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Brielle Oullette, of Hudson Memorial School was awarded first place by VFW Post Commander Charles Chapman for her essay based on a patriotic theme.

Photo by Chris Paul

VFW Holds Annual Loyalty Day Ceremony

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hudson Memorial Post 5791 and the Auxiliary held its annual Loyalty Day - Scholastic Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 2, where members paid tribute to area residents for their contributions to their communities.

Hudson Selectman, Bob Guessferd, helped to kick off the service by singing the National Anthem, followed by an Invocation given by Rob Vance, the VFW Post Chaplain.

Post Commander, Charles Chapman, welcomed those gathered at the Post, and thanked everyone attending and for what they do for the towns of Hudson, Litchfield and Londonderry.

"I just want to thank everyone, for everything you do. We really do appreciate every single one of you and I just wanted to take the time to give you applause myself," he stated.

VFW Member, Charlene Vance, gave a brief introduction and commented on the significants of Loyalty Day,

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West Road Landfill Solar Project Moves Forward without RC Club

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The April 22 meeting of the Hudson Board of Selectmen opened with a quick set of comments from Cody Wojcik, the president of the Hudson-based Southern NH Radio Control Club. The R.C. Club wanted to discuss the recent approval of a solar farm at West Road Landfill where the organization operated its model planes.

"I just wanted to say I appreciate the heads up that we got on this issue tonight, and we are here to answer any questions," said Wojcik.

The solar farm project was authorized in 2023 after years of planning before being put on hold in 2024 pending a landfill cap investigation.

The local R.C. Club

protested after they were denied use of the land. Further investigation into the situation led to a letter from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) stating that solar panels and sheep grazing are typically the only approved uses for sealed landfills. The NHDES permits regulate the use of the land.

"The current permit in place did not, and still does not, permit the use that occurred in the past, which was the R.C. Club," explained Town Engineer Elvis Dhimma. "We need to file a permit modification, but we currently lack the funds for this unplanned expenditure."

The relatively flat area at the former landfill made it ideal for the RC Club and solar panels.

"Use for remote-controlled airplane flying could be approved by a type two permit modification," said Selectman Heidi Jakoby, saying that the land would need to meet certain criteria and that many people had a hand in the permit not being initially correct. "It may be necessary to alter the design of landfill cap to meet these criteria, but it's also possible that design changes would not be needed."

Board Chair Dillion Dumont stated that a permit modification allowing the R.C. Club to continue operating would have been possible, but was never going to be easy and would likely have required robust action on the part of the Club, and would have had to be done at an earlier date.

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Residents Concerned Wason Condo Plan Will Lead to More Development

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board oversaw a well-attended April meeting that included a site plan presentation by Joe Maynard of Benchmark, LLC, for the development of two new condominium homes and a cul-de-sac at 134 Wason Road.

"The property is currently developed with a single-family home that sits down at the front end of the property near Wason Road. That home was constructed in 2022," explained Maynard. "Our proposal is to add two additional single-family detached condominium dwellings that will share

the driveway with the existing house out to Wason Road."

A nearby wetland buffer would be slightly impacted. The original home was recently constructed, and several abutters voiced concerns about the potential for additional future development in the area.

"When we were here in 2022, originally the planning was just for one house. Now we're back for an additional two houses. Are we going to be back in another three, four years? Is there going to be a plan to add more houses? Is this going to be the end?" asked resident Caitlin Hamm. "I think for most of us, that's

what our worry is."

She noted that a previous property owner briefly floated a plan to build 43 homes and pointed out that the lot contains around 24 acres. Chair Jordan Ulery responded that such speculation was outside the scope of the current site plan.

"If they want to come back and do what you suggest, they'd have to come back and change this and resubmit another site plan with another set of requirements," he said.

Resident Alex Woodward asked whether the current site plan was entirely new or an update to the original permit. According

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Contract Signed for Mold Remediation at Train Station

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on April 17 to announce the formal approval of their lead and mold abatement plan for the old Hudson train station by the Board of Selectmen. As the lowest bidder, the remediation company New England Restoration was awarded the mold and moisture contract.

"That's pending the provision of a letter from the Division of Historical Resources saying that what we're proposing to do is not

going to change the historical nature or the historical character of the building," said Hudson Chair Jack Madden. "What we're going to be ultimately working toward in the building is a rehabilitation, not a restoration. A restoration would make the building like a museum: 'this is what it looked like in 1916,' whereas the rehabilitation is going to be an adaptive reuse of the building, preserving what we can, but making it functional for current use."

Madden wanted to look through some of the paper-

work to determine what items in the train station would be affected by restoration work.

"I need to work my way down the form in the context of looking at the bid for what's going to be removed and what's going to stay," he said, referring to his ongoing communications with the Division of Historical Resources. "I'm excited that we've finally gotten moving on that."

Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park announced that local publication The Hippo recently

singled out Benson Park several times in a "Best of 2025" article.

"Benson was voted 'Best outdoor spot to let your kids get out their energy,' third 'Best playground' in New Hampshire, the best place to let your dog off the leash, so 'Best dog park,' which is exciting, and the 'Best on-leash dog outing,'" said Newell. "There were some fun things!"

Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby credited park volunteers and the Friends of Benson Park for working to maintain high park stan-

dards.

"I appreciate the Friends of Benson and the work of this committee to keep our park moving forward, and obviously becoming the best in NH for a variety of reasons," she said. "It's not just us who believe that."

After asking around Hudson, the Committee announced it found sponsors for park Clean-Up Days through the rest of 2025.

"May will be Eric Aubin of Quality Driven Exteriors, June will be Heather Lane of The Good Place, July will be Mike Regis of Regis

Landscaping, August will be Josh Kahn of Game Creek Video, September will be Ben Poole of After Hours Auto, October will be Hannaford's in Hudson," said Madden, who thanked the sponsors for their help.

Each sponsor promised to provide food and drink for volunteers. The next Benson Park Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. As always, the Benson Park Committee and the Friends of Benson Park are happy to accept new volunteers.

