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SEMPER FI DAY The oldest member of VFW Post 5791, Richard Galipeault and the youngest Marine Daniel Barthelemy were asked to cut the cake celebrating the 250th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. on Monday night at the Post. More photos page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

District Releases Headcount Data Amid Concerns with Transparency

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

On Oct. 28, the Hudson School Board continued its review of next year's budget as Superintendent Dan Moulis, his administrative team, and the Board addressed questions from residents.

"I put in about 80 hours

acting in the role of the customer of this \$77 million proposal to see if it makes sense to me," said resident Craig Powers. "The administration has provided a ton of data for FY27, but has held back some data that would enable very bright illumination as to the fair and reasonableness of the

FY27 proposal."

Moulis clarified that the exact proposed budget was \$76,298,091.

Powers criticized what he called "inadequate" transparency, noting that it took over a week of independent research to uncover key details.

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Selectmen Use \$1.3 M to Reduce Tax Rate to \$17.11

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen approved a proposal to use a portion of the Town's unassigned fund balance to help reduce the 2025 property tax rate. The decision followed a discussion on maintaining fiscal stability while easing the tax burden on residents.

Finance Director Laurie May explained that the upcoming tax rate is projected to be higher than last year's.

"If the Board of Selectmen use \$1,100,000 of the Town's \$10,057,373 Unassigned Fund Balance, the tax rate will be approxi-

mately \$17.15 per thousand," May wrote in a memo to the Board. "This tax rate represents a 4.3 percent or a 70¢ increase over last year's tax rate of \$16.45 per thousand."

The tax rate includes contributions from the Town, School District, and County.

May noted that using \$1.1 million from the surplus would leave a remaining balance of \$8,957,373 — equal to 8.8 percent of Fiscal Year 2025 gross appropriations. "This percentage meets the requirements of our fund balance policy," she wrote.

Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson

reminded the Board that they had pledged to use \$1.1 million from the fund balance last year to help stabilize the tax rate.

"I would hold it there," Sorenson said, adding that the Town has avoided sharp spikes in its tax rate and has maintained steady growth.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont proposed increasing the amount to \$1.3 million, saying he believes it's important to level off the rate while preserving a healthy fund balance.

Sorenson acknowledged that the unassigned fund balance has grown in recent years. "We've done very

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Board Pushes for Release of School Budget Citing Rising Tax Concerns

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The Hudson Budget Committee's first November meeting focused on scheduling its review of the school budget, with members expressing frustration over delays in receiving key information from SAU81.

"Correct me if I'm wrong, but last year, didn't we get the town and school budgets at the same time?" asked Chair Kim Rice. "I remember carrying two very heavy binders out of Town Hall. I find it unacceptable that we don't have the school budget here, because that's a big one. It's going to have the greatest impact on the town, and to be quite honest, we have to get a grip on this, because it's becoming unsustainable

for people in this town with their property taxes."

The annual property tax rate, typically set in mid-to-late fall, is expected to rise for 2026.

According to the School Board Liaison, the budget will be available for review starting Nov. 14. The School District began the FY 2027 budget season with an appropriation of \$76,298,091, later revised to \$74,398,555. Rice stressed the need for detailed line-item breakdowns well before Nov. 14.

"I would like to see those budget books so we have time to dig into it. As it stands now, we're getting them so late," she said. "That's a lot to look through, and we need to have those books. Some

people may think I'm being unreasonable, but it's our job to look after the taxpayers in this town, and the increases I'm seeing are very concerning to me."

Several members echoed concerns that rising property taxes were becoming "unsustainable."

"Over the course of the last 40 years, the higher the budgets get, the more staff we have, the later we get the budget books," said Committee member Shawn Jasper. "We used to get them about Oct. 1, was when they used to both be available, and here we are now. We didn't usually have a lot of meetings in December; we were pretty much wrapped up so we could enjoy the holidays."

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Hudson School District Faces Rising Costs in 2026-27 Budget Review

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The Hudson School Board began an in-depth review of its FY 2026-2027 budget during the Oct. 27 meeting. With costs rising across Hudson School District SAU81, town officials and residents voiced concerns about the sustainability of the proposed figures.

Speaking as a resident, Victor Oates warned of what he called an “unsustainable fiscal trajectory.”

“The total proposed budget of \$76.3 million represents a 7.7% increase over FY 2025-2026, even as

enrollment continues to decline,” said Oates. “This is not about questioning the value of education; it’s about aligning our spending with our reality.”

Oates suggested a “tiered salary plateau freeze” for the district’s highest-paid employees over three to five years and called for a review of redundant software.

“We don’t need to be spending \$50,000 at the top on seminars and conferences for training while we continue to have issues with our own education,” he said. “We also need to perform a technology audit, review all

licensed software, security platforms, and support contracts for utilization and redundancy.”

He emphasized improving efficiency and delaying salary increases as alternatives to cutting programs. Business Administrator Jenny Graves noted that most salary increases were contractual obligations. The general fund includes a 5.5% increase for staff salaries and an estimated 17% increase for benefits.

Board members acknowledged the challenge, with ongoing discussions about potential savings.

“Last week, one of the areas I believe the Board wanted us to look at, as well as the Budget Committee, would be if there are ways to look at out-of-district costs - if there is a program we could bring in-house that we could do in district,” said Superintendent Dan Moulis.

However, some families may resist in-district solutions. Despite financial pressures, Moulis highlighted academic progress.

“We are seeing a nice trajectory in both reading and language arts,” he said. “With mathematics and sci-

ence, we’re also seeing some great academic growth.”

The proposed budget aligns with short-term goals in the town’s Strategic Plan and long-term priorities, including the early learning center and several capital improvement projects.

According to Graves, spending increases of over \$5,000 include equipment replacement, STEM camp, transportation, legal counsel, and food services. Beyond salaries and benefits, food service supplements represent the largest increase, with \$433,420 requested to cover an

expected deficit.

“Prior to COVID, a food service account in New Hampshire would generate enough money to pay for all of its expenditures,” explained Graves. “That has progressively changed for the state, and it’s no different for Hudson. This is essentially the amount that I have put into the general fund to be able to get all of the expenditures that we need to feed and service the children in that program.”

She attributed the deficit to rising food costs and reduced state and federal grant funding.

Conservation Commission Seeks Clarity on Zoning Changes After ZORC Meeting

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HUDSON TIMES

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the Hudson Conservation Commission reviewed its participation in a recent Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) session held earlier that day.

“We submitted our ZORC proposals, although they didn’t make it to review because I guess they needed a little fine-tuning,” said Conservation Chair Carl Murphy.

According to Selectmen Liaison David Morin, the items raised by the Commission were “already being handled by the town.” “We’re already doing all

of that stuff,” said Morin. “If you have something, you should probably talk to Engineering first, and they can help or direct you.”

