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NNUAL ARRIVAL Members of the Hudson Department of Public Works set up the five large wooden Toy Soldiers at Liberty Park early Monday morning. The soldiers were donated to the town in 1995 by the Hudson Chamber of Commerce and were originally used as a holiday display at Benson Park. They have been holiday fixture since being donated. Photo by Chris Paul

Four Warrant Articles Get Ok'd by Board of Selectmen

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

Selectmen reviewed a number of different proposed most recent meeting.

One of those proposed warrant articles was related to the Lowell Road and improvements.

article states: "Shall the Town of Hud-

The Hudson Board of son vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,005,000 for construction warrant articles, during its of intersection improvements? This project will be funded \$1,604,000 (80%) from NHDOT federal grant and \$401,000 from the Birch Street Intersection Lowell Road Corridor Fund, Zone I and Zone 2. The proposed warrant This is a Special Warrant

Article, per RSA 32:3 VI, reflecting an appropriation that will not lapse until the monies are expended, or June 30, 2030, whichever is the earliest. This appropriation is in addition to Article "A", the Operating Budget." If approved the warrant

article wouldn't have any tax impact.

The Board of Selectmen continued on page 4 resources."

Selectmen Discuss Plans for Town Hall Renovations

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

Selectmen discussed a potential warrant article for Town Hall, during its most recent meeting.

"In 2023, the Board of Selectmen held a public meeting regarding the need for a new Town Hall building, and the feedback from the public was that the out the building for existing building needs to be further evaluated before a new Town Hall is justified." Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "Based on that feedback, the Board of Selectmen moved forward with the assessment of the existing Town Hall building, which was awarded to NorthPoint and 1,000 square feet for the

Construction."

Dhima explained that The Hudson Board of recently the Selectmen were presented with four options, and it was determined that they should further look at two of those options.

Of those options, Option Two, was for renovations throughout the entire building

"Renovations through-\$165/square foot and building addition for \$185 square foot," the memo from Dhima stated. "The building addition would be adjacent to the Land Use/ Inspectional Services area, and approximately 2,000 square feet in total including 1,000 square feet for the Buxton Meeting Room expansion

first floor. "

Dhima said that the anticipated price would be between \$1.5 million and \$2.3 million to make the renovations.

The other plan being looked at is Option Three, which would look at the demolition and rebuilding of the current Town Hall building.

"Demolition of the existing Town Hall, 12,000 s.f., and building a new Town Hall, 17,000 s.f. with additional parking spaces for \$350/square foot. for approximately \$6 million, not including site work, which will be approximately \$1 million," Dhima wrote in the memo to the Board of Selectmen. continued on page 7

School Board Approves Suicide Prevention and Response Policy

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was approving the district's updated Suicide Prevention and Response policy.

"The School Board is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its students and school community," the policy states. "This policy supports federal, state, and local efforts to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention; to establish methods of prevention, intervention, and response to suicide or suicide attempt ("postvention"); and to promote access to suicide awareness. prevention and postvention

explains that the "district shall maintain a coordinated written District Suicide Prevention Plan (the "Plan") to include guidelines, protocols, and procedures with the objectives of prevention, risk assessment, intervention and response to youth suicides and suicide attempts."

The District Suicide Prevention Plan shall include terms relating to:

• Suicide prevention (risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, referrals)

• Response to in-orout-of-school student suicides or suicide attempts (postvention, suicide contagion)

Student education regarding safe and healthy

As part of the policy it choices, coping strategies, recognition of risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide; and help seeking strategies

• Training of staff, designated volunteers, and contracted personnel on the issues of youth suicide risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referrals, postintervention, and resources available within the school and community

· Confidentiality considerations

• Designation of any personnel, in addition to the District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, to act as points of contact when students are continued on page 5

Zoning Board Overturns Cemetery Setback Decision

PAUL CONVERS HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Nov. 14 to hear the administrative appeal of a violation letter. According to the letter, Laurie and Robert Greer of 28 Derry Lane, had a 14-by-40-foot shed and beehouse structure covered by a pergola within the 25-foot cemetery setback set by state regulations.

It was unclear whether they needed to take their case with state regulators, owing to the 25-foot setback being part of NH, not Hudson law.

do not have the authority to supersede state and federal requirements," noted Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan.

Martin was in agreement with this stance.

"I don't see where we regulate in our zoning ordinance, cemeteries," he said. "In the absence of any local regulation, state law is state law and it has to go through the state."

However, it was noted that the state setback only applies in the "absence" of a similar local regulation. There was debate over whether Hudson's 15-foot general setback was relevant, even though it does not specifically mention cemeteries.

"It is our position that "Staff and local boards the statute does not apply because Hudson has regulations on cemeteries, and there's an existing 15-foot setback with which we complied," said Attorney

ZBA Vice-Chair Norm Andrew Perlman, who was at the meeting to help the Greers make their case. "Laurie Greer sought to have a shed brought to her house, premanufactured in Pennsylvania. She called town hall and said 'What's the setback on a shed?' and was told 15 feet."

