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DOG DAYS

The weekends tumultuous weather didn't stop this furry Newfoundland from enjoying Benson Dog Park. One-year-old, Zuko, had the park to himself Sunday afternoon.

Photo by Sam Paul

School Board Approve Paying Unpaid Student Meals Debts

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the June 17 Hudson School Board meeting, the Board was presented with a request for the School District to pay the unpaid student meals debts for the school year.

"The School Board has a policy on meal charging – Policy EFAA. Parents/Guardians are responsible for providing their students with meals for the day or

providing funds for the students to purchase meals," Food Service Director, Karen Atherton, wrote in a memo to the School Board. "They are encouraged to pay into accounts for those students on a monthly basis and pay in advance so that funds can be available on those students' accounts as they come through the lunch lines."

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained that as

part of their policy they allow for students to still be able to get a lunch even if they don't have any money on their lunch accounts "without any alternatives."

She explained that before a law was passed in 2019, which made it so the requirement is for students to get the same lunch as everyone else even if they don't have the funds, there would be an alternate lunch

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T-Bones Aims for New, Larger Location with Residential Units

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HUDSON TIMES

The June 12 meeting of the Hudson Planning Board heard a conceptual site plan presentation from Sam Foisie of Meridian Land Services and Tom Boucher of the Great NH Restaurant Group, the company responsible for operating T-BONES. The plan includes 9,500 square feet of restaurant space and 45 residential units.

"With Hudson T-Bones, we are in a situation, which is public knowledge, the culvert that runs under that property is in failure," Boucher explained. "The landlord was given notice to repair this, I don't remember the exact year,

but it got to the point where the town said 'you need to repair this and filed suit.' Now there's a lien against the property."

While a culvert repair plan is being developed and T-BONES promised to stay at 77 Lowell Road if repairs are made, Boucher was unsure when or even if that plan would be approved. A refurbished culvert will require approval from state and federal regulators.

"It's not just the town, it's the state and the Army Corps of Engineers. We started looking for a property," said Boucher, who settled on 256 Lowell Road as the spot for a "ground up" restaurant. "It's time

for us to upgrade and build a really nice restaurant for Hudson."

Foisie explained the residential add-on as an additional use to "offset the economics" of constructing what is essentially a new restaurant from the ground up. They will be multifamily units.

"Multifamily is definitely a need in the country but probably more specifically in NH," said Foisie. "We are looking to move pretty quickly once we get some input from the Board."

Previously, the Great NH Restaurant Group was involved in apartment construction in Bedford.

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Conservation Commission Look to Fix Flooded Trail

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The Hudson Conservation Commission met on June 10 to discuss the recent rerouting of around 200 feet of the Hamblet-Nash Trail in the Musquash Conservation Area with a small bridge. The old trail suffered from flooding, and Vice Chair, Carl Murphy, was happy with the results.

"I think it's a much nicer trail, it's a lot dryer," said Murphy. "I did some pricing for materials for a bridge, and it came out to about \$530."

Murphy and other members volunteered to build the new footbridge. Up to \$600 was approved to cover the cost of materials.

The bridge is scheduled for construction at the July Work Day set for Saturday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hamblet-Nash Trail in the Musquash Conservation Area.

The Robinson Pond boat ramp and beach project remains on track as civil engineering VHB got the purchase order for all design and permitting requirements. The Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, also announced progress on a promising grant to help pay for the project.

"I filed in the intent for a \$1 million grant for the boat launch and beach area. I need to go back to the Board of Selectmen for communication," said Dhima, who wanted to open to

beach area of Robinson Pond after discovering there was a (largely unenforced) town ordinance restricting access to non-residents. "I need go back to the Board and ask them if they're willing to open that up to everyone, obviously with some kind of limitation to capacity and vehicles if we take it, or we won't be able to qualify for the beach area project."

Alternate member, Linda Krisciunas, wondered if investing in the beach was worth it due to closures over the past few summers.

"I feel like Robinson's Pond is closed a lot, you can't swim there," she argued.

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Revised Budget Policy Approve by the School Board

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the June 17, Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board unanimously approved the revised policy related to the annual budget.

Before this year, the policy was last revised in June 2019.

Under budget responsibility the revised 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 bud-

et, a default budget (RSA 40:13, XI) warrant articles, and other subsidiary information."

One of the definitions as part of the revised policy is related to the operating budget which states: "The operating budget is the line-by-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 explains that there are several 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.

It also states that the "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 policy, it also outlines what 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 expended for like purposes 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 prohibit the Board from making any changes, additions, or deletions to any budget line item or warrant article," the revised 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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Starbucks Project at the Hudson Mall Moves Forward

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At their first June meeting, the Hudson Planning Board heard a site plan regarding a proposed Starbucks set to be located in the Hudson Mall Shopping Center at 77 Derry Street. Project Manager, Earl Blatchford, from Hayner Swanson Inc., was at the meeting to continue a presentation from the May 15 meeting, claiming to make several requested changes to the plan.

"We did some revisions to the site plan, which included a minor revision to eliminate one parking

space in the proposed Starbucks parking lot and put in an ADA accessible space in the aisle next to it," Blatchford explained. "The other things we did was based on the discussions of truck movements. We eliminated proposing a turning circle in the back and we're keeping the spaces that turning circle would eliminate."

As requested, the plan now includes enough room for trucks to turn in and out of the main driveway. Engineers also looked at the impact a new Starbucks would have on the rest of the parking lot, new light-

ing around the driveway crosswalk, extending the landscaping, and resurfacing a sidewalk.

"How do we ensure the sidewalk gets repaved?" asked Board member, Ed Van der Veen.

He was told repaving would require coordination between the Town Planner and the Department of Public Works.

Member, James Crowley, had several other questions about the parking study as he wondered whether it took seasonal variation into account.

"You look at any mall, it can be empty most of the

year, and around Thanksgiving to Christmas, it's packed," said Crowley.

"I will say that this is not a Christmas time analysis," Traffic Engineer, Scott Thornton, responded. "We typically don't design parking lots or demand for that worse case condition because it would be underutilized the rest of the year. The calculations are based on the existing, observed demand for the facility."

Blatchford and Thornton emphasized that their revised plan had been thoroughly reviewed in response to previous complaints.

There was more debate

over a stipulation regarding the future of several empty storefronts in the mall. Board members proposed a stipulation to restrict those storefronts to retail space only.

"I think the Board's fear is that we're going to put in an Applebee's or Oliver Garden and have a huge parking problem, but would other permitted uses be, okay?" asked Elizabeth Hartigan, who was there to speak on behalf of the applicant. "We agree not to have a restaurant, but I don't want to have the stipulation say it's 'only retail,' because I think that

limits other uses that would currently be permitted."