Wason Plan

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to the Chair, the addition of two condo units constitutes an update, not a new proposal.

"Is there any blasting anticipated as part of this project?" asked Woodward. "Do the plans before you indicate any trees are going to be removed on the north

side of the property?"

Maynard said he did not expect blasting, although it was part of the original project - something not all abutters were aware of in advance. He and the property owner agreed to notify all neighbors ahead of time if further blasting becomes necessary. Tree removal would be "minimal," as the plan aims to preserve the

existing tree line.

Planning Board members also shared feedback.

"Listening to concerns expanding the condos, I don't see any soil types listed on the plan," said Board member James Crowley. He added that while the addition of two condos was unlikely to have a major environmental impact, any future expansion likely

would.

Maynard explained that test pits had previously been dug to analyze the soil, giving the property owners a good sense of the site's development potential.

"I don't think there will be 40 houses on this piece of land, just because of the wetlands and the buffers associated with them," said Maynard. "Could it support

additional units? Probably."

Board member Victor Oates suggested the possibility of placing a deed restriction on the land to prevent future development.

"My concern is this plan possibly opens up something broader," said Oates.

The applicant declined to add a deed restriction and said there were no immediate plans to build additional

housing. Any such restriction would need to be voluntary.

"We don't have the authority to mandate, nor do I think we should, regarding what can or can't be developed," said Ulery.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, at 7:05 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Industrial Drive Project Moves Forward Following Six Figures in Donations

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, a public hearing was held to accept a number of donations for the 9 Industrial Drive recreation area project. During a previous meeting the Board of Selectmen discussed potential projects for the site “such as pickle ball court, basketball court, tennis courts and community garden.”

It was explained previously how Town staff identified the need for six pickle ball courts, two tennis courts, and a basketball

court, along with a potential community garden. It was explained by Town Engineer Elvis Dhima that they have been proactive and have had a meeting with the zoning administrator, recreation director, and town administrator to look at what was possible. As previously noted by Dhima, they had secured a number of donations from local businesses to go forward with phase 1 of the project.

“I can’t say thank you enough to everyone who is participating in this and making this project come true,” Dhima said.

In order to accept the

donations and in-kind donations for the project, the Board of Selectmen was required to hold a public hearing and then vote to accept them. “The Board of Selectmen gratefully accepts the following donations toward the construction of the new Hudson Recreation Area at 9 Industrial Drive,” a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. “We are pleased to recognize the generosity of the following donors:

- Continental Paving Company - \$50,000
- SL Chasse Steel - \$15,000
- Sousa Realty and

Development Company - \$12,500

• Great NH Restaurants, Inc. - \$10,000

• MDP Development - \$10,000

• Brox Industries, Inc. - \$10,000

• NorthPoint Construction Management - \$10,000

• OW White Construction - \$10,000

• MR. Lacasse Homes, LLC - \$10,000

• Tate Bros. Paving Co. - \$10,000

• Reeds Ferry Small Buildings - \$8,191 (shed)

• Etchstone Properties, Inc. - \$5,000 (+ gravel)

In total just over

\$160,000 in donations were received. “Everyone is looking forward to this. I think this will be a good start,” Dhima said during the meeting.

In addition to the donations, it was previously noted that they have approximately \$13,000 in the recreation account, which can be utilized, and it is their intent to utilize staff and the Public Work Department, “when time allows it, to keep the cost low and start working on this project in phases.”

It was explained previously by Dhima that the idea is to see how far they

can get with the funds and donations they have secured so far and then go from there. “If the first phase is successful (then) the Town could raise funds through a warrant article in the future to complete the project,” a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. “The first phase will consist of, at a minimum, additional parking spaces, site preparation and one pickle ball court.”

The board unanimously approved the donations during the meeting. Dhima said the hope is to have a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in September.

School Board Approve AHS Security Device Upgrades

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to district wide Alert Beacon and security upgrades.

“Minuteman Security & Life Safety has provided government procurement pricing to upgrade security monitoring and to add additional blue beacon alert devices at all district school buildings,” Director of Facilities John Pratte explained in a memo. “The project includes additional security beacons throughout the district, including adding interior blue alert beacons in areas with higher noise levels, such as gymnasiums, cafeterias, and music

rooms, which will make alerts easier to detect within those spaces. Additional exterior beacons will also be installed outside of the CTE wing, along with the CTE office area and around the farm.”

It was explained by Pratte that 38 additional alert beacons will be installed across the school district.

“There will also be some upgrades to the alarm system for Alvirne and the CTE which will include intrusion detection for the offices in Student Services, the CTE office, and the Barnyard Café,” Pratte said. “Minuteman Security & Life Safety is affiliated with the MHEC Purchasing Network of which the Hudson

School District is a member.”

It was explained by Pratte that he recommended that the School Board award the bid for the project to Minuteman Security & Life Safety in the amount of \$63,800. The School Board unanimously approved the proposal.

Also during the meeting, the School Board discussed a potential end of the year spending request to complete Phase II of the fire alarm panel replacement project at Nottingham West. It was explained by Pratte that they had issues during the February break at Nottingham West with there being trouble alerts going off for the fire panel at the school. He explained

to the board during the meeting that the alarm panel was letting the fire department know there was trouble there, but there weren’t any issues. It was explained by Pratte that it was determined that they could not get the parts for the old panel so they had to make the decision to upgrade it.

Since they changed the panel, Pratte explained during the meeting, that it also

requires them to make other upgrades to be up to the current code.

Hudson School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell asked if they should approve the end of year spending during the meeting in order to begin moving forward with it. “This is a safety issue for me,” Campbell said.

As part of the proposal, Campbell said they were looking to award a contract

to BK systems for Phase II of the fire panel replacement for a total of \$106,530. Campbell said that it would bring them up to requirements. “This will bring us completely up to code,” he said.

