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Wheelchair Patrol Fourth grade student, Bryce Flaven, had a custom made Paw Patrol vehicle donated to him by the UNH Magic Wheelchair Club for his Halloween costume this year. Bryce was given a parade through the halls of Hills Garrison Elementary School. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Public Hearing on Robinson Pond Improvements, Nov. 12

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items at the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a grant that the town is working on securing to help make improvements at Robinson Pond.

“The New Hampshire Department of State Parks has funds available, which can be utilized for a Robin-

son Pond recreational boat launch and swimming beach area in addition, these two projects will provide credit to the town towards our MS4 permitting requirements, which are due 2026,” Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Dhima that the Conserva-

tion Commission is currently “spearheading the efforts for the design and permitting of the projects.”

“The grant ceiling is up to one million dollars, with a 50% cost match from the Town, which will require Town approval March 2025,” Dhima wrote in a memo. “The funds will be used for the construction

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Brenton Ave. Traffic Study Runs into Public Criticism

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Oct. 23 meeting of Hudson Planning Board met on Oct. 23 to hear a traffic study from Colbea Enterprises, who wanted to put a gas station and convenience around 14 Brenton Ave. Project Manager, Chris Rice, of TFMoran stated that the study “did undergo third-party review” despite recent concerns from the Board and members of the public.

“It was done back in December of 2023, and it has been peer-reviewed,” explained Robert Duval, an Engineer at TFMoran. “The trip generation for the 5,400-square-foot convenience store with 12 fueling

positions is about 306 in the roadway peak hour. Like all gas-convenience stores, a significant number of those trips are ‘pass-by’ trips, which means that vehicles are already on the roadways, traveling to another destination.”

He stated that such pass-by trips would likely represent three-quarters of gas station customers and would be from people already using the nearby Lowell Road. According to the study, around one trip per minute of new traffic would be added to Lowell during peak hours.

Despite the peer review, Board member, James Crowley, believed the report failed to account for every

factor. “There are major missing projects not incorporated into the current study,” he said, adding that several nearby projects, like the Life is Good facility, did not seem to be in the traffic study. “I also do not understand why, just across the river, several major Nahua residential developments or a major condo development called Rosewood and Lichfield were not included in the traffic impact study.”

Crowley worried about “background growth contributors” pass-by traffic might have, noting many drivers pass through Hudson already. Crowley also wants to know why the

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Cost Delays Progress on Infrastructure Study Vote

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At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to potentially moving forward with taking action on an advisory petition warrant article that passed last March.

The warrant article stated:

“Should the Town of Hudson complete a comprehensive infrastructure study independently run by a qualified third-party contractor unrelated to the Town of Hudson or the Nashua Regional Planning Commission? This study will include the following:

1. Comprehensive traf-

fic study and impact for the entire town to include all developments being built and approved to be built.

2. Emergency services review of staffing, equipment, and training needed based on the facilities and anticipated demand from all the development. This includes, Police, Fire, and DPW.

3. Impact on our schools based on the high-density housing and the housing development under construction.

4. Sewer and water needs for the town.

5. Review the current impact fees assigned to developers based on this study.

6. The study results are

expected to be used to upgrade and improve the Master Plan, Zoning ordinance, Land Use regulations, and to determine the impact to budgets/taxpayers and equipment/facilities/staffing needed to function.”

The warrant article was not recommended by the Board of Selectmen on a 3-1, and no funding was allocated for the warrant article.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, explained that she wanted to understand what their next steps are now that they had a public hearing on it to get more feedback.

“What are the steps forward,” Jakoby said, noting that they could also decide not to take any action.

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Conservation Commission Looking to Add Treasurer

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The October meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission saw its members go over expenditures for the year intending to go through some of the finer details before budget season.

“We get a pretty carte blanche expenditure report that just tells us gross spending,” said Chair, William Collins, who had the details on specific expenses like trail signage and the addition of a new GPS app. He wanted to discuss the issue more in-depth when more members were present.

Additionally, the Chair

wanted to create a treasurer position for the Conservation Commission.

“Every committee or commission can have various seats and the treasurer would not be an elected position, somebody can just volunteer to track when we make a motion, where that money’s coming from,” said Collins. “Keep that in mind for November, a treasurer’s position for 2025.”

Total spending for the year so far was \$34,691, much of which went towards lake management, including recent invasive species control efforts at Robinson Pond and Tonic Pond. Their professional

services account still had \$27,616, and the overall cash flow was \$795,479, most of which was in the conservation fund earmarked for land purchases.

Alternate, Christopher Cameron, confirmed the conservation fund was separate from the annual budget.

“We’re not overspending, that’s a good thing,” said Collins, who was optimistic about the state of Conservation finances through the rest of the fiscal year.

With extensive work for waterways around Hudson, the Commission aimed to put more focus on a water quality protection plan for

Robinson Pond. Members asked what actions might reduce the inflow of pollutants, like fertilizers contributing to cyanobacteria blooms. Studies revealed that an engineering solution to minimize runoff from the surrounding watershed would be the most effective approach.

“They’re trying to recommend reducing the annual total phosphorus load entering the pond by 40%,” said Commissioner John Walker, reading through the goal of the project. “That would mean just about every stream or streamlet that goes in there would need to be somehow moni-

tored.”

“It was closed more than it’s been open,” added Selectmen Liaison, Dave Morin, referring to Robinson Pond. “That’s how it’s been for the past four years.”

Other recommendations included regulatory changes to keep new buildings farther away from the edge of water sources.

“If we were to implement this plan or any parts of this plan, would that come from our checking account?” asked Cameron. “Where would that come from?”

The idea was to use outside sources, including state

and federal grants, to offset much of the cost. The issue was also likely to be before voters next March. Combined with the Robinson Pond Boat Ramp, improvements to the area could exceed \$1 million.

It was unclear what percentage would need to be funded by Hudson.

“The next step will be applying for grant funding to get some of these projects going,” said Collins. “We’ll see where the next step will be.”

