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## Fall Finish

The New Hampshire High School Cross-Country season came to an end at the Hills House on Saturday, Nov. 1 with the Meet of Champions. Sophomore Olivia Cartegena, pictured, was the only Alvirne runner to qualify this year.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Resident Offers to Help Design the Patches for Hudson Trail Challenge

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission's October meeting included an update on its Trail Challenge, with resident Bob Macaraeg offering ideas for designing patches to award participants who complete the challenge.

"I remember you were talking about putting a patch together," said Macaraeg. "If you put out, like in November or December, a contest flyer to the elementary schools and also send one to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Hudson, tell them to make a form. At the bottom, they can draw a

patch idea, snip it off, put it in an envelope, and send it. You guys can vote, and whoever is the final arbitrator can pick a design and send it to an online patch company - one that can sew up patches in bulk."

He volunteered to help distribute flyers for the con-

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## Dumont Urges Public to Be Engaged in Budget Process

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

As the Town of Hudson enters budget season, Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont is encouraging residents to get involved early in the process to ensure informed decision-making ahead of March's voting day.

"I do just want to remind everybody, if anybody's still watching, to please ask questions about the budget," Dumont said during Selectmen comments at the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting. "Reach out for information. I don't want to overwhelm the staff, but I think the more that people

ask questions before we get to Deliberative (Session) and before we get to March (Voting Day), hopefully the better informed they can get and vote appropriately. So, please, if you have any questions, reach out with that."

Dumont's remarks came as the Board wrapped up its review of the proposed FY27 budget, which will now be sent to the Budget Committee for further evaluation.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, in his first year serving Hudson, also commented on the budget process during his Administrator remarks, expressing appreciation for the staff's

efforts.

"I just want to say thanks to the staff getting through this budget sequence - Laurie May and Dan Thibeault, and just really everyone down in finance," Sorenson said. "Kim Brookes putting the payroll together, working with police, Erika Rivere and Sherry Kimball, the whole reorganization with development services. There's a lot of moving pieces here."

Sorenson noted that changes made to the budget book this year were productive, even if they added pressure to staff.

"I might have put a little bit more pressure on the

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## Town Hall Advisory Committee Dissolved After Recommendation

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen has officially dissolved the Town Hall Advisory Committee following the group's final recommendation on how to move forward with the future of Town Hall.

The committee was originally formed after the Board received an update from NorthPoint Construction outlining significant challenges with renovating the existing Town Hall - including the high cost of proposed renovations and additions.

"As a result, the Board voted to establish a Town Hall Advisory Committee to assist in evaluating whether to proceed with renovations of the existing building or to

pursue options for a new Town Hall facility," Development Services Director Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo.

The committee was tasked with developing a recommendation by Nov. 1.

On a 5-2 vote, the committee recommended that the Board of Selectmen further evaluate Town-owned properties that are approximately three acres in size, served by municipal water, sewer, and gas, and located adjacent to or near one of the main corridors within two miles of the current location.

The recommendation also included evaluating ADA compliance and initiating a decluttering and consolidation effort across Town Hall and other municipal buildings, with action

to be taken within six months of November 2025.

"I think it does not commit to any financial expenditure, but simply gives you an idea of what the next steps could be," Dhima told the Board during the meeting.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby, who served on the committee, said many factors were considered during the evaluation process.

"I just wanted to reiterate. So, as we were going through this process and looking at whether to build or reconstruct, there were many things discussed," Jakoby said. "And the list of properties that are owned by the town is quite extensive."

She added that it would be worthwhile for Dhima to

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# Zoning Board Grants Approval for Home Software Business

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board met on Oct. 23 to review a home occupation special exemption request from Valerie and David Zimmerman, who plan to operate a software application development business from their Tamarack Street residence.

"There would be no changes to our building. I would be working from home - it's a cloud-based business that we're proposing to run from there," said David. "There'd be no signage, no visitors, no

employees. I'd basically be like just about anyone else who's working from home."

Even with a remote setup, businesses cannot typically operate from residential properties without ZBA approval.

"This is going to be secondary to the principal use of the home. It's all being carried out from within the residence, and all computer activities will take place in a dedicated office space," explained Valerie. "There are no extra vehicles, just our own personal vehicles."

Board members sought clarification on a few

points.

"Do you have a tenant there?" asked Tim Lanphear.

David confirmed that he and Valerie are tenants, with a parent owning the home.

"So, it's a business where you two are contractors for somebody that needs your service, correct? Like another company or somebody else who is contacting you, asking you to develop something for them where it literally only requires you to sit in front of your computer?" asked Board member Todd Boyer.

"You are not employees of anybody else?"

Valerie and David confirmed it would be just the two of them running the business.

Satisfied with the answers, the Board noted there was no opposition from members or the public.

"The applicants have stated they are the ones providing a service, and that service is going to be provided on-site," said Boyer. "If they're not going to have any signs or vehicles with lettering out there, and since they stated they won't

have any exterior storage, and if they're going to be inside the house, I can't imagine they're going to be creating any vibrations, dust, smoke, or anything else of that nature. They stated that it's just the two of them, so they're not going to be generating any traffic."

He confirmed that both Valerie and David are full-time residents and that the property owner approved the business.

"The proposed use is secondary here - they're going to be working out of their home. That's how it

works these days with computers; you can do just about everything," added Lanphear. "Nobody outside is really going to know what's going on. It's going to be the couple of them. I believe the primary residence's character and the principal accessories of the building will all stay the same in this case."

Without debate, the Zoning Board unanimously voted to grant the special exemption request.

The Planning Board is set to meet on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

# Town's Ambulance Billing Policy Changes Get Discussed

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

A proposed Ambulance Billing and Collection Process policy was discussed during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting.

"I have been collaborating with Deputy Enos, the Town Administrator, and the Finance Director to create a policy that outlines the ambulance billing process for the Town of Hudson. I wanted to share this progress with you this evening," Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson said the effort will be a "very comprehensive project" that is just beginning.