> He added that Hudson had other regulations specifically mentioning cemeteries, arguing this meant there was no "absence" of regulations.

> Laurie Greer claimed the shed was needed to hold tractor parts and equipment for the beehouse

> "I needed a space to put all of my stuff. Also, my husband was diagnosed with cancer and there are times he can't snow blow the driveway, so I bought a

snowblower," she said. "I didn't disturb the earth, I actually brought in 38 yards of crushed stone to level that space."

Laurie handed out pictures indicating there were other residents with similar sheds within 25 feet of a cemetery in Hudson.

"Many of these sheds sit literally right next to the fence, right next to the cemeteries, right on top of it," claimed Laurie. "Most of them have been put in place since 2015."

State Representative Tony Lekas of 30 Barretts Hill Rd., was at the meeting to give his support in favor of the appeal.

"I would argue that the town setback applies to all the meeting to speak in uses in the zones, then it applies to cemeteries, the town regulates cemeteries," said Lekas.

State

tractor and the tractor has a Josh Yokela of 16 Tibbetts Rd. in Freemont argued laws like the cemetery setback were mainly for towns with few or no zoning laws. "There is a sentiment at

the statehouse that we are making one-size-fits-all rules," he said. "A lot of municipalities have their own situations where they knows what's going on, on the ground."

He indicated that a local zoning board was capable of interpreting the law for the Derry Lane property.

"I don't think that it's vague," said Yokela, a position the Zoning Administrator and some members of the Zoning Board seemed skeptical about.

While nobody was at opposition to the appeal, there was an email from John Scholl of 57 Bowes Cir., who complained abutrepresentative ters were not properly noti-

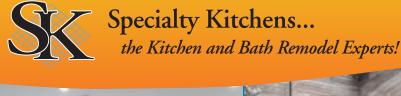
fied about the case. "I feel all abutters

should have each been notified of the violation meeting. My issues about the violations of the pergola and the shed is that they're too close to the cemetery, it is an eyesore," the letter said Scholl. "The property is a large plot of land and it could have been permitted on another area of the property."

Laurie promised that her shed was hidden from the surrounding homes.

After extensive discussion, the Board unanimously agreed that the town's 15-foot setback should be used instead of the 25-foot setback, overturning the Zoning Administrator's original decision, and granting the Greer's appeal.

The ZBA is set to meet Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



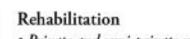


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Planning Board Worried About Traffic with Lowell Road Site Plan

PAUL CONVERS HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Nov. 13, where members discussed a 6,855-square-foot commercial development at 100 Lowell Road.

Engineer Dan Flores of FFC Engineering was at the meeting to represent the in and out of the property landowner.

"This is a Hudson business that will that specializes in painting and remodeling services. This will provide them a business office, and a place for conditioned space for their material," said Flores. "It used to be a residential property that was torn down around 2013-2014, and it's sat vacant since then."

The site was at the intersection of Lowell and County Roads and the plan claimed it would take all traffic issues into account.

"We understand it's a difficult intersection. We're proposing a right in so as you're heading north on ing it one-way. There was

Lowell Road you take a right turn to get into the site. As you exit the site, you must take a right turn on County Road," said Flores. "We're avoiding putting any more traffic no that intersection that would have to turn left"

Changes regarding turns came in response to comments from town staff. Members of the Planning Board wanted to know the status of future work on County Road to determine how the site plan might inadvertently affect traffic.

"It's still in the design stage," said Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah. "I can say it's not recommended for funding at this point, because funding is so comparative. But from what I understand, the intention is to move forward."

Nobody was entirely sure what would happen with Country Road, with some discussion over mak-

if that would impact 100 Lowell Road.

"As a painting contractor, we do in-home painting and we also do exterior painting," explained Property owner Darren Hamilton. "It's not the type of business where people have to go in there to visit because we're contractors. They're calling us saying 'Hey, can you come to my home to give us an estimate on painting my bedroom?""

He clarified that there would be customers onsite, just not the regular flood of customers one might expect from a different type of business.

Traffic seemed likely to remain a central concern, as Board member James Crowley noted that "turns in and out are going to be affected," even with a comparatively small number of customers.

"I think things are going to get worse instead of better," said Crowley,

trend of growing traffic across Hudson.

Crowley also had questions on what exterior signage and lighting would look like.

"Your painting business is a day operation, so these proposed lights on the building would be more security than anything?" asked Crowley. "Do you plan on running those all night, motion activated or what?"

Hamilton confirmed that the site included lighting was mainly for security purposes, and that there was no solid plan for how often

also uncertainty of how or speaking to the overall they would be on. He was contractor's facility, any flexible on issues related to the appearance of the building.

"We're looking to be good neighbors," said Hamilton. "We do want some lighting for security, but we're not looking for it to daylight there."

Board member Victor Oates specifically wanted restrictions on how late lighting could be out while keeping lights in compliance with Dark Skies recommendations.

Vice-Chair Jordan Ulrey wanted to know what the site plan would allow.