The Conservation Commission is set to meet again on Monday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Abatement of Old Benson Park Train Station Delayed

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The Benson Park Committee met on Oct. 17 to discuss an update to their plan to open the old Hudson Train station to the public. Owing to health concerns, the building cannot be opened without lead and mold mitigation.

Despite some progress over the past few months, the inspection and mitigation push to fix the lead paint, mold, and moisture problems was put on hold

after Committee Chair, Jack Madden, was unable to follow up with the town’s abatement contractor. Acting Chair, Judy Brouillette, promised to take over from Madden.

“It is going to be pushed back for a little bit so I can find some time to sit down with them and really go over that. I want to make sure it’s being done correctly,” she said. “That is just going to be pending for now.”

There was also an

update regarding a family interested in purchasing a memorial tree in the park.

“They have a very specific tree they are hoping to be able to have planted. They are very flexible in the location and stuff, which makes it easier,” said Brouillette. “The Parks Department is who basically runs that piece of it, so it’s more the logistics of how do we get the money to moving forward on the tree.”

Fortunately, the species

of tree selected is native to Southern New Hampshire, allowing the Benson Park Committee to avoid environmental concerns. The family also expressed interest in participating in the Adopt-A-Spot program. No new tree planting is likely until the spring of 2025.

The Benson Park Committee is looking for people interested in manning their volunteer table to coordinate Clean-Up days.

“When people are coming into the park, they have a location to go to and they’re asked to sign in, fill out the waivers we have for the park, and then they’re

given their direction to go in what area,” the Acting Chair explained. “We used to have someone who was there, but they’re no longer doing that.”

The Committee had been struggling to find people consistently capable of filling that table job.

“You’re just greeting people, just making sure they sign in, and sending them on their way,” said Brouillette. “We could have a teenager who could do this, we could have an elderly person, and someone in-between.”

Committee member, Gary Williams, suggested

printing flyers and posting them on park kiosks. The Friends of Benson Park also offered to ask around.

Anyone interested in the job should email any member of the Benson Park Committee. Volunteer Clean-Up days normally run from spring to mid-fall every year, weather permitting. With the 2024 season ending, no further Clean-Up days are expected until next April.

The Hudson Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

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School Board Review District's Resignation Policy

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The Hudson School Board had a first reading for its policy related to Board Member or District Officer Resignation during its recent meeting.

"Any citizen who files

for and seeks election to the School Board or other district office should do so with full knowledge of and appreciation for the investment in time, effort, and dedication expected for district officers and that the citizen's intent is to serve a full

term of office," the policy states.

It goes on to state, "However, if, for reasons of health, change in domicile, or any other compelling reason a School Board member or other officer does decide to terminate

service, the board requests earliest possible notification of intent to resign so that the board may plan appropriately for filling the vacancy per School Board policy BBBE (relative to filling vacancies)."

For a "tender of resignation" it states that "Ideally, a board member intending to resign will provide a written letter of resignation to the school district clerk, c/o the superintendent, with a copy to the School Board Chair (or vice chair if the chair is the one submitting the resignation). Alternatively, a board member may submit a letter of resignation at a meeting of the board. In the event that a board member tenders a resignation orally, outside of a public meeting, the board member will be requested to confirm the resignation in

writing and submit the same as stated above."

Under Board acknowledgement, the policy states "Whether submitted in writing or not, the board shall address the tendered resignation either at the meeting at which the tender is received or at the next public meeting of the board. There is no need for the board to formally "approve" the resignation, as a board may not compel a member to serve a full term by way of a negative vote on a motion to "accept". However, the board, through the chair or presiding officer, should acknowledge the tendered resignation at the meeting and assure that the same is reflected in the minutes."

The letter/statement of resignation "should indicate when the resignation will be effective. If the tendered

resignation does not state a date, then the letter shall be deemed to express an intent that the resignation take immediate effect. Also, pursuant to RSA 652:12, some vacancies (e.g., moving out of the district, conviction of a felony while in office, etc.) arise by operation of law upon a specific occurrence, and therefore are effective upon the occasion of that occurrence," the policy states.

As part of the policy, it also has a clause for withdrawal of a resignation stating "A tendered resignation, whether made in writing or orally, may not be withdrawn after the board's acknowledgement without the consent of a majority of remaining board members upon vote taken in a public meeting prior to a successor being appointed."

Robinson Pond

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phase of the boat launch and swimming beach area, while supporting our MS4 permit obligations."

It was explained by Dhima, that currently the beach area, unlike the board launch area, is not open to the public and is only for Hudson residents. Dhima, however, explained that if they were to open up the beach area to the public, and not just for Hudson residents, they would have a better chance of getting the grant.

"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 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."

It was also noted by Dhima that "On August 13, 2024 we received confirma-

tion that our projects have met the minimum requirements and we can move forward with the grant application."

It was noted that before any changes could be made, they would have to hold a second public hearing, which is set to take place on Nov. 12.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, noted that like any other public hearing, if people have opinions on it one way or another then they should attend the meeting, or provide feedback, so they can consider it when they make a decision one way or another about moving forward with the change.

"Please get your input in," he said.

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Editorial

Hope for Peace

Veterans Day, once known as Armistice Day, is not a time of celebration, but rather intended instead as a break in the routine. It is a time to reflect on our freedoms and the sacrifices of those who have fought to defend what we hold dear, that which we often take for granted.

Armistice Day began at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, a date that Americans would honor because it marked “the war to end all wars”, which turned out to be premature.

We turned hope into wishful thinking, which is the message that underlies what is now known as Veterans Day. Due to the deaths and devastation of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, the Gulf war, Iraq, and Afghanistan, it was essential to spread the message of hope and peace, which was provided by President Wilson. Wilson wrote a proclamation on November 11th, proclaiming Armistice Day. Let us hope that message is as strong today as it was then. Let us not simply accept that power and greed will rule forever.

When Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and established Armistice Day, in a resolution passed in 1926, it referred to a phrase found in a document related to Veterans Day. This signified the idea that America was returning to a state of peace after the war, with the hope that peace would be permanent, and that the end of war would be the beginning of peaceful relations around the world.

The phrase found in the document goes as follow, “Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far-reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed...” The resolution continues to say, “It is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations,” advocating marking the date “with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.”

In 1938, November 11th became a federal holiday, dedicated to world peace. In 1954, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to honor veterans for their service in all the wars.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs emphasizes that Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge their contributions to national security, and to underscore that all those who have served, living and dead, have sacrificed and done their duty to their country.

It's much more than a day when mail isn't delivered or school is not in session. Veterans Day should serve as a reminder that our veterans deserve recognition and thanks for their sacrifice, and an acknowledgment of what they are fighting for; which is ultimately world peace.

Second Gas Station Entryway Rejected by Planning Board

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HUDSON TIMES

The most recent meeting of the Hudson Planning Board had its members review a site walk near the intersection of Breton Road, Atwood Avenue, and Lowell Road where a combined gas station, convenience store, and car wash may soon be located. That site walk revealed concerns over a proposed driveway allowing drivers to enter and leave the gas station on Atwood Avenue, which would require a waiver.

TFMoran Engineer, Robert Duval, asserted that the secondary Atwood driveway was vital for “the benefit of the neighbors” and for “ease of emergency vehicles going in and out of the site.” Board members were skeptical of that reasoning.

“Typically, when I’m thinking of a waiver for a second driveway, I’m thinking it’s to provide a safer means of access for traffic to get off of a roadway. I attended the site walk, I attempted to take my vehicle and make a lefthand turn

out of Atwood during a non-peak hour on a Saturday and it took my six-and-a-half minutes because the sightline of that intersection is horrible,” said Chair, Tim Malley. “Now you’re trying to sell me on a waiver when the 12 people at the back of the room are about to stand up and say they don’t want this.”

That prediction proved to be true when multiple abutters also questioned the placement of the second driveway, whether the area needed yet another gas station, and whether it was a good idea to install what many feared would be a noisy carwash to the facility.

“Who has to have a 24-hour carwash?” asked Darrell Noble of 12 Atwood Ave. “How commercial are we?”

Other residents called for measures to reduce noise related to the carwash. With the site likely to see a redesign in the near future, members were reluctant to comment on the carwash, preferring to focus on the second driveway until a

future meeting.

“If you’ve got school-children who are waiting for buses, I think the word ‘safety’ is an inaccurate word,” said Alternate, Todd Boyer. “I think it’s a huge safety concern to have that access off of Atwood.”

Member, Victor Oates, noted that emergency vehicles would likely visit the gas station “once a year, possibly twice a year.” He did not think a second driveway would meaningfully impact the emergency service’s ability to access the site one way or the other.

The Planning Board unanimously voted not to approve the waiver, rejecting the Atwood driveway.

Duval reiterated his belief that a second driveway onto Atwood would benefit everyone but stated that the rest of the plan could go ahead without it if necessary.

“If it’s the pleasure of this Board not to approve this waiver, that doesn’t mean the project can’t go ahead,” he said. “The project can go ahead.”

Traffic

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drive-through window proposed for the convenience store was left out of the study.

Board member, Victor Oates, believed a one-percent growth estimate seemed unrealistic when taking the expected Target Logistics Center and Life is Good facility into account.

Duval stated such factors were covered in an earlier scoping meeting to determine what to include in the traffic study.

“By far the overwhelming amount of traffic from Life is Good came from the south,” he argued. “There’s very few trips that would be added here and it will not affect the study, if it’s included.”

Chair, Tim Malley,

questioned why the drive-through numbers did not receive more emphasis.

“It’d make more sense to anticipate the larger volume,” said Malley.

In-house counsel, Jay Hall, from Colbea called the impact of the drive-through similar to a “small 500-square-foot coffee shop.” He did not think including EV charges would be a significant trip generator.

Colbea agreed to examine the possible impact of customers visiting only the convenience store or car wash. The study mainly focused on traffic to the gas pumps.

Darrell Noble of 12 Atwood Ave. claimed morning traffic in the area was already busy enough without the gas station.

“I’ve heard a couple people say they’ve actually

tried to come onto Atwood Avenue and tried to pull out onto Lowell Road. If you do this daily, like we do, at 7 a.m. in the morning, you cannot get out on that road,” he said. “It’s a 30 mile per hour speed limit you find me someone who’s doing 30 miles per hour in a morning commute, it’s 45, all day long.”

“The traffic at County Road is going to get worse, the traffic at Atwood is going to get worse,” added Richard Patterson of 2 Madison Dr. “I find it hard to believe only 70 new trips per day are generated.”

A final decision on the proposal is not expected for some time.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Fourth Grader Gets Magic Wheelchair Parade in School



University of New Hampshire Occupational Therapist and Engineering students delivered a paw patrol wheelchair costume for fourth grade student, Bryce Flaven at the Hills Garrison Elementary School last week, then took part in a parade through the hallways of the school last week.

Bryce's mom and dad also attended the

parade that brought out every student in the school.

Two Granite State students were selected to have costumes constructed by the Magic Wheelchair Club, a national organization that builds costumes for children in wheelchairs at no cost to families.

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Dedicated Bench Request at Benson Park Gets Tabled

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The Oct. 17 meeting of the Benson Park Committee opened with public input as resident, Judy Van Kleef, asked the Committee for help.

"I'm here on behalf of my significant other who passed in March, his name was Robert Turmel, he was born and raised in Hudson, he worked at Benson as a child, and his brother Richard worked there," she said. "Richard has a bench in his name, and it was Robert's dying wish that he have a

bench next to his brother. He was born and raised in Hudson, this would've meant a lot to him, it means a lot to me."

Currently, the Benson Park Committee no longer takes requests for memorial benches in the park and has a backlog of bench requests.

"There was a determination made that the benches have kind of filled the areas we think would be needed," explained Acting Chair, Judy Brouillette. "At our last meeting, we talked about using funds for a picnic table."