The School Board unanimously approved the proposal.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on May 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Editorial Moms

"All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

- George Washington

What a mother Mary Bell Washington must have been, to have had such a profound influence on her son. As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we honor the women who shaped us, nurtured us, taught us, and showed us what life and love are about. True, fathers do all of those things too, but in different ways. It's not about whose role is bigger or better, and it's not even about conforming to the specific gender roles. It is simply acknowledging that both parents influence our lives through the choices they make with us, and each one's influence is distinct from the other.

But has their role really changed so much?

Their job is still tireless and often thankless. When it is done right, the job is still about unconditional love, even when that means tough love.

It remains a lifelong commitment. Even after a child is grown, mom is still mom, and moms will always worry. They cut the umbilical cord at birth, but there are other bonds that still stay intact.

When the world is harsh, when life pokes us in the eye and laughs at us, it is often our first instinct to seek

comfort in a mother's love.

We hope you are surrounded by family today. If they can't make it home, we hope you at least call. In my house I ask for a plant to put in our family garden year after year; as you may imagine it is quite large. I remember getting each plant and which child gave it to me. After all, for us moms it is about the memory. If they take you out to eat, let them pay, even if that goes against your maternal instinct.

We hope at least one person doesn't stop at saying "Happy Mother's Day", but elaborates at least a little bit on the depths of their gratitude and the reasons for it. Maybe they could share an anecdote or two, whether the goal is to make you laugh, cry, or both.

We hope you feel pride today. That when you look at the child or the children of whom you have had an influence, you see the kinds of people you wanted them to be. It is okay to be proud not only of them, but of yourself for the role you played in getting them to where they are.

Remember hugs. Always hugs.

"Because I feel that, in the Heavens above / The angels, whispering to one another, / Can find, among their burning terms of love / None so devoted as that of 'Mother'"

- Edgar Allen Poe

Conservation Commission Aims for Greater Outreach

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

At its April meeting, the Hudson Conservation Commission discussed ways to expand public awareness of town-owned, intentionally undeveloped land.

"We work hard to maintain the land, the trails, and things of that nature," said Chair Carl Murphy. "It'd be nice to see more people out using the assets the town has."

Selectman liaison David Morin suggested working with Hudson's local access television channel.

"HCTV will go out and do a short video for you to do that," said Morin. "They'll walk the trail for you and do the maps, and that's a town organization we should use."

He suggested setting up a five- or ten-minute narration for the video. Other commissioners thought a video was a great idea and agreed to contact Hudson's Director of Community Media Mike Johnson for more information.

Alternate Linda Kriscinas also suggested working with other town organizations to spread the word.

"Maybe we can work with the library to do something when they have an

event on the trails," she said. "They have programs for kids and adults like scavenger hunts."

Members agreed to discuss the matter in more detail at their next meeting.

The proposal to build a connecting bridge between Hudson parkland and Pelham's Gumpus Pond was on hold pending approval from the Pelham Conservation Commission.

"Seeing how the bridge would be on their conservation land, I guess the only thing we can do at this point is to see where they stand on that," said Murphy.

Commissioner John Walter recommended inviting Pelham officials to attend a future Hudson meeting, which would allow both sides to talk face-to-face.

"We'll see when the dates are, and we can plan something," said Murphy.

With the spring season, the Commission reviewed its list of tools needed for trail maintenance with an eye on minimizing vegetation overgrowth.

"We need a couple of loppers, which are \$25 apiece, a couple of hand pruners, Kombi scythe attachment, which would be similar to a hedge trimmer, but which would cut back a

lot of brush," he explained, adding that volunteers often bring their own tools for trail clean-up days. "We also need post hole diggers, hard hats with face guards and hearing protection for when we use the chainsaw, a rock bar, a spade, and a shovel."

Despite having storage space available, the Conservation Commission did not directly own most of these tools, something Walter hopes to change.

"If it all comes together when people bring their own tools, I make a motion that we look into purchasing those items," he said. The motion passed unanimously after Murphy confirmed that the Commission had the funds needed to buy at least some of the required tools.

The Chair stated he was "still working on" compiling a list of existing tools.

"Do we have a way to mark these tools as property of the town of Hudson?" asked Secretary Christopher Cameron.

Murphy was unsure and promised to ask around.

The Conservation Commission is set to meet again on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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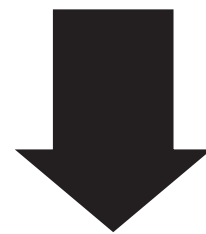
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Sustainability Committee Happy With Success of Roadside Clean-Up

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The April 28 meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Committee saw its members review the April Community Roadside Clean-Up Day. Acting Chair Karl Huber called the event “very, very, successful.”

“We had 16 people sign-up to participate in this project, and we tackled clean-up

on the intersection of Elm and Webster Street, and we ended it at the Talyor’s Fall Bridge,” said Huber. “We had a great day, we had a great group of people, we gathered up so much information and so much garbage that we filled up 18 blue recyclable bags, 14 black trash bags, plus a variety of large objects on the roadside including a roll of snow fence, a discharge chute

from a rider mower, we had a pull lamp, and then we had a beach chair.”

He called it a good project, one the Sustainability Committee hoped to repeat with help from the Hudson Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works.

“Myself and this committee would like to shout out a big thank you to Cap-

tain McElhinney from the Police Department, Jeremy Falkner from DPW, and also Chief Tice from the Fire Department,” said Huber. “Those three departments were very supportive of this effort. They were in touch all along with our planning, our communication, and we value their input because our mission statement for Community Roadside Clean-Up

was ‘Best practices for a safe and successful event.’”

The DPW in particular was singled out for providing high-visibility vests, pop-up tents for volunteers, and garbage bags for what proved to be a logistically complicated project. An escort from the Police Department was considered indispensable, while the Fire Department helped oversee the health of Hudson volunteers, handing out items like anti-tick kits.

“What happens next?” asked Committee member Ed Thompson. “When do we queue up the next one?”

While there was no immediate plan for another roadside clean-up this year, Huber noted that the Sustainability site has a residential request form for anyone interested in putting together a similar event.