"If this is approved as a

other use would have to come back to he Planning Board, say if Dollar General wanted to be put in there, correct?" asked Ulrey.

Minkarah confirmed this was the case, and that anything bigger or more visible would require new approval.

Despite the question, the Board members were generally receptive to the proposal. No final vote was taken, pending a need to make changes to the final site plan.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Dec. 11.





Editorial **Season for Giving**

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we find ourselves caught up in the hustle of Thanksgiving feasts and the frenzy of Christmas shopping. Some of our readers may have completed their holiday shopping before the Thanksgiving turkey even hits the table, while others are still deciding on gifts and wondering where to shop as the days fly by on the advent calendar.

We encourage you to consider doing all of your holiday shopping locally.

Supporting local businesses is a gift that keeps on giving; it helps keep their doors open during these changing times. There's a special joy in purchasing items labeled as locally made. These businesses contribute to community charities, so by shopping at mom-and-pop stores, you help them thrive while creating memorable experiences and fostering a healthy local economv.

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Our pages are filled with announcements of various drives and collections happening throughout the town. It's truly heartwarming to see how the community comes together to assist those who may be less fortunate during this time of year. It's a shame that this spirit doesn't continue throughout the entire year. Although we live in an affluent area, the need is not always visible.

It's crucial to start at home by teaching young children and teens the importance of helping others. Adults can contribute their time, money, or gifts to support families who are unable to afford presents during the holidays. If you have some spare time, consider volunteering at soup kitchens or participating in holiday fundraisers. It's a rewarding way to embody the true spirit of the season-giving thanks.

"We all need somebody to lean on." - Bill Withers

Hudson Tax Rate Moves Up From \$15.68 to \$16.45 CHRIS PAUL

HUDSON TIMES

The Town of Hudson recently announced the new tax rate for property owners with tax bills showing a 77 cent increase.

A rate of \$16.45 per thousand has been present- is as followed: ed in the tax bills that were mailed out last week.

The 2024 rate is up 77

cents from the rate in 2023. A home valued at \$500,000 will now be pay-\$1.24.

ing \$8,225.00. Last year's rate would have them paying \$7,840.00, an increase of \$385.00 for the year.

The current breakdown

• Local Education: 57 % – \$9.30 per thousand.

• Municipal: 30% -

Board of Selectmen Approve Changes to Robinson Pond

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to potentially making changes at Robinson Pond.

It was explained previously that they were looking to be able to get grant funds to make improvements to Robinson pond.

"The NH Department of State Parks has funds available which can be utilized for Robinson Pond recreational boat launch and swimming beach area," Hudson Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote previously in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "In addition, these two projects will provide credit to the Town towards our MS4 permitting requirements, which are due 2026."

Dhima explained previously that if they were to make the beach area open to the public they would have a higher probability of being awarded the grant funds.

"At this time, the Robinson Pond boat launch area is open to the public, while the beach area is restricted to residents only," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The grant application is due this November and the grant has a higher probability of approval if it is combined as one project and both areas are open to the public. Since

the beach area is currently have a fence and a gate. only open to Hudson residents, an ordinance change is required to open it to everyone. This change of restriction would make us eligible for the necessary funds for the much needed improvements now and in

the future." Dhima explained during the meeting that it was originally open to everyone but it was changed to residential use only in the 1970s.

He also noted that if they changed the restriction they would be able to charge non residents up to three times the amount they would charge residents.

Selectman David Morin said he got a call from someone in town who works in Salem, saying that they did the same thing as Hudson is proposing, and that when it first was open to the public, they were having police issues.

Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne said he contacted the Salem Police Department and had a brief conversation with them. He said at first they received complaints about parking, parties, and other things.

He explained that Salem did things like installed fencing, gates, and had to hire a police detail.

"They were able to get it under control but there were some impacts and there were some costs," Dionne said.

Morin said they already the meeting.

• State Education: 7% -

The rate is set by the

Tax bills were mailed

• County: 6% - .94

New Hampshire Depart-

ment of Revenue Adminis-

out on Wednesday, Nov. 20,

and will be due by Friday,

tration.

Dec. 20.

"We have a lot of things the chief talked about already in place," Morin said.

During the public hearing Grace Kennedy asked what the capacity of the area is.

"The capacity will be based on the area you can swim," Dhima said.

Kennedy said she also wants to make sure the water quality is good, so residents don't have to go elsewhere.

Dhima explained in terms of capacity it is based on a formula, saying he thinks it would be maybe 100 people tops.

Another concern was in regards to the potential of more trash.

"It's going to be a little bit of work for the Town," Dhima said.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Dillon Dumont said he was concerned about the costs, expressing that he wanted an estimate of what the costs would be should they have more people there.

Dhima noted during the meeting, that before they would be able to move forward with making the improvements, they would have to get voter approval, through a warrant article, in order to accept the grant funds.