Park policy bans perma-

nent and semi-permanent fixtures, including statues, upright memorials, monuments, and fountains. Despite that policy, Committee members were receptive to the request considering the circumstances, although a lack of quorum prevented them from holding any formal vote at the October meeting.

"We have to take into consideration that there are other people on the waiting list, it wouldn't just be your park bench that we would have to consider, because it

wouldn't be fair to those on the list," said Brouillette. "We will add it to the agenda for next month and it's something we can discuss and actually vote on."

The Chair thanked Van Kleef, adding that they always appreciate public attendance at meetings.

On the topic of new picnic tables, Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park, had an update on getting new picnic tables, raising the idea of seeing if anyone on the bench waiting list might be interested

in a picnic table instead.

"The cost of them was significantly higher than the bench, about \$1,200 per table, utilizing the same company that uses recycled material," said Newell. "I have not contacted everyone on the waiting list, but a couple of people I've chatted about on it are not really happy about doing picnic tables as a memorial donation."

Those interested in memorial donations cited the higher cost associated with a picnic table. The Friends of Benson Park was

still weighing its options on how to move forward. The benches are \$900.

"Do you think people were opposed because it was a picnic table or do you think they were opposed because of the cost," asked Brouillette.

Newell believed expense was the main issue, suggesting putting two memorial plaques on one table to lower the per-person cost.

The Committee is set to meet on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

Library Trustee Look for New Ways to Thank Part-Time Staff

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The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Oct. 16 to discuss how to recognize and encourage several part-time employees to continue with their para-librarian certifications.

"I've really been encouraging part time staff to do professional development and participate in workshops," said Library Director, Linda Pilla. "We've got people who are now really actively moving along and gaining the points that they need to get their certifications. It's inevitable, hopefully it'll happen by the end of the year."

Board members also discussed ways to congratulate the part-time staff, possibly with a formal award and recognition at a future meeting to show the library's appreciation and progress. Trustee, Erin Henderson, suggested offering bonuses to the staff.

"I wonder if we can go to them and present some sort of certificate. A bonus and a gift," she said.

"Let's make sure we're showing the town that we're always improving," added Trustee, Margaret St. Onge.

The meeting also included a review of the library's circulation policy. Only a few small changes were made, even though the

policy was admittedly overdue for revision.

"This is one of the policies the Board would like to have every year. It has been three years," said Pilla. "Under the Library of Things, we have increased the number of items a patron can borrow from one item to two, and we have increased the loan period from one week to two weeks, but there are now no renewals on these items, so they have to come back after two weeks."

Unlike books, anything borrowed from the Library of Things will incur late fees at \$5 per day, capped at \$25. Patrons must sign an agreement promising to pay replacement or repair costs of any damaged items.

"A Library of Things policy is something we probably do need to look into," suggested Henderson. "Especially with the secondary questions like if there's an age limit."

She noted the signed agreement would probably not be enforceable for patrons under 18.

"We had a situation where a young person stopped by the library to pick up an item on behalf of a parent, and that was the first time I'd even come across that," said Pilla. "I believe a sperate policy is a good idea."

The Director promised to look at adding a formal policy by next December or January. The Library of Things revision was unanimously approved by the

Board of Trustees.

There were plans to interview five candidates for an open, full-time position at Rodgers Memorial

Library. Citing a need to fill the spot quickly, Pilla hoped to narrow the search to one candidate in the coming weeks.

OBITUARY

Thung Y. Chin



Thung Y. Chin, 96, of Hudson, NH passed away peacefully on Sunday Nov. 3, 2024, at home, surrounded by his loving family, after a lengthy illness. Thung was born in Canton, China on May 17, 1928, beloved son of the late Yock Wing Chin and the late Dong Fong Dik Chin. He was the beloved brother of the late Robert Chin and the late Lily Yee. In addition, he was the beloved brother of Daniel Chin, James Chin, Nancy Wong, Louis Chin and Lucille Shahan.

Thung was the beloved father of Thomas and David Chin and the late Joanne Chin Blake; He was the beloved husband to the late May Yen Chin.

Thung came over to the U.S. to be nationalized at a young age via boat. He grew up in Brookline, MA and worked very hard at his father's laundry business. He was drafted to the Army in the 1950's and served as a cook for a period of time. Prior to receiving his honorary discharge, he took on the role of a butler for a one-star general in Fort Knox, KY. He was so happy that he bought his first army jeep while working for the Army.

In the 1960's, he attended radio school and became an electronics super do it person. Other roles included working in the Quincy shipyard.

During his years in Saugus, Thung ran Elite TV Service where he installed alarms and antennas on all of the Route 1 motels as well as fixing radios and televisions. From there he continued his electronics career by working for Sanders Associates of Nashua, NH from 1972 to his long, and long deserved, retirement in 1990. He spent tireless hours commuting between Saugus and Nashua and continued to support his 3 children: Thomas, Joanne, David and wife: May.

The mid-80's is when Thung and the family relocated to NH. He became a Chinatown Post Commander and member of the Chinatown American Legion. He was awarded a Boston Proclamation by Mayor Ray Flynn for initiating the Asian War Heroes dedication.

A time of visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 8 from 4 - 7 p.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. A Graveside Service with prayers and Military Honors will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m., in Hills Farm Cemetery, 160 Derry Rd., (Behind Alvirne Chapel) in Hudson, NH. All may please meet at the cemetery. Please drive into the cemetery from the Alvirne Chapel parking lot. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Benson Park Committee Must Use Donations by End of Year

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The latest meeting of the Benson Park Committee saw its members discuss the purchase of replacement tools needed to make the day-to-day upkeep of the park easier for volunteers. Recently, the Friends of Benson Park nonprofit offered to make a \$3,000 donation the help with that task. Considering the Committee has a relatively small budget, with \$1,100 in its account, this was a significant donation.

"That money has to be

spent by the end of this year, Dec. 31," Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park reminded the Committee. "It's the end of our fiscal year. So, it has to be off the books by the end of the year."