“The request form asks for the person’s information, if it’s a resident, if it’s an

organization, and the roadway that they’re interested in doing,” he explained. “Once that email does come in to the Hudson Sustainability email address, I will take it and send it off to PD, DPW, and Fire. We do that because we want them to tell us if a road isn’t safe.”

Wason Road and Bush Hill were given as examples of streets deemed too dangerous for a clean-up.

“Are state roads off limits?” asked Thomason.

Most agreed that state roads were off-limits for a town-wide cleanup project.

“We still suggest that if a homeowner only wants roadway cleaned around their household, they contact DPW, because they can make that one-on-one arrangement,” said Huber. “We are doing it for more of a bigger project with lots of people participating and more area of coverage.”

West Road

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“We’re over a year past getting this information. Nothing was done. At some point you just have to move forward,” said Dumont. “I’m sympathetic to everything that’s going on over there, but the unfortunate part of it is that the five of us are put into a position where we have to make a difficult decision, and I truly think it’s our duty as elected officials to make the

best choices for Hudson.”

Due in part to rising costs associated with the longer-than-expected permitting process, the Board of Selectmen opted to move forward with getting a state permit for the solar farm without other uses. According to Dhima, the complications in the permitting process likely cost the town over \$50,000 directly or indirectly.

“The modifications that were made to the landfill were significant. It’s not as

though we just stuck something on top of the cap. There were significant modifications made with earthing equipment and alternations of terrain. Nobody could have looked at that and said that was minor,” added Selectman Bob Guessferd. “Those were alternations that somebody, at some point should’ve said ‘wait a minute,’ regardless of what somebody else was doing. I would have questioned that.”

He called the closure of the land for model planes a

“hard, hard thing” but did not think it was possible to alter the permit for R.C. use at this point.

According to Dhima and Jakoby, as the land is being leased for the use of solar panels, it would return to its current use when the lease ends.

The Board of Selectmen voted four-to-one to empower the Chair to authorize and execute the solar lease agreement.



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Board OKs Memorandum of Understanding For Field Use

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One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a proposed Memorandum of Understanding, and proposed field improvements.

It was explained that every year the School Board and the Hudson-Litchfield Youth Football & Cheer, Inc. are supposed to meet and get approved a MOU in order to allow for the use of the fields at Hudson Memorial School.

"This document is designed to establish the rela-

tionship between the Hudson School Board and Hudson-Litchfield Youth Football & Cheer, inc. (hereinafter referred to as "HLYFC") as it relates to the use of the football field and lower soccer field located at Hudson Memorial School for the School Year 2025-2026," the purpose of the MOU states. "This relationship is intended to be of mutual benefit and enhancement of the athletic and recreational opportunities for the residents of Hudson and the students of Hudson Memorial School. This agreement does not consti-

tute a transfer of ownership or management of the field except as detailed below. Nothing in this agreement changes existing policies. Procedures for share use of the fields will be consistent with existing practices except where specifically noted below."

It explains as part of it that the MOU is not a contract and that

"It does not create any enforceable rights for HLYFC, any individual or entity. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect until terminated by either party by

written notice provided to the other at least ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the next HLYFC season."

"The Hudson School Board may revise or terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time and further assumes the right to terminate the privileges granted to HLYFC for failure to comply with the guidelines, policies and procedures established in this Memorandum of Understanding," the MOU states.

The list of some of the possible field improvements this year which would be paid for by the

Hudson-Litchfield Bears includes:

- Paint Field Goal Posts On either End of the Football Field.

- Clear out Brush Near Far End Field Goal Post that is in the Woods.

- Remove OLD Concession stand (Trailer) and build and/or set a stationary/permanent concession stand structure.

- Clean, paint and decorate current concession stand. This may be a temporary fix until we get in something new, if approved.

- Install NEW Light Heads on Existing Light Pole

- Replace with LED Supply IMF-400 Heads or Equivalent.

- Installing a total of (x10-x12) Heads (similar quantity to old existing heads).

- No NEW Poles will be added, Old poles will NOT be Replaced.

- Care/Treat/Repair Lower Field Conditions. (ie. Level Off, Fill in divots and Holes, etc.).

- All projects will be 100% funded by The Hudson-Litchfield Bears.

The School Board unanimously approved the MOU during the meeting.

School Board Approves Equipment Bid For Science Labs

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the April 21 Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a proposal to purchase science equipment for the Science Labs at Hudson Memorial School.

The funding will be coming from a warrant article passed in March by voters.

"Hertz Furniture has provided government procurement pricing to renovate two science labs at Hudson Memorial School for FY26," Director of Facilities John Pratte wrote in a memo. "Hertz Furniture is a local Hudson business and is affiliated with the Keystone Purchasing Network, or KPN, of which the

Hudson School District is a member. Hertz Furniture provided furniture materials and installation for the four science lab renovations in FY24 & FY25."

Pratte explained that the company is the same one who provided the furniture for the previous two years and are proposing to go with them again.

"The Hertz furniture quote for rooms 235 & 237 is \$154,968.44 and includes the furniture, installation, and shipping costs. The School District will be responsible for additional renovations including demolition, painting, ceiling work, plumbing, and electrical work," Pratte said.

It was explained by

Pratte that the quote they received on March 26 was good for 15 days, however, he asked the company who said they could keep the same quote.

"Their quote is still good. I already checked with them," Pratte said.

Pratte said the bid for the project was for the amount of \$154,968.44, and that the total FY26 budget for both science labs is \$225,000.

One question raised during the meeting was whether or not they will be able to complete the work by the start of school like they have been able to for the past couple of years.

Pratte explained that shipping times are difficult currently and said last year they went up to the start of school. He said, at the earli-

est, it likely wouldn't be done until the end of August.

The School Board unanimously approved the proposal during the meeting.

During the superintendent report, it was explained by Superintendent Dan Moulis that he wanted to give the School Board periodic updates on how they are doing with various vacancies during the spring since they are in hiring season. Currently at Alvirne High School they have eight openings with six of them for teacher vacancies.

