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OFF TO THE RACES Hundreds of student athletes from across New Hampshire and Massachusetts competed in the annual Battle of the Border Cross Country races on Saturday, Oct. 5. Races took place on the grounds of the Alvirne Hills House. See story on page 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Melendy Road Bridge Project Completed \$16K Under Budget

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the items of business was in regards to the Melendy Road bridge. “We recently completed Lowell Road over First Brook bridge rehabilitation which we budget for \$492,400,” Hudson Town

Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “If you believe it or not we were under budget by \$16,000 on this one,” Dhima said during the meeting. He explained that they completed “the project on time and under budget with an excess funds of

16,318.85 of bridge aid funds received by the state.” “We have received all the approvals for Melendy Road bridge rehabilitation and we are getting ready to advertise for the construction phase this calendar year,” Dhima wrote in the memo to the Board of Selectmen. “The excess bridge

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Selectmen Still Search For New Town Administrator

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HUDSON TIMES

At the Sept. 24 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to withdrawing funds from the Police Department Community Policing donation account. It was explained by Hudson Police Chief, Tad Dionne, that they purchased different “swag” to give away to kids at different events such as National Night Out, Old Home Days, among other community events. Dionne said they were looking to withdraw \$4,727.75 from the account in order to purchase more Hudson Police Department merchandise, which was

approved by the Board of Selectmen. In personnel news, the Board of Selectmen approved a number of items during the non public session of its meeting, according to the minutes. It includes approving a recommendation from HCTV Production Coordinator, Mike Johnson, to hire Cameron MacDonald as a part-time HCTV Assistant at the rate of \$20 per hour for up to 20 hours a week. Another decision was accepting the recommendation from Tax Collector, Christine Strout - Lizotte, to hire Heather Celeste for the position of Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector at a rate of \$20.19 per hour.

The Board of Selectmen also approved moving fire captains//AEMT, Martin Conlon and Dennis Haerinc, to Step 4 on the Fire Captain wage. They will both move to Step 5 upon the next anniversary date of their promotion. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen also approved the recommendation to move Fire Captain Training Officer, Kyle Levesque, to Step 4 on the Fire Captain Paramedic wage scale. He will move to Step 5 upon the next anniversary date of their promotion. During liaison reports, Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, thanked James Michaud for his time

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Town Assessment Reveals Hiring Issues with Top Spots

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee heard from Selectman Liaison, Heidi Jakoby, during its Oct. 2 meeting on the Town Hall assessment report. “My hope is that when we look at what the assessment recommendations are, to then have a discussion around what next steps would be good,” she said. “I think the Board of Selectmen will have to make use of that report in some manner.” The assessment cost \$42,000 and is expected to form the basis of a long-term plan for how renovations and repairs might go

for Hudson’s Town Hall building. The document is up on the town website. “On this assessment, when you have it in your discussion amongst yourselves as Selectmen, if you approve, what does that mean? Are you guys going to go ahead and do the assessment?” asked Committee member, Randy Brownrigg. “Are you going to go ahead and do the repairs of Town Hall?” Jakoby clarified that the assessment was only to make recommendations, with use and accessibility as a focus. Any funds for a renovation would likely need to be approved in a warrant article.

The Liaison also touched on the status of hiring a new IT Director for the town. “The deadline for applications if Oct. 14, and we did contract with Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) just to assist with advertising and getting the word out for those applicants,” explained Jakoby. It was not the first time Hudson has contracted with the MRI to fill vacant job openings. “Any thoughts with regard to hiring internally?” asked Committee Chair, Bill Cole. He was informed that at least one internal candidate

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Zoning Board Grant Waiver for Small Shed Violation

PAUL CONYERS
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The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment opened its Sept. 26 meeting with a request from Ryan Lacasse of 9 Cummings St. to keep in place a 160-square foot shed in his side-yard. Under existing town regulations, a five-foot setback is typically required in any side yard.

“During a drive-by, the applicant had a shed in the front yard setback in the town’s right-of-way, the shed was moved,” outlined Zoning Administrator, Chris Sullivan, who noted that the shed was still within a setback, hence the original complaint.

“The shed was built finished construction around

two years ago, we had a professional company build it for us and during that process, they had assured us that where it was being built during construction, they we weren’t in violation of anything,” explained Lacasse. “Maybe about five years ago we called the town to see if we needed any special permits for a shed, and we were told no.”

He went on to say that he had every indication the shed was legal until the original complaint, which was filed years after being built.

“The shed’s location was the result of a good faith error and an interpretation of the property boundaries,” he said. “It wasn’t a matter of igno-

rance, and the decisions were built on reasonable measurements. Until the shed in our side yard, we had no previous violations, and we want to be compliant and work with the town.”

Lacasse had a signed petition from neighbors who were satisfied with the placement of the shed. He reiterated that the cost of correction would be unfair for a small building, which he claimed would have no real impact on the surrounding community.

Board Chair, Gary Daddario, asked for the petition to keep it in the official record, which seemed to have the names of multiple neighbors on it.

“For this case and just

in general with all cases, it makes an important impression when we’re able to get some sort of evidence about abutter feedback,” said Daddario. “It’s something we take into consideration.”

Nobody at the meeting spoke against the application, and most members were sympathetic to the request.

“I definitely believe this was discovered too late.

This was put in over five years ago at this point,” noted ZBA member, Tristan Dion. “The fact you had reached out to the contracting company and they gave word it wasn’t in the wrong, you reached out to the town and they said no permitting was needed. For your end, you did everything that you should have done to put it in the correct spot, you were just unaware of the exact position that it

should’ve been.”

He noted that moving a shed was neither easy nor cheap and thought it was unreasonable to force Lacasse to move it two feet.

The Zoning Board unanimously approved an Equitable Waiver allowing the shed to remain in place.

The Hudson Zoning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.

Local Resident Provides Tick Awareness Materials to Town

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposal from a resident to help with tick prevention.

“She has come forward asking for permission to post some educational materials and some small tools to help remove ticks in case someone gets a tick bite,” Fire Chief, Scott Tice, told the Board of Selectmen.

In a memo to the Board of Selectmen, Tice explained that they have a local resident “Sylvia Wilkinson who has volunteered to provide the Town with informational materials and tick removal items at several locations in Hudson.”