While there was a "wish list" of tools Benson Park might need, a final decision had not yet been made.

"How do we go from 'Here's our list' to 'How do we get the product?'" asked Acting Committee Chair, Judy Brouillette, who was worried about reimbursement. "It's one thing for someone to pay out of pocket

for a lunch or something, but it's another thing for them to buy equipment that could come up to \$3,000."

Newell told the Committee to send their decision to the Friends, who would make the purchase directly. Brouillette expected to have more information on what they wanted to buy next month.

The Department of Public Works announced it was ready to go regarding the transportation of two lion statues dating back to the days of Benson's Wild

Animal Farm. While the donation of the heavy statues has been accepted, coordinating a move from private property to their new home in Benson Park has been challenging, even with DPW's offer to help.

"The DPW is ready to go yesterday," said Brouillette, adding that communication with the statues' old owners has been the main issue, along with the final placement of the statues. "The family has voiced some concerns about the statues being placed into the

gorilla cage. The DPW was willing to pick them up from the property in a new location, but they're not comfortable putting them in the gorilla cage.

Originally, the Benson Park Committee wanted to protect the statues from vandalism by locking them in the gorilla cage, a decision that will need to be revisited at the next meeting. The hope was to at least get the lions moved into temporary storage for the winter, making the statues easier to repair after an

inspection found some damage.

"Over the winter, I'm going to fix them myself," said Committee member, Gary Williams. "It's going to take a little bit to fix the crack in them. I think I can patch those, though it's painting I'm worried about."

Brouillette pointed out that the Committee has a local artist already helping them with murals in the park who might be willing to paint the statues next spring.

OBITUARY

Taylor Marie Annese



Taylor Marie Annese, 33, of Merrimack, NH passed away on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024. She was born in Lowell, Mass., daughter of Patrick "Nick" and Karen (Pierro) Annese of Hudson, NH.

In her younger years, Taylor was a member of the pony club and participated in English horse riding and jumping events, she also enjoyed showing horses. Her horse was named Solo. She loved being around horses and enjoyed teaching younger children riding and event skills. She loved all animals. Taylor was a 2009 graduate of Alvirne High School and for over the past 6 years, Taylor was recently employed at Pets Choice in Merrimack, NH as a dog groomer.

Taylor became a loving and dedicated mother in 2014 to Braiden whom she loved with all her heart. She encouraged Braiden to be her hiking partner any chance she got. She loved a good kayak trip and would often enjoy them side by side with her mother. She enjoyed tagging along with her big brother Brian and often a lot of their friends would overlap to the point you didn't know who were friends first.

Taylor enjoyed hiking not only in New England, but throughout the country including Colorado and Northern California. She loved her family and really enjoyed family trips together and just being able to catch up with everyone. She enjoyed fitness and attending Crossfit, even bringing Braiden along to lead a healthy lifestyle by example.

She was a true friend to so many who have described her as a beautiful soul and a person who had a smile that can brighten any day. Taylor's positive energy was infectious and she was always the life of the party. Taylor was an adventure seeker who always wanted to try new and exciting things. Recently, Taylor was learning to ride a motorcycle in hopes of riding alongside her father soon.

Besides her loving parents, Taylor is survived by a son; Braiden Strickland of Merrimack, NH, a brother; Brian Annese and his wife Shana of Hudson, NH a niece; Aurora Annese of Hudson, NH, Aunts and Uncles; Steven Pierro and his wife Marianne of Valatie, NY.

Brian Pierro and wife Lisa of Yorba Linda, CA, Cousins; Michael & Thomas of Valatie, NY and Melody, Martin, & Maggie of Yorba Linda, CA, Grandparents; William Pierro & wife Diane of Chelmsford, MA. She is predeceased by grandparents Patrick Annese and Joyce Annese of Bunnell, FL.

Following cremation, a time of visitation was held on Saturday, Nov. 2 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A celebration of Taylor's life followed after. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Taylor's loving memory to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm online at www.mspca.org/adoption-centers/nevins-farm-adoption-center/ If donating by check; MSPCA-Angell, Attn: Donations, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH is in charge of arrangements.

School Board Review Resignation Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had a first reading for its policy related to Board Member or District Officer Resignations during its recent meeting.

"Any citizen who files for and seeks election to the School Board or other district office should do so with full knowledge of and appreciation for the investment in time, effort, and dedication expected for district officers and that the citizen's intent is to serve a full term of office," the policy states.

It goes on to state, "However, if, for reasons of health, change in domicile, or any other compelling reason a School Board member or other officer does decide to terminate service, the board requests earliest possible

notification of intent to resign so that the board may plan appropriately for filling the vacancy per School Board policy BBBE (relative to filling vacancies)."

For a "tender of resignation", it states that "Ideally, a board member intending to resign will provide a written letter of resignation to the school district clerk, c/o the superintendent1, with a copy to the School Board Chair (or vice chair if the chair is the one submitting the resignation). Alternatively, a board member may submit a letter of resignation at a meeting of the board. In the event that a board member tenders a resignation orally, outside of a public meeting, the board member will be requested to confirm the resignation in writing and submit the same as stated above."

Under Board acknowledgement the policy states "Whether submitted in writing or not, the board shall address the tendered resignation either at the meeting at which the tender is received or at the next public meeting of the board. There is no need for the board to formally "approve" the resignation, as a board may not compel a member to serve a full term by way of a negative vote on a motion to "accept". However, the board, through the chair or presiding officer, should acknowledge the tendered resignation at the meeting and assure that the same is reflected in the minutes."

The letter/statement of resignation "should indicate when the resignation will be effective. If the tendered resignation does not

state a date, then the letter shall be deemed to express an intent that the resignation take immediate effect. Also, pursuant to RSA 652:12, some vacancies (e.g., moving out of the district, conviction of a felony while in office, etc.) arise by operation of law upon a specific occurrence, and therefore are effective upon the occasion of that occurrence," the policy states.