The Board of Selectmen approved removing the beach restriction during

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Library Trustees Look to Expand Use of Trust Fund

AUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Nov. 20 and heard its monthly report from Library Director Linda Pilla, who was excited to announce the addition of another Library into the Greater Manchester Integrated Library System

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In addition it was explained that Dhima "was directed to further investigate the design cost related to Option Two and Three, in addition to the cost related to the replacement oldie wheel lift, which is currently out of service."

"NorthPoint Construction has provided a scope of work and fee for Option Two, in the amount of

tion of Londonderry's Leach its cardholders to borrow Library into the system.

"Library staff from Rodgers Memorial Library have been very active in helping our co-workers up at Leach to get familiar with the systems," said Pilla. "That has been outstanding." GMILCS allows Rod-

Three, in the amount of \$93,300," Dhima wrote in a memo.

He also explained that they received an official quote for the cost related to the wheel lift for the amount of \$40,303.40.

Town Administrator Steve Malizia explained that the point of the warrant article, if they were to move forward with it, would be to ed to delay a decision to the have the design of either option done, in order to be able to get a better idea of a Selectmen meeting is slated \$54,800, and for Option price for what it would take. for Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

(GMILCS) with the integra- gers Memorial Library and from and interact with any library in the integrated system, which covers much of Southern New Hampshire.

> "I saw that the Rodgers patrons' circulations at other GMILCS libraries are about the same for the

From there, they could determine if they want to look for a warrant article in the future for the actual construction or renovation to the Town Hall building.

Vice Chair Dillon Dumont said that he thinks Option Two would be the more responsible option at this point to explore.

It was ultimately decid-Dec. 10 meeting.

The next Board of

Rodgers library," Trustee Karen Bohrer.

Two Hudson staff members chair committees within GMILCS.

The meeting also noted the Friends of the Library nonprofit was preparing for holiday events, including a book giveaway and elf training next December.

"They'll also be decorating the library for the Christmas holidays using their collection of Santas," said Pilla. "That will happen at the beginning of December.'

A lingering question for the Trustees was what to do with their share of the Zylonis Fund.

"The Charles Zylonis Trust, in his will, he left money to the Trustees of the Hudson Library," said Bohrer. "He also left money to the Nashua Public

month as check-outs at Library, and the libraries in said Hollis, Lichfield, Londonderry, and Pelham."

The will instructed Hudson to use the Trust on books related to Zylonis' Lithuanian heritage, something the library has focused on for the past few decades. Like Hudson, other towns with similar directives struggled to find enough books on Lithunian culture. With legal approval, all town except Hudson contribute their remaining money to a Lithuanian heritage center in Nashua. Bohrer mentioned possibly broadening the use of the Hudson's remaining Zylonis Fund beyond the purchase of

books or a hertiage center. "We could make it clear that our priority was use the money for anything related to Lithuania and Lithuanian culture, and that the balance

after that could be spent on other books, programs, and materials whether they were related to Lithuania or not," said Bohrer, after seeking legal advice on the matter.

She recommended holding a public hearing on the topic to measure public interest before moving forward. The goal was to file a petition with the court granting the Trustees full use of the Zylonis Fund before the end of the year.

"I think we should definitely move on it," said Trustee Lisa Weber.

The Trustees unanimously voted to hold a public hearing expanding the use of the Zylonis Fund at their next meeing.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Hill Memorial Library.



School

School Board Okay FFA Winter Camp Travel Request

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

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At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a request for Alvirne High School FFA students to be able to attend the FFA Winter Leadership Camp from Jan. 17-19.

"NH FFA Winter Leadership Camp is a 3-day, overnight camp at Camp Brookwood's in Alton, NH. At this event, FFA members have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops and activities to acquire career and leader-

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Another warrant article

"These activities are led by the NH State FFA officer team and are aimed at teaching students how to be more effective members in their chapter, school and community. Students will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with a National FFA Officer who will be attending this year. At the end, students are able to take the skills they've learned during camp and apply them within our Alvirne FFA Chapter and their personal lives."

ship skills," a memo to the

Board

stated.

the meeting that the cost per student attending is approximately \$70 "and will be paid through fundraising and student/family contribution."

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

Also during the meeting, the School Board gave its final approval for two different updated policies.

One of the policies was for the student dress code.

"The Board recognizes that student individual dress

lapse until the monies are expended, or June 30, 2031, whichever is the earliest."

The estimated tax rate impact would be approximately 10 cents, if it is approved by the voters.

Selectman David Morin, said the warrant article would allow voters to decide whether or not they should move forward with it.

Members of the board approved moving the warrant article forward.

reviewed during the meeting, was to raise funds for a property revaluations to be conducted.

The warrant article states:

"Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as previ-

ously established in March 2008?"

Malizia stated that up to every five years, they have to reevaluate the town, and the money from the warrant article would go towards the funds to help make sure they have a sufficient amount of capital to complete it.

The estimated tax impact would be less than one cent.

The warrant article was A third warrant article moved forward, during the meeting.