“The purpose of this project is to reduce tick-borne illnesses by raising awareness of the risk and to provide the tick removal tools that people can use if

they experience a tick bite,” Tice wrote. “The material is produced by a non-profit organization called Tick-FreeNH.org in cooperation with the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Sylvia will provide all the materials and labor to post this material, and she will occasionally check to ensure the material is restocked.”

Tice explained that they were looking to put it in different places like Town Hall, Benson Park, the Town Forest, and other places in town that have kiosks.

Wilkinson received praise from different members of the Board of Selectmen.

“I think it’s great that you volunteered to do this,” Selectman, Kara Roy, said.

Wilkinson explained that she has chronic lyme disease, and the struggles she has gone through including losing a lot of her memory and having trouble

sleeping to name a few.

“Three years today I wouldn’t be able to sit here,” she said.

Wilkinson said she thinks it’s something that they could educate people about including how to protect people from it, and how to remove them properly.

She also noted that she was planning on talking to the School Board about potentially having it added to the health education classes.

“They need to know its serious,” Wilkinson said.

Selectman, Heidi Jakob, said her and her husband were diagnosed with lyme over 10 years ago.

“I just appreciate you telling your story,” she said.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved having the materials posted at the various locations.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

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Webster Subdivision Wins Planning Board Approval

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Hudson's Planning Board met on Sept. 24 to wrap up a four-lot subdivision plan for 288 Webster Street. David Jordan, an engineer from Greenman-Pedersen, was at the meeting to make a presentation on behalf of the applicant.

"We have about 26 acres of land, and we're

creating four duplex lots with frontage along Webster Street," he explained. "In our opinion, we have addressed the last few remaining items."

The clarifications to the plan were in response to several items the property owner needed to address. Board members still had a few questions on the proposal.

"There was a question on the frontages of the lots?" said Chair, Tim Malley.

As frontage and its conflict with Hudson Zoning laws had been a central concern Jordan got a formal determination on the matter from Zoning Administrator, Chris Sullivan. In his August letter, Sullivan found there was

"adequate frontage" on the lots. There is also a plan on record showing access and waterline easements on the property, although there were some issues related to record keeping.

"We're basically fixing the issue caused by the prior developer not following through with properly recording the easements," said Jordan. "Those easement documents are being prepared."

Applicant, Manny Sousa, described the easement issue as "cleaning up" an outstanding legal issue.

"We're legally going to get everything for the town on record so the waterline is in a legal easement," he explained. "The legal wording for the easement is not on record."

Members wanted to ensure there would not be any other outstanding issues related to record keeping with subdivision approval.

"Would the applicant agreed to add a permit

approval to the sheet that's going to be recorded?" asked Board member, James Crowley.

The applicant stated that would not be a problem. The Board also requested a water management report, owing to a stream flowing through the property. As it abuts a state-funded road, separate state subdivision approval is necessary to move duplex construction forward. Jordan indicated that the process was ongoing and seemed optimistic on the matter.

There was some residential opposition to the plan, with an attached letter from Marissa Convertito on the application warning that a field on the property was "considered a highest ranked habitat" by state regulators.

"Would the applicant respond to what investigations or actions they have taken concerning this issue since being made aware of it back in July?" asked Crowley.

Jordan stated that he had taken a look at the habitat map of the area and found their Webster Street lot did not violate any environmental guidelines.

"This is probably one of the lowest intensity uses we can put on this property," said Jordan. "I think we're doing the best we can. What we're doing is pretty minor."

Sousa emphasized that their plan was designed to have the lowest possible impact on the nearby wetlands.

The Planning Board unanimously approved the proposal, including a waiver request allowing a driveway to be located in a setback, with several stipulations, including a cost allocation procedure per residency fee and final administrative review.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.

Assessment

Continued from page 1 expressed interest in the Information Technology Director position.

The hiring process for a new Town Administrator was still in limbo after no qualified candidates were found in the first round of interviews.

"My understanding is your salary parameters have changed. What were we at and what are we at?" asked Committee member, Shawn Jasper.

The change came from the high end of the salary

range, which rose from \$150,000 to around \$170,000 based on a recommendation from MRI.

The hiring process for a new Town Planner also remained stalled. While there had been two promising candidates, one took a job in another town, and the other dropped out without explanation.

"They are continuing that process," said Jakoby, referring to the Board of Selectmen. "They are continuing to advertise and trying to get word out to seek new applicants."

Unlike the other two

positions, the Selectmen elected not to hire an outside firm like MRI to help fill the Town Planner role. Cole raised the possibility of elevating the Assistant Town Planner to Acting Town Planner instead of continuing to use the Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

"We need some stability here," said Cole.

The Hudson Zoning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room at Town Hall.

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Editorial

“Smoke Alarms: Make them Work for You”

This editorial is courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association

Oct. 6-12 is Fire Prevention Week this year's theme is “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you”

The latest “Smoke Alarms in the US.” report, said working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by 60%, while the majority of civilian home fire deaths continues to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms, according to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) survey.

“Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, but they have to be working in order to protect people,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign drives home just how important it is to install, test, and maintain smoke alarms to ensure they're working properly.”

The survey also showed that many households have inaccurate perceptions about the age, functionality, and maintenance requirements of their smoke alarms. Nearly one in five households believed all alarms would be working but had at least one functionality issue when tested, including dead batteries. Additionally, only half of households were always accurate about the age of their alarms.

“People tend to be overconfident about their risk to fire, which often leads to a sense of complacency that compromises safety,” said Carli. “This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to

better educate people about their true risk to fire and the steps needed to make sure they're adequately protected in the event of one.”

Essential fire safety messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!” include the following:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.

- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested. To learn more about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, visit fpw.org. Additional Fire Prevention Week resources for children, caregivers, and educators can be found at sparky.org and sparkyschoolhouse.org.

For more than 100 years, Fire Prevention Week, the longest-running US public health observance on record, has worked to educate people about the risk of home fires and ways to minimize them. Local fire departments, schools, and community organizations play a key role in bringing Fire Prevention Week to life in their communities each year and spreading basic but critical fire safety messages.

Take the time to check your alarms to be safe.

Letters

For Those with Cats

To the editor,

I have lived on Daniel Webster Drive in Hudson for nearly 50 years. The area has a variety of wildlife including deer, fox, raccoon, possum, fisher, cotton-tail rabbit and a variety of bird species that I enjoy observing. Up until about a month ago I had the opportunity to see cotton-tail rabbits almost every day. That is when three house cats

showed up in my neighborhood. Since then, I have not seen one rabbit. Do the math, cats are killers, it is what they do; and they do it well.