Murphy explained that the Commission wanted more input on issues beyond wetlands and buffer zones, including oversight of vernal pools - seasonal wetland patches. The ZORC is an ad-hoc committee tasked with updating Hudson’s zoning ordinances.

“Doing my research, I found some towns had an increased buffer around vernal pools. I was wondering if that would be something Hudson would adopt,” said Murphy.

Civil Engineer Don Kirkland noted that the Commission already has some oversight of vernal pools through its role in reviewing development impacts on wetlands.

“It’s certainly something to discuss. The Engineering Department can help you craft something,” said Kirkland. “Just keep in mind that when you’re talking about extending a wetland buffer and taking away the rights of a property owner, there may be pushback.”

Secretary Chris Cameron added that the Commission was also interested in expanding wetland

buffer setbacks for larger developments - a proposal Kirkland warned could render certain properties “completely unusable” if implemented incorrectly.

“You’d have to be careful about what zones you did this in,” said Kirkland.

Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson hoped to see suggested changes “further developed” through ZORC.

“I think there might be a misperception of what the intent was and where we’re at in the process, which is right at the beginning,” said Dickinson. “I wish we had a

better handle on the regulations townwide so that we can do a better job vetting it out to have more concrete ideas to present.”

Commissioners discussed ways to better prepare for the next ZORC meeting.

“I would suggest talking to someone from Zoning and someone from Engineering,” said Kirkland. “Two staff members.”

The Commission also expressed interest in being more involved in floodplain and shoreland districts - areas typically regulated by state and federal agencies -

though Morin clarified that the Commission’s role remains advisory.

“We already can advise them, but they don’t have to ask us,” said Morin. “That’s under their jurisdiction, not the town.”

“It sounds like we should get a meeting with staff to workshop and refine something presentable for ZORC,” said Dickinson, recommending a focus on vernal pools and a simpler formula for setbacks.

“My recommendation is to make it simpler this time around,” said Dickinson.

Budget

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Jasper noted that the committee lacks authority to compel earlier delivery of the budget, despite past attempts to secure the earliest version of the default budget. Committee member Kevin Cole criticized the

School Board for not prioritizing timely submission.

“I don’t think anybody out there watching on the school side of things gives a rat’s behind about getting the budget to us,” said Cole. “Whether it works or not, you have to get their attention. I would move that the Hudson School District’s

FY 2027 budget, when received, be reduced by \$5 million.”

The motion failed with only two votes in favor, but Cole, Rice, and others suggested that a significant cut to the current \$74,398,555 figure could still be considered in the coming weeks.



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School Board Considers Updates to High School Credit Policy

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At its most recent meeting, the Hudson School Board held a first reading of proposed revisions to Policy IK: Earning of High School Credit – Achievement of Competencies. The changes aim to clarify how students can earn academic credit through both traditional and alternative learning pathways, emphasizing mastery of competencies over time spent in class.

According to the proposed policy, “A high school credit is an acknowledgment that a student has met or exceeded all of the academic standards and other requirements associated with that credit. In virtually all respects, those standards and requirements are identified as ‘competencies’ developed by the state or the district as learning targets within a subject area that represent key content-specific concepts, skills, and knowledge.”

The policy further explains, “Students are awarded a credit when they achieve proficiency or, in some cases, mastery of the competencies associated with that credit. In addition to traditional course work, students may demonstrate competencies (and earn credits) through learning opportunities outside of the classroom setting, such as extended learning opportunities (ELOs), Learn Everywhere programs, Career and Technical Education (CTE)

programs, and other such learning opportunities described below.”

Under the section titled Credits Awarded Upon Demonstration of Achievement of Competencies, the policy outlines:

1. Credits are earned when students demonstrate achievement of competencies for the course and are not awarded based on class time, age, or enrollment status. Demonstration of achievement of a competency is shown by:

- A collection of evidence showing achievement of competencies (e.g., out-of-school achievements, home education program portfolio, etc.).

- Assessments: District-approved assessments, or New Hampshire Department of Education-approved assessments.

2. Credit is not awarded solely based on time spent achieving these competencies and may be awarded irrespective of age or enrollment. Credit may be earned through other learning opportunities outside the traditional classroom setting (see Section C below).

In Learning Opportunities – Methods of Achieving Competencies – Earning of Credits, the policy identifies the following pathways:

1. Traditional: Students demonstrate achievement of competencies through successful completion of a course’s requirements, including class assessments.

2. Other Learning Op-

portunities and Pathways:

- Transfer credit from an approved school (see Section E).

- An approved home education program; home-educated students may demonstrate achievement of competencies through portfolio evaluation or assessments.

- Extended learning opportunities (ELO) under Board policy IHBH.

- Online/remote learning under Board policy IMBA.

- College credit, including dual and/or concurrent enrollment under Board policy IHCD.

- Learn Everywhere programs (per NH Department of Education Rule Ed 1400; see Section F).

- Co-curricular activities.

- 7th and 8th grade coursework that meets standards under Board policy IMBD.

The policy also addresses Interdisciplinary Credit, stating: “Interdisciplinary credit is credit that is earned through achievement of competencies across disciplines (e.g., physics) or domains (e.g., science). Districts shall award credit for competencies earned through interdisciplinary learning opportunities, which may include courses identified

as interdisciplinary by the school or established through an individualized learning plan.”

Under Learn Everywhere, the policy outlines:

1. A “Learn Everywhere” program is a state board-approved alternative for granting credit toward graduation.

- Completion of an approved Learn Everywhere program results in a certificate redeemable for high school credit in the subject matter listed in the NH Department of Education State Graduation Credit Requirements table 306-1 (for students entering high school before 2026–27) or table 306-2 (for those entering in 2026–27 or later).

- Credit earned through Learn Everywhere cannot be applied to subjects outside those listed in tables 306-1 and 306-2. However, students may apply competencies from the program using methods described in Section B.1.

- Credits earned through this program will appear on transcripts but will not be included in GPA calculations and cannot negatively affect a student’s GPA.

2. The district will accept Learn Everywhere credits for up to one-third of the total credits required for graduation. Students may petition the principal to

allow a higher percentage, up to 100%. The principal will make a recommendation to the Superintendent, whose decision is final.

3. Students may also petition to apply Learn Everywhere credits toward a different required subject (including electives), in accordance with Section E (Transfer Credit). The Superintendent will make the final decision. If denied, the credit will be applied to

the originally designated area, even if it results in excess credits.

4. For students with IEPs, the IEP team may decide not to revise the IEP to include the Learn Everywhere program, as outlined in 1406.01(c).

The School Board voted to move the proposed policy to a second reading. The full draft is available under the Nov. 3 school board agenda.

