's safe and fair. That's true whether they grew up here or arrived later, whether they vote red or blue, whether they worship, don't worship, or fall somewhere in between.

The Founders didn't imagine a nation where everyone agreed. They imagined a nation where disagreement didn't break us, where the government's power came from the people, not the other way around, and where freedom belonged to all of us.

The Declaration of Independence is worth reading again this year, especially as we mark its 250th anniversary. Not because it's perfect, but because it reminds us of the promise we inherited:

"All men are created equal... endowed with certain unalienable Rights... among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Those words weren't written for one party or one group. They weren't meant for only the loudest voices or the people who think exactly alike. They were written for everyone, for the whole messy, diverse, opinionated, stubborn, hopeful country we've become. And they still matter.

This anniversary reminds us that our strength has never come from being the same. It comes from choosing, again and again, to remain one country even when we disagree. It comes from believing that freedom is worth protecting, that democracy is worth participating in, and that our shared future matters more than our temporary divisions.

So yes, light the grill, wave a flag, and watch the fireworks. But take a moment to remember the promise that started all of this. We are part of a country that has spent 250 years trying, not always perfectly, but always persistently, to live up to its founding ideals.

We are still one nation. We are still responsible for one another. And we are still worth believing in.

Have a safe and meaningful Fourth of July. Our ancestors would want it that way.

Volunteers Pitch In to Help Keep Benson Park Beautiful



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

A number of volunteers recently came together to help preserve one of Hudson's most treasured public spaces during a cleanup effort at Benson Park on Saturday, June 20.

The volunteer work focused on improving the appearance and condition of the park while helping maintain the trails, open spaces, and historic areas that make Benson Park a popular destination for residents and visitors.

Participants spent time collecting debris, clearing

areas around the park, and completing various maintenance projects to help keep the grounds safe and welcoming. The efforts are part of an ongoing commitment by community members who donate their time to protect and improve the former circus property.

Benson Park, which has become a favorite location for walking, recreation, community events, and exploring local history, relies heavily on the dedication of volunteers and community organizations.

The cleanup provided an opportunity for residents to

give back while ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the park's trails, natural surroundings, and unique connection to Hudson's past.

The park holds a Clean-Up Day on the third Saturday of each month from April through October. Anyone interested can sign up at the Friends of Benson Park website.

Organizers were thankful to everyone who participated on Saturday to help make a difference through their time and hard work.

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BOS Discuss Future of Hills Memorial Library Building

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen revisited the long running question of what to do with the historic Hills Memorial Library building during its most recent meeting, taking a significant step toward shifting responsibility for the structure from the Library Trustees to the Town.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson opened the discussion with a detailed memo outlining the building's complicated history and the years of debate surrounding its use and stew-

ardship.

"As you know, there has been extended discussion over the past year on the Hills Memorial Library and best uses for the building," Sorenson wrote, noting that the issue stretches back far longer than the current Board. "These discussions have garnered passionate debate much longer than the past year, with several Board of Selectmen meetings since 2008 inquiring about how to proceed."

For decades, the Hills building has technically remained under the authority of the Library Trustees,

who were designated as agents to expend funds from the Hills Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund, created at the 2021 Town Meeting. Sorenson said that while the Trustees have historically viewed the building through the lens of library operations, the reality of its maintenance needs suggests a different approach.

"Time has shown us that the more appropriate application of care for the building should be that of the Town," he explained.

Sorenson cautioned that determining the full scope of the building's history,

obligations, and financial needs will take time.

"This endeavor will take some time to investigate all deeds, documents, expenses, and agreements that are in place for the building," he said. "However, the administrative work which is readily identifiable can begin now."

During the meeting, Selectman Heidi Jakoby shared observations from her recent walkthrough of the building. Despite concerns raised in past years about mold and air quality, Jakoby said she found the interior to be in good condition.

"I also found that even the air quality was very good throughout the building, just so that the public knows," she said.

Jakoby also thanked the Library staff for their ongoing care of the structure.

"I want to thank them for their care in the entire process, and all the efforts that the library staff put into keeping that building in the shape that it is in."

After discussion, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to direct the Town Administrator to begin meeting with the Library Trustees to initiate the transfer of maintenance

responsibilities for the Hills Memorial Library building to the Town. The goal is to have the transition reflected in the Fiscal Year 2028 budget.