“In a report that scaled up local surveys and pilot studies to national dimensions, scientists from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that domestic cats in the United States - both the pet Fluffies that

spend part of the day outdoors and the unnamed strays and ferals that never leave it - kill a median of 2.4 billion birds and 12.3 billion mammals a year, most of them native mammals like shrews, chipmunks and voles rather than introduced pests like the Norway rat.”

If you have a house cat, please give our wildlife a break, and keep it indoors.

Curt Laffin
Hudson

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Rodgers Memorial Trustees See Healthcare as Greatest Expense

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees prepared for a financial review as the budget season for Hudson's 2025-26 fiscal year approached.

“The biggest thing is the cost of health insurance for full-time staff,” said Library Director, Linda Pilla. “We have been very lucky for a good number of years that we have not had much turnover with full-time staff. I consulted with the Town Finance Director and she indicated to me that prudence dictates that you always include the highest level of healthcare coverage for every position that you realistically think is likely to turn over.”

Currently, the library estimated that it could lose four employees during the upcoming fiscal year. The increased cost of healthcare did not cover any potential salary increase. Other costs were considered small compared to staff salary and benefits, although there was a slight increase in equipment rental, programming

costs, software, and building maintenance. The proposed budget was \$1,460,814 for the upcoming year, a 12.2% increase over the previous year, coming almost entirely from contractually required salary and benefit costs.

“What I'm hearing is that's the worst case, the high insurance, and it should be there in the budget because it could happen,” said Trustee Margaret St. Onge. “If it doesn't get used, we're giving it back. So, the town's not losing anything, but it gives us the opportunity to offer it to get replacement people.”

Trustee, Karen Bohrer, noted that apart from staff costs, the budget was “for all intents and purposes, flat, with a small increase.”

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to submit their proposed budget to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. The library will go before the Selectmen to formally present their budget on Oct. 15.

One expected focus on programming going into next year is expected to be

getting Hudson “teens and tweens” more interested in what the library has to offer.

“I know there's been a disconnect for a couple of years and as a person who works at a high school, kids are looking for that connection place,” said Trustee, Erin Henderson. “I'm very excited to see the library come back in there strong to get those kids over. We're perfectly situated, I literally pick my high-schooler up at the library.”

She was excited to see what the results of the upcoming teen programming would be, starting over the next few months and extending into 2025.

“There's so many opportunities,” added St. Onge, referring to programs aimed at all age groups, adults included. “I really hope that everybody takes advantage of it, because it's free.”

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

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School District OK Trip, Bid Waiver, Lunch Donation

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a request to allow an overnight field trip for Alvirne High School students.

"I am enthusiastically recommending an overnight field trip request for the Youth Climate Leaders Academy from December 6-7, 2024," Alvirne High School Principal, Steve Beals, wrote in a memo. "The activity is held at the

Hulbert Outdoor Center, in Fairlee Vermont. The Academy is designed to support Vermont and New Hampshire youth in grades 9-12 in planning and implementing projects that make a difference on climate change."

It was explained that the "goal is for a school team of 2-6 students to develop a climate related issue in the school environment and then brainstorm ways to implement a change in the local school."

"Many years ago,

school recycling programs came through such an initiative," the memo stated.

Beals also explained that the "Academy will host interactive workshops for students on multiple topics and allow team time with the adult coach/facilitator. Our school coach/facilitator is Katie Murphy and our students to market to are grade 9 students in her Earth Science class."

"As we developed AP Environmental Science in our Program of Studies this

year, we hope to foster new opportunities for students to take leadership and develop meaningful local projects," Beals wrote. "I am confident that if approved, our students and coach, would enjoy presenting their experience and future project with the School Board."

It was noted that the cost of the field and workshop "is covered through state grants for the program with a nominal \$50/student fee that will be paid out of student activities as our school will gain through the project."

The School Board unanimously approved the request during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, Superintendent, Dan

Moulis, presented the school board with a proposal for the H.O. Smith elevator, on the behalf of the school district's Director of Facilities, John Pratte.

The quote for the project was \$46,400.

He explained that they were looking for permission to be able to waive the bid requirement, since the project needed to be done outside of the budget process. It was expected that it could be done within eight weeks.

The request was unanimously approved by the School Board.

In correspondence, the School Board received a letter from Food Service Director, Karen Atherton, regarding a donation.

"I would like to submit to you two donations to the Hudson School Lunch Program. One from the Hudson American Legion for \$1,000 and the other from Hudson American Legion Auxiliary for \$200," the letter stated. "These funds will be used to help struggling families, by giving them piece of mind that their child is being nourished and to help alleviate the worry of a financial burden."

She went on to state: "We are incredibly grateful for their commitment to supporting our students and helping us create a nurturing and inclusive environment. Their generosity truly embodies the spirit of community and compassion."

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aid funds of \$16,318.85 should be transferred to this project for use."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved transferring the extra \$16,318.85 to the Melendy Road Bridge project.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen received an update regarding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Closure.

"In March 2023, we filed with the NH Department of Energy for the above grant in the amount of \$75,840," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "This grant was related to an equipment rebate for energy conservation projects, and was funded 100% by State funds."

It was explained by

Dhima that they spent \$73,525.90 to complete a number of different projects including replacing 41 different windows at the Town Hall, the ceiling insulation for the entire Town Hall, and putting in 75 LED lights at Town Hall.

"After completing the work, in line with the grant requirements, we filed for reimbursement of \$73,525.90 and received the full amount requested from the Department of Energy," Dhima wrote in the memo. "This concludes the grant process and no further action is required."

The Board of Selectmen also accepted a donation for both the Fire Department and the Police Department.

"A donation was sent to the department by Digital Credit Union. The amount of the donation is \$1,000," Fire Chief, Scott Tice,

wrote in a memo.

Tice explained that after it was accepted they would "forward Digital Credit Union a thank you for this donation."

"These monies shall be deposited into the Fire Department's General Donation fund," Tice wrote.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Planning Board Approve Granite Subaru Vehicle Storage Expansion

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The September meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw its members review an expansion site plan and conditional use permit request for the Granite Subaru lot at 6 Executive Dr. Doug Maguire from The Dubai Group was at the meeting to make a presentation for the plan.