OBITUARY

Olga Antone



Olga Antone, 96, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 1, 2025.

Born and raised in Bridgeport, CT, Olga was the daughter of the late Gus and Zachary Gaches. She grew up alongside her beloved sister, the late Helen Klamka, and her husband Fred Klamka of Fairfield, CT, and was especially close with her cousins, the late Helen Gaches Demetros and her husband Peter Demetros of Stamford, CT, and the late Rose Gaches of Bridgeport, CT. Together, they shared a lifetime of family gatherings, laughter, and love as they raised their children and built enduring family bonds.

In her early years, Olga worked as an executive secretary for the A&P Supermarket executive offices in Manhattan, NY. After marrying the love of her life, the late James Antone of Albany, NY, in 1954, she devoted herself to raising their family. The couple shared 49 wonderful years together, residing in Locust Valley, NY; Ridgefield, CT; and eventually Hudson, NH.

Once her children were grown, Olga returned to the workforce, first at the YWCA in Nashua and later as an Admissions Secretary at Mount Saint Mary High School in Nashua. Known affectionately by students as “Auggie,” she was a compassionate listener and a warm, trusted presence to many young people who sought her guidance and friendship.

A lifelong traveler, Olga’s favorite destination was Hawaii, which she visited more than 14 times, most recently at the age of 90. She explored the U.S. and Canada, visiting many National Parks, and embarked on numerous cruises and tours - from Alaska and the Mediterranean to Germany, Austria, the Italian Alps, and Switzerland. Along the way, she formed friendships that spanned from Georgia to Australia and South Africa. More recently with her children, a Viking ocean cruise from Amsterdam to Normandy to Barcelona and the Spanish Coast.

Olga especially cherished her travels with her husband and close friends Jim and Joan Graziano. Together, the four were affectionately dubbed “the Rat Pack” - a bond and friendship that lasted a lifetime.

In later years, Olga enjoyed car rides along the New England coast, visits to Long Sands Beach, ME, and trips to Gloucester, MA. Whether on a cruise ship, at a casino listening to the cheerful clinking of coins, or simply sharing ice cream with her family, Olga found joy wherever she went.

Olga is survived by her loving children, her son Gregory J. Antone of Hampton, NH, and her daughter Lisa Antone of Hudson, NH. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins who will forever cherish her memory.

Olga will be remembered as a sweet, caring, and loving woman who had the kindest smile and warmest hugs. She had a gift for making everyone feel like family - so much so that many thought of her as a “second mom.” Olga’s warmth, grace, and love will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

A time of visitation was held on Thursday, Nov. 6, at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, Nov. 7, at St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church. Burial followed at Edgewood Cemetery in Nashua. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Olga’s loving memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.



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Editorial

Gratitude and Giving: The Heart of Community

As the season of thanks arrives, it's often the simplest things that come to mind first - those everyday comforts we rarely pause to appreciate: a warm home, food in the fridge, clothes in the closet, and the technology that keeps us connected to the world. These basics form the foundation of our lives, yet they're easy to overlook. At this time of year, we think about them - but truly, we should think about them all year long.

Beyond these essentials lies something even more profound: the freedoms we enjoy. The ability to live where we choose, speak our minds, worship - or not - as we wish, and cast our votes in private. These liberties are not universal, and they remind us how fortunate we are to have a voice in shaping our communities.

We may not have the job we want or the financial security we hoped to achieve. What we do have is each other. We have the power to participate, to advocate, and to care. And we have friends and family - whether near or far - people who bring joy, support, and laughter into our lives.

This season also calls us to look outward, as we should all year. While we gather with loved ones and reflect on our blessings, many in our towns face quiet struggles. Food pantries are seeing rising demand, and some neighbors - especially seniors - spend

days without meaningful human contact. A small gesture, like sharing a batch of cookies or stopping by for a visit, can brighten someone's day more than we know. These acts of kindness are the threads that weave a strong, compassionate community.

It's easy to get caught up in what's missing or to feel overwhelmed by the noise of negativity. But when we shift our focus to what we do have - and to the people who enrich our lives - we rediscover a sense of purpose and connection.

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So as the holidays approach, take a moment to slow down. Step away from the rush and spend time with those you hold dear. Let's celebrate the season not just with gratitude, with generosity - toward our neighbors, our communities, and the shared values that bring us together.

Thank You Friends of Benson Park Volunteers!

To the editor,

The Friends of Benson Park and the Benson Park Advisory Committee hosted a "Volunteer Appreciation Lunch" for Benson Park volunteers on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Benson Park Store. Natalie Newell, the Friends Board President, officially welcomed everyone after a delicious catered meal was served. She expressed gratitude for everything that the volunteers do. Natalie offered special recognition and a "Thank You" to Karen McLavey, Treasurer for the Friends, for her 4 years of volunteer service and support.

The Benson Park Advisory Committee's Chairman, Jack Madden, offered special thanks to Amy Campbell, who recently earned her Gold Award for a project at Benson Park that led to the rehabilitation of a historic stone wall in the

Letters

park. The Committee's Vice Chairman, Sue Clement, offered volunteers an opportunity to write down why they volunteer at the park and she read a few of those aloud with many expressing their love of the park and the community. She also thanked all the volunteers involved in the monthly park cleanup days and the Adopt-A-Spot program volunteers who "adopt" an area (large or small) to personally maintain and beautify.

Natalie thanked the volunteers who help run the Benson Park Store during the season and coordinate the planning of the annual "Family Fun Day" event held each September. She stated, "We have made significant progress toward moving the Benson's Museum & Discovery Center off the drawing board and into the construction phase and hope to have a soft opening in 2026."

The Hudson Depart-

ment of Public Works was also recognized for their dedication to the mowing and other maintenance work keeping the park clean and welcoming to all who visit each day. It is definitely a collaborative effort between the Friends of Benson Park's nonprofit organization, the Benson Park Advisory Committee, and the Town of Hudson bringing the community together at Benson Park.

Volunteers are needed for both the Benson Park Advisory Committee to help with the maintenance projects in the park, and the Friends of Benson Park to help with the museum planning and fundraising. For more information contact us at info@friendsofbensonpark.org. Or visit friendsofbensonpark.org or facebook.com/friendsbensonpark.

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\$10 Million to Support New School Safety Initiatives

In a continued commitment to safeguarding students and staff, the New Hampshire Public School Infrastructure Commission has approved \$10 million to support new school safety initiatives.

This newest allocation of funds increases the total amount of Public School Infrastructure funds to more than \$50 million since its inception in fiscal year 2018.

The majority of the new, \$10 million allocation will be used for the fourth round of the Security Action for Education (SAFE) grants program. Starting on Monday, schools will be able to apply for SAFE grants to fund school safety projects

that will enhance emergency alerting and access control. Projects that will be prioritized include new or updated school facility locks, bollards, gates and fencing, as well as the installation of new or updated exterior cameras, camera monitors, blue light emergency beacons, phone systems and exterior door alarms.