The Board also instructed Sorenson to meet with all current users of the building; including, but not limited to, the Hudson Historical Society; to develop a strategic plan for the building's future use. That plan will be presented to the Board for consideration once complete.

The next meeting of the Hudson Board of Selectmen is scheduled for July 14 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Laurie J. Burkett



Laurie J. Burkett, beloved wife and mother, passed away peacefully at home on June 15, 2026. She was a devoted wife to her husband, Michael, for 43 years, and a loving, nurturing mother to her two sons, Aaron and Isaac. She also leaves behind two daughters-in-law whom she cherished as the "daughters she never had."

Her five grandchildren were her greatest motivation and deepest joy. No matter how tired she was, she always perked up for their visits, ensuring the closet was stocked with their favorite snacks. She had a wonderful sense of humor and grace; even after returning from a hospital stay, when her grandchildren asked, "what have you been up to lately" she would simply say "the usual stuff."

Laurie also loved her "grand-dogs" and would happily let them sit on her lap despite any discomfort. Her devotion to family and friends was evident in her hospitality; she delighted in doting on guests with abundance, which was evident in how full the grocery cart always was in preparation. A true perfectionist, she took great pride in her home, her decorating, and especially her hair.

She is survived by her husband, Michael; her son Aaron and his wife Nancy, with their children Ian, Jenna, and Evan; and her son Isaac and his wife Valerie, with their children Logan and Lillian. She is also survived by her siblings Debbie (Ron), Donna (Bob), Doug (Laura), and Lisa (Al), and was predeceased by her parents, Donald and Eleanor, sister, Linda. She leaves behind 16 nieces and nephews, as well as many dear friends and the church family at Amoskeag Presbyterian Church.

As noted in Proverbs 31:28, "Her children shall arise up, her husband also and shall praise her."

Calling hours were held on Friday, June 19, in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson. A private burial service will take place at Reeds Cemetery in Merrimack. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Amoskeag Presbyterian Church Benevolence Fund (memo: "L.B."). Amoskeagchurch.org, or Grace Covenant Church <https://onrealm.org/graceccnh/give/LaurieBurkett2026>.

Benson Park Rules

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All large gatherings operate on a first come, first served basis.

"If you do not have permission from DPW and you have a large group, and somebody comes in to check, they have the authority to tell you to pick up your party and move," Clement warned.

The Committee also discussed a recent inquiry from Erickson Foundation Solutions, which is planning a volunteer day at the park. According to

Clement, the goal is to have Erickson employees assess water damage in the old Kitchen building.

"We're going to do a site walkthrough with Erickson so we can show them the damage in the basement of the Kitchen, where we have a lot of water coming in whenever it rains or after winter thawing," she said. "We already took some pictures of the graffiti underneath. I don't know if that's something they can help us with

maybe repainting or shoring up some of those walls. Someone in the past got down there to graffiti it."

Despite increased security, vandalism remains a recurring issue at the park, and weather continues to take a toll on several historic structures.

"Is the leakage in the front or in the back?" asked Alternate Harry Schibanoff. "Years ago, it was all dug out in front of the office where it was leaking. They put in stones that were supposed to solve the flooding. I guess it didn't."

Clement confirmed that the leaking around the Kitchen and Office build-

ings is primarily at the front, consistent with past flooding problems. The Committee hopes to address the issue along with other maintenance needs, including painting the Gorilla Cage, work on a bridge near Swan Lake, and repairs to the lower parking lot near the Benson Park Dog Park.

The next Volunteer Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Benson Park Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, July 16, at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Meeting Room.

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Progress Continues with Recognition & Preservation of Historic Park Structures

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The June meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee included an update on the mold and lead remediation project at the historic Hudson Train Station, a process overseen by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR). Former Committee member John Madden handled much of the coordination with DHR before stepping down.

"I was able to meet with John Madden's wife, Chris, and I have all of the records," explained Chair

Sue Clement. "There was one last step he needed to complete to get approval from the Historical Society. Now that we have the paperwork, I can go through it and hopefully get it across the finish line so we can get started. John has already done most of the work."

Committee member Jake Beauchemin expressed interest in taking on some of Madden's responsibilities for the Train Station restoration. Members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Roy Sorenson have also

shown interest in assisting, prompting discussion about where the project paperwork should be stored so town officials can easily access it.