"I'm calling it a project because there's a lot of

pieces that have to be filled in," Sorenson said.

Once the policy is adopted, the Board will review the schedule of fees.

"We're going to talk about state law and everything else. It's not going to happen tonight," Sorenson said, noting that those discussions will come later.

Tice explained that the proposal updates current procedures and formalizes them into a town-wide policy because it affects multiple departments and revenue.

"So, it will be a town-wide policy and it's coming to the Board and the policy subcommittee, and this will formalize the review of ambulance revenue and writing off bad debt, uncollectible debt," Tice said.

Deputy Chief Francis Enos said Tice asked him to review existing policies since they weren't sure what was currently in place at Town Hall.

Enos said he consulted industry contacts and drafted a policy that all departments would follow.

"It would be identical for fire department, finance, and the Town Administrator," Enos said. "And what this would allow us to do is we all be on the same page to reconcile as revenue is coming in and revenue is going out. But the biggest thing is to write off the debt."

Enos noted that their third-party billing company is Comstar and said a legal representative from Comstar will meet with the poli-

cy subcommittee to explain upcoming changes.

He said the new policy would require monthly meetings where "the players involved will meet for 20-minutes and clean up any debt."

"So, all our books will look straight and stuff like that and we're not carrying this over," Enos said.

The policy will also ensure continuity: "If one of us leaves tomorrow, the next person can come in

and understand this and pick right up and get going on it," Enos said.

Enos added that recent state discussions have focused on balanced billing for ambulances. Currently, providers can bill patients for any amount not covered by insurance, but that practice is ending.

"That's going to come to a stop," Enos said.

Instead, a new law requires insurance companies to pay 325% of Medic-

aid and Medicare rates.

"Medicaid and Medicare are fixed rates by the federal government," Enos said, noting that providers will now receive a set amount per call under the legislation.

Sorenson said he expects two or three more meetings to adopt the policy, finalize the fee schedule, and reconcile the books.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

## Town Hall

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assess whether any of the town's properties meet the desired criteria.

"So, I do recommend we look at all the properties," Jakoby said.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont, who also served on the committee, agreed with Jakoby and empha-

sized the importance of evaluating existing town-owned land before considering purchasing new property.

"I also am a firm believer that if we can get rid of any of those properties and get them back on the tax roll so the Town can bring some money back in, I think that

would be better than having them just sit there, but there is a lot of work to do that," Dumont said.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved dissolving the Town Hall Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.



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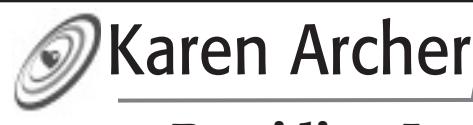
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# Sustainability Committee Approves Charter, Prepares for Pumpkin Smash

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The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on Oct. 27 to finalize what Chair Karl Huber called a "very important" item: the committee's charter, a document months in the making.

"We are expected to have a charter to review, approve, and present to the Board of Selectmen," said Huber. "We've gone over this quite a few times, made major changes, and included input from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson. Selectman Jakoby worked diligently with

Craig Putnam to collect feedback from this committee, and the document we have in front of us is the latest and greatest."

The charter outlines the committee's structure, purpose, roles and responsibilities, reporting requirements, and annual programs. With no objections raised, members unanimously voted to approve the charter and send it to the Board of Selectmen.

One program highlighted in the charter is the annual Pumpkin Smash, scheduled for Nov. 8.

"It's right around the corner," said Huber.

The event will take place at the Alvirne Community Garden from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

"I think everything is in order. We'll be using the Community Garden. For those driving by, you'll see Alvirne and the red barn. Look for the path to the right of the large red barn - it goes straight down to the Community Garden. This area will be ready for the Black Earth composting truck," explained Committee member Deb Putnam, who helped organize the event. "For the members, we need a couple of children-

sized wagons or small wheelbarrows to help families bring pumpkins from cars parked in the upper CT lot down to the garden."

Black Earth Compost, the company contracted for the event, will handle the composting.

Putnam encouraged families to attend, calling the Pumpkin Smash a "chance for kids to make a mess." Attendees are asked to bring their own wagons if possible. Tables, paper towels, and a clean-up station will also be available.

"What if it's raining?" asked Huber. "Things

change; we're in New England."

Putnam replied, "The pumpkins don't care," noting that Black Earth has no plans to cancel due to rain.

Participants should remove all candles, ribbons, paint, and other non-organic materials from their pumpkins.

"This is our first attempt at such an event for the community. Lessons learned will happen," said Huber.

The goal is to keep post-Halloween pumpkins out of the waste stream, something Committee member Chris Thatcher

said aligns with a statewide plan to reduce landfill waste.

Also on Nov. 8, the area's last Household Hazardous Waste Collection of the year will take place at the Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown St. The fee is \$20 per vehicle for up to 10 gallons of liquid waste or 20 pounds of solid waste, payable by cash or check.

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee will meet again on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Updated Emergency Operations Plan Expected to Be Voted On Nov. 10

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen is expected to vote on the Town's updated Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) at its next meeting on Nov. 10, following months of collaboration and review.

"Over the past several months, Deputy Paquette has been working closely with June Garneau from Mapping and Planning Solutions on updating the Town of Hudson Emergency Operations Plan,"

Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo to the Board. "The Hudson Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) establishes a framework for local government to assist expedi-

tiously in saving lives and protecting property in a disaster. This Plan outlines the planning assumptions, policies, concept of operations, organizational structures, and specific responsibilities of the Town's departments and agencies involved in coordinating the local, state, and federal response activities."

Tice confirmed that the updated plan is now ready for review.

"I am pleased to present the final document for your review," he wrote. "Once it is adopted and all signatures are collected, the plan will be distributed internally as needed. This is a large document and a physical file is available in the BOS room and provided elec-

tronically."

The formal presentation of the plan is scheduled for the Nov. 10 meeting.