The Planning Board changed the stipulation to prevent only any restaurants from going into the mall. With several stipulations, and a requested waiver allowing the Starbucks plan to move forward without meeting the required number of parking spaces in the lot, the Board voted to approve the site plan.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Conservation Makes Plans for Kiosks, Trail Work, and Signs

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HUDSON TIMES

The June 10 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission involved the review of a comprehensive to-do list of things to accomplish through 2024 and 2025, starting with a push to install a new kiosk at the Pelham Road trailhead as part of a Boy Scout project.

"I'm not sure if a location has been picked out for the kiosk yet. If not, does anybody have any idea where it should be located?" asked Vice Chair, Carl Murphy.

With limited parking in the area, most were in

agreement that the best place for a new kiosk was at the base of a hill near the trail entrance.

The Commission also hoped to make several routine improvements to the Hudson Town Forest, including a new gate, updates to the trail map, preserving open space, and new trail signs. Rangers and Colburn Town Forest needed similar improvements, along with needed trail work.

There was some talk about the Boy Scouts doing a second kiosk at Colburn, although there was no solid plan on when this would happen or what it would entail.

"It would be good to see what the Scout schedule is to get the kiosk done at Pelham Road. I know they talked about maybe being able to do one at Colburn, it'd be good to understand how far out that is. Is it going to happen this summer?" asked Secretary, Ken Dickinson.

The time frame was unclear, making it a little more difficult for the Commission to make plans for Colburn Forest.

"A kiosk seems like a lower priority to me," admitted alternate member, Linda Krisciunas. "Everyone has their phones and they're just

going to look it up online. But I feel like people coming in will need the trails marked."

She argued putting up trail markers should be the focus of future workdays over new kiosks.

There was agreement that a central issue was the long-standing problem of two junked automobiles on town-owned land. Despite several suggestions for how to solve the problem, there was no easy solution.

"We went to check it out with the Fire Depart-

ment to see if we could spin it into an exercise, but nope. We even thought about getting Alvirne High School to come in, their welding group, it's just too much," said Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. "You have to cross streams to get onto dry land to get these out. It's one thing to actually cut them up, it's another to get them out of there."

It was not the first-time town officials looked into removing the vehicles. Selectmen Liaison, David Morin, semi-seriously sug-

gested asking army officials if they might help under the excuse of a training exercise.

"They have those helicopters, you never know," said Morin, although it was unclear how feasible the suggestion was. "It's a community service for them and they do have the equipment."

In any case, the Conservation Commission wanted to ensure no lingering fuel or oil remained before taking action.



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Editorial Celebrating July 4

Celebrating the Fourth of July is more than firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, and heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend, it's so much more. Please take a moment to reconsider the meaning of Independence Day better known as the Fourth of July, which was the day that the Declaration of Independence was finalized in 1776, and the signing of this document set the colonies on the path of becoming a nation we now call home.

The signing of the Declaration of Independence was more than a reason for a celebration. It is nice to see towns and individuals display red, white, and blue bunting and Flags on their priorities showing their patriotism, lots of fireworks, parades, and politicians stumping for your vote.

Even New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton was one of the signers of The Declaration of Independence. This document should be read at least once by every citizen, to remind us of who we are as a country, and to make sure we continue to be fair and just and not controlled by the establishment of big government. Take a moment among the fun of the holiday to reflect on those who fought to establish our free nation, and whose leaders were expected to listen to. Looking back at the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain

makes for a good reminder of what our government should never become here is a great quote from The Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" and perhaps the document's most famous lines. This particular quote is relevant when political attacks are on the rise, in line with the upcoming election this year.

The Declaration of Independence itself is a straightforward document stating "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", sadly, not everyone in the world is freely granted this. How someone pursues happiness is left to the individual to decide, not by a dictated or a ruler. We sometimes take it for granted, but for many people, it's only something to dream about.

While you are enjoying your holiday weekend having some BBQ, maybe having a swim, viewing a sky full of fireworks figure out what makes you happy, and be thankful you are allowed to have them. All of this makes for a pretty good celebration of freedom.

Pause for a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776.

Have a safe Fourth of July celebration.

School Board Approve Various Travel Requests

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board approved authorizing Superintendent, Dan Moulis, to be able to hire personnel in between board meetings during the summer, during its June 17 meeting.

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, said due to the highly competitive job market the last couple of years, particularly for teachers, they wanted to discuss allowing Moulis to get the hiring process going quicker, in order to avoid candidates potentially going somewhere else.

Moulis explained that one of the concerns is that they only have one meeting in July, and they are still working on hiring, despite him noting that they have been able to fill many of their open positions up to this point.

"We are doing a very effective job with our hiring," Moulis said.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, suggested they allow Moulis the authority through the end of the year, noting that there continues to be a teacher shortage.

The School Board unanimously approved the request.

In a memo to the School Board, Athletic Director, Karen Bonney, wrote "I am writing to respectfully request permission for our Alvirne High School Cheerleaders to attend NCA Speed Camp, which in-

cludes an overnight stay, at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI Aug. 18 - 20."

"This camp provides an incredible opportunity for our team to learn from top coaches, improve our skills, and bond as a team," the memo wrote. "We are expecting about 15-25 athletes to attend and plan to fundraise through our Boosters, Friends of Hudson Spirit. The school will provide a bus to transport the athletes to and from the Camp."

The memo stated that the camps "offers a unique and valuable experience for our team," in a number of different ways.

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

She said, "We believe that attending the NCA Cheer Camp will not only enhance our cheerleading skills, but also promote teamwork, discipline, and school spirit. We would be grateful if you could approve our request to attend this camp."

The School Board unanimously approved the request.

Also during the meeting, the School Board was asked to approve a travel request for four varsity cheerleaders who were

"nominated and chosen to Cheer at the 2024 Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl game."

"Our cheerleaders would be present on the field in Dave Wolk Stadium on the campus of Vermont State University, Castleton Campus, in Castleton, VT on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. along with other top Cheerleaders across NH and VT to cheer on the football players and perform at half-time," Bonney wrote in a memo. "They are required to stay overnight on Campus on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024. The athletes are supervised by the Shrine coaching staff while at this event. One of the assistant cheer coaches from Alvirne will be in attendance as her daughter was selected as one of the cheerleaders."

It was noted that the "parents of the cheerleaders will be transporting their daughters to this event. There is no cost to the school district. The athletes attending this game will not be charged and the parents will be covering their own expenses."

"The net proceeds from the game will be distributed among 3 Shriners Children's facilities located in Boston and Springfield MA, and Montreal Quebec, Canada. For more information on this exciting opportunity, you can visit www.shrinemaplesugarbowl.com" Bonney wrote in a memo.

The School Board unanimously approved the request.

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Trail

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The hope is that improvements to the beach area will reduce sloping around the lake, reducing runoff to the pond with the goal of at least partially alleviating the cyanobacterial blooms responsible for the closures. Even

before the official start of the season, Robinson Pond had been closed for swimming.

Selectmen Liaison, David Morin, had high hopes for the beach area.