Moulis said they have no District position open. "Right now we have no district wide vacancies," Moulis said.

At Hills Garrison Elementary School, Moulis said they have two openings and no teacher openings.

For Hudson Memorial School they currently have five openings. "All five of those are teacher vacancies," Moulis said.

"At the Library Street School there are three vacancies, and at Nottingham West

there are currently three vacancies," Moulis said.

In total across the District, Moulis said there were currently 22 openings, with 16 of them being teacher positions.

OBITUARY

Karen A. (Sullivan) Runyan



Karen A. (Sullivan) Runyan, 78, of Hudson, NH passed away at Southern NH Hospital surrounded by loved ones on April 22, 2025.

Born on Jan. 19, 1947, in Cambridge, MA., to late Frank and Lillian (Drewicz) Sullivan. She grew up a Massachusetts native and resided in areas including Burlington and Tyngsboro-

ough until shortly after the passing of her late husband, Richard Runyan Jr. She was also predeceased by her brother, Robert Sullivan, and her sister, Doris Sullivan.

Karen held various positions at different companies such as Houghton Mifflin and FEMA. She was most proud of being a small business owner of a gift store with her late husband, Richard. RKR Treasures was located in the heart of Nashua. The idea for this gift store stemmed from Richard's love for woodworking and Karen's love for painting.

Those close to Karen knew she was extremely passionate about the arts. Whether that be reading, writing, drawing, painting, knitting, etc. Each home she lived in was handcrafted with pieces that she created and collected. Some of her most treasured pieces include hand painted easter eggs, rocking chairs for her grandchildren, picnic baskets, and ornaments. On top of the arts Karen loved cooking, traveling with friends, hosting, and supporting others.

Another thing Karen was well known for was opening up her home to those in need. Friends, family, or strangers that needed somewhere to stay always had a room at her house. Even those who got stuck outside in their cars during snow storms were able to come in, stay warm, and eat a home cooked meal.

She is survived by sister Loraine Sullivan, brother Steve Sullivan, daughter Laura Harrison Allen, son-in-law Nathan Allen, grand-daughter Samantha Harrison, 4 step children, and many other grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A time of visitation was held on Tuesday, April 29 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral home. A Graveside Service was held on Wednesday, April 30 in Puritan Lawn Cemetery, 185 Lake St., Peabody, MA. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.



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School Board Grants Copier Lease to Current Vendor

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, was in regards to a proposal for copier services across the district. It was explained during the meeting by Hudson School District IT Director Kevin Peterson that their current contract is expiring, and they need to put a new one in place. "Surprisingly enough, we're already up on our printer copier contract," Peterson

said during the meeting.

He explained that they went through the same system as they did before to get the different bids, and that they received a half dozen different bids as part of the process. Peterson told the School Board that the lowest bid came in from Ricoh. He explained that they are the current company that they use, which makes it beneficial to stick with them. "Which makes it really nice from the IT standpoint and the staff stand-

point," Peterson said about being able to stay with the same company.

Peterson explained to the School Board that their bid was \$30,000 less than what it was currently, even though it's the same company, since they have some old machines that are sun-setting that they no longer have to pay for.

One question raised during the meeting was how the company is in terms of serving the machines for the school

district. Peterson said they haven't had any problems. "I am very pleased with the level of service," Peterson said, explaining that he has dealt with other companies in the past, and they have had zero issues with them.

One positive from the company, Peterson said, is that all the individual schools are able to order their own supplies. And he also noted that they usually are able to get machines serviced within a couple of hours of making the request

unless there is a part needed that they normally don't carry with them. It was also noted by Peterson during the meeting that as of right now the company has not been dealing with any supply chain issues.

The total bid was for \$257,671.67 which was approved by the School Board during the meeting. The lease, which is through M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC, will run through Aug. 1, 2030.

Also during the meeting

the School Board heard a proposal to allow for students to attend the National Conference for Skills USA in Georgia from June 23-28, 2025. It was explained that the cost would be \$1,600 per student and would be paid for through student/family contributions along with fundraising.

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

The next School Board meeting is set for May 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Hudson Selectmen Readopt Town's Investment Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the readoption of the Town's investment policy.

It was explained by Town Administrator Roy Sorenson that it was a policy they need to readopt or make changes to each year. He said he was not recommending any changes this year.

"The Town of Hudson's investment policy establishes a framework for the safe and prudent investment of public funds. This policy provides guidance and direction for the Town of Hudson to conduct the daily investing activity in addition to improving consistency, creating and defining accountability, and in ensuring that laws are fol-

lowed," the policy's preface states.

As part of the scope of the policy it states, "The investment policy applies to all financial assets in the custody of the Treasurer of the Town of Hudson. These funds are accounted for in the Town of Hudson's annual audited financial reports and include the following:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue Funds
- Capital Project Funds
- Agency Funds
- Any new funds created by the Town of Hudson, unless specifically exempted by the governing body, in accordance with the law."

"Furthermore, the investment policy applies to all transactions involving the financial assets and related activity of all the foregoing funds," the policy

states.

Under the scope it goes on to state that "Except for cash in certain restricted and special funds, the Town of Hudson will consolidate cash and reserve balances from all funds to maximize investment earnings and to increase efficiencies with regard to investment pricing, safekeeping and administration. Investment income will be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles."

Under objectives it states that the "investment policy objectives are stated below:

- To ensure the preservation of capital and the protection of investment principal.
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet operating

requirements.

- To satisfy all legal requirements.

- To attain market-average rate of return on investments taking into account risk, legal constraints and cash flow considerations.

- To assure assets will only be invested in obligations of the U.S. Government, the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22 (Appendix C), deposits or certificates of deposits in solvent banks incorporated under the laws of the State of NH or in banks recognized by the State Treasurer (RSA 6:7) (Appendix B)."

"Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective will be to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk," the policy states under objectives.

It goes on to state under objectives that the "Town of Hudson will minimize interest rate risk by Investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity of the portfolio in accordance with

this policy."