"Does the town provide any storage for committees?" asked Secretary Ellen Griffin.

It was unclear whether storage space is currently available. Alternate Harry Schibanoff noted that Town Hall once provided storage for committee documents.

"I don't know if they still do it that way," he said. "At one time, some of

that paperwork was all handled by the Town Engineer."

Clement said she would contact Town Hall and Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima for clarification.

The Hudson Train Station, Hazelton Barn, and the Office/Kitchen building all have official historical recognition from the state. In addition to restoration work, the Committee continues efforts to install post markers for all three structures. A \$4,500 donation from Roger Pellerin of Gate City Monument will

fund granite bases for the markers.

"That was approved by the Board of Selectmen, which was exciting," Clement said. "DPW is working side by side with them, DPW will dig the holes, and Pellerin will install the bases and make sure everything is sealed in. I spoke with Sally from Gate City today and told her we're eager to set a date. We'd like to work with Friends of Benson Park to do another historic walk, and that would be a great time to unveil the markers and talk about the historic loca-

tions."

Clement noted that limited outreach may have contributed to low turnout at the Friends' first historic walk. No date has been finalized, but the Committee hopes to move forward with the event next month.

"Are you covering just the three historical buildings? Or are you covering the other buildings like the Elephant Barn, the Gorilla Cage, or the Shoe?" asked Schibanoff.

Clement said the unveiling event would focus primarily on the formally registered historic buildings.

School Board Pays Off Nearly \$58K in Meal Delinquency

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board recently reviewed an agenda item regarding delinquent lunch accounts across the district.

Hudson Director of Food Services Karen Atherton explained that, under School Board Policy EFAA, parents and guardians are responsible for providing meals or funds for their children.

"Parents and/or guardians are responsible for providing their student with meals for the day or providing funds for the student to purchase meals," Atherton wrote in a memo to the Board. "Those who are in financial need are encouraged to apply for free or reduced meals."

Atherton noted that, under state law (NH RSA 189:11a), students without funds must still be provided

the same qualifying meals served to other students, even if doing so results in a negative account balance.

A qualifying meal, she said, is one that meets the requirements of the National School Lunch Program. Students with negative balances may only charge qualifying meals; a la carte items cannot be charged.

Superintendent Dan Moulis said the district contacts families in multiple ways once a student's account reaches a negative balance of \$100 or more.

Despite those efforts, Atherton reported that delinquent accounts still total tens of thousands of dollars.

"As of the writing of this memo on June 9, the delinquent account balance is \$57,269.21," she wrote. "This is despite our best efforts of sending weekly emails, text messages, and

letters mailed to homes for balances of \$100 and over."

The district is required to cover the outstanding meal debt at the end of the fiscal year.

"To fulfill federal requirements, student meal debt should be paid from district funds, with the debt owed by parents now owed to the district," Atherton explained.

It was noted that the General Fund includes \$50,000 budgeted for purchasing meal debt, an amount consistent with recent years.

"I am requesting the School Board purchase the delinquent lunch account debt, not to exceed \$58,000," Atherton told the Board.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne emphasized that the district does conduct outreach to families.

"These families have been contacted," she said.

The School Board unanimously approved the

request to purchase the meal debt.

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HUDSON TIMES

An area educator is helping inspire the next generation of innovators by creating hands-on opportunities for students to explore technology, robotics, and programming.

Dr. Ali Rafieymehr hosted a Generation Link event on Wednesday afternoon, June 17, at the Rodgers Memorial Library, bringing together students of various ages for a day focused on building, coding, and collaboration.

The event grew out of Rafieymehr's desire a few years ago to spend more time with his grandchildren while introducing them to the world of programming and technology. What began as a family project has grown into an effort to share that same excitement with students and adults throughout the community.

The Generation Link program was designed to introduce young and old residents to technology in a fun and engaging way. Participants began by assembling XRPs - robotic devices that come in multiple pieces - before learning how to program them. The final stage of the event featured a team competition where students put their new skills to the test.

The group included elementary, middle, and high school students, as well as a few senior citizens, creating a unique opportunity for

different generations to learn together.