"Dedicated funds for school safety initiatives are a vital step toward protecting New Hampshire's students, and these grants reflect an ongoing commitment to creating safer learning environments statewide," said Commissioner Caitlin D. Davis of the NH Department of Education.

Schools that were unable to secure SAFE grants in previous rounds will be prioritized in the new grant application process. In addition, schools located in communities where the calculated building aid factor is lower will also be prioritized. The grant application will remain open until Dec. 8, 2025.

"School safety remains a priority in NH," said Robert Buxton, Director of the Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. "This continued grant funding shows that the Granite State is committed to providing peace of mind to students, staff and parents."

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Post 5791 Members Celebrate 250th Birthday of Marines



Jack Madden organized a 250th birthday celebration of the U.S. Marine Corp. on Monday night Nov. 10 at the VFW Post 5791.

Madden stated that traditionally, regardless of the location, Marines pause to observe the Corps' birthday by sharing cake. A sword is used to cut the cake as a reminder that Marines are a band of warriors, committed to carrying the sword, so that the nation may live in peace.

The oldest Marine of the Post, Richard Galipeault and the youngest Marine, Daniel Barthelemy, were asked to cut the cake with a sword, before Galipeault was presented the cake in what is a long-standing tradition.

Galipeault was born February 1944 and Barthelemy was born in September of 1984.

The Post was also presented with a framed symbol of the marine Corp. during the celebration.

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School Board Approves \$74.4M Budget, Sends to Budget Committee

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The Hudson School Board finalized its proposed operating budget and voted to send it to the Hudson Budget Committee for review during its most recent meeting.

The decision followed a series of difficult discussions, including newly proposed personnel cuts that had not been previously considered.

One of the key proposals raised by the Adminis-

tration involved additional reductions in staffing—an idea not discussed in earlier meetings, according to Business Administrator Jenny Graves.

The proposed cuts spanned several departments, including Career and Technical Education (CTE), Alvirne High School, Hudson Memorial School, and the School Administrative Unit (SAU).

Before delving further into the discussion, the School Board voted to enter

a non-public session.

Upon returning, School Board member Ethan Beals explained that the decision to go into non-public session was due to the sensitive nature of the proposed cuts, which included positions currently filled.

“That’s the reality that we talk about,” Beals said, emphasizing that because the discussion involved eliminating active positions, it was appropriate to handle those conversations privately.

Beals also noted that the Board aims to make reductions through attrition—such as retirements or resignations—rather than direct layoffs, though that isn’t always possible.

The Board unanimously approved the following personnel cuts:

- Alvirne High School/CTE: \$341,909 in salary and associated benefits

- Hudson Memorial School: \$149,004 in salary and associated benefits

- SAU Budget: \$254,698.22 in salary and associated benefits

In total, the Board approved \$925,133.26 in new cuts during the meeting.

Following the discussion by the School Board, members unanimously voted to send the proposed \$74,398,554.74 operating budget to the Hudson Budget Committee, initiating the next phase of the budget review process.

School Board Chair

Maureen Dionne expressed gratitude for the extensive work that went into preparing the budget.

“We understand it’s many months long,” Dionne said, acknowledging the year-round effort involved in reviewing department budgets and the particularly challenging nature of the past few weeks.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Light Recycling Program Faces Shipping Cost Challenges

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on Oct. 27 to discuss plans for this year’s Holiday Light Collection program. The popular initiative has been the Committee’s most successful project over the past two years. However,

members quickly encountered a major obstacle: where to recycle lights this season.

“We were lucky the first year, and this was why we went through with it, because I confirmed with Lowe’s on Amherst that they’d be accepting the lights,” explained Commit-

tee member Deb Putnam. “This year, managers of both facilities and stores - Home Depot at the corporate level and Lowe’s at the corporate level - have ceased that program of taking in lights. Now we’re faced with a very serious concern. Do we go ahead with the holiday light collec-

tion? It requires a lot of funding.”

Putnam said she had already approached the Rotary Club and Lions Club for help but admitted she was “nervous about proceeding forward” and questioned whether the Committee might need to take a year off. The main issue is the cost of shipping several hundred pounds of material to a qualified recycling facility.

“We have maybe \$400 and some odd left in the budget after we pay our bills,” said Putnam, noting that funding the light recycling could mean cutting back on offering free lunch to volunteers at the spring roadside clean-up event.

“Last year’s holiday light event, the amount we collected that was taken out of the garbage was 600 and more pounds,” said Com-

mittee Chair Karl Huber. “All of the residents were happy with it.”

Strings of LED lights were cited as particularly harmful in landfills, requiring specialized equipment to shred, sort, and process materials. Old or broken holiday lights cannot be placed in curbside recycling bins.

“The biggest budget item is the shipping,” noted Committee member Chris Thatcher. “For my part, I would say we just continue moving forward as though we’re going to do it. We’ve already established it, and if we start planning from now until the next meeting as though we’re doing it, great. If we get to the November meeting and we have found a solution or someone to step up for shipping, we’ll just say we’re not going to

do it.”

Thatcher said it would be “unfortunate” to skip the program this year, though he remained optimistic.

“I’m fairly confident we’ll find some sponsors to step up and cover the shipping,” said Thatcher.

Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby agreed, suggesting outreach to local businesses for small donations to offset costs.

“There’s a whole list of companies, and large donations are wonderful, but sometimes we just need little ones,” said Jakoby.

The Committee voted to delay a final decision until its next meeting while continuing preparations. The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee will meet again on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Tax Rate

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well there,” he said.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby agreed with Dumont’s proposal, supporting the use of up to \$1.3 million to further

reduce the tax rate.

It was noted that the additional \$200,000 would lower the tax rate by four cents, bringing it to \$17.11 per thousand.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the

use of \$1.3 million from the unassigned fund balance to offset the tax rate.

Sorenson noted that tax bills are expected to be mailed within the next two weeks.



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School Board Advances First Reading of Revised Graduation Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Hudson School Board conducted a first reading of a proposed revision to the district's high school graduation requirements policy. The updated policy aims to ensure students meet academic standards while offering flexible pathways to earn a diploma tailored to individual goals.

"In pursuit of its goal of ensuring that all students reach their learning potential and are prepared for post-secondary and career opportunities, students must meet or exceed the district's

academic standards, required credits and additional graduation requirements set forth in this policy to obtain a diploma," the proposed policy states.

High school credits would be awarded based on proficiency in locally defined graduation competencies. As outlined in Board policy IK, credits may be earned through multiple pathways, including Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs), Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, transfer credits, dual/concurrent enrollment, home education, remote instruction, and other alternative learning options.