> In addition, the Board of Selectmen approved moving forward with a warrant article for the VacCon Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

> "The Municipal Utility Committee requests Board consideration to include a warrant article, as part of the FY 2025 budget, to fund the VacCon Truck Capital Reserve Fund with \$30,000.

responsibility that should reflect concern for the health and safety of students, staff, and others," the updated policy states. "When the dress of an individual student constitutes a health problem, is unsuitable for school wear, is a danger to any person, or causes a substantial and material disruption or substantial disturbances, the principal/or designee shall take appropriate action to correct the situation."

The policy goes on to state that "Students who violate this policy will be

\$15,000 to come from the Sewer Utility Fund and \$15,000 from the Town General Fund," Chairman, Municipal Utility Committee Chair Dan O'Brien wrote in a memo.

He also said "The Committee requests monies for the reserve, so that the funds will be available to purchase a new truck when needed."

The warrant article states: "Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2006? \$15,000 of this sum will come from the General Fund and \$15,000 will come from the Sewer Utility Fund."

If approved there would be no tax impact.

rect the situation on the same day."

The School Board unanimously approved the updated policy.

Also during the meeting, the School Board had a final policy reading for a proposed updated policy regarding student rights and responsibilities.

"Student rights and responsibilities shall be pub-

It was explained during is primarily a parental given an opportunity to cor- lished annually in the applicable student handbook and will be made available in another language or presented orally upon request," the updated policy states. "Student disciplinary procedures will be implemented pursuant to Board Policies JIC and JICD."

The School Board unanimously approved the updated policy during the meeting.

OBITUARY **Janet Grace Atkinson**

Janet Grace Atkinson of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Nov. 18, 2024 at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH after a wonderful life of 97 years.

She was born June 12, 1927 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late John and Ida (Adolfson) Freeman. Janet was also predeceased by her husband Samuel C. Atkinson as well as by her brother Kenneth Freeman, her granddaughter Emily Marquis and her grandson Daniel Marquis.

After Janet graduated from high school she started her first job in New York City working at the Chrysler Building, something she was very proud of.

Janet loved to bake Christmas Cookies and her world famous Christmas Puddings with hard sauce. She spent many years creating counted cross stitch pictures, knitting, and sewing. All her dachshund dogs brought her many years of joy and laughter. Janet was a Sunday school teacher for 25 years at Dean St Chapel in Freeport, NY. She lived with her family in Wantagh, NY for 37 years and relocated to New Hampshire to retire near her family. She brought so much joy to all the people who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be dearly missed.

Janet's loving family includes her four children; Norman Atkinson and his wife Barbara of Gates, NY, Arlene Marquis and her husband Paul of Litchfield, NH, Lois Parsons and her husband Kevin of Hudson NH. John Atkinson and his wife Debbie of Elkton, MD, a sister; Elaine Johnson of Land O Lakes, FL, 10 grandchildren and their spouses; Keith and Rayna Parsons of Cape Coral, FL, Matthew and Leah Parsons of Bow, NH, Diana Parsons of Concord, NH, Adam Marquis and Kathy Demerest of Denver, CO, David and Kenny Marquis of Concord. NH, Peter and Lauren Marquis of Telford, PA, Sam Marquis and Katie Lee of Manchester, NH, Jonathan and Maggie Atkinson of Newark, DE, Michelle and Josh Donaldson of Tampa, FL and Andrea and Anthony Marks of Raleigh, NC. Also 7 great grandchildren: Kayla, Ashley, Alaina, Kris, David, Aiden and Claire.

A time of visitation was held on Saturday, Nov. 23 where a Service of Remembrance followed in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

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Budget Committee Discusses Drainage & Waste Issues

HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee heard from Director of Public Works, Jay Twardosky, on Nov. 13 as he went through some of Public Works largest expenses, touching on several unexpected topics, including the drainage issues under Lowell Road's at the **T-Bones Restaurant.**

As flooding in the area sometimes interferes with traffic, Budget Committee member Shawn Jasper wanted to know whether the town was responsible for the problem.

"Whose problem is that

fails?" asked Jasper.

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima answered by saying it was a private pipe, adding that a repair proposal was moving forward despite earlier concerns that T-Bones would need to relocate.

"It's okay to go have dinner there still," he joked. "The owners of the plaza have secured the proper permits to get the repair done. I had a meeting with them last week, and this week as well, and they're about to start construction rehabilitating that particular pipe."

The proposal included a "pipe-within-a-pipe" to im-

gate flooding across that section of Lowell Road.

In the town budget, Twardosky reported that his solid waste collection service was currently running a deficit of \$207,986.

"What that is mostly attributed is an increase in tonnage at the Transfer Station, which also means an increase in hauling the containers out," he said. "There's two parts to solid waste: collection, and disposal. At the Transfer Station, you pay per container, that's the collection fee, the hauling fee, or the disposal fee. When you have more

quite a bit."

More households and waste pickups have increased the overall volume.

"If you're running a deficit, how are you going to make that up over the course of this budget for this year?" asked Committee member Randy Brownrigg

The Director did not have a definitive answer, saying the amount would need to be made up from a surplus elsewhere in the town budget. In the short term, he was asking for an additional \$207,986 for next year, a request the

going to be when that pipe prove water flow and miti- containers, cost goes up by Budge Committee was reluctant to support.