“What we have before you today is a fairly

straightforward site plan, mainly because there’s no elaborate infrastructure, no proposed buildings, no proposed utilities, so it makes it a little less complicated,” he said. “The owner determined that with the added use on the site he had a need for additional room for new inventory vehicles.”

He emphasized that the extension was for “display,” not parking.

Chair, Tim Malley, noted that labeling the new

parking lot was not necessarily accurate, instead referring to it as a storage lot while changing the designation of the area from loading space to commercial activity. The proposal involved practicing double or triple parking cars for convenience while asking for several waivers not typically granted to active parking lots. Many of the new, many stored cars would be unregistered and non-inspected.

“Does the Planning Board consider this a parking lot? Or does the Planning Board consider this exterior vehicle storage?” the Chair asked.

After some discussion, everyone agreed it was best to describe the location as car storage.

The proposal would expand the site for more vehicle storage and display areas. Hudson’s Conservation Commission voted in favor of the project, and the NH Department of Environmental Services had already granted a wet-

land permit to address the impact on nearby wetlands and the surrounding buffer zone.

“It took us a little bit longer to get to this point, but now that we’re here, we’re in pretty good shape coming before you,” said Macguire. “We filed a voluntary lot merger.”

The idea was to effectively combine the existing lots together on the town map rather than having two separate sites.

“I don’t see any signage saying ‘public, don’t come down here,’” noted Board member, James Crowley.

The application states that the expansion is not

designed for customer access. Macguire did not think signage would be necessary, and nobody would find it easy to park in or pass through the site without going through the dealership.

“I’m wondering, considering you’re sitting on top of a high-water flow, whether pervious pavement would add or subtract to the water flow issue, would it cause damage to the rest of the area, or would it benefit the permutation of water into the water table?” asked Vice-Chair, Jordan Ulery, referring to possible issues related to the relatively high-water table on

the property. There had been worries that adding solid pavement risked excessive runoff in an area already flanked by a gas station and car dealership.

Macguire indicated that porous pavement was mentioned as a potential candidate, although the owners [of Granite Subaru preferred not to use it for longevity reasons. The site plan does include a site retention wet pond to store and treat runoff.

Taking everything into account, the Planning Board unanimously voted to approve the expansion site plan and conditional use permit.

OBITUARY

Lisa Prestia



Lisa Prestia (Mosnicka) of Hudson, NH passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 25, 2024. A lifelong resident of NH, she was born early on May 9, 1967; anxious to add her humor and wit to the lives of her mother, Ginny, her father, George, and her older brother, Mark. She spent her early childhood in Nashua before moving to Hudson, where she graduated from Alvirne High School in 1985. Lisa then graduated from Plymouth State University with a BS degree in Education in 1989 and continued on to change the lives of elementary school children.

While in college, she met and married her forever partner, Larry Prestia. Residing in Hudson, they raised their two daughters, Maureen and Corinne. Lisa decided to devote the rest of her life to her own children, withdrawing from her teaching career to stay at home with her daughters in order to nurture their growth and be fully present in their everyday lives.

Lisa will be remembered by all fortunate enough to know her as colorful, kind, intelligent, witty, and someone the entire family went to for advice and counseling. She loved her pet Westies and her fashionable, sparkly glasses. She brought smiles to everyone she met. Lisa had the biggest heart and always made her family the number one priority in her life. She prided herself on her ability to give the most perfect and thoughtful gifts to others. In her free time, Lisa was an incredible baker and loved to read. She was always available to call when help was needed, to just chat about life for hours, or to hear the latest celebrity gossip.

Despite any hardships that Lisa encountered, she remained one of the most tough and high-spirited people that anyone could have known. Knowing Lisa meant knowing that a joke was right around the corner. It was nearly impossible not to smile when she was in the room.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Prestia; her daughters Corinne Prestia and Maureen Tuck with son-in-law Randy; her parents Ginny and George Mosnicka; her sister-in-law, Sue Cushman and her husband Greg; two brothers-in-law Bob and David Prestia; her nephew, Alec Mosnicka; nieces Amelia Mosnicka and Carly Mosnicka-Fournier with husband Corey; and grandniece, Giselle Fournier. She was predeceased by her brother, Mark Mosnicka and his late wife Robin (Reilly) Mosnicka.

This unexpected passing creates a hole that will never be filled. While we cannot believe she is gone, her legacy will live on in the lives of her family.

A private, family-only celebration of life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Humane Society for Greater Nashua at <https://www.hsfh.org/donate-now>. To share an online message of condolence please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Administrator

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as the Acting Town Administrator during the month of September. “I want to thank you publicly Jim for filling in for the month of September,” he said.

“I think we can all say we appreciate you stepping

up and doing that,” he said.

Retired Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, took over as Acting Town Administrator for the month of October while they continue to search for a permanent Town Administrator.

It was also noted by Michaud that the hours for Halloween set by the Board of Selectmen dec-

ades ago was from 6 to 8 p.m. until when or if the Board of Selectmen changes it. Since they didn’t make any changes those will be the hours on Halloween.

“Halloween is right around the corner,” Michaud said.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

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Benson Park Look to Purchase New Equipment with Donation

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Sept. meeting of the Benson Park saw its members briefly discuss balance and expenditures, including a \$3,000 donation from the Friends of Benson Park for use in the park. Committee members, Sue Clement and Nathan Muir, developed a list of potential uses for the donation.

"These are just a few of many things that we came up with, including for the dog park, which I was surprised to find out that we don't have a pet station, a lockable dispenser to put

bags in. I think would definitely be a need," said Clement. "Some other things I was think were a tiller/cultivator, the walkways need it often."

Volunteers often bring tillers to clean-up days and they are seen as a useful tool to keep designated walkways in good shape.

"A chainsaw would be useful," said Muir, noting that a safety course would be a good idea. "We have a lot of small trees where the limbs just snap and they become a huge liability."

Other suggestions included a new mower, a

small tire inflator for wheelbarrows, landscape carry barrels, a toolset, and a new hedge trimmer.

Beyond that, there was little change to the overall balance and the Committee had around \$1,100 in its main account.

One item not under consideration was the purchase of new benches, with an active waiting list of people looking to donate a bench. According to Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park, further benches were "on hold" after exceeding the number needed in the park. Howev-

er, she hoped to solicit donations for new picnic tables instead.