"The investment policy shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated," the policy states. "The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved readopting the policy.

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The Town of Hudson and the VFW recognized Jim Michaud, left, for his years of work in the Assessing Department at Town Hall. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Lynn Morin of Alvirne High School.



Sgt. David Glasert, of the Hudson Police Dept.

Loyalty

Continued from page 1
which she explained is set for the first Friday in May each year.

"We celebrate Loyalty Day with a ceremony where we honor those in our community for their service and their commitment to the foundations of American freedom."

The awards ceremony started with the Scholastic Awards and the winners of the Patriots Pen competition.

The exercise awards grade six to eight on writing an essay on their views based on a patriotic theme.

Three students from Hudson Memorial School were given certificates and were awarded gifts.

Brielle Oullette, the

first-place winner, was asked to read her essay to those assembled. Anthony Testa took second place and Emily Powers was the third-place winner. All three attended the service.

For the Loyalty Day Awards, the first award was given to Sgt. David Glasert, of the Hudson Police Department, was thanked for his work administering polygraph exams. He is also an asset to the Special Investigations Division.

Mark Cataldo, of the Hudson Fire Department was recognized for his work in the Inspectional Services Division.

For the Aspiring Leaders Awards a number of members of the Litchfield Fire Department were recognized.

Those members were: Senior Firefighters Seth Miller; Joey Inamorati; Matt Tropiano; Ernie Thomas; James Somers; and James Sylvain.

For Exceptional Call Response, Ryan Difranza, Keith Makarawicz, Corey Nader and Michael Parenteau were awards certificates.

For Exceptional in Leadership: Craig Cartier; Jeff Newell and Sam Malone.

For Operational Leadership, Capt. Jason Hubbard and Capt. Paul Kelly were recognized.

The Town of Hudson gave recognition to Jim Michaud for his work in the Assessing Department.

Michaud has been employed with the town since 1995 and is currently the head of the Assessing Department as the Chief Assessor.

Staff members at local schools were also recog-

nized.

For the Elementary level: Christine Tate, Griffin Memorial School; Karyn Misenheimer, Hills Garrison Elementary School; and Margaux Thibeault, Hills Garrison Elementary School were given praise.

Leonie Kirby, of the Hudson Memorial Middle School was thanked.

For Alvirne High School, Lynn Morin was recognized for her many years at many roles as a teacher in home economics.

Auxiliary President Diana Fisher, Aux 5791, recognized Dianna Anderson, who is the current Auxiliary secretary.

Post Commander Chapman finished by recognizing VFW members Charlene Vance and Rob Vance for their commitment to the Post and helping organize all of the events taking place there.

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Above: Post Commander Charles Chapman, recognizing VFW members Charlene Vance and Rob Vance for their commitment to the Post.

At left: Mark Cataldo, of the Hudson Fire Department was recognized for his work in the Inspectional Services Division.

Top left: Karyn Misenheimer, left, and Margaux Thibeault were honored for their work at of Hills Garrison Elementary School.

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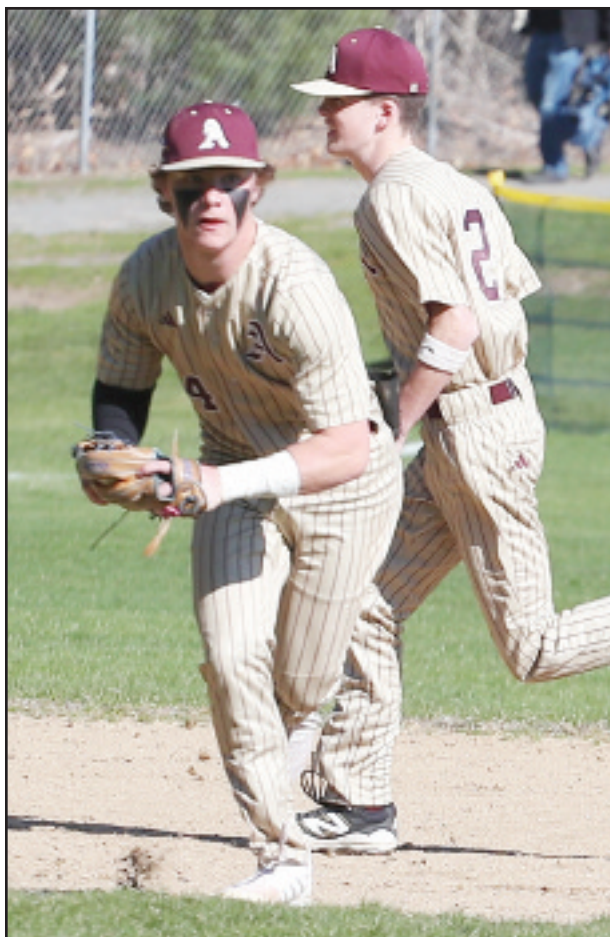
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Jameson Krueger

SHANE BALL
HUDSON TIMES

With the third week of the spring sports season in the books, the Alvirne High School varsity baseball team is still looking for their first "W."

Unfortunately, it was another low-scoring outing for the Alvirne Varsity Broncos Baseball team to start the week on Monday, April 28.

The Broncos took on Nashua North Titans at home and the Broncos did not trail in regulation, but fell short in the top of the second extra-inning.

Broncos left fielder PJ Millette opened up the scoring on the day with a solo home run in the bottom of the third inning. This was the sophomore's first varsity hit, a sign of life for the rest of the Broncos' season and their future.

Nashua North tied the

game at one in the top of the fifth with a fielder's choice thanks to a grounder by Titan's third baseman Nolan Sullivan.

It was a great day for pitchers on both teams in this game. Nashua North's Forcier struck out 14 times. Pitchers Matty Bebris and Brady Mitchell split the load for the Broncos, striking out five and six, respectively. The two gave up just one run each to the Titans.