> Jasper asked whether the Selectmen would consider charging for Transfer Station passes as a way to close at least some of the deficit.

"Personally, I think that's something we need to be looking at, this number is getting way out of control, and the recycling, we talked about it last year, it's costing us more to recycling then if we were just picking it up as trash," said Jasper.

Twardosky responded by saying there were plans to crack down on misuse of the Transfer Station, along with fee updates for items like mattresses. Around 20% of residents utilize the Transfer Pass system. The Selectmen also looked at other towns for new ways to improve the system, including a possible transition to weight-based collections.

There were concerns that charging for every pass would reduce the use of the Transfer Station, leading to more litter on Hudson streets.

"It's the stuff we take on a regular basis that you get what your pass for free, that's the stuff you'll see people dump on the side of the road," said Twardosky.

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believed to be at an elevated risk of suicide

• Information regarding state and community resources for referral, crisis intervention, and other related information

• Dissemination of the Plan or information about the Plan to students, parents, faculty, staff, and school volunteers

• Promotion of cooperative efforts between the District and its schools and community suicide prevention program personnel

• Other provisions deemed appropriate to meet

the objectives of this Policy (e.g., student handbook language, reporting processes, "postvention" strategies, memorial parameters, etc.)

The policy also explained that "No less than once every two years, the Superintendent, in consultation with the District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons and with input and evidence from community health or suicide prevention organizations, and District health and guidance personnel, shall update the District Suicide Prevention Plan, and present the same to the Board for review."

"Such Plan updates shall be submitted to the Board in time for appropriate budget consideration," the policy states.

As part of the policy, it also explains the requirements for annual staff training

"The Superintendent shall ensure that beginning with the 2020-21 school year, all school building faculty and staff, designated volunteers, and any other personnel who have regular contact with students, including contracted personnel or third-party employees, receive at least two hours of training in suicide awareness and prevention,"

the policy states. "Such training may include such matters as youth suicide risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, intervention, response procedures, referrals, and postvention and local resources."

The policy also explains that "Student handbooks and the district's website will be updated each year with the contact information for the Building Suicide Prevention Liaisons, State and community crisis

or intervention referral intervention resources. The District Suicide Prevention Plan will be made available on the district's, and each school's respective websites."

"The National 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Lifeline shall be labeled on student identification cards for Grades 6-12 and include the telephone number; National Suicide and Crisis-Prevention Lifeline, Call 988. Prior to the start of each school year, the Superintendent shall certify that the contact information for the 988 National Suicide and CrisisPrevention Lifeline is accurate and up to date," the policy states. "Beginning August 13, 2024, RSA 193-K: 1 requires that all new or replacement student identification cards for grades 6-12 shall also include the telephone number for the National Alliance for Eating Disorders: 866-662-1235.'



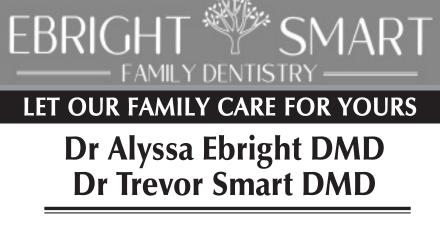
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Santa Claus to Arrive Friday, Nov. 29 at Liberty Park



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Santa Claus will be making his annual stop in Hudson late Friday afternoon, Nov. 29, for a tree lighting to that will start at dusk.

The Hudson Department of Public Works recently set up the five large wooden toy soldiers, the manger scene,



holiday lights, the large presents and the Santa display at Liberty Park at the intersection of Derry Road and Ferry Street earlier this week in preparation of the arrival of Old Saint Nick on Friday.

The soldiers were donated to the town 1995 by the Hudson Chamber of



Commerce.

After the lighting, Santa will be whisked off by Hudson Fire Department to the Hudson Community Center at 12 Lions Avenue where he will be available for photos with the visitors.

Doors at the center will open at 4:30

p.m. and will offer a number of free activities for children until 6 p.m.

Members of the Hudson Lions will be on hand as well as other community organization. They ask to consider donating warm hats and mittens for those in need at the event.

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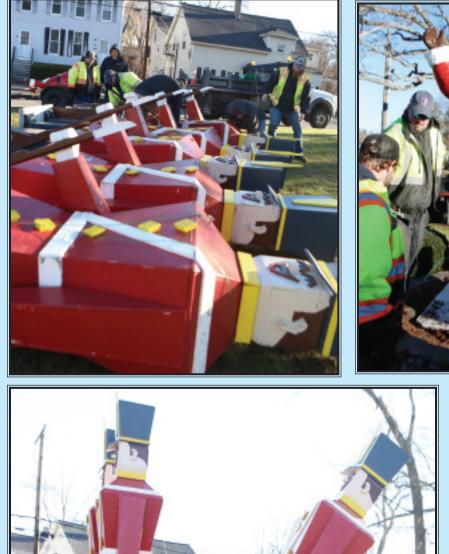


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Students Participate in the 4th Year of Education Freedom Accounts

5,300 than throughout New Hamp-Education Accounts.