"We will be presenting the plan at the November 10th meeting," Tice wrote. "The Town appreciates the continuing cooperation and support from all the departments and agencies, and the volunteer and private organizations contributing to this Plan's development and publication."

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson acknowl-

edged the size and complexity of the document and said he asked Chief Tice to provide an overview during the upcoming meeting.

"I envision him coming back in two weeks and maybe breaking this down with 10 slides," Sorenson said.

During the meeting, Tice emphasized the importance of the plan despite its length.

"This is the Emergency Operations Plan that we use to provide guidance to the town, to town govern-

ment and emergency operations staff in the case of a disaster and EOC activation," he explained.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessford asked whether lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic were incorporated into the updated plan.

Tice confirmed that they were.

"There's a lot of repetition because it goes through and you'll see emergency support functions and outlines potentially all the duties and responsibilities each emergency support function has," Tice said.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

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# Editorial

## Hopes for Peace: A Veterans Day Reflection

Every year on November 11, we pause - not just for a day off, but to remember. We remember the moment in 1918 when, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns of World War I finally fell silent. The world exhaled, believing the worst was over. They called it "the war to end all wars," and for a time, peace felt possible.

But history had other plans. The decades that followed brought more conflict - World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan. Each war added new names to the long list of those who served and those who never came home. Still, the spirit of that first Armistice Day lives on. Veterans Day is our reminder of the price of peace - and the people who've paid it.

When Congress officially recognized Armistice Day in 1926, they spoke of restoring peaceful relations with the world, hoping they'd never be broken again. They called on Americans to mark the day with "thanksgiving and prayer," and to work toward peace through goodwill and understanding.

In 1938, November 11 became a federal holiday "dedicated to the

cause of world peace." By 1954, it was renamed Veterans Day to honor all who served in every war.

Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reminds us that Veterans Day isn't about celebration - it's about gratitude. It's a time to thank those who've served, to recognize their sacrifices, and to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy because of them.

Veterans Day is more than a day without mail or school. It's a moment to stop and remember: freedom isn't free. And those who wore the uniform did so with the hope that future generations might live in peace.

So, this year, let's do more than remember. Let's act.

Reach out to a veteran - a neighbor, a friend, a family member - and thank them personally.

Attend a local Veterans Day ceremony or volunteer with an organization that supports veterans.

Teach the next generation why this day matters, so the sacrifices of the past are never forgotten.

Peace was the hope in 1918. It remains the hope today. Honoring those who served is the first step toward making that hope a reality.



Hudson resident and Boy Scout, Joshua Brouillette, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project for Camp Sargent. He is a scout from Troop 773, who has worked many months obtaining various sponsorships to raise \$3000, to be able to fund his entire project. The project was to build a hay shed for Camp Sargent of Merrimack, NH which was built on Oct. 26 with the help of family, friends, and Troop members. Camp Sargent is part of the YMCA and is an organization that helps community children during the summer at their camp. Many Hudson families have children who have attended their summer camps. The camp only had a wire rack which was covered by a tarp and now they have a permanent building to store and protect the hay from the environment.

Courtesy Photo

## Trail Challenge

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test.

"You can give an award for the child that has the winning entry," suggested Macaraeg. "Give some recognition, and you can buy a ledger, attach a box with all of the patches so you can keep track of who got what and when. You can promote it through the Scouts - those chasing a merit badge can go on hikes, get a patch, and sew it on their uniforms."

Macaraeg also offered to assist with trail hikes for adults, noting that the activity should not be limited to Scouts and younger students.

"Are you proposing a patch for each reservation that we have?" asked Chair Carl Murphy.

Macaraeg clarified that

he was proposing a single patch design for anyone completing the Trail Challenge, at least for the next couple of years.

"Once you run out of the hundred or so, or however many you order, you can hold another contest to generate more interest. Have patches change every couple of years," he said.

Awarding a patch for the Hudson Trail Challenge has been a goal of the Conservation Commission for months, though previous plans lacked clarity.

"I'll work with him to get this done," said Commissioner Kathy Griswold. "Let's set a date for when the contest starts and when it ends. We'll just lead into that."

Secretary Chris Cameron added that the Com-

mission plans to set up a "checklist and an application" on the town website once the Trail Challenge officially launches.

"Do we want to do a certificate along with the patch?" asked Cameron. "It doesn't have to be anything fancy."

Macaraeg agreed and offered to design a certificate for the Commission.

For timing, Griswold said she hopes to have a flyer ready for the November Conservation meeting, after which the contest start and end dates will be determined. Commissioners thanked Macaraeg for his help.

The next meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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# Haselton Barn Restoration Begins with Support from Committee

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HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee's October meeting featured a presentation from resident and former School Board member Lee Lavoie of Home Improvements, who offered to donate labor and raw materials to restore the historic Haselton Barn cupola.

"The concept is approved by the Board of Selectmen to accept \$10,000 worth of Lavoie's time and materials to do this," explained Committee Chair

Jack Madden.

Lavoie emphasized that the project is in its earliest stages and will not be completed soon.

"If this were a baseball game, we're in the second pitch of the first inning," he said. "I was born and raised in Nashua. Growing up, I could hear the lions being fed at night at Benson's Animal Park. My background is that I'm a remodeler - my passion is historic remodeling."

The Haselton Barn cupola, dating back to the

late 1800s or early 1900s, was removed around 2004 after years of deterioration. The New Hampshire Timber Framers Guild created a blueprint of the structure about 20 years ago. A separate restoration will be done for the original weather-vane.

"If you look at the cupola in photos, that's what's called a 4-gable cupola - basically, when the rain came down, it didn't fall into the windows or get down into the hay. I've only seen two of that design in

my whole life, and this is one of them," said Lavoie. "My plan is that we won't have to touch this for 25 to 30 years. That's what I'd be hoping for, as long as the state allows this."

The plan calls for replacing much of the old cupola with copper while preserving what remains. Madden noted that Haselton Barn is listed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

"You can use that as a resource to find out details like the color of the paint,

the shape of the trim, and all that good stuff," said Madden.