As part of the policy, it also has a clause for withdrawal of a resignation stating "A tendered resignation, whether made in writing or orally, may not be withdrawn after the board's acknowledgement without the consent of a majority of remaining board members upon vote taken in a public meeting prior to a successor being appointed."

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Planning Board Approve Bonds, Favors Safety Beacon

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Oct. 9 to discuss performance sureties, starting with the establishment of a reduced maintenance bond related to road infrastructure at Terraceview Drive. The bond was for \$149,465.00, around a third of the original \$463,086.60 when work started in August of 2021.

“Essentially it’s all built, but you’ve got to have a maintenance bond for two years to make sure it doesn’t fall apart?” asked Board member, James Crowley.

Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, confirmed that was the purpose of the reduced bond.

“It’s basically an insurance on our part to make sure that if something does fall apart, even though everything looks perfect now, that

two years from now, if something goes wrong, we can cash that money ourselves,” he explained. “Typically, you get one year for anything, but not in Hudson. We get two years.”

As the bond covers the Granite Heights subdivision, developers are responsible for such maintenance, with the bond mainly existing in case the town might need to take responsibility for any reason. Dhima was confident the bond would not be needed.

“Everything that gets done here gets done right the first time, we haven’t had a problem,” said Dhima. “Usually, we would not take anything if it’s not ready. We’re pretty strict about that.”

The Planning Board unanimously approved the reduced Granite Heights bond.

The Town Engineer also had a quick presentation for the approval of funding needed to install a new rapid flashing beacon on Lowell Road and Roosevelt Avenue.

“This what brought up by Mr. Collins, who was Conservation Chair a couple of years ago, and it was approved by the Highway Safety Committee. It was put on hold for awhile due to funding, but it came back to light recently,” he said. “We now have the funding mechanism to get this work done using corridor funds which is what you as a Planning Board collect from the developers to do improvements on main corridors for safety improvements and on capacity and capability.”

Board members agreed safety should be a priority, but were curious about the

details.

“The beacons that you’re talking about are the yellow beacons?” asked Vice-Chair, Jordan Ulery. “Was any consideration given to the type of beacons they have down on 114 down at Merrimack College, which are red light?”

Dhima confirmed the

beacons would be yellow and stated that he had not seen any red-light beacons. He called the yellow flashing lights the “industry standard” and emphasized confidence in that choice.

“If we don’t see these as successful down the road, we can look into what you’re saying,” he prom-

ised. “As of now, I have no indication that we need to make changes.”

The Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend using corridor funds for safety beacons. While the \$19,989.00 cost would not come from the general fund, it needs final Board of Selectman approval.

Infrastructure

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Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, noted they don’t have a budget for it, but said the next step would be to put together some sort of RFQ to see what it costs to have the study done.

Selectman, David Morin, noted that despite the people who went to the public hearing, generally

supporting it, they didn’t have a lot of people attend.

“We had nine people there,” he said.

Morin also noted that they don’t necessarily need to move forward with it, and also added that it’s likely going to be very expensive to do it.

Selectman, Dillon Dumont, said they could utilize some of the reports

and studies that they already have done to help lower the costs.

Jakoby said she would like to see the scope put forward at some point so its a number they could consider and then they could consider putting it forward as a warrant article. She also recognized, however, that it wouldn’t likely be for March.

“All I’m asking is for us to address the warrant article before us which is a comprehensive study,” Jakoby said.

It was ultimately decided for now that they would have the reports they currently have done up online for people in Town to be able to review, while they also continue to look at a possible infrastructure study down the road.

“I think we can continue the discussion,” Guessferd said.

OBITUARY

William A. Willis



William A. Willis, 84, of Hudson, NH died Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 in the Fairview Nursing Home in Hudson.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 5 - 7 p.m., at The Sanctuary, 123 Derry Rd., Hudson.

Further arrangements that will be held in California.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Colts Capture Middle School Soccer Championship



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Memorial Girls' Soccer team finished out their season last week celebrating a Tri-County Middle School Championship and an undefeated season.

The Colts most recent victory came in the Division I finals with a nail-biting 2-1 over Mountain View Middle School of Goffstown.

The win gave the girls a

9-0-1 record, with the only blemish coming from Londonderry with a 2-2 tie.

Leading up to the championship game, on Tuesday, Oct. 29, the HMS girls claimed a 2-0 win over Salem in the semi-finals in Hudson.

In the championship game, on Friday afternoon, Nov. 1, the girls battled through a tough opponent, a hard wind, and some key injuries to come away with

the school's sixth state title.

Both of the Colts goals came in the first half and both were placed in front of the net on corner kicks by Lia Brown.

The first came within the first five-minutes of the game, Brown delivered a beautiful centering past to Maura Hiller, who was able to put it in for the 1-0 lead.

The winning goal came just two minutes later on

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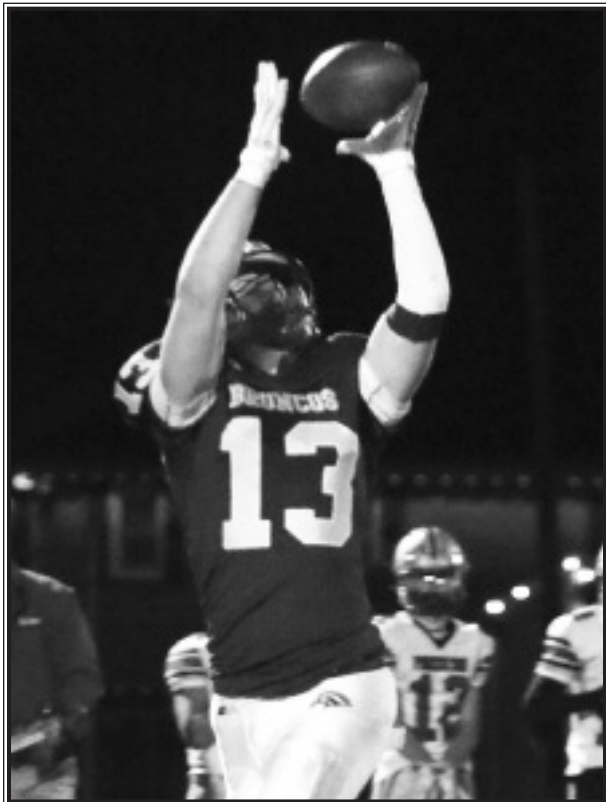
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Broncos Fall 30-17 to Astros in Regular Season Finale



Ryan Rocheleau was wide-open for this catch that resulted in a Brtoncos touchdown.