The number of Education Freedom Accounts ing increased from 4,663 dur- meets the needs of their ing the 2023-2024 aca- child," said Frank Edeldemic year to 5,321 at the blut, education commisstart of the 2024-2025 academic year, which represents an increase of about quality educational path-12 percent, or 658 students.

of implementation, more more schooling options in payers of a traditional students the Granite State. The Education Freedom shire are now enrolled in Account program is offer-Freedom ing lower-income families assistance to choose whichever school or learnenvironment best sioner. "New Hampshire continues to deliver high ways to families and the Education Freedom "It is clear that there is Account program for a

education."

Accounts allow eligible New Hampshire students to direct state funded perpupil education grants toward select educational programming of their choice for a variety of learning experiences. There are currently 5.321 children enrolled in the EFA program that is offering grants totaling nearly \$27.7 million this school year, or an average of \$5,204 per student. The cost to taxpavers would be more than \$99 million if the 5,321 EFA students, and my children are thriv-

attended a traditional public school. It is important Education Freedom to note that the EFA program consumes less than one percent of the total statewide and local education spending.

"Three of my children all needed something that the traditional school setting was not offering them. The Education Freedom Accounts allowed me to facilitate an academic learning experience for each one of them that they would not have been able to receive otherwise," said Vilenky Rios of Nashua. "It has been life-changing,

During its fourth year a growing demand for fraction of the cost to tax- who are all eligible, ing like I have never seen Children's before. I love that New Hampshire is providing this program and I wish that all of the states offered school choice for their residents."

Families earning up to 350 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible to participate in the program. A family of four with an annual income limit of \$109,200 may participate.

"We hear from families and children every day about how extremely grateful they are for the Education Freedom Account program," said Kate Baker Demers of

Scholarship Fund New Hampshire, which operates the program. "... New Hampshire parents believe they should have the power to spend the taxes they pay for education on learning experiences and schools where they know their child will thrive. Education Freedom Accounts make that happen."

More details are available in the New Hampshire Department of Education's 2024-2025 EFA Financial and Demographic Fact Sheets www.education.nh.gov/.../2024-2025efa-fact-sheet.





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Orphans of Veterans Scholarship Gives to NH Resident

Department of Education Biomedical Sciences. recently awarded a \$2,500 check to assist a child of a Milton, was an airman in veteran with his college expenses.

The award is part of the Orphans of Veterans program that helps war means so much to me and orphans offset the cost of college for items such as books and supplies. This year's recipient is Evan Milton of Merrimack, a junior at the University of then pursue the nurse

The New Hampshire New Hampshire studying practitioner program at opportunity to apply for a Hampshire.

Evan's father, James the U.S. Air Force who passed away in 2014 from a service-related illness.

"Receiving this award my family," said Evan Milton, a 2022 graduate from Merrimack High School who plans to attain his bachelor's degree and

UNH. "The generosity of the Department of Education allows me to live more comfortably and focus as much on my studies as I can without having to worry about financial stress nearly as much."

RSA 193:19 was established in 1943 to give children of soldiers who lost their lives during World War II the

scholarship to attend college. The program has been updated numerous times to cover other wars and conflicts through the Gulf War. The law was also updated to allow orphaned children of veterans to obtain free tuition to the University System of New Hampshire colleges and universities and the Community College System of New

"This program is a great way of honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. It provides us with an opportunity to honor these students, while also respecting and appreciating the service of their parents," said Frank Edelblut, education commissioner. "It is our hope that Evan will achieve his educational and career goals, and that

this scholarship will provide a small amount of financial assistance and support."

The Orphans of Veterans program is able to issue four, \$2,500 grants each year. For more information about the application process and records needed to qualify, contact Jeffrey Newman at the Division of Higher Education at Jeffrey.Newman@doe.nh.gov.

S Advises Consumers of Organic Carrot Recall

The New Hampshire Department of Health and a full list of recalled prod-Human Services (DHHS) is advising consumers not to eat multiple brands of recalled bagged organic and whole baby carrots supplied by Grimmway Farms. The carrots, which were sold under brand names including 365, Good & Gather, Nature's Promise, and Trader Joe's, have been linked to a multistate outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O121:H19, a type of E. coli bacteria.

ucts, which were distributed to stores nationwide, on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website. While it's unlikely that the recalled carrots are still on store shelves, consumers may have them in their refrigerators or freezers.

Consumers should not eat or serve these products. The Department encourages Granite Staters to throw the recalled products away and sanitize any surtouched.

"Since E. coli bacteria can cause serious illness, it's best to throw out any potentially contaminated food," said Iain Watt, Director of the DHHS Division of Public Health Services (DPHS). "Foods that are contaminated may not look, smell, or taste any different, so there's no way to tell if E. coli is present.