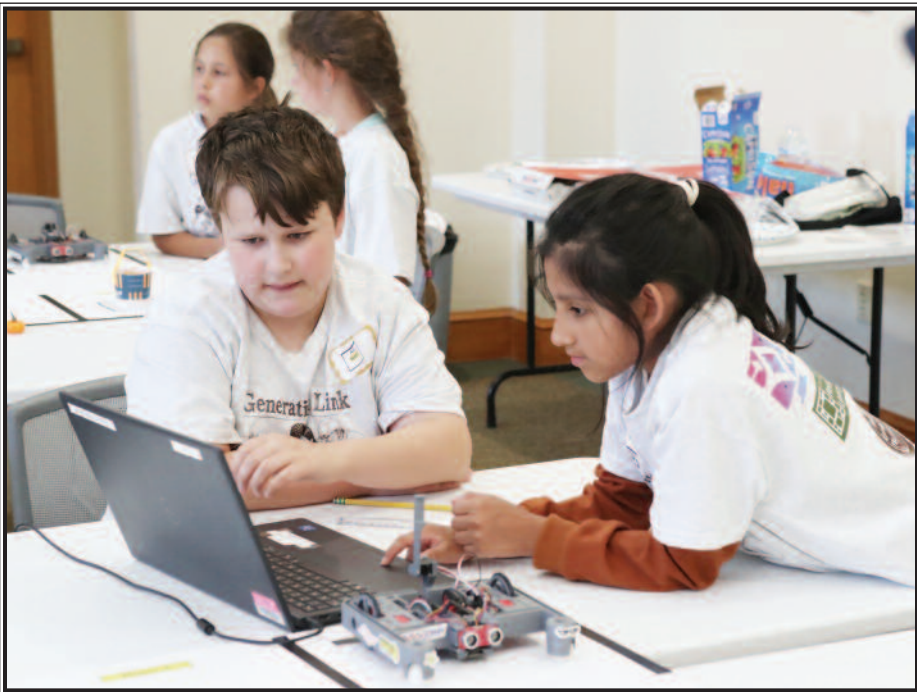
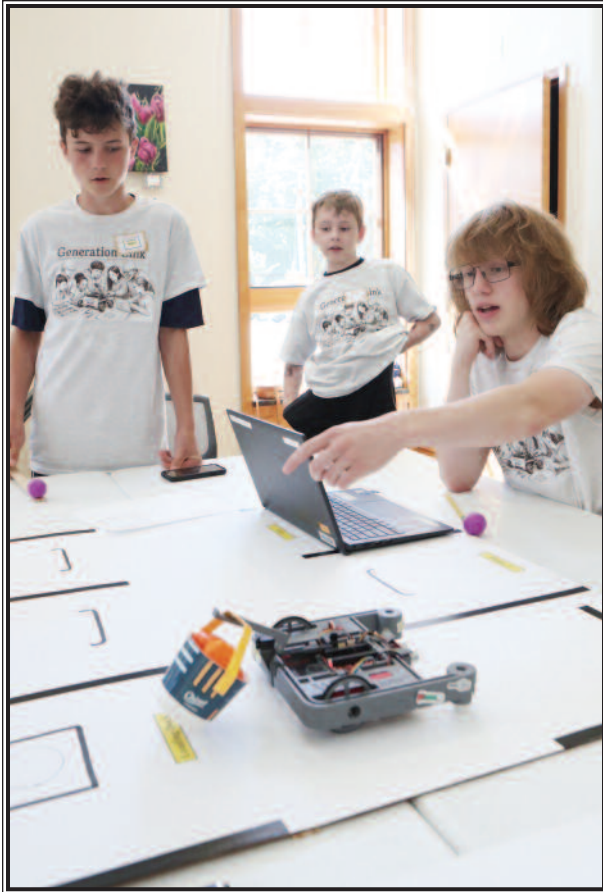
Students attended from Nottingham West Elementary School, Hudson Memorial School, Alvirne High School, Windham Academy Public Charter School, Litchfield Griffin Memorial School, Litchfield Middle School, Hills Garrison Elementary School, Bishop Guertin High School, and a local home-school group.

Rafieymehr's goal goes beyond a single event. He plans to donate the XRPs built during the program to participating schools so students can continue exploring programming and robotics in their classrooms. Several schools have already expressed excitement about receiving the devices.

The Generation Link event is part of Rafieymehr's ongoing commitment to making technology education accessible and exciting for students throughout the area. He continued that mission this past weekend by teaching a smaller group of younger students how to program Ozobot robots at the library.