"Robinson Pond is closed already this year. I just want to thank this committee for putting forth the funds for the engineering to improve that for the town

residents," said Morin. "I know it's a big chunk of your money that you would like to use in other places, but I think, as a town, as a whole, it will be a good thing and I thank you for doing that."

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 8, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Budget Committee to Request More Details from School Administrators

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on June 5 to hear their first full report on school-related expenses from Grace Kennedy, the recently appointed School Board liaison. Despite a push to get budget numbers out earlier, she had limited information about the upcoming end of the school year and related issues to staffing and budget numbers.

"We have to shuffle people around in order to get the needs of the students

met, we are losing our Assistant Principal and another Principal at one of the schools, and I think there's a school psychologist plus teachers, so there's a lot to get done this summer recruiting, and interviewing, and hiring people," said Kennedy. "Talking about a retained fund balance, we won't have that for a while either, but it's coming."

She went on to say that there was a lot of information to sift through to get accurate numbers for next year's budget.

Budget Committee

Chair, Bill Cole, expressed disappointment that other members from the school district were not available to answer some of his more detailed questions about a requested spending plan and Facilities Study.

"These items are going to be on the next agenda for August, and I will be expecting the school Superintendent and his team to be in attendance that night to answer questions," said Cole, who was particularly interested in finding out more about what the town

was getting for the \$84,000 Facilities Study.

Kennedy promised to find out more and did note that a report listing the salaries number and salaries for district employees was now available for review.

"In the annual report, that anybody can get ahold of, it lists all of the employees, at least all the teachers and paraprofessionals are listed in there with their salaries," she said.

During the last budget season, spending on school employees and the ratio of

teachers to students had been an ongoing issue. Member, Shawn Jasper, previously expressed concern Hudson residents were not getting results for the public money being spent.

"That is an issue many people have brought up all over, every state I've lived in, people say why do administration fees go up and up and up while student enrollment is going down," stated Kennedy, although she wondered whether much could be done about it at the local level. "I think some of

it, not all of it, is driven by mandates from the federal government, and some it is driven by mandates from the states government."

She reported that much of what the School Board does is in response to mandates coming from Concord or Washington.

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

Board of Selectmen Approve Transfer Station Passes Fee

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen held a public hearing during its June 11 meeting regarding the transfer station passes.

"At their meeting on Feb. 13, 2024, the Board of Selectmen approved the Public Works Director's request to allow residents to purchase additional transfer station passes for a fee," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "Residents would be allowed to purchase up to three passes for a fee of \$30 each, per calendar year, in addition to their annual allotment of three free passes."

However, it was explained that in order to adopt the fee "the Board is required to hold a public hearing to amend the fee schedule."

The new language added states that the resident transfer station passes are \$30 each for up to three additional passes per calendar year.

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The Board of Selectmen approved adopting the fee during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen heard from two different nominees for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

One of the nominations was for Tristan Dion, who currently serves as an alternate member of the ZBA.

He explained during the meeting that he has been an alternate member for a couple of years and knows that the Zoning Board has a shortage of full-time members.

In fact, despite being an alternate member for the Board, he said almost half the meetings he has attended he has been a voting member due to the lack of members they had there, saying the first meeting he attended he ended up serving as a voting member that night.

He also noted that he is a member of the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee.

It was explained by Selectman, Kara Roy, that

from her time working with Dion on the Board he gave valuable input and said, "he really did a good job in my opinion."

Selectman, Dillon Dumont, who is the current liaison for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, said Dion has done well and goes to all the meetings.

Another nominee who was presented to the Board of Selectmen at the last meeting was Zachary McDonough, who was looking to become an alternate member for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

"We have four alternate positions open," Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said.

Guessferd explained that he currently works as a senior project manager at UMass Lowell and said that he previously worked in residential construction. He added that he moved to town about four years ago and wants to be more involved in the town.

When asked, McDo-

nough said he would be willing to attend different training sessions that are offered, saying he already regularly attends training for his career, and the dif-

ferent licenses he holds.

As is the normal procedure, no votes were taken during the meeting and instead the Board of Selectmen are expected to vote on

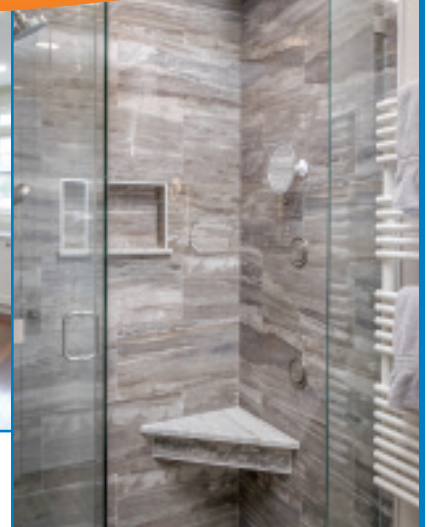
the nominations at the next meeting.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on June 25 at 7 p.m.

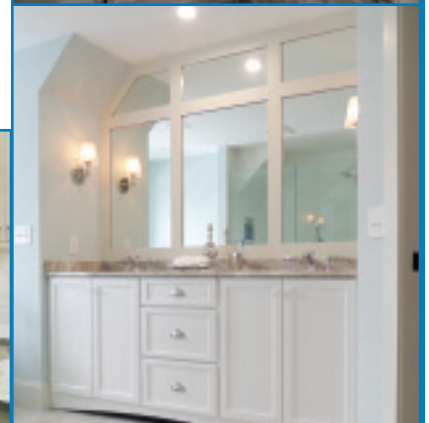


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School Board Approve Adding Meetings for Budget

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During the June 17 Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to having additional meeting dates during the upcoming budget season this fall.

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained that her proposed calendar was slightly different from some of the dates proposed by the Budget Committee, explaining that it has to do with what she described as traditions and in order to get ready for the March vote.

"I can expect there may be some adjustments to what the Budget Committee sets up with their calendar," Burk explained during the

meeting.

It was explained by Burk that they were looking to add additional meetings in order to be able to have enough time to have budget discussions and deliberations with plenty of time before they need to submit their proposed budget by the middle of November.

Burk said the School District is slated to present second again, explaining that since about 80% of their budget is salaries and benefits and it takes them longer to hire they can't start as early as the town can when it comes to budgeting.

It was explained by Burk that they were proposing to add a meeting on Oct. 16, noting that Oct. 14 is a

holiday, followed by a meeting on Oct. 23, 28 and then Oct. 30 if needed.

She noted they were looking to be able to wrap up the budget presentation and deliberations by the end of October instead of the first week in November, due to School Board Vice Chair, Mike Campbell, not being able to make it in the beginning of November.

The School Board unanimously approved adding Oct. 16, 23, 28, and 30 as additional meeting dates for budget hearings.

School Board member, Ethan Beals, said they should let the Cable Department know well in advance about the added meetings so they can record

the meetings.

Also during the meeting, the School Board unanimously approved a revised policy related to the District's Fiscal Management Plan.