Committee member Jan Horvath asked about long-term plans for the barn itself.

"Do you plan to continue to restore the whole building?" Horvath asked, questioning whether the timber was strong enough to support the cupola or needed additional work.

Lavoie did not rule out future restoration but said his immediate goal is rebuilding the cupola.

"My goal would be to see it up there. I have enough connections that I'm 99% sure I can make it happen. It might not be done by May 2026, but it'll happen," said Lavoie, who believes the barn is structurally sound enough to support the project - a view shared by Madden.

The next Benson Park Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

## Planning Board Grants Conditional Approval for Brady Drive Complex

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board closed out October by revisiting a site plan for an Industrial Condominium Complex at 16 Brady Drive. The proposal, which includes three industrial-use condominiums, previously stalled over concerns about compliance with Hudson's parking space requirements.

"We were here a little over a month ago with this project for initial discussion, and there were some comments that we needed to address before we could continue," said Tony Basso of Keach-Nordstrom Associates. "On the site plans, you'll notice we added all of the garage doors, and we did not count any spaces in front of the garage doors toward the grand total. We have the required number of spaces. There are 34 required, and we're provid-

ing 34 and then some."

Basso added that the project had undergone thorough review by the Engineering and Fire Departments and that drainage concerns had been addressed.

Board member Ed Van der Veen sought confirmation that the road and parking lot would allow enough space for emergency vehicles to turn around.

"We measured for a giant fire truck - the biggest one we had in the turning template," said Basso.

"Thank you for the turning plan, that was necessary, but I also question the location of your dumpsters. How are you going to get those out?" asked Board member James Crowley.

Basso admitted the trash disposal area would require "tight maneuvering" for garbage trucks but said the issue was unavoidable given site limitations.

"We're not proposing leaving trailers or skids here," he added.

Crowley noted the site was "very tight," with just enough room for large vehicles to turn around, and suggested sending a list of minor administrative issues to planning staff for review.

The Board called on Town Engineer Elvis Dhima to confirm there were no major outstanding issues.

"Around this plan, are there any unresolved engineering items that would prevent unconditional approval tonight?" asked Board member Victor

Oates.

Dhima replied that the Brady Drive complex was "good to go" and confirmed that the site remains subject to state and federal regulations before construction begins.

Alternate Todd Boyer requested that the applicant schedule a "pre-construction meeting" with Dhima as a condition of the building permit.

Don Nichols of KLN Construction said the applicant was ready to move forward immediately. There were no public comments for or against the project.

The Planning Board unanimously voted to

approve the plan, subject to final review by the Town Planner and Town Engineer.

The Planning Board

will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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# Trustees Begin Planning for December Staff Appreciation Dinner

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Oct. 8 to begin planning its annual staff appreciation dinner.

"Mondays are good because the library closes at five," said Trustee Chair Karen Bohrer. "We thought Monday, Dec. 1 would be early enough in December that not too many other holiday things are happening, but still close enough to the holidays."

Last year, the Trustees approved \$2,000 for the

dinner, which covered food, raffle baskets, prizes, and a small cash gift for all Rodgers Memorial Library staff members.

Trustee Margaret St. Onge supported bringing back the dinner but raised concerns about rising costs.

"I would rather make it a little more money - let's say \$2,500 - and whatever isn't spent comes back," said St. Onge. "It doesn't mean we have to spend that; I just want to make sure we don't go to pay the catering only to find with taxes or something, we don't have

enough. The caterer was wonderful last year and we had great feedback from everyone."

The Board approved the \$2,500 budget, hoping to replicate last year's success.

"I thought it would be a nice idea to extend an invitation to David Wagner," Bohrer suggested, referring to the professional facilitator who helped the library draft its latest strategic plan.

While she wanted to keep the event similar to previous years, Library

Director Linda Pilla said they "don't want the same thing," especially regarding details like raffle prizes.

"I just want to thank the staff for working so well all the time and doing all the things they do to make everything free and available - all the events they run," said Trustee Mimi Guessford. "This is a thank you for them all."

Trustee Ali Rafieymehr suggested adding staff photos to help patrons recognize employees.

"I think it's great, and it would be great if we have

pictures of the staff here someplace if that's okay with them," Rafieymehr said. "I remember in college I once walked by a professor and didn't even know who that professor was. Maybe we put the name on a door when we enter. I see a lot of the staff, I see many of them multiple times, and with some of them, I don't know their names."

Others agreed and suggested involving families more in the event.

"I like the idea of pictures because I usually go into the library in the

evening and on Saturday, and I don't see the gang that's there every day during regular hours," said Vice-Chair Lisa Weber. "I should also try to go to staff meetings."

Bohrer raised the possibility of posting Trustee photos as well to help staff recognize the Board.

Pilla promised to bring the matter to the library's next all-staff meeting.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in the HCTV room.

## Girl Scout Completes Gold Award Project at Benson Park; Covered Bridge

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The October meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee began with congratulations for Merrimack Girl Scout Amy Campbell,

who completed her Gold Award project repairing a retaining wall at Benson Park. The project received support from the Advisory Committee and Hudson's Department of Public Works.

"That is completed," said Committee Chair Jack Madden, calling the work "an enhancement on the Girl Scout Adopt-a-Spot" and a major success. "We have a picture, and it looks

pretty darn good. DPW apparently provided some gravel for that."

Committee member Jake Beauchemin noted the repair was more involved than simply filling gaps with gravel.

"They were out there mixing concrete in a wheelbarrow and the whole thing," he said. "They did a great job."

An official ribbon-cutting for the wall and Campbell's Gold Award was held Oct. 18 during the park's final Clean-up Day of the 2025 season.

Madden also introduced a new project: installing signs to identify Benson Park buildings listed on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places.