For Rafieymehr, these events are about more than learning how technology works - they are about giving young people the confidence, creativity, and curiosity to become tomorrow's problem-solvers.

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Campbell High School Looks to Form Girls Lacrosse CoOp With Alvirne

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed a proposal to create a new cooperative girls lacrosse team between Alvirne High School and Campbell High School.

Hudson Superintendent Dan Moulis explained that Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals, Athletic Director Justin Hufft, and Campbell's principal and athletic director have been in discussions about the potential partnership.

"This would help build both programs," Moulis

said during the meeting.

Hufft noted in a memo that the arrangement would mirror the hockey coop created earlier this year, as well as the recently approved girls hockey coop.

"Alvirne may join with the Campbell High School girls lacrosse team as part of a cooperative arrangement starting in the 2026-2027 spring season," Hufft wrote.

He said Campbell initiated the conversation.

"Campbell had reached out inquiring about this

possibility, and after discussing it among stakeholders here at Alvirne, we feel it could be a benefit to our student athletes," Hufft explained. "Alvirne has had a girls lacrosse program since at least the 2016 season but has struggled to be competitive."

Campbell's program has been slightly more competitive, he said, but declining participation numbers have prompted them to seek a coop.

"Alvirne's participation numbers have also decreased over recent years,

with the program unable to field a junior varsity team the past few years," Hufft said. "There are established procedures for cooperative teams through the NHIAA."

Under the proposal, Alvirne would serve as the lead school, similar to the Alvirne-Milford ice hockey coop. Practices would primarily take place at Alvirne, with the option to hold some practices and possibly a game or two at Campbell.

"The proximity of the two schools should make

this relatively smooth," Hufft said. "Transportation to games would be provided by Alvirne as the lead school."

Program expenses; including transportation, coaching stipends, officials' fees, and NHIAA registration; would be shared between the two schools. Alvirne would pay the costs up-front and invoice Campbell for its share based on the percentage of student athletes on the team.

Hufft said hiring coaches and day-to-day operations would be handled by

Alvirne athletics, in collaboration with Campbell administration. He noted that families had previously expressed interest in a coop, but the school had been unable to find a suitable partner until now.

"Providing female student athletes the opportunity to play with their gender peers has always been our goal in hockey, due to the physicality of the sport," Hufft added.

The School Board voted to move forward with the proposed coop.

Stipend for Middle School Postseason Coaching Raised During Board Meeting

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

A routine vote on post-season stipends for high school coaches led to a broader discussion about compensation for middle school athletics during the Hudson School Board's most recent meeting.

The Board was reviewing stipends for advisors and coaches whose teams advanced into post-season play. While the stipends themselves were not controversial, several members questioned the timing of the request, noting that some of

the stipends dated back to fall and winter sports.

Superintendent Dan Moulis explained that the delay was administrative.

"It took some time to determine the stipends, and because of timing they all came forward at the same time," he said.

While the high school stipends were approved without objection, School Board Chair Maureen Dionne asked whether Hudson Memorial School coaches receive similar post-season compensation.

Moulis said they do not,

but acknowledged it may be time to revisit the policy.

"I would like to see a potential conversation about that in the future," Dionne said, suggesting the Board explore whether middle school coaches should be eligible for post-season stipends as well.

No formal action was taken, but Board members indicated the topic will likely return for discussion during upcoming policy or budget reviews.

The Board also received a detailed report on the recent DECA International

Career Development Conference, where two Alvirne High School students represented Hudson on the national stage.

According to the memo presented to the Board:

"From April 24-29, 2026, Alvirne High School students Suleiman Suleiman and Samanyu Kudikala attended the DECA International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia."

The conference is invitation only, limited to students who place in the top three at their state competi-

tions. Events include written exams, roleplays with business professionals, and project presentations.

Suleiman competed in Human Resource Management, while Samanyu presented in the Innovation Plan category.

The advisors praised the students' preparation and professionalism.

"Suleiman and Samanyu did a phenomenal job representing Bronco spirit at a conference with over 10,000 competitors and 26,000 attendees," the memo stated.

The students spent late nights practicing their presentations and balancing schoolwork during the trip. Outside of competition, they visited Six Flags, the World of CocaCola, and the Georgia Aquarium, while networking with DECA members from across the country through social media and pin trading.