E. coli is a potentially deadly bacteria that can cause severe stomach nausea, vomiting, and dehydration, depending on the strain. Older adults, cerned about E. coli infec- DPHS at 603-271-4496. young children, and people tion or illness should con- For the latest information with weakened immune tact systems are at higher risk provider. Granite Staters the FDA website.

Granite Staters can find faces they may have cramps, diarrhea, fever, of E. coli infection and who are diagnosed with an severe illness.

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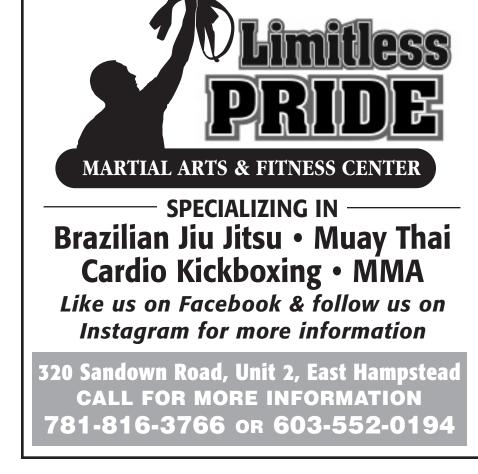
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the letter. Additionally, that states your water serv-NHDES is working with water systems to offer free water tests to customers who receive a letter. The next steps outlined in the letter may include:

• If you do not receive a letter by the end of the year, the water system has determined that your service line material does not contain lead.

• If you receive a letter that states your water system does not have a record of your service line material, please contact your water system to set up an appointment for verification of service line materials. There is no reason to be overly concerned, it is likely that your service line does not contain lead components. You may want to contact your water system to arrange for a free water test. • If you receive a letter

ice line contains any lead components, there are steps you can take to reduce lead exposure and work with your water system to replace those service lines. You should contact your water system to arrange for a free water test. For more information on what your water test results for lead means, please refer to our guidance document on the NHDES website.

In accordance with new federal regulations, the letters must be sent to homeowners on an annual basis until either service lines containing lead are removed, or the public water system is able to verify that a service line does not contain lead. NHDES is providing technical assistance and funding to water systems to accelerate remediation efforts.

tems have rigorously tested the drinking water they provide to their customers throughout the water system and per state and federal law, have implemented measures to reduce lead levels when elevated levels were present. Over time, federal and state regulations have become more protective in reducing lead in drinking water.

Additionally, the public should also be on-guard for potential fraudulent efforts by unscrupulous entities to take advantage of this initiative. Customers are encouraged to confirm they are working directly with their water system and/or its designated contractors when responding to the communications they receive. Whenever they are uncertain, they should contact their water system or

For decades, water sys- the New Hampshire Depart- alkalinity. ment of Environmental Serdirectly vices before responding to written or verbal communications. Any letters requesting personal and/or financial information should be reported to your water system and local law enforcement officials immediately.

Lead is not normally found in drinking water at the source. Typically, lead gets into drinking water from the service lines and from plumbing and fixtures inside the home that contain lead.?As a result of corrosion, lead and other metals from the pipes slowly dissolve into the water.?Many factors affect the amount of lead that leaches into the water, including lead content of pipes, water use/flushing patterns, fixtures, and solder, along with water temperature, pH and

The letters being sent out in the coming weeks about water service lines are just one aspect of ongoing initiatives to reduce lead levels in drinking water. New federal regulations will also require that all service lines containing lead be replaced, lower the action level for lead in drinking water from 15 to 10 parts-per-billion, increase drinking water sampling reliability and expedite risk communication to individuals if lead is elevated in their drinking water. Next steps include developing service line replacement plans and completing all required replacements.

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Victorian Christmas

Come and see the beautiful Hills House decorated for Christmas on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., (in conjunction with the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at 11 a.m.) and Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fantastic photo ops throughout the house. All rooms will be decorated, several by Alvirne students of Mrs. Hill. Light refreshments, cookie decorating for the kids, and Free admission, donations appreciated.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, sponsored by the Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent #1 NH. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CorssBlood.org and enter VFWHudson to schedule an appointment.

Santa's Arrival

Hudson Lions Club Announces Santa's Arrival

Friday, Nov 29. The festivities will follow the Christmas tree lighting at Library Park, after which the Hudson Fire Department will transport Santa to the Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., with free activities for children until 6 p.m. Bring your camera to capture the moment with Santa, and consider donating warm hats and mittens for those in need.

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Booksale, is cancelled for Dec. 8 due to water damage at Hills Memorial Library basement. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rodgers Memorial Library website for updates.

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Preschool Water Play

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

Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers 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.

Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial brary.org

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., (except Dec. 24) come to the Rodger Library to Share tips, tricks, and stories while you work on your latest project and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts. Bring your own supplies and stitch the evening away.

Movers & Shakers

On Wednesda, Dec. 4 and 11, at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit

still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

PFOA Water Test

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

BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tues-

will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will

day afternoon. Slider cards 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.

Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones,

and they will in turn refurbish them for use by lowincome individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointmentt email info@unitedwaynashua.org if you have any questions.



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