"The School Board recognizes the importance of excellent fiscal management in managing public resources to achieve the goals of the educational plan of the district," the revised policy states. "The board will be vigilant in fulfilling its responsibilities to see that these funds are used wisely to achieve the purpose for which they are allocated."

It explains that the plan tries to accomplish the following goals:

1. Engage in thorough advance planning to develop budgets and guide expenditures to achieve the greatest educational returns and the greatest contributions to the educational program.
2. Establish levels of funding which will provide high quality education for the students of the district.
3. Use the best available techniques and processes for budget development and management.
4. Provide timely and appropriate information to the board and all staff with fiscal management responsibilities.
5. Establish and implement efficient procedures for accounting, reporting, audit, risk management, investing, purchasing, payroll, payment of vendors and contractors, and all other areas of fiscal management.

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

OBITUARY

Constance C. "Connie" Webster



Constance C. "Connie" Webster, 75, of Hudson, NH passed away on Friday, 21 June, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon NH, as she succumbed to illness.

Connie was born on 21 March 1949 in Biddeford, Maine. She was the daughter of the late Gerard "Jerry" and Doris (Gagnon) Paquette. Connie was the wife of the late Gary Webster of Hudson with whom she shared 48 years of marriage. Connie is survived by her brother Ken Paquette and wife Lara of Pentinction, British Columbia Canada; sister Marie Miller and husband Blake of Ellington, CT; and brother Stephen Paquette and wife Robin of Hudson, NH; along with several nieces and nephews. Connie is pre-deceased by her brother Billy Paquette, her brother-in-law Russell Croteau, her parents Doris and Jerry Paquette, husband Gary Webster, and sister Diane Croteau.

After graduating from Waltham High School, Connie's family moved to Hudson, NH in 1967. Connie began her professional life as a server/bartender at Giovanni's Restaurant, where she met Gary, and they were married in 1972. Connie enrolled in secretarial classes to increase her skills and left her job at the restaurant to work at Centronics in Hudson. She was a great secretary and was able to type as fast as her boss could speak! When Robert Howard moved from Centronics and established Howtek, Inc in 1984, Connie left Centronics to work with him as his Executive Assistant. She continually progressed to more challenging roles to eventually become the Human Resources Manager. In 1993, Connie entered her first attempt at retirement, but she wasn't ready to stay retired, so she went back to work selling paintings at The Thomas Kinkadee Galleries and then to an Office Manager with Chiropractic Works in Hudson. Connie was finally forced into retirement due to health-related issues, and this allowed her to spend time with friends and family.

Connie loved the water. When she was younger, she would spend a lot of time at the beach. When Connie and Gary lived in Pelham, NH – they always had a pool and spent lots of time entertaining. Connie loved taking cruises with Gary along with family and friends. Connie and Gary loved eating out at nice restaurants, staring at the Full Moon, driving around in her convertible at night with the convertible top down and the heat on high, and taking long walks on the beach. She also relished the times she spent with Gary as he served as the Chairman for The American Legion Baseball Program. She would root loudly for "her boys" and was proud of all of them. Her favorite time of the year was Christmas. She set up her Christmas tree early and kept it up well after Christmas. In her later years, she loved her DVR – and she became engrossed with the Law-and-Order Series (every variation) and Blue Bloods.

She was a generous, loving, and beautiful woman. Connie was a force and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Friday June 28 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., with a Service of Remembrance beginning at 11:30 a.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

T-Bones

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Board members had a few questions for the pair.

"I assume these residential units are rentals?" asked Alternate Board member, George Hall.

Site planners were unsure what the housing would look like, as Foisie admitted the apartments "may turn into condos" as things develop.

"When done, does the NH Restaurant Group actually own the property? You're not going to be a

tenant?" asked Board member, James Crowley.

Boucher confirmed that would be the case, his company would own the land, the new T-Bones, and the included apartments or condos.

Other questions came from confusion related to a letter Boucher sent to Hudson residents talking about a possible relocation of T-Bones and did not include any mention of the apartments or condos.

In the letter the owner claimed that came from being forced to quickly throw together a plan with-

out knowing all of the details.

"I would like to comment on the letter that went out. In full transparency, that letter went out, and I did not want rumors to start," said Boucher. "If we started to say we were going to put apartments there and all of the sudden, we decide it's going to be a breakfast place, they're going to say, 'you lied to us, you didn't tell us the truth.'"

As a conceptual plan, many aspects of the project still lack detail and are subject to change.

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Hills Memorial Building Gets Updated Use Policy

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Trustees of Rodgers Memorial Library met on June 12 to discuss an acceptable use policy for the Hills Memorial building.

"The reality is that this building gets used by town departments," said Library Director, Linda Pilla, who noted that generating interest in the building has proven difficult due to insurance reasons. "The reality is, if you have to come up

for an insurance rider for \$1-2 million, you're probably going to find another place to hold your birthday party."

Trustee, Karen Bohrer, believed the new policy would be more "consistent" compared to the older rules, with a transparent fee table. Both the Library Trustees and SAU 81 play a role in determining who can reserve the Hills building. The Board of Trustees approved the policy changes and sent it to Pam Clark and the SAU district office to

understand what else the school district might want to include in the use policy.

Members brought up getting a cell phone for library use. The hope was to expand the library's social media presence, including the creation of a TikTok account, which requires having a cell phone.

"As someone who has administered social media accounts using my personal cellphone, I think it would be really nice to have a library phone," said Chair, Mimi Guessferd. "If somebody leaves, you'd need to

get the account transferred. If it's all associated with one phone, it stays at the library. It just makes more sense, and it makes it easier for those accounts to be maintained."

The Trustees voted to approve a cell phone for work use. Members also mentioned asking other libraries with TikTok accounts about the most effective policies Hudson might want to use.

Another topic was how to improve the upcoming Summer Reading Program for staff members expected to work long hours to keep the program running smoothly.

Trustee, Erin Henderson, suggested adding snacks to the breakroom as thanks.

"It seems like a small thing that could go far," said Henderson.

Other Trustees agreed it was a great idea, voting to allocate up to \$500 on summer treats for staff during Summer Reading.

"The Summer Reading Program looks absolutely fantastic," said Bohrer. "The summer is a great time to reconnect with the library if you've been too busy to do that during the year."

With newly landscaped grounds, Pilla asked for responsible use of the picnic tables for anyone visiting.

"If you come to the library and you're sitting at the picnic tables and you decide to put the umbrella up, it's just a request that you rewind the umbrella when you're done," said Pilla.

The library has lost at least one open umbrella to wind in recent weeks.

The next meeting is set for Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library. There will be no meeting in July.

OBITUARY

Mary M. McCann Hillyard



Mary M. McCann Hillyard, 69 of Hudson, NH died crossing the finish line June 18, 2024 surrounded by family and friends after lengthy illness. Mary was born in Lowell, MA on Feb. 22, 1955, the oldest of four children and the daughter of her late mother Mary McCann and father, Alfred McCann.