"This is a cast aluminum sign. Basically, it's a ten-inch circle with two holes to mount it on a standard signpost," Madden explained. "The Haselton Barn, Benson's Wild Animal Farm Bush Hill Road Barn, the Hudson Central Railroad Station, and the

Benson's Wild Animal Farm Office and Kitchen are all on the State Register. I propose we purchase three signs at \$75 apiece, plus \$10 to drill the holes."

He opposed attaching signs directly to buildings but emphasized the importance of marking historic sites. The Advisory Committee unanimously approved the expenditure.

The meeting also included an update on plans for a covered bridge as part of the Timber Stringer Trail project.

"About two months ago, I volunteered to help build the bridge," said Committee member Jan Horvath. "There's been a little delay, but I searched the Department of Agriculture and found plans

that fit our needs. I made original measurements. It will probably be about eight feet long."

The bridge is expected to be four to six feet wide, depending on trail standards.

"I'll find out what the standards are," Madden

said. "If we want it strong enough for a pickup truck, we'll need to check if six feet wide would support the weight. That said, I don't know if we need a truck crossing there - other routes exist. The only thing we'd use it for is the small tractor hauling mulch."

Madden cautioned against designing for heavy vehicles unless recommended by the Town Engineer.

"The cost for a pickup-capable bridge would be significantly higher," Horvath added. "My preliminary budget shows materials for the covered bridge will be around \$2,000."

Horvath plans to seek help with pouring a concrete foundation, the most technically challenging part of the project.

The bridge will primarily be serving as pedestrians foot bridge.

The next Benson Park Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

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# New IT Librarian Helps Resolve Major Technical Issue

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At the Oct. 8 meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Director Linda Pilla reported that Angie Hurshman, the new IT Librarian, is settling into her role - even after handling a major technical issue.

"She and I spend a lot of time talking about the passions she has for things that are important for the library, and she's super," said Pilla. "Something happened the other day when our comput-

ers went down and our phone service was interrupted. Angie was able to reset all of the computers, but within five minutes it happened again. The lights flickered, the phones went down again."

Pilla stated that the outage also affected Town Hall before being resolved.

"Angie handled it like a champ," said Pilla. "We touched base on old computers, programs on cybersecurity, and other things that are an interest to IT."

The Director expressed

optimism about Hurshman's future at the library, noting plans to improve staff security in the near future.

The Trustees also discussed the museum pass program after a patron expressed confusion about how many passes were available, suggesting the process was more complicated than simply reserving online.

"Do we know what the limits are on these passes?" asked Board member Ali Rafieymehr. "How many passes are available?"

Pilla explained that each museum has different rules and limitations.

"When you do a reservation and it says to visit their website, make sure to visit their website and follow through with all of the processes they require," she said. "It's a really good pass system."

Board member Margaret St. Onge encouraged residents to double-check museum hours and days of operation. Despite some confusion, Trustees praised the program as a valuable

resource for the community.

While highlighting the museum pass program, Pilla also shared updates on internal improvements. She noted that new furniture and snacks in the Teens and Tweens section have been a big hit since the start of the 2025 - 2026 school year.

"The new little bit of furniture in the Children's Programming Rooms has created the sort of ambiance that says to the teens and tweens 'this is your space,'" said Pilla. "The teens have been coming in, and the

Friends of the Library have been amazing by providing freshly baked cookies. Apparently, if you offer freshly made cookies to teenagers, they will come to the library. It's been a good time."

Vice-Chair Lisa Weber observed that the programming is especially popular during the fall sports season.

"It's another really great way to be somewhere where you don't have a parent hanging around," said Weber. "You can be at the library and you can just walk to your sport."

## ZBA Approves Conversion of Former Dentist Office to Apartment

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) opened its Oct. 23 meeting with a variance request to convert a former dentist office at 50 Derry St. into a two-bedroom apartment.

"Currently, what's on the lot is a preexisting multi-unit building that is, right now, a mixed-use of residential and commercial. It's on a small

lot, 0.48 acres, and at the moment we have three two-bedroom residential units, a small boat office that was once a travel agency, a studio apartment, a hair salon, and a dentist's office that is now closed," explained attorney Chris Drescher. "The relevant unit is the dentist office, and the applicant desires to repurpose that office into one more residential two-bedroom unit, just like the

other three."

Drescher emphasized that the proposed apartment would mirror existing units and that the property already meets parking and utility requirements.

"The property, beyond what we're here asking for tonight, is otherwise totally zoning compliant. All the stuff like square footages, frontage - all of that is good," he said, noting that

even the commercial zoning

hood.

"You mentioned that it fits the neighborhood. If I remember, just across the street, there is a duplex which is residential, and right next door to that is another commercial build that has mixed-use in it," said Board member Todd Boyer. "To say that it fits the neighborhood, I would agree with that."

Board member Timothy Lyko added that the building's existing apartments were a key factor.

"The fact that the building already has apartments is key, as is the fact that it's had apartments in the past," Lyko said. "It definitely

doesn't interfere with the neighborhood or the public at all."

No members of the public spoke for or against the application.

"I get it. I believe that what the owner is asking - to convert a commercial space to a residential space - is definitely doable. The market is a lot tougher on commercial spaces," said Board member Tim Lanphear. "The proposed use is a reasonable one."

The ZBA unanimously approved the request.

The Planning Board will meet on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

## Public Engagement

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employees doing those changes," Sorenson said. "But in the end, I think it's worth it. And we'll keep moving forward. We'll head off to the Budget Committee. We'll get the books ready for them. And we'll continue to move on through the process."

Also during the meeting, the Board received an update on the status of two community members nomi-

nated to serve on the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee.

Sorenson confirmed that the State of New Hampshire's Rivers Management Advisory Committee formally appointed Kathy Nardoni and Ruth Sessions to the committee.

"This is a three-year appointment and will ensure that Hudson has an active and engaged voice in the stewardship and manage-

ment of the Lower Merrimack River corridor, in accordance with the 2023 updated LMRLAC management plan," Sorenson wrote.

He added that he plans to reach out to the appointees to learn more about their work.