"We investigated the same company that uses these recycled benches that we're using in the park, and their picnic tables are \$1,200," she said. "I don't know if that's going to be too much for people to spend, but we haven't asked and we haven't bought one to actually see what it looks like."

Upkeep of the existing, deteriorating tables was a growing issue for park volunteers.

Committee members

unanimously voted to investigate the feasibility of obtaining recycled picnic tables.

The Committee also had a donation request from resident, Amy Stevens, for a memorial tree at Benson Park. Stevens wanted to know what the cost and process would be.

"I actually communicated with her and she said she would also be open to adopting a spot," said acting Chair, Judy Brouillette.

Tree donations cost \$1,200 with additional costs for those interested in a plaque. The town is respon-

sible for finding and tending to memorial trees, which are typically planted between Sept. 1 and Oct. 15 of each year. General information is available on the Benson Park website.

Benson Park is still looking for volunteers before the winter months. The next Volunteer Clean-up Day is on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weather permitting.

The next meeting of the Benson Park Committee is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

Sustainability Committee to Seek More Info on Hydro Net Metering

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The September meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Committee saw its members open the floor to further debate on hydro net metering options.

"My recollection of the details is fuzzy at this point, but it's an opportunity for municipalities and school districts to sign up, and by signing up you're basically indicating that you're interested in free money, no strings attached, and at no risk to the town," said Alternate, Craig Putnam, who noted that Howard Plante, the one giving the initial presentation on the net metering proposal, was from Freedom Energy Logistics with the goal of getting those interested in the project to sign on with

that company. "It's one of these 'it sounds too good to be true.'"

With that in mind, the Committee was cautiously interested in the proposal, but only after getting legal advice on what the metering plan entailed. After some personal research, Putnam indicated the money coming into the town from hydro net metering would come from a federal source. However, he was not entirely sure how the process worked.

"There's other opportunities for reducing costs that could be wind, could be solar, could be solar from various different kinds of players," he noted. "All of which could go towards reducing the town's costs, or the school district's costs. I see this as a part of that,

but we've not been involved with any of that so far."

"If it sounds too good to be true, a lot of times it is," warned Selectman liaison, Bob Guessferd, who recommended looking into other companies and similar programs as a point of comparison. "My view is that we can't bring something, I'll call it on a sourced basis, to the Board of Selectmen unless we know that's the only option."

With no deadline on net metering, members agreed to do more research and revisit the issue next October. A formal decision on

whether to proceed with the proposal was not expected for some time.

"Let's dig up more on exactly how it works," said Committee member, Chris Thatcher.

The meeting also saw member, Kate Messner, bring up the state's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, something she considered the most notable climate plan since 2009.

"It's long overdue," she said. "This is a grant called the CPRG, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant."

The CPRG was federal money given to the NH Department of Environmental Services with the

stated goals of reducing climate pollution, lowering energy costs, and creating jobs. The Action Plan is needed to obtain the grant, something the DES still needs to complete. A status report is also required for the grant and must be finished by August 2027.

"In the meantime, people are encouraged to con-

tinue visiting the NH DES Climate Pollution Reduction Grant website for updates," said Messner.

She promised to keep the Committee updated on the matter.

The Sustainability Committee is set to meet on Monday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.

OBITUARY

Carol Sheehan



Carol Sheehan, age 81, a longtime resident of Hudson, NH and Billerica, MA passed away peacefully on Sept. 23. She was born on Nov. 21, 1942 in Boston, MA, daughter of the late Adeline Genovese. She was preceded by her husband Kenneth Sheehan.

Carol was a loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother and friend. She was a homemaker and worked in the deli at Market Basket for many years. She loved traveling with her husband, Ken, adored her grandchildren and her dog Mookie.

She loved visiting Cape Cod with her family, going out to lunch with her "lunch bunch" friends, going for seafood, pizza at Reginas and never missed her grandkids games.

Carol is survived by her brother, Ronald Genovese and his wife Suzanne of Acton, MA, son, Daniel Sheehan of Billerica, MA, Granddaughter, Leah Sheehan of Billerica, MA and Grandson, Cameron Sheehan of Billerica, MA.

Family and friends were invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A graveside service to followed in Saint Patricks Cemetery, 102 Derry St., Hudson, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Carol's loving memory to The Salem Animal Rescue League at www.sarlnh.org. 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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To Burn or Not to Burn: Safety Tips for Bonfires

NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SUBMISSION

Fall is here, and with it brings a chill to the air, the smell of pumpkin spice and warm, cozy bonfires. Have you ever sat around a fire and considered what's being burned... or what's coming out of it? It's important to be aware of what can and cannot be put into a fire, because the consequences of throwing just anything in could majorly impact your

health and the environment. You could be exposed to particulate matter, acid gases, heavy metals, carbon monoxide, dioxins and other harmful compounds.

Whittling Away at Your Life

It may not seem like a big deal, but burning the wrong things can have lasting effects on your body, the environment and your community. The most obvious consequence of any fire is the impact on your lungs. Breathing in smoke can

cause lasting respiratory system damage, coughing, wheezing, damage to internal organs, skin irritation and rashes. The smoke from burning is composed of microscopic particles, or particulate matter, which can reach deep into the lungs and stay there for months or even years. These reactions have the potential to be even worse when burning household waste.

Burning trash can release harmful chemicals

into the air like benzene, lead, cadmium and formaldehyde. Acid gases, heavy metals, carbon monoxide, dioxins and other harmful compounds are being released into the air and putting everyone at risk. In addition to releasing chemicals into the air, open burning of trash pollutes the air, accelerating ozone depletion. The nitrogen oxide released from burning harms animal and plant life, hindering their ability to circulate the air we breathe.

Moreover, open burning could easily become uncontrollable if not done correctly, causing a larger fire and potential damage to your property and neighborhood.

Can't Handle the Burn

There are many things burned in fires that the average person wouldn't think of as being harmful, even some forms of wood. To throw wood into your fire, it must be untreated. Here are some examples of wood that shouldn't be burned in a fire:

- Coated, painted and pressure-treated wood.
 - Ocean driftwood, plywood, chipboard, particle wood or wood with glue.
 - Moldy and rotten wood are not recommended due to the spores and pollutants they can release into the air.
- Household trash can have severe consequences if put into your fire, plus, it's illegal to burn in New Hampshire. Here are some examples of everyday trash that must be disposed of properly:
- Cardboard.
 - Plastics (especially bags and bottles).
 - Metal cans.