Mary graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1972. She went on to pursue her Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts/Education from then Rivier College, a Masters Degree in Education/Special Education from Rivier University, and cutting edge certifications for teaching ASD from Antioch University. Mary was a committed teacher working in the community of Hudson, NH in the Hudson school system for much of her working years. Teaching all levels of K-12 at Dr. HO smith Elementary School, Library St. School, Hudson Memorial School, and Alvirne High School. Frisky and unselfish, mild and kind, her whole-hearted approach to teaching filled voids in an otherwise, at times, underappreciated area of education. Her students loved her dearly and she loved them, her faculty friends, and the art of teaching. Mary's health forced her to retire from teaching in 2014.

Mary was full of love and life. She was a loyal friend, devoted wife and loving mother. Her children and grandchildren were a great source of joy. She cherished the time spent on family vacations to Bailey Island, ME in the summer and to North Conway, NH in the winter. She enjoyed art shows and antique shops. She loved buying gifts for people and throwing parties. Mary's strength and her wonderful sense of humor helped her bravely face her diagnosis with early onset Alzheimer's disease at 58 years old. She participated in medical studies that helped the advancement of groundbreaking Alzheimer's medications and research. Despite her diagnosis, Mary remained a happy and optimistic person with an incredible sense of humor. She was always laughing and joking with her friends and family. She was selfless, kind, and always ready to lend a hand. Her love and wild spirit will never be forgotten. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Mary leaves behind her beloved husband, Kevin Hillyard of 36 years. Along with her husband, Mary is survived by her sister Margaret McCann Brown and husband Russell of Nashua, NH, brother James McCann and wife Katrina McCann of Gorton, MA and sister-in-law Natalie McCann of Chelmsford, MA. Mary is pre-deceased by her brother William McCann of Chelmsford, MA. Mary had three daughters and one son, Melissa Richard and husband Randal Richard of Merrimack, NH, Amanda Babiarz and husband Thomas Babiarz of Bedford, NH, Jennifer Wood of Butler, PA and son Matthew Hillyard and wife Kara Hillyard of Amherst, NH. Lastly, Mary was survived by her eight grandchildren Tommy, Lily, Daxton, Sawyer, Evelyn, Gabe, Teddy, and Thea. Mary loved each of her grandchildren very much and they loved their Nana.

Mary chose "the narrow & cramped road...the road less traveled"! She was the real deal.

Mary was a faithful and devoted member of the Merrimack Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses. A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Merrimack, NH on Thursday, June 27 at 4 p.m., with a private reception to follow. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association in Mary's name at Alz.org.

Conservation Discusses Bockes Road

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on June 10 to hear a conditional use permit application from Allison Lewis of Keach-Nordstrom Associates, who was there to represent the Massachusetts-based Miara Transportation.

"12 Bockes Road is proposing a 13,200 square foot garage with a paved access lane that connects the garage to the front portion of the site," Lewis explained. "There's large wetland complex to the south of the developed site, and a small wetland pocket on the westerly border."

The Bockes Road site also had a pocket pond and slopes directing possible runoff towards the larger wetland patch. The gravel area on the property was previously expanded following a 2016 presentation to an

earlier Conservation Commission. That area is now used to store heavy equipment, mainly flatbed trailers that accumulate snow during the winter months.

She explained that while they would need another permit to continue developing the area, the idea was to put the garage on the existing gravel without disrupting more undeveloped land.

"This won't impact the pocket pond at all. If anything, we're adding slightly cleaner runoff to the pocket pond," said Lewis. "The trailers will be inside, and the runoff will come from the roof instead."

Vice Chair, Carl Murphy, expressed his plans to do a site visit to get a better idea of what the area was like. Members had a few questions about the property.

"So, you have a gravel area in the back, but the entry area, will that be

repaved?" asked Secretary, Ken Dickinson.

He was informed that repaving was indeed on the plan to prevent erosion during and after construction. The plan involves replacing some of the impervious gravel sections of the property driveway with asphalt.

"Usually when you introduce pavement and parking like that, you have concentrated runoff," said Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. "The site does pitch towards a wetland, basically, what I would be looking for is anywhere you can reduce the speed of that water coming though."

He advised her to be careful when treating any runoff from the asphalt

towards the wetland.

The Town Engineer noted a mistake on the plans, which used a 50-foot buffer for the nearby wetlands, a rule that was changed to 75 feet earlier this year.

"Be aware the rules have changed as of March," Dhima warned, although the property owner did not need to make that change before the next meeting.

There was some confusion as to how the new rule might interact with a buffer impact permit from Miara Transportation's original 2016 request.

The next meeting is set for Monday, July 8, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Library Ramps Up Summer Programs & New Streaming Service

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The June 12 meeting of Rodgers Memorial Library Trustees opened with feedback on the recent Library Trustee conference attended by several Trustees and the Library Director. Trustee, Karen Bohrer, attended what she called an “informative session on managing library trust funds.”

“I will be following up on what I learned there,” said Bohrer, singling out a lesson on CD laddering as particularly useful.

Laddering is a strategy the Trustees have looked into to grow some of their currently unused funds.

Bohrer also thanked the Women’s Club, the Rotary Club, Hannaford Supermarket, and Hudson resident, Traci Reardon, for their donations to the library over the past month.

Selectmen Liaison, Dilon Dumont, updated the Trustees on ongoing infrastructure projects in town and reiterated their need to fill several key positions.

“We’re looking for a new Town Planner, Assistant Town Administrator, Executive Assistant, and Town Clerk,” he said. “If anybody is interested, come fill out an application.”

Library Director, Linda Pilla, recently attended an

Urban Library Administrator’s Consortium (ULAC) meeting comprised of directors who serve a community larger than 13,000 people, including Hudson.

“We went down to the Harvard School of Government to talk about how vital it is to train the next generation of leaders within the country to know how important libraries are to the democratic process,” said Pilla. “It’s through a free library system that people have access to information. I know we have the Internet, but it is in the bigger picture, an educated population makes good decisions for their continu-

ing democracy.”

The Director was happy to announce that Rodgers Memorial Library is now fully staffed, following recent hires over the past few weeks.

“We lost one of our newest employees because she wanted to finish college, and we have wanted to hire an absolutely outstanding candidate,” she said. The open spot was in the Youth Services Department.

That department has already moved to expand its summer programming for kids and adults.

“I was wondering if we could get a class on Kanopy,” suggested

Trustee, Lisa Weber. “It’d be so interesting to have a class or a video. I’ve signed up and I haven’t really delved into Kanopy.”

The Director thought classes were a great idea and gave more detail on the new service.

“Kanopy is a streaming service, that if you sign up for, you will be allocated a certain number of points every month, I think it’s 15 points. Each of the shows, each of the learning opportunities you select costs a certain number of points,” Pilla explained. “If you watch a movie, it costs you three points, you have two days to watch it you have 12

points left.”