Although neither student advanced to the finalist stage, advisors said both returned motivated and determined to compete again.

"Both Samanyu and Suleiman expressed a strong desire to be called up onto the stage at ICDC next year," the memo said. "They've identified exactly what they need to do to earn a DECA glass and possibly some college scholarships."

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St. Joseph Hospital, in partnership with Cardiovascular Specialists of New England (CSNE), has successfully performed New Hampshire's first implantation of the Cordella™ Pulmonary Artery (PA) Sensor System, marking a major advancement in heart failure care for patients across the state.

The groundbreaking procedure was performed on June 8 by James M. Flynn, MD, FACC, FSCAI, of Cardiovascular Specialists of New England, alongside the St. Joseph Hospital cardiac catheterization laboratory team.

Until now, patients seeking this advanced technology often had to travel to Boston-area medical centers. Offering the Cordella

system at St. Joseph Hospital expands access to innovative heart failure care closer to home for New Hampshire residents.

"This milestone reflects our commitment to bringing the latest cardiovascular innovations to the communities we serve," said Dr. Flynn. "The Cordella system provides physicians with valuable information that can help us identify worsening heart failure earlier, adjust treatment proactively, and potentially prevent hospitalizations before they occur."

Heart failure affects millions of Americans and remains one of the leading causes of hospitalization among older adults. The Cordella Pulmonary Artery Sensor System is an implantable, wireless device designed for patients with New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class III heart failure. The sensor is placed in the pulmonary artery during

a minimally invasive catheterization procedure and enables patients to transmit pulmonary artery pressure readings and other health data from home.

Changes in pulmonary artery pressure often occur days or weeks before symptoms worsen. Remote monitoring allows physicians to intervene earlier with medication adjustments or other treatments, helping patients avoid emergency department visits and hospital admissions.

"The ability to monitor patients remotely provides an important opportunity to personalize care and respond more quickly when a patient's condition begins to change," said Kirk Perry, Director of Cardiovascular Services & Diagnostic Imaging at St. Joseph Hospital. "This technology allows us to keep a closer eye on our patients while helping them remain safely at home and maintain a bet-



St. Joseph Hospital, in partnership with Cardiovascular Specialists of New England (CSNE), has successfully performed New Hampshire's first implantation of the Cordella™ Pulmonary Artery (PA) Sensor System. *Courtesy photo*

ter quality of life."

Developed by Endotronix and now part of Edwards Lifesciences, the Cordella system combines pulmonary artery pressure monitoring with additional health measurements;

including blood pressure, heart rate, oxygen saturation, and weight; creating a comprehensive picture of a patient's condition.

The procedure further strengthens St. Joseph Hospital's cardiovascular pro-

gram and reflects the organization's ongoing investment in innovative technologies that improve patient outcomes and expand access to specialized care in southern New Hampshire.

Stop Signs

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efforts, the students raised approximately \$400, including proceeds from two henna art fundraisers and a car wash that brought in about \$220. They then worked with the Town to obtain an estimate for the

cost of two flashing stop signs.

To help close the funding gap, the students approached the Alvirne Board of Trustees, which donated an additional \$2,200, bringing the total contribution to \$2,600.

Selectmen Praise Students' Initiative - Selectman Heidi Jakoby said she regularly travels through the intersection and agreed it can be difficult to see the existing signs, especially at night.

"Those signs are difficult to see," Jakoby said. "Thank you for finding a creative way of funding this

for the town."

Board Chair Dillon Dumont echoed the concern, noting that his own family has been affected.

"It's a dangerous intersection," Dumont said. "My sister-in-law actually got hit there in that same spot. I

really appreciate you seeing a problem and taking initiative to get something done."

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept with gratitude the donation of \$2,600 from the Hands of Hope Club for the purchase of two illuminated

stop signs. The signs will be installed by the Hudson Public Works Department once procurement and compliance steps are completed.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for July 14 at 7 p.m.

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Hudson-Litchfield Democrats Lasagna Dinner

Hudson & Litchfield Democrats will host a home-made lasagna dinner to fund and support candidates for State Representative from both Hudson & Litchfield. The dinner is Sunday, June 28, from 4 - 7 p.m., at the VFW Hudson Memorial Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. Dinner includes a beverage, salad, Italian bread & butter, homemade lasagna (vegetarian option available), and a selection of desserts by a master pastry chef! Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child. Buy tickets at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/hudsondemsnh>. Meet the candidates and have a great meal with family and friends.