- Styrofoam.
- Colored ink from magazines, boxes and wrappers.
- Batteries.

What to Do Instead

Your best bet is to limit fires and keep them as small as possible, because no matter what, they create pollution. Instead of burning household waste, you are required to take trash to your local waste management facility for disposal. When it comes to coffee grounds, fruit and vegetable peels, consider composting. If you are having a fire, make sure you have a proper burn permit and are burning things that won't harm the environment.

Here are a few options as to what can be burned:

- Seasoned, dry wood that's stored outside, off the ground with the top covered.
- Dry kindling.
- Manufactured logs IF they're made from 100% compressed sawdust.

By only burning these types of wood, we can work together to keep harmful chemicals out of the air to protect ourselves and those around us.

Police Selling Van as Existing Surplus

The town of Hudson is inviting residents to bid on the police department's "Existing Surplus," a Chevrolet Express Van that is for sale to the highest bidder.

The "Invitation to Bid" is as follows: Sealed Bids will be received at the Hudson Town Hall Offices, Office of the Town Clerk, 12 School Street, Hudson, NH, until 10 a.m., local time,

Oct. 24, 2024, for a 2008 Chevrolet Express Van.

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Bid should be addressed (in writing only) to the attention of: Captain Steven McElhinney; Hudson Police Department; 1 Constitution Drive; Hudson, NH 03051; smcelhinney@hudsonnh.gov.

All interested parties can inspect the VEHICLE at the Hudson Police department, 1 Constitution Drive BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Contact Lieutenant Roger Lamarche, 603-886-6011, to make arrangements. The deadline for all questions shall be at 10 a.m. on Oct. 18, 2024.

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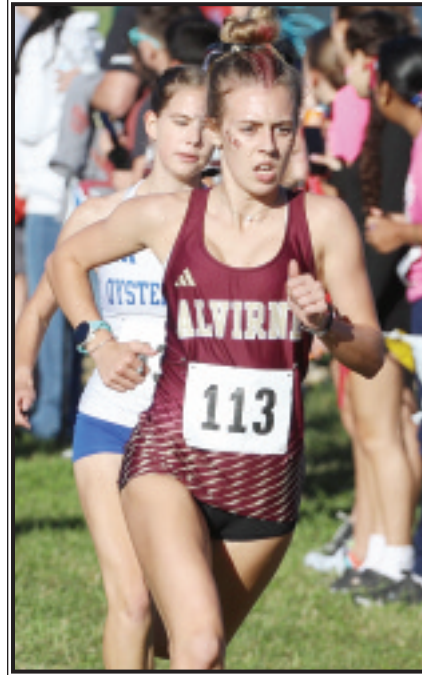

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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Cross Country Team Host Battle of the Border



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

If you were traveling through Hudson via Route 102 on Saturday afternoon, you may have noticed a rather large crowd gathered at the historic Hills House, where the 20th Annual Battle of the Border Cross Country races between teams from Massachusetts and New Hampshire was taking place.

The event was once again hosted by Alvirne High School, it will also be the site for the this year's New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Meet of Champions.

New Hampshire teams competing were: Alvirne, Bedford, Bishop Guertin, Campbell, Coe-Brown, Concord, Con-Val, Dover, Goffstown, Hollis/Brookline, Keene, Londonderry,

Central, Memorial, West, Milford, Nashua South, Oyster River, Pelham, Pinkerton, Portsmouth, Salem, Spaulding, Windham, and Winnacunnet High School.

The state of Massachusetts was represented by Holy Family Academy, Innovation, Marshfield, Methuen, Needham, Newton South, North Andover, **continued on page 11**

Alvirne senior Anna Simpson came in at eighth place on Saturday.

AHS senior Brent Dunning was the first Bronco runner to cross the finish line.

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Alvirne Football Suffer Second Loss of Season to LHS

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

With both teams coming off a disappointing losses from the week before, the meeting between Alvirne and Londonderry High School had football fans wondering which would respond the best.

It didn't take long for that question to get an answer, as Londonderry delivered a 44-point thrashing of the Alvirne Broncos at Lancer Park, in Londonderry on Friday night, Oct. 4.

The Lancers never allowed the Broncos to score in the lopsided victory and while they were at it, LHS was able to put points on the board in every one of their possessions in the game.

Londonderry put up 20-points in the first quarter, another 10 by halftime and 14 more unanswered points in the second half.

The home team posted nearly 500-yards in total offense with 450-yards coming on the ground and 46 passing yards.

The Alvirne High School squad tallied 184-yards of total offense, with most of that coming through the air, with 147 passing yards.

Interestingly enough, both teams' were fairly even in time of possession with LHS finishing with 24:41



Broncos senior quarterback Charlie Crawford was on the run all night against the Lancers.

minutes while AHS had the ball for 23:19 minutes.

It only took Londonderry five plays for the games first touchdown, scoring in less than two-minutes after starting from the 20-yard line. Senior quarterback, Sam Ogden, handed the ball off to senior running back, Carson Palma, at the Broncos 31-yard-line where he carried it into the endzone for a 28-yard touchdown run.

Senior kicker, Blake Thompson, added the extra point and was perfect in all but one attempt in the game.

The Broncos first drive

was riddled with penalties, with an illegal shift and two false starts, resulting in a punt after six plays.

Londonderry's following possession, starting at the LHS 36-yard line, resulted in another quick touchdown, this one in just four plays.

Junior running back, Adrian Cruz, had a 65-yard run to put the ball in the endzone at 6:21 in the first quarter. Ogden handed off the ball to Cruz at the Lancer 32-yard line and took the 13-0 lead.

Thompson's extra-point attempt was blocked by

Alvirne's Ryan Rocheleau.

Alvirne's second drive of the evening looked as though it would be productive, with Nao Rao catching a 35-yard pass from senior quarterback, Charlie Crawford, but an unsuccessful fourth-and-13 put the ball back in the hands of LHS at the 26-yard line with 3:36 left in the first.

Londonderry's third touchdown was on a quarterback keeper by Ogden at mid-field. Ogden ran the ball from the 49-yard-line to pay dirt with just :17 seconds left in the first.