There are different point setups for TV shows and an unlimited allowance for kids’ shows. While the library is paying for the service, the service is free for residents who want to sign up.

As the library has only been using Kanopy for about a month Pilla asked for feedback to gauge its popularity.

The next meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Trustees is scheduled for Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library. There is no meeting scheduled for July.

Lunch Debts

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for those students who didn’t have money to pay.

“In accordance with NH RSA 189-11-a, students who do not have funds in

their accounts can still access the same qualifying meals, which are those meals that meet the requirements under the National School Lunch program and

which meals are served to other students, even if that means the student’s account will go into the negative,” Atherton said. “Students who are in the negative are only allowed to charge for those qualifying meals – a la carte items such as chips, drinks, or ice cream, cannot be charged.”

Atherton in a memo explained that despite multiple attempts “the unpaid meals account is currently at \$51,934.56 as of the writing of this memo on June 5th.”

Atherton said she was requesting that they allow the District to buy up to

\$55,000 in unpaid meals debt.

“Weekly emails have gone out to parents/guardians along with monthly letters mailed to homes for those families with negative account balances of at least \$50, which include a statement showing the student’s meal account balance,” Atherton wrote in a memo. “Some families will be responsive to these requests; however it is expected that the District will not receive the full amount due from all families.”

Burk said some families end up paying their meal


balances after they get notification, noting that some may not realize they don’t have funds on their student’s meal account.

“Some unfortunately do not,” Burk said about paying meal debts.

Burk noted that during covid, all meals across the country were paid for, and for the past couple of years, school districts across the state have been dealing with similar challenges with students having meal debts, which by law, needs to be paid for, since the food services department isn’t legally allowed to carry a debt.

“This is a very common request in schools,” Burk said.

The School Board ultimately approved buying up to \$55,000 worth of student meals debt.



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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Lady Broncos Softball Season Review of 2024

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

In a year that Alvirne was on their third coach in four seasons for softball, the team took a step back from their eighth-place finish in D-I from a year ago, finishing 5-13 and missing the playoffs for the first time since 2019.

Softball, like baseball, began their season on a long, costly losing skid, as they lost their first six games of the season and ten of their first twelve with the year beginning with a 9-0 loss to Pinkerton, followed by a pair of rainouts for their games against Concord and Goffstown, then a 9-1 loss at Portsmouth that proved to be the difference maker on Portsmouth making the playoffs over Alvirne, a 12-2 loss at Bishop Guertin, a 9-0 loss at Winnacunnet, an 8-2 loss at home against Goffstown in a make-up game, and an 8-0 loss against the Exeter Blue Hawks in what turned out to

be a very rainy night.

Alvirne did wrap up April Vacation with a win, however, as they took on Nashua North at home in a Friday morning contest. Alvirne won 16-1 in five innings thanks to an offensive explosion and nine Titan errors. Kenzy Pooler picked up the five-inning win while Taylor Joyal was saddled with the loss. Pooler only allowed just the one run on four hits while striking out eight and walking one. Joyal allowed 16 runs, however, only seven of them earned on 13 hits while striking out three and walking two. Offensively, the Broncos were led by Alyssa Abbott who went 4-4 with a home run and three triples, totaling seven RBI for the Bronco leadoff hitter, and Cory Sevigny who went 3-4, falling just a home run short of the cycle and driving home three runs. Avery Willard added two more RBI and Niyah Stroming had another in the win.

The Broncos were unable to ride the momentum to Windham for the following game, as they lost 6-0 to the Jaguars, but Alvirne was able to bounce back from that loss, picking up an eight-inning walk-off victory 8-7 over Dover the following night thanks to three Bronco homers, one from Alyssa Abbott, one from Kenzy Pooler, and one from Shayleigh Neilson with Neilson's being her first in high school as well as the walk-off winner.

Alvirne fell behind 3-0 early on before Alyssa Abbott got Alvirne on the board with a solo homer to make it 3-1 through three innings. Dover, however, responded quickly with four more in the fourth to make it 7-1 Green Wave. That was where Dover's scoring ended, however, as Pooler had come on in relief of starter Ashleigh Ducharme who went 3.1 innings allowing all seven Green Wave runs on seven

hits while striking out two and walking six.

The Broncos picked up a run on a Pooler RBI double in the fourth to cut the Dover lead to five and then tied the game after a Cory Sevigny RBI walk, a Niyah Stroming two-RBI double, and a Kenzy Pooler homer to tie the game in the fifth. Neither team would score until Shayleigh Neilson took the first pitch she saw with two outs in the home half of the eighth over the right-field fence to walk it off for the Broncos.

Alvirne then dropped their next three to fall to 2-10 after a nail-biter 12-11 loss to Trinity-West, a 16-4 loss at Salem, and a 14-2

loss at Concord. The Broncos returned home after their three-game losing skid to play host to the Bedford Bulldogs, who they blew out 19-3 in five innings, traveled to Nashua South and beat the Panthers 10-0 on the road, and then returned home to beat the Manchester Central-Memorial Kings 13-2 for their final regular season win.

To wrap up the regular season, Alvirne played host to the Keene Blackbirds and Londonderry Lancers before going to Merrimack and taking on the Tomahawks to wrap up their regular season. All three games finished in blowout fashion, although the Merrimack

game didn't get out of hand until late, with Keene coming to town and winning 12-0 on Alvirne's Senior Night, Londonderry coming in and winning 14-0, and Alvirne going to Merrimack and losing 10-3 in a game that, had they won, would have sent the Broncos to the playoffs and was tied at 3-3 as late as the bottom of the fifth inning.

Finishing at 5-13, the Broncos softball team took a definitive step back, but this was also a young squad under a new coach that saw a lot of adversity this season, and even through all of the adversity, they finished just a half-game away from the playoffs.

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Annual GDTC Kids Fun Runs Off to a Another Season

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The annual Greater Derry Track Club's Kids Summer Fun Runs got off to an energetic start at Londonderry High School on Monday night, June 24.

Area youngsters ages two-years and up took to the high school track competing in seven age categories in a variety of distances with some Hudson runners placing.

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

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

Nine-Year Old Results:

Girls:
First, Sasha Solovyev

of Hudson
Second, Mia Swenson
of Londonderry
Third, Samantha Pannell of Londonderry.
Boys:
First, Samuel Smith of Londonderry
Second, Malik Brahim of Windham
Third, Liam Kobisky of Derry.