"I think it's important that the Board understands what they're working on and things of that nature," Sorenson said.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for Monday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

He argued that the mixed-use nature of the property is "consistent with the area," would not affect surrounding property values, and posed no concerns for wetlands or traffic.

Board members agreed the request fit the neighbor-

hood already has apartments is key, as is the fact that it's had apartments in the past," Lyko said. "It definitely

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# Conservation Tackles Weed and Invasive Species at Musquash and Otternic Ponds

**PAUL CONYERS**  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on Oct. 20 to address several mid-fall concerns, including a recent weed harvest at Otternic Pond by Aqualogic.

"They spent some time pulling stuff from the bottom of the pond," said Chair Carl Murphy.

Aqualogic removed fanwort and watermilfoil plants to curb overgrowth.

"Fanwort was dominating Otternic Pond," noted Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson.

"It depends on the year, but it can grow quickly under the right conditions. The problem with Otternic is that it doesn't have a lot of water depth - it's a shallow pond, maybe 40 acres at most."

He added that Otternic often feels "five feet deep or less" due to heavy weed cover, making kayaking unsafe.

"Do they harvest these by hand?" asked Secretary Chris Cameron.

Murphy explained that both hand cutting and chemical treatments are

options, though hand cutting is preferred for now. The report offered few details, but members indicated a second weed harvest was completed at Robinson Pond. Weed remediation, especially at Otternic, will take time.

"Otternic is more of a science experiment. It is not contained. It's a bigger problem and a bigger project that's going to take multiple years," said Dickinson. "Based on what I saw out there this year, they may request a chemical treatment later - we'll see

what they want to do next year."

The Commission also continued efforts to eradicate invasive knotweed from Conservation land. Forester Eric Radloff of Evergreen Forest Management returned for the task after overseeing knotweed removal in 2024.

"Eric Radloff reached out to me and sprayed for the knotweed out at Musquash in the first week of October. I would assume that if we were to go out there today, we would see some knotweed not doing

so well," reported Murphy.

Despite the spraying, Dickinson expressed concern that the treatment did not cover everything.

"I was out there and saw they eradicated it from the bottom, but there was still knotweed right at the top of the foundation of the old barn," said Dickinson. "Did they get the entire area?"

He also asked whether poison ivy was treated, though he noted weed cover seemed less problematic along trails in 2025, possibly due to drought conditions.

Knotweed remains difficult to manage because of its thick stems and tendency to regrow if not treated properly.

It was unclear whether the conservation property at Tiger Road was included in the treatment.

"My understanding is that they have completed their work up there. If there were problems or concerns, it would be brought to their attention," said Civil Engineer Don Kirkland. "They believe they're done."

Murphy promised to follow up on the matter.

# Selectmen OK Personnel Changes, Infrastructure Updates

**ALEX MALM**  
HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen addressed a series of personnel decisions and infrastructure updates - many of which were discussed during a non-public session prior to the public meeting.

Among the personnel

items was the acceptance of Hudson Police Officer Adam Royston's resignation, effective Oct. 27, as recommended by the Police Chief.

The Board also unanimously approved the hiring of two new full-time police officers: James Lake and Nicholas Michailides, each with a starting hourly wage of \$31.27.

In additional personnel matters, the Board accepted the resignation of Telecommunications Technician Matthew Drillet, also recommended by the Police Chief, with an effective date of Dec. 5.

Beyond staffing, the Board reviewed and approved infrastructure items related to water and sewer

services.

Development Services Director Elvis Dhima explained that the Planning Board had previously approved a site plan that included the installation of a municipal water line.

"The Planning Board previously approved a site plan that included the installation of a municipal water line," Dhima noted in a memo to the Board. "The approved scope of work consisted of approximately 450 linear feet of 8-inch water main connecting to the existing main on Ledge Road, along with the installation of one fire hydrant."

Dhima confirmed that the work met all town standards.

"The work has been

completed in accordance with the Town's construction standards and has successfully passed both pressure and bacteria testing," Dhima said during the meeting. "Acceptance of the water main is recommended, subject to a one-year warranty and the posting of a performance bond in the amount of \$10,800."

The Board unanimously approved the acceptance of the 8-inch water main for 34 - 40 Ledge Road.

The Board also addressed a sewer-related agenda item.

"The Planning Board previously approved a site plan that included the installation of a private sewer force main to serve four lots," Dhima wrote in a

memo. "The approved scope of work consisted of approximately 300 linear feet of 2-inch main, located within a private easement along Ledge Road. The force main is to remain private and maintained by a third party. The work has been completed in accordance with the Town's construction standards and has successfully passed the required pressure testing."

The Board of Selectmen approved recognizing the private sewer force main for 34 - 40 Ledge Road, as recorded on the as-built plan for Map 166 - Lot 11, as having been constructed in accordance with Town standards.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

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# Ovation Theatre's Freaky Friday Takes the Stage Nov. 14

Ovation Theatre Company is bringing a lot of laughs and maybe a few tears to the Derry Opera House stage, with *Freaky Friday*.

When an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again. *Freaky Friday*, a new musical based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films, is a heartfelt, comedic, and unexpectedly emotional update on an American classic. By spending a day in each other's shoes, Katherine and Ellie come to appreciate one another's struggles, learn self-acceptance, and realize the immeasurable love and mutual respect that bond a mother and daughter.

Kaitlyn Kuhn and Chloe Ferraro take on the fun acting challenge of switching personalities for most of the show. Ferraro starts the show as teenager Ellie Blake, but then plays most of the show as her mother, inhabiting her daughter's body. "It's really challenging. I get to have a lot of fun with my choices as Ellie and I get to play and be crazy. Then I get to flip that on its head as Katherine. It's difficult, because it's

very opposite of who I am. She's very elegant and classy, she has great posture and she's very by-the-book. I pretty much have to do exactly the opposite of what the younger people in the cast do. I get to play off of all of them, who are so talented, and then make completely different choices with my acting."