The Broncos looked as though they would bounce back in their third drive of the game moving down the field in 14-plays and driving 43-yards only to have a fumble at the five-yard-line spoil their chances.

Rocheleau made a catch at the 17-yard line, but had the ball stripped at the 10-yard-line by senior Devin Boles.

Junior J-Veion Teeter picked it up and ran it to the AHS 29-yard line, where it took just three plays for another seven points.

Senior quarterback, Alexander Villa, finished the short drive with an eight-yard touchdown run at 5:36 in the second for a 27-0 lead.

In the final five-minutes of the half, the Broncos put together an impressive drive, but did not end up putting points on the board.

They went 58-yards in 14 plays, but when Garrett Hall dropped a pass that hit him in the hands in the end-



Quintin Tetreault was held to just 10-yards on kick returns against LHS. Photos by Chris Paul

zone from the nine-yard-line, it put AHS at fourth-and-four, where they were unable to convert.

Crawford was sacked by senior Colin Couture on fourth, putting the Lancers at the 16-yard-line with :22 seconds left in the half.

Ogden set up the final three-points on the half with a run to the Broncos 30-yard-line, with :10 seconds left.

A short pass play to senior Ethan Wheeler gave Blake Thompson a 34-yard field goal attempt to make it 30-0 at the half.

The Lancers had a touchdown in each of the last two quarters to finish at 44-0.

Ogden had a 50-yard run to the endzone in the third and senior Griffin Massahos had a five-yard

run for a touchdown to finish the game.

Crawford led his team on the ground, running for 38-yards in seven attempts.

Mike Landmesser was held to three negative yards.

Ryan Rocheleau had five receptions for 65-yards, Landmesser had four catches for 38-yards.

The win put Londonderry at 3-2 and back at the top of the Central Division standing, after seeing Pinkerton drop their first game of the season, losing 13-27 to Salem.

Alvirne High School dropped to 3-2, where they fell to fourth in the Central standings.

The Broncos will head to Rochester on Thursday night, Oct. 10, to take on the Spaulding Red Raiders.

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Over 35 high schools from Massachusetts and New Hampshire had teams competing in the 20th annual Battle of the Borders in Hudson on Saturday.

Battle

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Notre Dame Academy-Hingham, and Tyngsborough High School.

Six races were held throughout the afternoon, starting with the Freshman 3,200 Meter Run for both boys and girls; the Girls' and Boys' 5K Junior Varsity races; and the 5K Varsity races.

For the Girls' Varsity; Oyster River took first place

with a score of 49-points; Pinkerton Academy followed closely in second place with 56-points; and North Andover took third with 130-points. The Broncos girls' team finished in ninth-place overall and there were 139 runners in the race.

Junior Makita Barry of Bedford High School was the first place finisher with a time of 17:36.7. She had a 40-second lead over senior Haley Kavanagh of Oyster

River (18:16.4). Senior Anna Fondakowski came in at third with her time of 19:02.8.

The top Broncos runner was senior Anna Simpson, who came in at eighth place with a time of 19:21.5. Freshman Olivia Cartagena had a 29th finish with her time of 20:45.5. Senior Ava Martin came in at 31st with a time of 20:46.2. Senior Sophia Berube had a time of 22:52.8. Senior Addison Tobin was 83rd (23:35);

Junior Lilliana Schultz was 86th (23:51.8); and senior Jennifer Herbert was 89th (23:57.2).

In the Boys' Varsity 5K: The team from Pinkerton Academy took first with a score of 50; Nashua South was second with 87-points; Salem High School took third place with a score of 143.

The Alvirne Broncos squad's seven runners took

ninth-place at 211-points, with 167 runners being recorded.

Concord High School junior Josiah Conley came in with a time of 15:11.9 for first-place. In second, 20-second behind Conley was senior William Simard at 15:31.3. Graham Heinrich of Marshfield Mass. was third at 15:36.

The Alvirne team's top runner was senior Brent

Dunning, coming in at 19th with a time of 16:28.4. Junior Sam Matson was 40th with a time of 17:11. Senior Jacob Plante placed 45th at 17:18.6; Senior Ethan Schultz had a time of 17:30 for 53rd place. Sophomore Brandt Roarke was 54th at 17:31.6; Sophomore Ashton Rowe placed 59th at 17:40.2; and senior Ryder Wannamaker had a time of 18:00.5 for 73rd.

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For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1	Dave Wheeler <input type="radio"/>	Melanie Levesque <input type="radio"/>		Executive Council <input type="radio"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Sharon M. Carson <input type="radio"/>	Kara Roy <input type="radio"/>		State Senator <input type="radio"/>
For State Representatives Hillsborough District 13 Vote for up to 8. Six will be elected	Cathy Kenny <input type="radio"/>	Timothy Wyatt <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Andrew Prout <input type="radio"/>	Ryan Burke <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Jeremy Stottje <input type="radio"/>	John Knowles <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Jordan G. Ulery <input type="radio"/>	Alejandro Urrutia <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Robert Wherry <input type="radio"/>			State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Dillon Dumont <input type="radio"/>			State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>

For State Representatives Hillsborough District 38
Vote for up to 2.
Two will be elected

Ralph G. Boehm Luau Bai
Kim Rice

State Representative Hillsborough District 38
State Representative Hillsborough District 38

For Sheriff
Vote for not more than 1

Christopher Connelly Christopher Connelly

Sheriff

BALLOT CONTINUES ON BACK - TURN OVER →

Offices	Republican Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Other Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	John J. Coughlin <input type="radio"/>	Kimberly A. Kossick <input type="radio"/>		County Attorney <input type="radio"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	David G. Fardette <input type="radio"/>	Beverly Cotton <input type="radio"/>		County Treasurer <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	Dennis Hogan <input type="radio"/>	Mary Ann Crowell <input type="radio"/>		Register of Deeds <input type="radio"/>
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1	Christopher Maidment <input type="radio"/>	Tony Labranche <input type="radio"/>		Register of Probate <input type="radio"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	Michael Seucy <input type="radio"/>	Paul G. Bergeron <input type="radio"/>		County Commissioner <input type="radio"/>

2024 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION
Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2023 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending article 78 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 78. (Judges and Sheriffs, when Disqualified by Age.) No person shall hold the office of sheriff of any county, after the person has attained the age of seventy years. No person shall hold the office of judge of any court after the person has attained the age of seventy-five years." (Passed by the N.H. House 321 Yes 27 No; Passed by the Senate 22 Yes 1 No) CACR 6

Yes No

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Blessing of the Pets/Animals

A special event will be held at First Baptist Church of Hudson (236 Central St. Hudson, NH 03051) on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. in the church parking lot to do a Blessing of the Pets/Animals. All are welcome to come and bring along their companion and receive a blessing. You do not have to be a member of our church to do so, or of any church. Bring your furry, feathered, and scaly friends for a blessing. For safety and comfort for all, please crate

and leash your pet. All backgrounds and beliefs are welcomed to bring their pet to this community event. For more information, please contact us: 603-882-6116 Email: fbchudson@myfairpoint.net

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 benefit the Parish.