Beginning with students entering 9th grade in the 2026-27 school year, required credits may include competencies earned across more than one subject area.

Under Graduation and Diploma Requirements, the policy outlines three diploma options to accommodate students' diverse interests and post-graduation plans:

- Alvirne Diploma: Awarded to students who earn a minimum of 24 credits, including those listed in Section C, and complete all additional requirements outlined in the Alvirne High School Program of Studies

under the Alvirne Academic Diploma description.

- Alvirne Diploma with Distinction: Awarded to students who graduate with a weighted GPA of 3.3 or higher, earn at least 28 credits, and meet all additional requirements in the Program of Studies.

- Alvirne High School Core Diploma: Awarded to students who earn a minimum of 20 credits as specified in Section C and fulfill all additional requirements listed under the Core Diploma description in the Program of Studies.

The policy also supports early graduation for students who meet all state and

local requirements. Parental involvement is required for students under 18, and approval must be granted by the high school principal. Upon approval, the minimum 3-credit-per-year enrollment requirement may be waived.

Additional graduation requirements include passing a civics competency assessment and the U.S. Citizenship Test.

"The district will develop a competency assessment of the United States government and civics, consistent with pertinent and applicable law," the policy states. This assessment will be administered as part of

the high school history and government course, and students must pass it to receive a diploma or graduation certificate.

The district will also administer the 128-question civics naturalization exam developed by the 2020 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Students must score at least 70 percent to graduate. Modifications may be made for students with disabilities in accordance with their individualized education programs.

The School Board voted to send the proposed policy to a second reading.

The next School Board meeting is set for Nov. 17.

School Board Approves Winter Sports Nominations and Reviews Policy Withdrawals

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Hudson School Board approved a series of personnel nominations and conducted first readings for the withdrawal of several district policies.

For Hudson Memorial School, the Board approved one winter sports nomination: Tatum Teague was named Assistant Cheerleading/Spirit Coach.

A number of winter sports coaching nominations were also approved for Alvirne High School, including:

- Kyle Gora – Varsity Wrestling Head Coach
- Colleen Vurgaropulos

- Swimming Head Coach
 - Derek Peabody – Varsity Diving Coach
 - Cam Kruger – JV Boys Basketball Coach
 - Cole Bucknam – Freshmen Basketball Coach
 - Adam Dufault – Girls Indoor Track Coach
 - Phil Demers – Boys Indoor Track Coach
 - Danielle Davis – Indoor Assistant Track Coach
 - Frank Girginis – Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
 - Haley Peaslee – Girls JV Basketball Coach
 - Kathryn Griswold – Head Ice Hockey Coach
 - Molly Norton – Assistant Hockey Coach

In addition to personnel matters, the Board held first

readings to withdraw three existing policies, which are being replaced by updated versions currently under review.

One of the policies under consideration for withdrawal pertains to early graduation. It states:

"The Board supports early graduation as a means to earn a high school diploma. Parental involvement for students under the age of 18 is required. The high school principal shall approve such requests if he/she determines that all state and local graduation

requirements will be met and that early graduation is related to career and/or educational plans of the student making the request. Upon approval by the high school principal or dean of academics, the minimum 4-unit requirement per year for enrolled students shall be waived and the student shall be awarded a high school diploma."

The other two policies proposed for withdrawal are:

- IMBC – Alternative Credit Options
- ILBAA – High School

Graduation

It was noted that the reason for these withdrawals is that the School Board is in the process of approving new policies that will effectively replace the existing ones.

During the meeting, School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell asked how much of the previous policy must be incorporated into the new version in order to justify its withdrawal.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained that the overall intent of the policy must be maintained or updated, and that specific language does not necessarily need to be preserved.

The Board voted to send all three proposed policy withdrawals to a second reading.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Hills Memorial Library.

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OBITUARY

Wan Fung Lee Chan



Wan Fung Lee Chan, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on Nov. 5, 2025, at the age of 85.

Born on Sept. 4, 1940, in Guangdong, China, Wan began her life's journey with strength and determination that carried her through every chapter. She later immigrated to Nashua, NH, where she built a life centered around family, hard work, and love.

Wan was the devoted wife of the late Ching Chuan Lee and the cherished mother of four children: Pui Ling Lee, Pui Chun Lee, Dianne (Pui) Fong Lee, and Chak Lee. She was also a proud and loving grandmother to seven grandchildren: Sarah and Simon Tran; Suzanne Naro; Samuel and Anna Chow; and Michael and Sienna Lee. Her family was her greatest joy and lifelong dedication.

For more than a decade, Wan worked at Nan King Restaurant. Outside of work, she loved sharing dim sum with her family and traveling to new places, always finding happiness in good food, good company, and simple moments together.

Wan will be remembered for her kindness, resilience, and unwavering devotion to her family. Her legacy of love and perseverance lives on through all those whose lives she touched.

A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 9 - 11:45 a.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home on 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery in Manchester, NH. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

American Legion Post 48 Holds Veterans Day Ceremony



Members of the Hudson American Legion Post 48 held a brief Veterans Day ceremony at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in front of the Post on Central Street. It was also the 106th birthday of the Post's Auxiliary. The Post 48 Honor Guard was also present and fired three rounds at the event. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Wreaths Across America Cemeteries to Hold Wreath Day Ceremony Dec. 13

SUBMITTED BY
CHRISTINA MADDEN

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025. More than two million volunteers and supporters will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 5,200 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

In Hudson, Wreath Day activities begin at 11 a.m. on the grounds of the historic Hills House on Derry Road with a solemn ceremony that features the presentation of ceremonial wreaths for each of the Armed Services, the Merchant Marine, POW/MIAs, and for the over 600 veterans interred in St. Patrick's and Holy Cross Cemeteries where we are not allowed to place wreaths on individual veterans' graves. Following the ceremony, starting at noon, registered volunteers will begin placing wreaths on the graves of nearly 400 veterans' graves in Blodgett, Ford, Sunnyside, Old Center, Senter, Westview, and Hills Farms cemeteries and at the site of the Poor Farm burial ground.

Location Leaders at those cemeteries will conduct a brief ceremony, give instructions on how to place wreaths, and then hand out wreaths to the volunteers. Our Hudson volunteers, many who have been

involved since 2019 when Wreath Day was first observed in Hudson, consist of schoolkids, Scouts, church groups, families with children, and individuals from all walks of life, some of whom place wreaths at a family member's grave. They say the veteran's name aloud and thank them for their service, then place the wreath, straighten the bow, and fluff the branches. Scouts and veterans render a hand salute.