Alvirne out-hit Nashua North in this game, with one hit each from Jameson Krueger, Mikey McGowan, Logan Orr, Mitchell, and Millette. Suhecki, Tyler Byrne, and Jayden Beaulieu got Nashua North's three hits on the day.

A double by Austin

Suhecki gave the Titans one run in the top of the ninth inning, securing a 2-1 victory over the Broncos.

Alvirne took on the Salem Blue Devils on Wednesday in a game that slipped away from them early.

A walk from Dom Toscano and a steal from Cooper Deschene gave the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Kyle Giarusso's score after tagging up, and Deschene's single to left field added two more runs for Salem in the bottom of the second inning, stretching their lead to 4-0.

A single from Ivan Colon and a left field home run from Derek Boodoo helped double their lead in the third

inning from 4-0 to 8-0. Boodoo had four of nine hits for the Blue Devils in this game.

Bebris hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth to put the first and only point on the board for the Broncos. It was his first home run of the season.

With an 11-1 lead after five innings, the Blue Devils were declared winners by mercy rule.

Alvirne will be back on Monday, May 5 against Keene, who have had quite an up-and-down season. Keene won their first four games and dropped their next four. Alvirne, still looking for the first win of the season and will have had five days of rest to prepare.

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School Board Approves Travel Requests For State 1st Place FFA Teams

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

An agenda item during the May 5 Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a travel request for the FFA convention.

"We are requesting school board permission to attend the 98th National FFA Convention in October 2025," a memo to the School Board stated. It was explained that their Veterinary Science and Forestry Teams placed first

place in the state at the New Hampshire State FFA Convention on March 28th.

"These impressive placings grant our students the opportunity to represent the Palmer CTE Center at Alvirne High School and the State of NH at the 98th Annual FFA National Convention in Indianapolis from Oct. 27-Nov.1," the memo stated. It was explained as part of the event description that "The National FFA Convention

& Expo is all about growing the next generation of leaders. No matter where you are in FFA, you'll find inspiration and direction to become a leader and influencer, ready to make an impact. During this event, find out who you are, who you want to become and how you can change how the world grows." The annual convention is set to take place this year from Oct. 27 through Nov. 1 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The cost, which includes airfare, hotel, and competition registration, per student is "typically between \$600-\$800 due to a variety of fundraisers that have already begun."

In total there would be eight students who would attend from Alvirne FFA, with four Vet Science students and four Forestry students. There would also be two advisors and a chaperone that would be attending for Alvirne FFA.

"We are requesting two advisors attend because of the two separate teams competing," the memo stated. "One advisor will need to chaperone the vet science team to the fairgrounds, while the other will chaperone the Forestry team to their location."

Educational Value: Students will be studying during the summer months and after school this fall with their advisors to prepare for the following components of their competitions:

It was explained that in the Veterinary Science

Career Development Event (CDE) "students working in teams demonstrate their technical competency with small and large animals by completing a written exam, critical-thinking scenario questions, identifications and hands-on practicums."

"The Veterinary Science Career Development Event (CDE) includes General Knowledge Exam, Veterinary Math Exam, Equipment/Tool ID, Microscopic/Parasite ID, Clinical and Handling/Restraint Practicums. Team Event- This year's topic: "Shelter Medicine and Influenza A in Livestock, Swine and Equine," the memo stated.

For the Forestry Career Development Event (CDE) it "requires students to demonstrate their skills in diagnosing forest disorders, managing forests and forest inventory, and applying approved silviculture practices. Participation in the event offers students experience relevant to a career choice in forestry and natural resources."

"A team event for four

students, this CDE provides recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies resulting from forestry instruction in the agricultural education classroom," the memo stated. "The team portion of the event calls on students to respond to a forest industry scenario with problem solving using forestry skills and tools. The team also provides a presentation about a national or regional forestry issue. Team members contribute individually by completing a general forestry knowledge exam, rounds of tree identification and measurement, and individual practicums. Skills learned from this event range from forestry equipment identification to calculating a forest business management problem and preparing students for a variety of careers in forestry and natural resources."

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



Honor Roll Honoree!

Marion Muskiewicz is the Honor Roll Honoree for the GFWC Hudson Women's Club in 2025. Marion joined the GFWC Hudson Community Club in 2012, and has continued to be an active member of the group when the Community Club and Hudson Juniors joined forces. Marion is a gardening guru, organizing tasks and helpers in the GFWC Hudson Butterfly Garden at Benson's. A baker who supplies dozens of cookies and brownies for elections, #9 School Tours, and other events. She volunteers at the Hudson Community Food Pantry, and even created a space in her basement for storage of GFWC Hudson supplies. She will be honored at the GFWC-NH Annual Meeting at Fratello's in Manchester on May 17 with other members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs from around the state. Thank you, Marion, for all that you do.

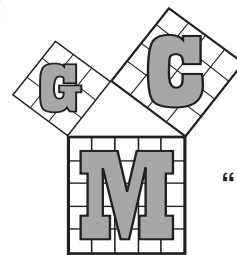
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Lorraine Street Detached Garage Granted Variance for Construction

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met on April 24 to review a variance request from Raffi Massouyan for the construction of a two-car garage.

"The variance would build a detached 24-by-24 two-car garage with storage above that would encroach into the side yard setback by nine-and-a-half feet," explained Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan. "Fifteen feet is required."

The lot is formally classified as a single-family dwelling, and Sullivan described the driveway as "angled," making it difficult to build the proposed garage without violating town zoning regulations. Town Engineer Elvis Dhima asked the applicant to apply for a driveway permit in addition to a building permit. Town officials

also expected the applicant to follow statewide codes, including construction of a "one-hour fire-resistant rated wall."

"I believe it will have little impact on the character of the neighborhood," said Massouyan, who agreed to comply with state fire safety laws. "There will be no safety issues, nothing will harm the neighborhood, and everything will be supervised during the buildout."

He argued that the proposed structure aligned with the spirit of the zoning ordinance and was consistent with other garages in the area. He also contended that it would not negatively affect surrounding property values.