Quintin Tetreault wasn't given much room by the Pinkerton defense ion Friday night.



The Broncos defense was able to recover a Pinkerton fumble early in the fourth. *Photos by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School football team finished the regular season on a bit of a sour note, losing 30-17 to Pinkerton Academy.

This was the Broncos third loss of the season and dropped them from their second place status in the Central Division to fourth and an eighth seed in the upcoming Division I play-offs.

Next week, Alvirne will host their first playoff game in quite some time and it will be their second consecutive appearance in the state championship.

The Broncos first round playoff game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at Alvirne High School against the ninth-seeded Concord Crimson Tide.

In the team's final regular season game against the Astros, AHS actual led by halftime, but that lead van-

ished early in the second half.

The Broncos gave their fans some hope during their first drive of the game, but that drive stalled at the PA 38-yard line, where they punted.

Pinkerton started from their 8-yard line and the Broncos defense was able keep them from crossing mid-field.

The Broncos were pinned back to their 7-yard line after the PA punt and

were never able to move up field.

The bad field position resulted in a two-point safety when a high snap ended up in the AHS endzone.

The next PA possession gave the Astros another good scoring opportunity, after the kick return came back to the AHS 17-yard line with a long run down the sideline. It took just three plays for the Astros to get into the endzone and a 9-0 lead at 6:43 in the second quarter.

Alvirne had their first successful drive at that point in the game, thanks to a 53-yard pass by quarterback, Charlie Crawford, to Ryan Rocheleau.

Rocheleau caught the

ball at the 35-yard line and sprinted to pay dirt.

The Shawn Boudreeau extra-point made it a 9-7 game with just under three-minutes left in the half.

Following the AHS score, the Bronco defense held PA to a punt where the offense was able to start from their 33-yard line.

From there, Alvirne quickly marched down field for a field-goal to end the half with a 10-9 lead.

The field goal was set up by a 30-yard passing play from Crawford to Garrett Hall.

The Alvirne lead was short lived, after PA carried a well-booted second half kick off from their one-yard line all the way to the AHS

endzone for a 15-10 lead.

A fumble recovery by Alvirne on a punt at the 10-minute mark put the Broncos at the PA 19-yard line, but they weren't able to capitalize on that good fortune.

At 6:34, the AHS offense fumbled at their own 28-yard line, giving the Astros another scoring opportunity.

That mistake cost the Broncos another seven points and a 22-10 PA lead.

With 15-seconds left in the third, Crawford connected with Rocheleau again to get within a five-points.

Unfortunately for the Broncos, the Astros also tacked one more on for the 30-10 win.



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Hudson Colts head coach Frank Girginis celebrates with the team after winning the Tri-County Middle School Championship last week. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Soccer

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another corner kick by Brown this time to Leah Moreau, giving the Colts a 2-0 lead.

Mountain View was able to get one back, later in the first half, on a penalty kick.

The colts nearly put in an insurance marker before the halftime whistle on another corner kick. A number of Colts had contact with the ball, but MVMS was able to keep it out.

The Hudson defense really got a workout in the

second half, with two Colts being sidelined, one of which was the goaltender.

Brown displayed her defensive skill in much of the second half when she was asked to take the Goal-tender position. In goal, she made a number of critical stops to protect the slim one-point lead.

Hudson coach, Frank Girginis, commented on Brown's performance after the game, saying, "Yeah, Brown is just an all around great and special player. She saved the day with a few of those saves late in the game."

Girginis added, "Overall I am so proud of these 17 fantastic young ladies. This season's title was about so much more than talent. It was about heart, team, family, program, playing for something greater, and most importantly, playing for that special "You" inside. I can't thank these girls enough for believing in the vision we needed to go, but also for giving me their best everyday. The 2024 team and its players will be a season that will live in infamy in the HMS girls soccer history books."

Alvirne Hosts X-C MOCs



Anna Simpson

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES



Brent Dunning

The Alvirne High School Cross Country teams competed in the NHIAA Meet of Champions at the Hills House 5K X-C Course on Saturday, Nov. 3, with both the girls' and boys' team finishing at 12th.

Both teams qualified for the Meet of Champions after placing in the top of the

DI race one-week earlier.

Senior runner Anna Simpson came in at the 40th spot and freshman Olivia Cartegena was the next highest AHS finisher at 52.

Senior Brent Dunning was the first Bronco to finish for the boys, also placing in the 40th spot. Junior Sam Matson was second for AHS and 61st overall.

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Alvirne Band Performs Channel Surfing at Season Finale



NOTICE

In Regards to the Political Ad that Ran on Oct. 10 with the Heading of "Satans' Evil"

To be Clear...Anne Kuster and Chris Pappas were NOT claimed to be evil people and we sincerely apologize for any confusion or discomfort this may have caused.

Sincerely,
Shine a Light Ministries

The Alvirne Marching Band gave their halftime performance of "Channel Surfing" for the final regular season football game on Friday night, Nov. 1 during the Bronco's game against the Pinkerton Astros. The performance also honor the seniors on the team. The Band will have at least one more chance on the field when the Broncos host a first round playoff game against the Concord Crimson Tide scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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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.

Saint Kathryn Annual Christmas Bazaar

30th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., At Saint Kathryn Church, located at 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson. Cash grand raffle prizes: \$1,000, \$750, and \$500, Plus many cash 50/50 raffles. Quality items that would make wonderful Christmas gifts. There will also be a large Bake Sale. Santa will visit on both days.