While there are already enough volunteers signed up to place wreaths, what the Hudson Wreath Day Ceremony can use most are more citizens to take one half hour of their Saturday morning to attend the Wreath Day Ceremony. The ceremony brings together active and reserve service members, veterans, Hudson Police and Fire officers, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who volunteer their time to put together a moving tribute to our Nation's veterans. Attendance at the ceremony not only honors veterans and their families, but also acknowledges their willingness to make the ceremony meaningful and reverent. If you plan to attend, please dress warmly as this is an outdoor ceremony and bring a folding chair if you cannot stand for thirty minutes. After the ceremony, the



Wreath Day activities begin at 11 a.m. on the grounds of the historic Hills House on Derry Road

Hudson Historical Society will be serving baked goods, hot coffee and hot chocolate, tours of the house, and use of their bathroom facilities. WAA Hudson NH Cemeteries thanks the Historical Society for welcoming us and allowing us a place to hold our ceremony where there is ample room for attendees, plenty of parking and

refreshments after the ceremony.

Why do we have Wreath Day and place wreaths on veterans' graves in December? We understand that we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but

our service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve our freedom. In many homes, there is an empty seat at the table for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We honor them and their families for the sacrifices they made and continue to make each day to keep our country safe. On Wreath Day, we show a united front of gratitude and respect across the United States of America as we REMEMBER the Fallen, HONOR those who serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.

How did Wreaths Across America begin?

In 1992, Maine wreath maker Morrill Worcester had a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood experience at Arlington National Cemetery, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. Arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving

fewer visitors with each passing year.

The annual tribute went on quietly until 2005, when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated the web. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington project at their National and State cemeteries, or to share their stories and thank Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, a non-profit 501c(3) organization, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. The yearlong mission of the organization is simple: Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. You can help in many ways. Visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org to learn more and get involved!

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Budget Committee Reviews 2026 Spending, Prepares for 2027 Budget

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on Nov. 5 to review the closeout of the 2025 budget, examine the current 2026 budget, and preview plans for the 2027 budget. Town Administrator Roy Sorenson presented the update.

"We've been busy closing out '25," said Sorenson. "The general fund is going to finish at around 98 percent of funds spent. The sewer fund is coming in at 67 percent, and the water fund finished at around 96 percent."

He reported that the Fire Department ended at 106

percent, Police at 96 percent, and Public Works at 105 percent, with most overruns tied to salaries and unfilled positions. Solid Waste finished slightly over budget at 101 percent.

"The general fund picked up the slack. We actually finished and/or balanced all of the salaries out," said Sorenson. "It generally balanced out; there's not a lot of fluff in the Hudson Budget. Some of the ones finished a little bit over."

Sorenson noted that revenue sources such as land-use fees were up due to increased building permits. Despite some overruns, last year's budget covered all

expenses.

Committee members raised questions about revenue.

"There's no library revenue at all?" asked member Shawn Jasper, reviewing the numbers and noting the absence of income from Rodgers Memorial Library. "Either every person has returned every book, or we're not even charging people when the books come back."

The Library Board of Trustees abolished late fees, though patrons must still pay for missing items. Sorenson said any revenue was likely "minimal" and not visible in the summary.

For the current 2026 budget, Sorenson reported the general fund at 44 percent, above the expected 33 percent.

"Why are we so high there? You can see the encumbrances - generally these are contracts that you're signing in advance, they count as a debit as you move forward," he explained. "That's just easier from an administrative standpoint."

Advance payments included legal counsel, engineering services, and annual water treatment costs. Some revenue, such as ambulance billing fees, was lower than expected, though Sorenson anticipated catch-

ing up in the coming months.

Committee members had no further questions on the current budget. Sorenson then previewed changes for the 2027 budget, including a redesigned budget book.

"It's new, it's different from what you've typically seen before," he said. "Each department will have a cover sheet; there are key items on the cover sheet, and you will see the details."

Under the new system, items marked blue are recommended by the Board of Selectmen, while red indicates deferred requests. Departments were asked to limit spending increases to

2.5 percent. Utilities were calculated separately due to expected spikes in electricity costs.

"For your overall budget, 65 percent of that is your salary line. That has to be paid out - those are your salary and benefits. We're taking a closer look at that 35 percent and where did that finish? It's only 0.3 percent up from the previous year, and those are the items I said I would control," said Sorenson. "The 2024 rate is currently \$16.45. Local education is the biggest part of it - \$9.30 is going to local education, 57 percent."

The 2025 tax rate has not yet been set.

RML Staff Member Selected For Library Leadership Program

Rodgers Memorial Library is proud to announce that Tanya Moesel, Head of Youth Services, has been selected to participate in the 2025-2026 Library Leadership Development Program, organized by Library Leaders in New England (LLINE). This yearlong program brings together library professionals from across New England to strengthen leadership, col-

laboration, and strategic thinking skills. Participants are chosen for their leadership potential and dedication to advancing library services.


The program begins with a three-day in-person retreat November 12-14, 2025, at the Warren Conference Center & Inn in Ashland, Mass., followed by virtual learning sessions throughout the year.

"We're thrilled that Tanya has been selected for this prestigious program," said Linda Pilla, library director. "It reflects our commitment to fostering leadership and innovation within our library and community."

For more information about the Library Leadership Development Program, visit www.libraryleadersinne.com



Tanya Moesel, the Head of Youth Services at Rodgers Memorial Library has been selected to participate in the 2025-26 Library Leadership Development Program. *Courtesy photo*



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Amy Campbell of Merrimack Earns Girl Scout Gold Award with Work in Hudson

Stone masonry isn't exactly part of most people's education, but Girl Scout Amy Campbell has become knowledgeable in the field after learning how to repair a crumbling wall at Hudson's Benson Park, formerly the Benson's Wild Animal Farm. Along with the stonework, Campbell educated people about erosion and drainage issues, earning the highest honor in Girl Scouting for high schoolers, the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Campbell, 17, lives in Merrimack and is a senior at Merrimack High School. She is a Girl Scout Ambassador in Troop 13912 led by Stacie Labore. Her Gold Award project was titled Repairing a Historic Stone Wall.

"Weathering from rain and snow caused the wall to crumble and led to flooding in the area, as drainage was not properly directed to the sewer system," said Susan Clement, a member of the Benson Park Board Committee and volunteer coordinator, who was Campbell's project advisor. "She spent

over 100 hours learning how to restore the wall to its original condition. Amy added drainage holes to prevent future damage, leveled the surrounding ground, and planted grass to help direct water to the proper sewer system. Her efforts not only improved the functionality of the area but also enhanced the beauty of the park.

Campbell also volunteered at Hudson Old Home Days and Family Fun Day at Benson Park, educating both children and adults about erosion and drainage issues and how they can be prevented. She presented experiments kids and adults could try to show how erosion works.