Lion Ron Boisvert Scholarship

The Hudson Lions Club is now accepting applications for the 19th annual Lion Ron Boisvert \$2,000 Scholarship, awarded to a Hudson resident currently enrolled in a college level medical field program. Applicants must have completed at least one year of medical field coursework. Applications are available by contacting Scholarship Chairman Roger LaTulippe at scholarships@hudsonlions.org or g. Deadline to apply: July 31, 2026.

Amateur Radio Field Day

The Nashua Area Radio Society will hold the annual A.R.R.L. Field Day on June 26, 27 and 28 at Hudson Memorial School, One Memorial Drive (off Central Street) in Hudson. This year, the event starts on Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m. and will run continuously through Sunday, June 28, ending at 2 p.m. For more information go to www.n1fd.org/field-day/.

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Preschool Water Play

Come to the Rodgers library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., for a storytime full of music, movement, and bubbles for ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

Story Safari at Benon's Park

Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles, on Tuesdays and

Thursdays at 10 a.m. All ages welcome. Meet near the playground. Bring blankets and chairs

Summer Concert: The Last Duo

Dan Sirois and Greg Decoteau of The Last Duo blend sweet vocal harmonies and exceptional musicianship at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, June 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Recycled Percussion Obstacle Course

Race through a series of physical and musical challenges with a coach to cheer you on at the Rodgers Library on Monday, June 29 at 10 a.m. This event is for children ages 6+.

Cookbook Club

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Monday, June 29 at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "The Oh She Glows Cookbook : Over 100 Vegan Recipes to Glow From the Inside Out" by Angela Lidon.

Read 'Em & Eat @ Friendly Red's

This group will meet on Monday, June 29 at 7 p.m. June's book is "Lavender House" by Lev AC Rosen.

Tween Art: Bean & Clay Mosaic

Tweens entering grades 5-8 are invited to Rodgers Library on Tuesday, June 30 at 6 p.m., create bean and clay mosaics!

Paws4Safety for Kids

Children entering grades 1-7 are invited to the Rodgers Library on Friday, June 26 at 10 a.m., to discover how to stay safe around their own pets, other people's animals, and local wildlife.

Robinson Pond Volunteers

Did you know there is a dedicated group of Hudson volunteers who sample Robinson Pond and its six tributaries every summer? These volunteers are part of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Volunteer Lake

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Teen Wire Trees

Teens entering grades 8-12 can come to the Rodgers Library on Friday, June 26 at 2 p.m., for this creative twist on nature and learn how to twist wire to form a tree.

Art in Bloom

Students entering grades 1-5 are invited to the Rodgers Library to make garden inspired art with Miss Tanya on Thurs-

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days at 1:30 p.m.

Family Plant and Garden Trivia

Families will work as a team and test their knowledge of the natural world with Plant and Garden Trivia at the Rodgers Library on Thursday, July 2, at 6 p.m.

Rodgers Readers Book Club

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Thursday, July 2, at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees" by Meredith May

Curious Kids: Red, White & Blue

Ages 2-6 celebrate Independence Day through a sensory play setup that promotes imaginative play while introducing patriotic colors in a fun way at the Rodgers Library on Friday, July 3, at 10 a.m.

Felted Carnivorous Plant with Pop-Up Art School

Teens and young adults ages 13 - 21 are invited to the Rodgers Library to make their own felted carnivorous plant on Monday, July 6, at 1:30 p.m. All materials are included with your registrations.

Nonfiction Book Group

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Poisoner in Chief: Sidney Gottlieb and the CIA Search for Mind Control" by Stephen Kinzer.

Teddy Bear Garden Party

On Friday, July 10 at 10 a.m., bring your favorite stuffed friend to the Rodgers Library lawn for songs, stories, and a snack.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Monday, July 13, at 12:30 p.m. This month's book pick is The Marigold Cottages Murder Collective by Jo Nichols.

Teen Flower Crowns

Students entering grades 8-12 are invited to the Rodgers Library to make their own whimsical and nature-inspired flower crown on Friday, July 3, at 2 p.m.

Teen Fairy Gardens

Create a whimsical fairy garden (or a haunted cemetery or Mermaid beach house or whatever else your can imagine) from the supplies available at the Rodgers Library on Monday, July 13, at 2:30 p.m.