Theme Basket Room is full of creative baskets. For more information go to <https://stkathryns.org/bazaar>.

Sustainability Series

Join the Rodgers Library on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., as Dana Benner introduces the topic of sustainable living in preparation for a series of presentations starting in January.

Library Donation

A Friends of the Library Donation Event will be held

on Thursday, Nov. 14, all day. Bring gently used books. Conditions and exceptions apply-see events.rodgerslibrary.org for details.

Teen Cupcake Decorating

On Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., Teens ages 13-18 are invited to decorate (and eat) cupcakes at the Rodgers Library.

Access Wisdom Book Club

On Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a book club highlighting books that help us gain access to our own wisdom at the Rodgers Library. This month's book is "Dare to Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Whole Hearts" by Brene Brown.

Tween Fall Centerpieces

On Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m., Tweens in grades 4-

8 are invited to create a beautiful fall centerpiece at the Rodgers Library.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come and grab a donut and play at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

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Creation Station: LEGO

On Friday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., build something amazing with the Rodgers Library LEGO bricks. This is a drop in event. Caregiver participates with child.

Tween Donuts and Book Tasting

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m., join Ms. Maggie at the Rodgers Library for a graphic novel book tasting! Each participant will get a chance to skim an array of graphic novels and make a reading list, as well as check out a graphic novel of their choice.

Stitchers' Circle

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Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday, Nov. 14 & 21 at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies as we learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Library.

Holiday Ornament Zentangle Class

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m., please join Diane MacKinnon for a two-hour class to create a holiday ornament at the Rodgers Library.

Dancing and Karaoke

American Legion Hudson Post 48 is offering Dancing and Karaoke with DJ Mike Friday, Nov. 22, from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole located at 1 Fulton St. This event is open to members and Bona fide guests 21+, come listen to music even if you don't sing or dance. For more information call (603) 889-9777 after 11 a.m.

Meat Raffle

On Saturday, Nov. 16, beginning at 2 p.m., American Legion Hudson Post 48 will hold a Meat Raffle at the Post located at 37 Central St. This event is open to the public and you must be 16+ to play. Proceeds from this event will go to the Alvirne High School Future Farmers of America program. For more information call (603) 889-9777 after 11 a.m.

Legion meeting

American Legion Hudson Post 48 will hold its monthly membership meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. The S.A.L meeting follows after at 7 p.m., located at 37 Central St., in Hudson. For more information call (603) 889-9777 after 11 a.m.

Family Storytime

On Thursday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. Join the Rodgers

Library for a family storytime with stories, songs, and bubbles.

Trivia

On Saturday, Nov. 9, from 5 - 7 p.m., American Legion Hudson Post 48 will host trivia in the Foxhole located at 1 Fulton St. This event is open to members and Bona fide guests 21+, come test your knowledge and learn. For more information call (603) 889-9777 after 11 a.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Monday Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. American Legion Hudson Post 48 will be hosting it's annual Veterans Day Ceremony in front of the Post at 37 Central St. The Public is encouraged to attend. For more information call (603) 889-9777 after 11 a.m.

Cookbook Club

Prepare a recipe from this month's topic then engage with others about your recipe adventures on Monday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m., at Rodgers Library. This month's cookbook is "Tasting History: explore the past through 4,000 years of recipes" by Max Miller.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

On Monday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book pick is "The Last Detective" by Peter Lovesey.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

On Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m., join the Rodgers Library for this presentation to learn basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research and FDA-approved treatments

Characters & Cocoa

On Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m., join other writers to socialize and talk about the craft at the Rodgers Library.

Friends of the Library

A Business Meeting for the Friends of Library will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. This is the regularly

scheduled online ZOOM meeting of the Friends of the Library. Please register to receive the meeting ID.

Fall Leaves Wall Hanging

On Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m., Grades K-5 are invited to create their own leaf wall hanging at the Rodgers Library.

Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Party

On Friday, Nov. 22, and Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m., at the Rodgers Library celebrate Thanksgiving Snoopy style. Enjoy toast, popcorn, and jelly beans. Play ping pong and complete a craft.

Pajama Storytime

Come in your pajamas and enjoy songs and stories for the whole family with Miss Tanya on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m., a Rodgers Library.

Turkey Thank You Cards

On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m., everyone is invited to create a thank-you card and decorate it to look like a turkey at the Rodgers Library.

Evening of Frost

An Evening of Poems by Robert Frost will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library. An "Evening of Frost" is a unique, interactive performance that includes a short biographical introduction into the poet's life and an open discussion of the certain poems.

St Jude Craft Fair

St. Jude will hold a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The fair features beautiful handmade gifts made by our crafters, including special items for pets, as well as a cookie walk, bake sale and White Elephant rooms. Also, features are Famous Raffles, with many items, a stunning handmade quilt raffle, a Thanksgiving basket, a 50/50, gift cards raffles. Food and beverages, including lunch will be available for sale. We will also have several vendors participating. All proceeds will ben-

efit the Parish.

Jigsaw Junction

Open Puzzle Time at the Rodgers Library on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m. This puzzle event where community members can come together to assemble puzzles and make new friends.

Book Sale Cancelled

The Secondhand Prose Booksale, is cancelled for Nov. 10 and 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.

Adventurers Storytime

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

Teen Hangout

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., Teens are invited to relax the Rodgers Library teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available.

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 Library website rodgerslibrary.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., 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

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories,

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Drop In Stitchers

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

VFW Holiday Charity Gala

For several years, Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 and its Auxiliary have been able to raise thousands of dollars annually during its Toys for Tots Dinner & Raffle. This year, they will host their first Annual Holiday Charity Gala Dinner & Raffle on Nov. 16 to enable them to donate to local organizations and provide a greater impact in the communities they serve. This year all proceeds generated from the event will be distributed between the Nashua Children's Home and the Hudson Community Food Pantry. Event attendees are

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In addition, the Post is asking businesses for donations of a raffle item or monetary donation to make the event a success. Previous years' successful events

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