She said building a wall is like "a puzzle without a box," but she conferred with knowledgeable stone masons to backfill with gravel, leave drainage holes, and fit stones back into place.

"It's crazy to think about now because going into this project, I didn't know how to do stone masonry," said Campbell. "But I think that's part of

what makes the Gold Award, or this one specifically, so fun, is that I was learning how to do something new. And I feel like that's an important part of what Girl Scouts is.

Learning to lead a team in her effort was a big part of Campbell's experience. She had to communicate with many different people and network to find out about this opportunity. She presented her ideas to the Benson Park Advisory Committee, stone masons, her former elementary school teachers, the Hudson Board of Selectmen, the Lions Club, and Hudson Community TV. Through her Gold Award work, she gained a wealth of valuable life skills that will serve her well into the future.

Campbell has participated in Girl Scouts since kindergarten, receiving the full 13-year Girl Scout Experience.

"I think the best thing (about Girl Scouts) is getting to be with my friends and having many fun experiences," she said. "It has



Courtesy Photo

been a great activity for me to do and I've had many leadership opportunities. Once you become an older Girl Scout, there are many ways to work with younger troops to plan and lead events for them."

She's enjoyed camping, cookie sales, earning badges, going on small trips, and just enjoying sisterhood and friendship.

At school, Campbell is a

member of the National Honor Society, plays trumpet in the school band, does theater, and dances with the performing company at Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center. She plans to attend college next year to study medical laboratory science with an eye toward being a lab technician at a hospital.

Gold Award Girl Scouts don't just change the world for the better, they change it for good. The Gold Award is earned by girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. Since 1912, Girl Scouts have answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change. They earn college scholarships, demonstrate high educational and career outcomes, and are active in their communities.

Amy Campbell has answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change, and her Gold Award is a testament to her remarkable dedication to improving her community and the world.

About the Girl Scout Gold Award

- Gold Award Girl Scouts on average spend one to two years on their project.

- A Gold Award project must be sustainable after the girl's involvement ends.

- The average age of Gold Award Girl Scouts is 17.

- Since 1916, more than 1 million girls have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent.

- Gold Award Girl Scouts are entitled to enlist at a higher pay grade when they join the military.

- University research indicates that noting you are a Gold Award Girl Scout on a college application is influential in the admissions decision-making process.

- Eight young women from New Hampshire and Vermont earned their Gold Award in the 2024-2025 membership year as part of Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains.

- The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable.

Head Count

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"The one theme is that lack of transparency - we need to see the forest. It's tough enough to see the trees, and right now we've just got this ocean of pine needles that we need to sort our way through," said Powers, who pointed out that most of SAU81's general fund goes to salaries and benefits. "The most obvious questions we need to answer, before we think of going to the Budget Committee or a public

hearing or deliberative session, is how many heads did it take you to do the job in FY25, and how many heads are you asking for in FY27?"

Staffing levels have been a recurring point of contention, with calls for comprehensive headcounts and hiring plans aligned with student enrollment.

"This year, there have been headcounts addressing the concern that has been brought out in prior years over the number of staff per building," said Moulis. "I did want to call

that out, just to set the record straight."

The headcount included a roster by school and across SAU81.

"Can I have a more basic explanation of why Mr. Powers felt that the headcount didn't quite match?" asked Board member Daniel Kilgour.

Moulis noted that the question often arises during budget season.

"One of the questions that always comes up, whether it's from the public, or the Budget Committee, or at deliberative ses-

sions, is 'what was our staff total back in 2015, or 10-years ago?'" he said. "Some community members want to go even further back."

The most recent reports measure staff levels going back 10-years.

"We know that a significant amount of work has gone through this process over the last number of months, and in the last cou-

ple of weeks," said Board Chair Maureen Dionne.

Business Administrator Jenny Graves explained how the data was compiled.

"This was pulled from our annual reports, which are public documents we have to publish each year. That was the source data to get it in the quickest manner," said Graves. "All of this information was compiled in short order."

Board member Ethan Beals asked who counted as "staff" in the report.

"Would a coach at the high school be included in that?" he asked.

Moulis clarified that coaches were not included, but the count covered nearly all other positions, including paraprofessionals, custodial staff, and administrative assistants.



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Smashing Pumpkins at the Alvirne Community Garden



Residents were invited to the Alvirne Community Garden by the Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee for a "Pumpkin Smash" event. This was the first year the committee held the event and hopes it will continue as an annual community gathering.

The smashed pumpkins in the truck were ultimately carted off by the Black Earth Compost company to be professionally composted. The pieces on the ground will be tilled into the soil of the Community Garden to naturally compost over the winter.

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Wreaths Across America

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, in Hudson. Wreath Day activities begin at 11 a.m., at Hills House on Derry Road with a solemn ceremony. Following the ceremony, starting at noon, registered volunteers will begin placing wreaths on the graves of nearly 400 veterans' graves in Blodgett, Ford, Sunnyside, Old Center, Senter, Westview, and Hills Farms cemeteries and at the site of the Poor Farm burial ground.

Legion Music

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, The Foxhole will be kicking Thanksgiving off with Kieran McNally Music from 6 - 9

p.m. This event is open to Legion members and bona fide guests 21+ only. For more information call the Foxhole at 603-889-9777.

Used Toy Donations

St. Thomas Used Toy Sale is looking for donations of new or gently used toys for its upcoming Dec. 6 sale. Toy sale is at St. Thomas Church in Derry, NH, from 9 a.m. - noon. Drop Off locations: 5 Isabella Dr., Londonderry, NH, Drop off on driveway or porch; St. Thomas Church Derry NH, Drop off anytime; St. Matthew Church, Windham, NH, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sundays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Hampstead Jewellers, Hampstead, NH, Drop off anytime; Edward Jones, Chester, NH, Drop off any-

time. Proceeds go to charity. The toy sale benefits needy families and the community.

New Friends Wanted

Friends of the Library is looking for more friends. Please join them for their business meeting on Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., in Rogers Memorial Library's community room. They will discuss November and December events, such as Santa's Arrival at the Community Center the day after Thanksgiving, Teen Hangout support, decorating the library for the holidays and new fund-raising avenues. Continued support, both financially and with time, remains vitally important to library programs and events. Please register for the meeting on the RML-website

Event Calendar.

Food Drive

The Hudson Fire Department in collaboration with the Professional Firefighters of Hudson Local 3154, is organizing a food drive to support the Hudson NH Community Food Pantry. This event will run from Saturday, Nov. 1 - 19. Drop off donations at the following locations: Central Fire Station Lobby, 15 Library St., Hudson; Station 4 Lobby 204 Lowell Rd., Hudson. For more details, you can reach out to Dispatcher Adam Frederick at by Email: afrederick@hudsonnh.gov or to Dispatcher Alyssa Anderson at Email: aanderson@hudsonnh.gov

Meet John Kiper

The Hudson Democrats will hold a meet and greet for Governor candidate John Kiper on Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

Come to the Soho restaurant on Monday, Nov. 17 at 7

p.m., to discuss the book "Margo's Got Money Troubles" by Rufi Thorpe.