Ferraro and Kuhn spent a lot of time observing each other's physical and vocal choices, so that they could transform into each other. Ferraro notes, "I've tried to mimic her throughout the show, to more truthfully be playing her version of Katherine."

The song "Busted" features parent and teen characters busting each other for bad behavior.

Ovation's cast actually includes several combinations of parents and their teens, who have the opportunity to act together for this scene.

Abdu Nessralla and Parker Danzey are doing a show together for the first time. Parker loves playing alongside his dad. Abdu adds, "This memory of being in the show with him is something that will last for a really long time. I'm not a theatre guy, but I'm proud to be part of the Ova-

tion family in this production." When asked how close to home "Busted" strikes, father and son replied in unison, "Very!" Abdu laughed, "we're not acting on stage - we're just being ourselves," with Parker adding "It's all just jokes with each other."

Joseph Smith enjoys acting with both of his daughters, Malia and Marcella. "It is very exciting. I always hope that I don't embarrass them." Marcella agrees. "It's nice to have an opportunity to do something with my dad, being able to come to rehearsal and know that he's going to be there with me." For "Busted," Joseph admits that they can all relate. "I'm sure they're constantly waiting to bust me doing something, if they can." Malia agrees, laughing, "Yeah, it hits a little too close to home!"

*Freaky Friday* features a talented cast of actors drawn from all over New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. This production is led by creative team Director Meg Gore, Music Directors Ella Burroughs and Kevin Fisher, Choreographer Ro Gavin, Assistant Director / Stage Manager Audrey Labbe and Stage Manager Allison



Zenga. The cast includes Luke Anderson, Connor Burns, Chloe Ferraro, Bella Foster, Dan Gore, Kellen Perkins, Gemma Carr, Raylyn Paul, Jerry Primo Jr., Abby Maroun, Willa Furbush, Dana Gastich-French, Nick Metz, Karenélisë Metz, Caitlyn Kuhn and Elizabeth Robinson.

Alison Bialas, Ryan Kaplan, Evelinn Roach, Abdu Nessralla, Grace Foster, Charlotte Latour, Stephanie Murray, Joseph Smith, Malia Smith, Marcella Smith, Lily Tessier, Randy Williams, Parker Danzey, Suzy Denu, Jasper Eisele, Heather Lynch, presented on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 and 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors through Nov. 6; ticket prices go up on Nov. 7 and are on sale at [ovationtc.com](http://ovationtc.com).

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Edged Out of Playoff Spot Despite Close Win

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Football team accomplished what they need-

ed to on Friday night with a victory on the road over the Merrimack Tomahawks. Fans and the team, expected the win would get them into

the Division I playoffs this coming weekend.

That was not to be however, as the Monday brackets, the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association revealed that despite a very close 28-26 victory over the Tomahawks, the Londonderry Lancers were still able to grab the 13th seed, with their win over Windham, edging out the Broncos and getting the final playoff spot.

Coming into the game, Alvirne had won two consecutive games, with a 3-5 record and Merrimack was coming off their biggest loss of the season, a 16-51 defeat to Nashua South, and sat at 3-4.

The Broncos provided some very exciting moments in the game and looked extremely strong out of the gate, pushing the ball down the field on the ground throughout the game.

In Alvirne's first drive, on the first play of their

second set of downs, from their 45-yard line, senior runningback Mikey Landmesser carried the ball down the right side, evading tackles at the line, and dashed his way to the end-zone for a quick six-points with just a minute and a half off the clock.

Suleiman Suleiman made the extra-point and put the AHS team up 7-0.

The Tomahawks immediately bit into that lead with a 55-yard return on the kick-off, putting them at the Broncos 35-yard line to start their first possession with excellent field position.

The Tomahawks scored with a short screen pass at the 20-yard line, resulting in six-points. Alvirne spoiled the Tomahawks' plan of a two-point conversion for a 7-6 lead.

The Broncos had another fast scoring effort on the second drive of the game, starting at their 40-yard line.

Once again, on the first place of the second set of downs, Landmesser sprinted through the line, barely touched and finished with a 48-yard touchdown.

Another Suleiman kick put Alvirne up 14-6 with 7:25 left in the first quarter.

After a successful



Quarterback Ethan Dudley and running back Mikey Landmesser had combined for the four touchdowns needed to beat the Tomahawks Friday night.

defensive stop by AHS, their third drive ended like the other two, putting seven

with junior quarterback Ethan Dudley keeping the ball and running it in from the one-yard line.

That would be all the scoring the Broncos would do while Merrimack mounted a charge in the second half, scoring three touchdowns of their own, but came up two-points shy of tying.

Landmesser was a big  
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# Meet of Champions at Hills House Features One from AHS



CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

Just one member of the Alvirne High School Cross Country was able to qualify and compete in this year's New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Meet of Champions on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the school's home course.

Cartegena took to the Alvirne course to represent her school as the lone representative and finished the race at 20:33.99, taking the 57th spot out of the 144-runners competing.

The winner, Alexis Paterna a junior from Exeter High School, had a time of 17:05.13; followed by junior Madeleine Lane, of Hopkinton, placing second at 17:13.90; third

The Broncos Cross Country team had just one runner to qualify for the

final race of the fall sports season with Alvirne girls' scoring 292-points at the Division I Championship and having sophomore Olivia Cartegena crossed the finish line in 18th place with her time of 21:09.29.

Hanover High School took the team titles with 40-points; Oyster River was second with 100; and the Exeter Blue Hawks were

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part of the team's offense, getting 20 carries in his final game as a Bronco and tallying 178-yards of rushing yards with three of the four Alvirne touchdowns.

Dudley had 13 carries in the game for 27-yards with the one touchdown and went one-for-one in pass

place was senior Megan Faris at 18:08.27.

In the boys race, the Pinkerton Academy team took first with 49-points, followed by Hanover High School in second with 105, and Coe-Brown North-

third at 101.