Tween Animal Crossing

Tweens entering grades 5-8 are invited to the Rodgers Library for an Animal Crossing Party on Tuesday, July 14, at 3 p.m. We'll plant some seeds, make a craft, have raffles, and more.

Crime & Cookies

The monthly meeting of the Rodgers Library true crime podcast club will be Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. This month we'll be listening to a variety of podcasts revolving around America's 250th.

Rolling Video Games

Students entering grades 5-12 are invited to the Rodgers Library to play video games in the air conditioned Rolling Video Games mobile video game theater on Thursday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Lorax Interactive Movie

Come to the Rodgers Library on Friday, July 17, at 1:30 p.m., for a family-friendly animated adventure that is interactive with Props, Crafts, Snacks, Singing, Dancing and feel free to dress up for the movie.

Genealogy Club

Learn how early census data was gathered, why

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accuracy and privacy evolved, and how understanding the process can help you better interpret what you find in your family history or local research on Friday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m., virtually through the Rodgers Library

Elementary Paint-Along: Watermelon

Children entering grades 1-5 are invited to create a watermelon painting and enjoy some watermelon as a snack at the Rodgers Library on Monday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Family STEM: Nature Boats

Families with children are invited to the Rodgers Library to create boats out of sticks and leaves on Tuesday, July 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library

This is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Friends of the Hudson Library it will be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 6 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

American Revolution Trivia

Come to the Rodgers Library on Wednesday, July 22, at 2 p.m., for a lively afternoon of American Revolution trivia!

Wildlife Encounters

Enjoy learning about seven live animals at this Junior Zookeeper Encounter at Rodgers Library on Wednesday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

Mr. Aaron's Musical Adventure

A thrilling musical adventure with award winning musician Mr. Aaron, who never fails to delight audiences of all ages will be held on Friday, July 24, at 10 a.m., at Rodgers Library.

White Lace on Black

Zentangle Class

Come to the Rodgers Library on Monday, July 20, at 1 p.m., and Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m., to work on black tiles, using white gel pen to add our tangles, creating a lace effect with white chalk highlights

Teen: Stardew Valley

Teens entering grades 8-12 are invited to play Stardew valley and eat snacks at Rodgers Library on Friday, July 24, at 2:30 p.m.

Family Art: Seed Mosaics

Ages 3+ can drop in at Rodgers Library to create a mosaic using beans and seeds on Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Teen Build-A-Bouquet

Teens entering grades 8-12 are invited to make their own mini bouquet using loose flowers and greenery at Rodgers Library on Monday, July 27, at 2:30 p.m.

Name That Tune Plus

In this amped-up version of Name That Tune, you'll guess songs and tackle fun facts about the artists and hits you love at Rodgers Library on Wednesday, July 29, at 2 p.m.

Sensory Cove with Community Autism Services

This event held at Rodgers Library is designed to provide parents and caregivers with accessible, evidence-based information about early childhood development and autism. It will be held on Wednesday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m.

Spoon Carving Workshop

Owl Eyes Wilderness Survival returns to Rodgers Library on Thursday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m., for an adult spoon carving class.

Pokemon Party

Grades 1-5, are invited to the Rodgers Library on

Friday, July 31, at 1:30 p.m., for an exciting Pokémon Party! Registration is required.

Adventurers Storytime

Come to the Rodgers Library for songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

BINGO!

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

Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., the Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Inhouse Secondhand Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rodgers Library's teen space after school, most Weekdays at 2:30 p.m. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. Connect the Library with any questions.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, make new friends and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online if possible on the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) or simply come to the Elephant Barn at the top of the hill to sign in.

Drop In Stitchers



Lions Club Donates to Hudson Recreation

The Hudson Lions Club presented a check to Crissy Petersen, Hudson Recreation Director, for a \$1,000 scholarship for youths participating in the summer recreation program. Pictured are Roger Latulippe, Past Council Chair, Gary Gasdia Club President, Chrissy Petersen and Lion Margaret St. Onge.

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If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial 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.

Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rogers Memorial Library, running during normal library Hours. The book selection offers something for everyone, is re-stocked frequently and offered at the same bargain price as the big sale. Stationary featuring work of local artists, adorable tote bags, and handmade gifts are also available. The prices are

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