Cookbook Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Monday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. This month, participants are invited to bring a family classic recipe.

Karaoke

Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, Nov. 21 from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole at 1 Fulton St., for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. This month Unit 48 will also be raffling off a turkey every hour from 5 - 9 p.m., you must be present to win. For more information, please call 603-889-9777

Meat Raffle

Post 48 November Meat Raffle will be held at Post 48 located at 37 Central St. on Saturday, Nov. 15 beginning at 2 p.m. This event is open to the public you must be 16+ to play. The proceeds from this event are to benefit Unit 48's

Scholarship Fund. Pre-buys are available in the Foxhole. More information is available at 603-889-9777

Dungeons & Donuts

On Saturday, Nov. 15 at 9:30 a.m., come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at Rodgers Library. All skill levels are welcome.

Genealogy Club

The Rodgers Library club will meet on Friday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. This month is Show & Tell. Bring an heirloom, document, photo, or even a family history puzzle you've solved, and share your story with fellow enthusiasts.

Coco Interactive Movie

On Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10 a.m., come to Rodgers Library for a Coco Interactive Movie. The Library will provide props to interact with the movie.

More Holiday Romance Book Recs

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will host this virtual event. John Charles will give his "best of" list of 2025 that will have your TBR pile tipping over and your holidays spent cozying up to a good book.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m., to discuss this month's book pick "I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives" by Martin Ganda, Caitlin Alifirenka, with Liz Welch

Tween Pizza & Painting

On Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m., Grades 4-8 are invited to free paint using a variety of mediums such as mini canvases, tote bags, rocks, and more at the Rodgers Library.

Turkey Makerspace

On Saturday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m., Drop in to the Rodgers Library to use the craft supplies provided to create a turkey. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

"Meet Me at Luke's"

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., join the Rodgers Library for this virtual rapid paced Q&A with The Gilmore Girl Club Blogger, Kristine Eckart. She'll be chatting about her new book, "Meet Me at Luke's: Lessons in Life and Love from Gilmore Girls"

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, from, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will be hosting this year's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Derry Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, with The Rev. Dr. Marjorie Gerbracht (Rev Margie) offering the sermon.

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Preserve a memory and help the Friends of the Library support programs, events, museum and entertainment venue passes, and scholarships. FOL will engrave your purchased bricks with two lines (\$55) or three lines (\$80) with your special message. The order form is

on Rodgers Memorial Library website click on the Friends page. The bricks are placed in the RML Walkway twice a year and will become an enduring legacy. For an inanimate object, each brick can speak volumes.

Victorian Tea

On Sunday Dec. 7, from 1 - 3 p.m., an "Afternoon Tea" will be served complete with cakes, and pastries at Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. Limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 22. Please email the Hudson Historical Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

Christmas Storytime

Come and listen to "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the Hudson Historical Society at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., on Friday, Dec. 12 & 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kids will be gifted with a fun "Christmas box". Limited seating. Registration required by Dec. 6. Please email the Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of

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During the federal government's longest shutdown in U.S. history, state lawmakers are looking to help those in need.

As of Nov. 1, 2025, SNAP benefits, which provide monthly grocery assistance to low-income households, have not yet been fully reinstated.

Roughly 77,000 New Hampshire residents

depend on SNAP to help feed themselves and their families each month. New Hampshire moved quickly to create a short-term solution. Lawmakers approved \$2 million in emergency funding, partnering with the New Hampshire Food Bank to expand access to mobile food pantries. According to the New Hampshire Bulletin, the partnership allows for up to 20 mobile pantry sites twice a week for about

five weeks, providing an emergency bridge for SNAP recipients.

SNAP benefits are not only a lifeline for families, but also a stabilizer for local economies. The program injects millions of dollars into grocery stores, farmers markets, and local food producers each month. A reduction in SNAP negatively affects the income of small businesses that rely on those

purchases.

The state-funded mobile pantry expansion has provided much needed relief. These drive-through events distribute boxes of produce, dairy, and shelf-stable goods on a first-come, first-served basis. No ID or income verification is required. However, mobile pantries cannot fully replicate SNAP benefits. SNAP allows recipients to buy groceries that meet their

family's needs, including baby formula, gluten-free items, and foods that align with their cultural or religious practices.

At mobile pantries, participants receive pre-packed boxes that may or may not fit these needs. Limited hours and fixed locations make access difficult, particularly for people without transportation or for those working multiple jobs.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, about 39 percent of SNAP participants nationwide are children, 20 percent are age 60 or older, and 10 percent are non-elderly individuals with disabilities. That means nearly eight in ten SNAP households include a child, an older adult, or a person with a disability.

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attendees. Free admission.

Holiday Fair Event

A Holiday Fair and Silent Auction will be held at the First Church, One Concord Street, Nashua, on Friday, Nov. 7, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be homemade goodies/sweets, food to go, gift baskets, craft items, puzzles and more. The kids can visit with Santa on Saturday between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dinner will be available on Friday night from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., and lunch on Saturday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The church thrift shop will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Old Fashion Ornament Making

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., the Hudson Historical Society will be making traditional ornaments using all natural materials. This event is free and for adults only, materials will be provided, limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 28. Please email the Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees.

Holiday Dinner & Raffle

VFW Post 5791 Holiday Dinner & Raffle will be held a benefit for the Nashua Children's Home and Marguerite's Place On Nov. 22. Also collecting toys for Toys for Tots,

so bring a new unwrapped children's toy for the collection box. At 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact cshay35@gmail.com for tickets or more info. Great raffle prizes, music and fun.

Gingerbread House Contest

Hudson Historical Society will hold a Gingerbread House contest. To participate bring a completed House on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., with a completed registration form at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. If you want to participate but not build a house then come on Dec. 6 from 10 4 p.m. to vote on houses with the winners and their prizes being announced at the end. .

Drop In Stitchers

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

Teen Hangout

On Weekdays at 2:30 p.m., middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rogers Library's teen space after school. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided.

Digital Navigators

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers

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Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

Explorers Storytime

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

Movers & Shakers

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

LEGO Racing

Build a vehicle from LEGO bricks and race it down a track at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. This event is for ages 4+.

Dino the Therapy Dog

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Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (except the second week of the month), join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and

activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For ages 3-5.

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.

Story Safari

On Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages welcome.

Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Memorial Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

Wreaths Across America and Open House

On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14 from noon - 4 p.m., Come see the beautiful Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., decorated in Victorian Christmas style! No registration required. Free admission

A Good Yarn

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