Quinten Tetreault also had 13 carries and racked up 61-yards with the one reception for 28-yards.

With Alvirne and Merrimack finishing the year with four victories, both those that they had a chance to get a spot in the state championship, but the Lancers edged the out despite their 3-5 state record.



Sophomore Olivia Cartegena represented AHS at the MOC in Hudson on Saturday.

wood Academy taking ahead of Peyton Joslyn of Monadnock at 15:19.61

The winner, senior Sullivan Sturtz, of Keene High School, had a time of 15:18.25, just one-second with a time of 15:24.40.

## Football

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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.

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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 Jewelers, Hampstead, NH, Drop off anytime; Edward Jones, Chester, NH, Drop off anytime. 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](mailto:afrederick@hudsonnh.gov) or to Dispatcher Alyssa Anderson at Email: [aanderson@hudsonnh.gov](mailto:aanderson@hudsonnh.gov)

## 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

## St. Kathryn Holiday Bazaar

St. Kathryn R. C. Church in Hudson is holding its annual Holiday Bazaar and Penny Sale on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and then on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event includes visits with Santa Claus, a bake sale, craft fair, theme baskets, raffles, and face painting. Penny sales prizes include electronics, home décor, gift cards, toys and games, sporting goods, kitchenware, and more! Come get into the Christmas spirit and get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

## 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.

## Curious Kids

On Friday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library for Dinovember. There will be Tricera-toss, Dino Stomp, Dino dig sensory bin and Dino Craft.

## Stop the Bleed

On Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m., an ACS Stop the Bleed training course will be held at Rodgers Library to empower you to make a life-or-death difference when a bleeding emergency happens.

## 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

## Forest Colors Zendala

Come to Rodgers Library on Monday, Nov. 10 at noon and Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m., to create a Zendala using the Zentangle Method and the colors of the forest.

## Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Monday, Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. This month's book pick is "For the Love of Mike (Molly Murphy Series #3)" by Rhys Bowen.

## Tween Minecraft

A Minecraft Fall Festival will be held with Arrayscape Gaming on Monday, Nov. 10 at 3 p.m., at Rodgers Library. Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to explore a winding

hay maze, scavenge an arena for loot, gather hidden items, and win rewards for completing activities.

## 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.

## "She Kills" with True Crime

On Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., Rodgers Library will host this virtual event where author Skip Hollandsworth discusses his book "She Kills: The Murderous Socialite, the Cross-Dressing Bank Robber, and Other True Crime Tales."

## More Holiday Romance Book Recs

On Monday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m., the Rodgers Library 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.

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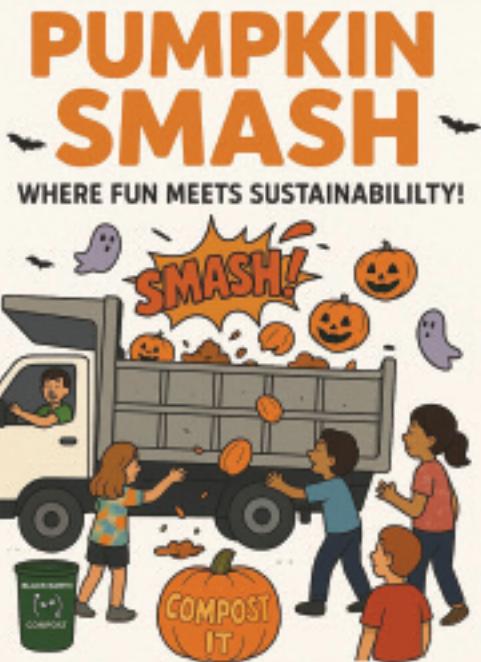
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### Afternoon Book Group

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 Alifirena, 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.

### NH Saves Button Up Workshop

On Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., learn about saving

electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from NH's energy utilities at Rodgers Library.

### "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"

### Sunday Family Camp

On Sunday, Nov. 9, from, 10 a.m. - Noon, learn about the traditions of Shabbat, work on projects related to the holiday and learn the Hebrew letters that spell the word Shabbat at Etz Hayim Synagogue. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, to ensure enough materials. The program is free, and no membership is required. Visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1) for more information.

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This event will run from Saturday, Nov. 1 through Wednesday, Nov. 19.

### 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.

### Holiday Dinner & Raffle

VFW Post 5791 Holiday Dinner & Raffle will be held

### Drop-Off Locations

You can contribute by dropping off donations at the following locations:

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### Items Needed

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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](mailto:cshay35@gmail.com) for tickets or more info. Great raffle prizes, music and fun.

Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Jonathan Biatch with musical accompaniment by Irina, religious school director. Adult services follow at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. Please RSVP to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) by Nov. 6, so we can plan for pizza.

### Al's Next Act: Your Smarter Future

On Thursday, Nov. 13, from, 7 - 8 p.m., Wayne Kurtzman leads an AI-

enabled social, communities, and collaboration for a global market intelligence firm. Discover what AI does now, what's next, and how it will transform work, life, and play. Learn practical steps to embrace AI and thrive in an (arguably) smarter world. Learn what is driving the changes, and how to embrace new skills in a changing world by learning to use (and enjoy) AI. The program is free and all are welcome! Please visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning)

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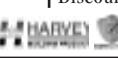
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### Buy-a-Brick and Show Gratitude

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.

### Veterans Day

Post 48 is holding its Veterans Day Service at the post located at 37 Central St. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. This event will include a live firing by our Honor Guard. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 603-889-9777

### 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.

### 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 attendees. Free admission.

### 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.

songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

### 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.

### 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 Memorial Library.

### Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., (execpt 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.

### 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

### 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

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.

### 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.

### Story Safari

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

### 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.

### A Good Yarn

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

### Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are 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 appointment

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### Overeaters Anonymous

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## 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 in Maine, 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 will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 4 - 7 p.m. at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. at St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church, 500 West Hollis St., Nashua, NH. Family and friends are kindly asked to meet at the church. Burial will follow 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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