Trunk or Treat

A Free Event at First Baptist Church of Hudson on Thursday, Oct. 31, during

Trick or Treat 6 - 8 p.m. Dress up in your favorite costume, then "trick or treat" from trunk to trunk (all decorated in fun themes-nothing scary to frighten little ones) in the church parking lot located at the corner of Central Street and Greeley Street. Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Apple Cider, Hot Cocoa And Coffee. All ages welcome.

Brandenburg and Beyond Ensemble

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry is pleased to host a concert featuring the re-nown baroque ensemble Brandenburg and Beyond. This event will occur Sunday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, 3 Peabody Row Londonderry. Members of the public are invited to attend this complimentary event. The concert will include classic baroque works

by Vivaldi and Telemann, among others, as well as new music written in this century. A social hour will follow the concert, where attendees can enjoy light refreshments. For more information, please visit <https://stpeterslondon-derry.org/> or <https://brandenburgandbeyond.com>.

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>.

Gala Ticket Raffle

Follow the Yellow Brick Road, through the Poppy Fields, and to the Emerald City for a night to remember. Friends of the Library is sponsoring a raffle for two tickets to the NH Humanities Gala on Oct. 16. Gregory Maguire, author of Wicked is the featured presenter at the Tupelo Music Hall, Derry, NH doors open at 6:30 p.m. Raffle tickets are FREE at Rogers Memorial Library.

Haunted Hayride,

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Alvirne High School. Snacks and treats will be available as well. Running Oct. 18 and 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. until last ride at 9 p.m., at the Hills House, 201 Derry, Rd. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. Proceeds help support our theater program, helping fund future productions and performances. Please contact Lauren Denis at Ldenis@sau81.org with any questions.

Book Sale Cancelled

The Oct. 13 Secondhand Prose Booksale, is cancelled due to water damage at Hills Memorial Library basement. The Nov. 10 and Dec. 8 are also cancelled. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rogers Memorial Library website for updates.

Book Donation Day

The Oct. 17 book donation day will be held as originally planned but limited to children's books only. The Friends of the Library sincerely appreciates donations of children's books at Rodgers Memorial Library from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rogers Memorial Library website for updates.

Adventurers Storytime

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

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday, Oct. 17, and 24, at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rogers Library.

GR8FL Zentangle Class

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, and 22, at 6:30 p.m., join Diane MacKinnon in this two-class series to use the Zentangle Method to create a piece of art at the Rogers Library.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come, grab a donut and play a game on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 9:30 a.m., at the Rogers Library.

Creative Dance

On Friday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m., children ages 3-5 will explore movement, puppetry, and storytelling in a fun and imaginative class with Miss Kerry at Rogers Library.

Dog Man Fan Club

On Friday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., Calling all Dog Man fans! Come to the Rogers Library for crafts and activities with a Dog Man theme.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Oct. 12, at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with us.

Interactive Monsters Inc Movie

On Saturday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m., come to Rogers Library and "watch Monsters Inc." Props will be provided to interact with the movie.

Genealogy Club

On Friday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 p.m., Genealogist Seema Kenney will go over the purpose of the census, the instructions and methods for the enumerators, and the hidden gems you can find at the Rogers Library.

Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 1:30 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to discuss "The Paris Daughter" by Kristin Harmel.

Characters & Cocoa

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for this monthly group where writers socialize and talk about the craft.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for this informational session with Guiding Eyes for the Blind and learn how

the dogs are trained.

Pumpkin Painting

On Thursday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m., join Ms. Maggie for family drop-in pumpkin painting at the Rogers Library.

A Visit from Belle

On Saturday, Oct. 19, at 9:30 a.m., join Belle from Nashua's Actorsinger's production of Beauty and the Beast at the Rogers library. Belle will read stories and be available for photos.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

On Monday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m., discuss "The Secrets of Wishtide: A Laetitia Rodd Mystery" by Kate Saunders at the Rogers Library.

Giant Pumpkin Mural

On Monday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m., kids from Grades K-5 are invited to help create a giant pumpkin mural to decorate the Rogers library walls.

Crime & Cookies

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., come discuss the podcast "The Salem Witch Trials" by Unobscured at the Rogers Library.

Pumpkin and Bone Bridges

On Thursday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to build bridges with Q-Tips, tooth picks, and little pumpkin candies.

Fizzy Potions

On Thursday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m., come to the Rogers Library to create a fizzy potion.

Teen Hangout

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

Professional Headshot Mini Session

On Saturday, Oct. 26, at 9:30 a.m., Elevate your personal brand with a professional headshot mini-session at the Rogers Library.

Cookbook Club: Knife Drop

On Monday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m., prepare a recipe from "Knife Drop: Creative Recipes Anyone Can Cook" by Nick DiGiovanni, then engage with others at the Rogers Library.

The Capital Crime of Witchcraft

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rogers Library and learn about the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692 and 1693 but also examine a variety of other cases against women in NH, MA, and CT.

Melodious Zach Family Concert

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m., Melodious Zach puts the boogie in boogeyman with this monster mash of Halloween songs old and new at the Rogers Library!

Too Cute to Spook

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 9:30 a.m., follow the Rogers Library trick-or-treat trail and wear your too cute to spook halloween costume.

Halloween Storytime

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m., wear your costume to Rogers Library's special Halloween storytime.

Preschool Water Play

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

Brunch Bunch

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

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park on the third Saturday of each month to make the beautiful park even more beautiful! Donate whatever

time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. Great people. Great fun. Great exercise. Lunch provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

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, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

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BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

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.

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