Ten-Year Old Results:

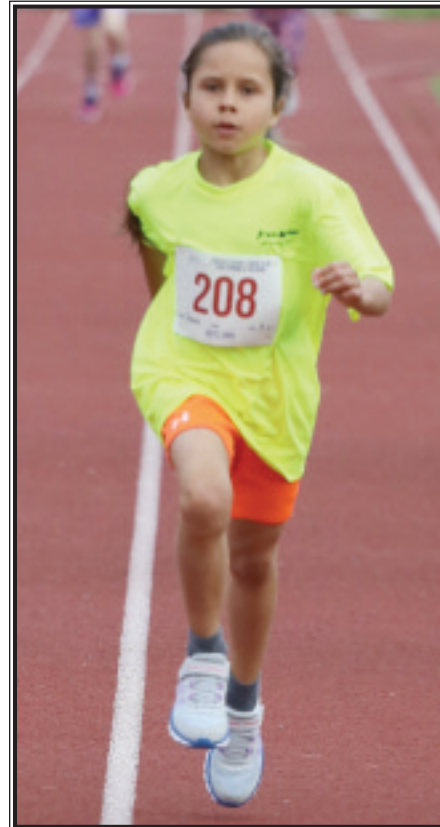
Girls:
First, Ryla Zatsky of Windham
Second, Sydney Kingsland of Derry
Third, Kennedy Adams of Londonderry
Boys:
First, Derek Bath of Derry
Second, Jacob Edwards of Londonderry
Third, Lucas Jonesinski of Londonderry

11-Year Old Results:

Girls:
First, Cerie Girouard of Derry
Second, Abrianna Montano of Pelham
No Third Place.
Boys:
First, Christopher Mercurio of Derry
Second, Andrew Solovyev of Hudson
Third, Brody Davis of Londonderry

12-Year Old Results:

Girls:
First, Meghan Mullaney, of Derry
Second, Adelynn Mullaney of Derry
Third, Eden Timinski of Londonderry.
Boys:
First, Noah Alcorn of Fremont
Second, Nicholas Tiney of Sandown



Sasha and Andrew Solovyev of Hudson had first and second place finishes during the first night of the annual Kids Summer Fun Runs. *Photos by Chris Paul*

No Third Place.

Third, Isley Morrison of Londonderry.

of Sandown.

13-Year Old Results:

Girls:
First, Stella Dutton of Londonderry
Second, Emma Melo of Hudson

Boys:
First, Bennett MacCulloch of Londonderry
Second, Soren Jonesinski of Londonderry
Third, Jacob Tiney

Kids Fun Run races will continue on Monday night each week until Aug. 5 with registration starting at 6 p.m. and races beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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In a year that had very low expectations as far as girls' lacrosse is concerned, Alvirne managed to either meet or exceed those expectations. Nobody truly expected the rebuilding program to compete for a title or even be a very competitive squad in general, as very few players on the team joined with much lacrosse experience. That said, girls' lax went 0-14 this season, marking their third straight winless season, but having two games that did not see a running clock for the first time in that span with their best game being a 4-1 weather-shortened loss at Manchester Memorial-West.

The Lady Broncos began the season with a tough 18-1 loss against a Division II powerhouse in the Windham Jaguars at home before taking on Merrimack Valley at Alvirne in an away game that got moved due to poor field conditions in Penacook. The Pride came away with a 13-2 win in their odd home game for their second win out of ten in their regular season. The Broncos, on the other hand, fell to 0-2 and their goal differential dropped to -29 through the first two games.

The following week, Alvirne had just one game-a home matchup against the Kingswood Knights, who also entered the matchup winless, coming off losses

to Kennett, John-Stark-Hillsboro-Deering, and Manchester Memorial-West. The Knights looked like world beaters on that night at Alvirne, however, as they scored early and often against the Broncos, winning their first game of the season by a score of 19-2, dropping Alvirne's record to 0-3 on the season and lowering their goal differential to -45 after being outscored 50-5 through three games. Certainly not what the Broncos were looking for to start the season.

Over the course of April Vacation, Alvirne took the field twice, once at home against Manchester Memorial-West in a 12-2 loss at home and once on the road in Keene as the Broncos took on the Keene-Monadnock Blackbirds and put up a season-high to that point 5 goals, but unfortunately, the Blackbirds were too much for the Broncos, as they not

only managed to take care of business, but they did so in convincing fashion, defeating the Broncos 24-5 to send the Broncos to 0-5 on the season.

Alvirne then came home to take on the Goffstown Grizzlies to wrap up the month of April, and Goffstown nearly shut out the Broncos, with Addy Lemire scoring the lone Bronco goal of the night well into the running clock portion of the contest which began early as the Grizzlies put up 20 in the game to beat Alvirne 20-1. The Broncos also traveled to Oyster River later in the week to take on the Oyster River-Newmarket Bobcats and fell in that contest by a final score of 18-0 as they were unable to avoid the shutout.

As Alvirne's season reached its second half, the Lady Broncos welcomed Hollis-Brookline to town with the Cavaliers winners

of their prior four contests and six of their first nine. The Cavaliers came to town and beat the Broncos handily 19-3 to guarantee Alvirne another season with a sub-.500 record as, even if they won their remaining games, the best they could do at that point was 6-8. The next day, it was another battle between winless squads as the Broncos hit the road to battle the ConVal Cougars in Peterborough where Alvirne fell 12-6, setting a season-high in goals scored while tying their season low in goals allowed. Despite all that, the Broncos were now 0-9.

In the season's penultimate week, Alvirne had two road games, one at Winnacunnet and one at Pembroke. Winnacunnet, who went on to finish as the D-II runners-up in the tournament, as well as regular season champs, was able to handle the Broncos without issue, winning 20-1 and

officially eliminating Alvirne and giving them their tenth loss of the season. Pembroke, a team that entered their matchup only having beat ConVal, Milford (Division III), and Spaulding, also handled Alvirne with relative ease, winning 11-1 at home and pushing the Broncos to 0-11 and dropping Alvirne's already disappointing goal differential to -162 on the year or an average of -14.72 goals per game.

To wrap up their season, Alvirne took on Timberlane at home followed by Manchester Memorial-West and John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering on the road. The Broncos also celebrated senior night in their matchup against Timberlane which they unfortunately were unable to keep close as they lost 18-2 to complete the home portion of their

schedule. Alvirne then played Memorial-West on the road and lost 4-1 in a weather-shortened game that the final score comes out to be the closest the Broncos have been to a win since they won a game back in 2022. They then completed their regular season at John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering and were shut out for the second time this season 20-0 this time.

In a year that the Broncos went 0-14, their second straight winless season and seventh straight losing season, there were some positives to speak of including Audriana Chipperini, Addy Lemire, and, despite her numbers, Abby Kruger. Lemire and Chipperini combined for more than 70% of Alvirne's scoring and Kruger was a work-horse in net despite having a GAA of 16.29.

Cemetery Trustees Announce Training for Headstone Cleaning

Many people ask the Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees how they can help clean headstones so that inscriptions can be read. Mel Gannon, one of our Cemetery Trustees and a Wreaths Across America Location Leader, will be holding 2 training sessions on August 3 and 4 at 10:30 AM in Sunnyside Cemetery

on Central Street and it is not necessary to attend both sessions. She will demonstrate proper cleaning methods and provide approved cleaning solutions. Improper cleaning methods or solutions can be harmful to the headstones, so the Trustees request that volunteers receive training before attempting to clean head-

stones. The Cemetery Trustees appreciate properly trained volunteers cleaning the many very old headstones in our cemeteries. There is no charge and no need to register. If you are interested, please attend. The Town Cemeteries are: Ford, Senter, Old Center, Blodgett, Poor Farm, and Sunnyside.