"Putting the garage in the proposed spot is my only option due to the size of the lot," said Massouyan. "I believe it will not do any harm to the

value of my neighbor's home; I am only looking to improve my garage and driveway."

He added that, in addition to the location of his driveway and the size of the property, the presence of water and sewer lines made it impractical to build the garage elsewhere.

"The next-door neighbor - how far off the property line is their garage?" asked Selectman Liaison Dillion Dumont, referencing a photo of the land.

According to Massouyan, the neighbor's garage also appeared to fall within the 15-foot setback.

"Did you ever think of attaching the garage to the house?" asked Board member Tim Lanphear. "Is the driveway going to be straightened?"

Massouyan replied that attaching the garage to the house would be cost-prohibitive and that the drive-

way would conform to whatever shape the ZBA required to minimize further setback issues. He clarified that only the garage required a variance, not the driveway.

Satisfied with the presentation, Lanphear moved to approve the variance.

"Granting the requested

variance would not be contrary to the public interest. I believe the proposal would not conflict with the explicit or implicit purpose of the ordinance, and it does not alter the essential character of the neighborhood, threaten public safety, health, or welfare," he said. "It's a very old neigh-

borhood with very small lots."

The Zoning Board unanimously voted to grant the variance.

The next meeting of the ZBA is set for Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



JROTC & LEOs at Hills Library

On Tuesday, April 29, Hudson LEOs teamed up with Alvirne JROTC to assist the Hudson Friends of the Library, in moving hundreds of books from the first floor to the second floor of the Hills Library. Using the bucket brigade system, they made light work of getting them all upstairs and shelved in 2 hours. This will enable the Friends of the Library to begin their Second Hand Prose book sales this summer. Proceeds support the purchase of museum passes for Rodgers Library and scholarships for Alvirne students.

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Touch A Truck

Moose Hill PTA is bringing back the return of our Touch A Truck event! The event will be taking place on Saturday, May 17 rain or shine from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Moose Hill parking lot. The Moose Hill lot will be filled up with local community helpers and businesses for the children and families to explore and check out. It should be another fun family event to help us raise money for the school. A \$10 suggested donation per family.

Spring Artisan Craft Fair

On Sat. May 17, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, Mammoth

Rd., at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry experience a Artisan Craft Fair. Stroll through over 70 booths of original, creative artisan crafts. Whether you're looking to buy unique crafts or works of art including jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, art of various media, windchimes, soaps, pet accessories and a host of many others, you will be certain to find the perfect treasure. Satisfy your appetite with a grilled burger or hot-dog at the 'St. Peter's Bistro' grill or purchase delectable, homemade baked treats. Don't forget to try your luck with the ever popular raffles or to look for bargains at the great-deals tag sale. The fair benefits the local community

and serves as a fundraiser for the church. It will be held rain, or shine. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/>

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park 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, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be

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.

Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For ages 3-5.

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m. (except last week of month) at the Rodgers Memorial Library Teens are invited to relax in our teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available. A different theme each week.

Brunch Bunch

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Digital Navigators

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Dino the Therapy Dog

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"Flights of Discovery" Summer Camp Program Open

Pizza by helicopter, anyone? Registration extended for Aviation Museum's 2025 'Flights of Discovery' summer camp program

With a few seats still open, the Aviation Museum of N.H. has extended the registration deadline for its 2025 'Flights of Discovery' summer camp program.

Registration deadline is now Friday, May 23 for the program, which offers students ages 10-17 an in-depth summer camp experience in all things aviation.

The camp is open to area students interested in exploring all aspects of aviation and aerospace. Several aviation-related field trips are included - and yes, the camp's Field Day celebration

will include pizza delivered by a helicopter.

"Our summer camp is designed to stimulate and encourage the natural curiosity that young people have about flight," said Nathaniel MacDonald, education director for the non-profit Aviation Museum of N.H.

With a few seats still open, families are urged to register now. Enrollment information can be found at aviationmuseumofnh.org or by contacting Nathaniel MacDonald at nmacdonald@nhahs.org.

Financial aid is available for families who qualify. More details and contact info can be found at the museum's website.

The 'Flights of Discovery' summer camp was

recently voted the Best Summer Day Camp in southern New Hampshire in the 2025 HippoPress Reader's Poll.

'Flights of Discovery' offers young people three starting dates for two-week day programs. Programs are designed either for middle schoolers (age 10 to 13) or high schoolers (age 14-17).

Start dates for the two programs offered for middle schoolers (age 10 to 13) are Monday, June 16 and Monday, July 28.

Start date for the two-week program for high schoolers (ages 14-17) is Monday, July 7. Camp runs each day 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Each program is limited to a maximum of 20

students.

Middle school students will engage in indoor and outdoor hands-on activities exploring topics ranging from the physics of flight to the arrangement of the solar system. High schoolers will explore career possibilities in aviation, which range from piloting to air traffic control and aircraft maintenance to aerospace engineering.

All participants will log time on the Aviation Museum's professional grade Elite Flight Simulator. Field trips vary per session, but include a behind-the-scenes tour of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, a visit to the N.H. Air National Guard base at Portsmouth International Airport at Pease, and a visit

to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and Planetarium.

Most camp activities will take place at the Aviation Museum of N.H., which is located adjacent to Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. 'Flights of Discovery' will be run by experienced education professionals and volunteers.

Tuition is \$1,300 for a two-week day camp program. Financial aid and tuition scholarships are available to all students who qualify, and can cover up to 75% of the cost.

"We've designed the 'Flights of Discovery' summer camp program to be the best experience possible, but no one should be turned away by an inability to pay the full tuition,"

MacDonald said. "I encourage families to ask about financial assistance so that all students can have what may be a life-changing experience."

For more information and to apply, visit aviationmuseumofnh.org and click on the "Education" tab.

The Aviation Museum is located at 27 Navigator Road, off Harvey Road, in Londonderry, N.H. For more information, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum online on www.facebook.com/nhahs.

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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.

Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Fri-

day 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.

PFOA Water Test

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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.

Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in

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