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Hudson Post 48 Prep Finish Week Two With 5-2 Record Wins

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Last week, Hudson's American Legion Prep team concluded their June schedule with matchups in Rochester, Salem, and home against Portsmouth. Post 48 began their week by splitting a doubleheader in Rochester with a 7-3 win in game one and a 9-2 loss in game two, then played at Michele Park on

Thursday in what was supposed to be a doubleheader but saw game two rained out and lost to Post 63 Gold 6-3. They then returned home for the first time since beating Londonderry 11-1 and beat Portsmouth 9-3 from the friendly confines of Alvirne.

In their first game of the week, Hudson saw stellar pitching from Memphis

Beach and TJ Dembrowski coupled with some timely hitting from Dembrowski and second baseman Kyler Cox which was able to carry Hudson to victory. In game two, however, Rochester was able to jump out to a 4-1 lead early and extend that lead to 9-1 through three innings in the shortened five-inning game to put the game on ice as Hudson shifted their focus at that point to conserving their pitching for later in the week at that point in the game.

Hudson then traveled to Michele Park for the second time in six days, this time for a doubleheader against Salem Post 63 Gold, who took care of business at home in what turned out to be the night's

only game as rain ensured that the field was unplayable and the teams would only get the one game in. Heath Haynes got the ball to start for Hudson and gave up six runs across three innings, four of those runs being earned while walking four and striking out none. Ethan Buja relieved Haynes and pitched much more efficiently, only needing 23 pitches to get through three innings allowing one hit and one walk in that span while not allowing a run nor striking out a batter. PJ Millette had the lone RBI of the night with his RBI double that scored Cam St. Clair in the process.

On Friday, Hudson returned home to take on Portsmouth at Alvirne. Hudson was able to beat Portsmouth with relative

ease as they won 9-3, wrapping up their second week at 5-2 and setting themselves up in a solid position going into the thick of the season as far as the playoff push goes.

Hudson got the job done, as they have throughout the early portion of the season, through a sort of bullpening situation, monitoring pitch counts stringently as no pitcher threw more than 38 pitches, keeping them available for Club games on Sunday if needed. Jasper Workman got the start and went 2.2 innings allowing three runs, none of which were earned, on three hits with a walk and a strikeout before turning the ball over to Cam St. Clair in the third who finished the inning and pitched the fourth all while not allow-

ing a run and striking out three, helping him avoid any runs to be charged to his name despite allowing two hits and a walk. PJ Millette came in for the fifth and sixth, only allowing one hit while striking out three and walking one before turning the ball over to Chase Fuller who pitched the seventh only allowing a single hit and picking up a strikeout and shutting the door on just 13 pitches.

This week, Hudson will play just one game on Tuesday in the makeup game against Salem Gold at Michele Park at 5:30 PM. With their 5-2 record, they currently have the most wins in the NH Prep Division, while only sitting a half-game behind Bedford (4-0) for the top record in the division.

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Lions Club Blood Drive

Join the Hudson Lions Club Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, July 18, at The White Birch Function Hall, 222 Central St., Hudson, from Noon - 5 p.m.

Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rogers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. We will divide by age (Tween 10-

13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

Story Safari at Benson's

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., except July 23, Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles. Meet up near the playground. Bring blankets and chairs.

Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, July 16, at 1:30 p.m., join Rogers Library for the third Tuesday

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

Crime & Cookies!

True Crime Podcast Club at the Rogers Library will meet on Wednesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. This month we'll listen to "Scamada," the true story of a woman whose own words held the key to her

secret.

Library Concert

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

Family Lawn Games

On Monday, July 1 at 10 a.m., come join the fun with games like Cornhole, Bean Bag Toss, and Giant Jenga on the Rogers library lawn.

Tie Dye for Everyone

On Wednesday, July 3, at 2 p.m., Bring a shirt, the Rogers Library has the dye (t-shirts only please). This year will be dip-dyeing shirts. It only takes 10-15 minutes.

Downsizing and Decluttering

On Monday, July 8, at 1

p.m., Rogers Library will tackle practical, easy-to-follow downsizing and decluttering tips to get your home and office organized.

Tween Mario Kart Tournament

The ultimate Mario Kart challenge for tweens entering grades 5-8 will be held on Tuesday, July 2, at 3 p.m., at Rogers Library. Prizes awarded to top racers.

Fairy Tale Party

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

Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come and grab a donut, at the Rogers Library on Saturday, July 6 & 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Teen Candy Bar Bingo

On Tuesday, July 2, at 6 p.m., Play BINGO and win candy at Rodgers Library! For teens entering grades 9-12.

Cookbook Club

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

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Tween Polymer Clay

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

Fizzy Magic Potions

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

Tween Anime and Ramen

On Thursday, July 11 at 2 p.m., relax, color, and snack at the Rogers Library while watching anime and talking about favorite manga and animated series. For students entering grades 5-8.

Medicare and Managed Care

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

Genealogy Club

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

Yoga Storytime

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

Trauma Medicine Class

In this important and informative class John Watkins will cover topics such as scene safety, conversing with 911, patient assessment, and the 3 Killers - Bleeding, Breathing and Shock. It will be held on On

Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m., at Rogers Library.

Teddy Bear Picnic

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

Library Concert

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

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m., come the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams. Not a formal class, but people willing to help.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

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

Senior Sports

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

Family Obstacle Course

On Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m., drop in at the Rogers Library and try an obstacle course for the whole family.

Book Donation

The Hudson Friends of the Library will hold monthly book donation days July 18 and Aug. 15 at Rodgers Memorial Library, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Donation days are always on the Thursday following Second-Hand Prose

Day. Current fiction, non-fiction and children's books in good to excellent condition are gladly accepted. Books may be dropped off at the Rodgers Memorial Library study room. Do not use any outside donation bins.

Characters & Cocoa

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

Wildlife Encounters

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

Pokemon Party

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

Storytime On the Lawn

On Tuesday, July 23, at 10 a.m., meet on the Rogers library lawn for stories, songs, and bubbles. Bring blankets and chairs.

Button-Making & Pizza

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

"Name That Tune"

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

Flower Pot Painting

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

12 only on Thursday, July 18, at 6 p.m.

Musical Adventure

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

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

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

Field of Flags

The annual Field of Flags at Library Park is set up. The Flags will remain up until just after Flag Day. Thanks to the Town of Hudson for their continued support 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.

Family Movie

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

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 rogerslibrary.org

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.

Book Sale

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

Drop In Stitchers

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

Dino the Therapy Dog

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.

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.

Songs & Snuggles

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

Teen Hangout

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

Movers & Shakers

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

PFOA Water Test

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

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.



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