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Fall Cleaning

Alvirne junior and JROTC member Arianna Susi was busy Saturday morning, Oct. 18, cleaning some of the stones at Sunnyside Cemetery with over a dozen other students scouring markers, raking leaves and pruning bushes at the site. See more page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

Budget Committee Criticizes Late Arrival of School Budget

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on Oct. 1 to finalize preparations for the 2026 - 2027 budget season. Committee Chair James Lawrence presented a packed November schedule with some members frustrated with the time they will be

given to review the School District budget.

Lawrence noting that the Committee's review would begin later than expected.

He began by saying, "This is based on when the town and school plan to submit their final approved budgets," said "After we receive the town's budgets,

we'll start on Nov. 12. Additional review dates are Nov. 13, Nov. 17, with a wrap-up on Nov. 19 and a reserve day on Nov. 20 if needed. We're proposing to begin reviewing the school budget in early December - Dec. 3, 10, 11, and 12."

The town will hold public hearings on the budget. **continued on page 7**

Target Delays Project to 2029, Boat Purchase Gets Put on Hold

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, officials were informed of likely delays in the Target Distribution Center project - delays that could directly impact the Fire Department's plans to purchase a new rescue boat.

The Board discussed a proposal to acquire a boat using funds from the Target Public Safety Fund. Fire Chief Scott Tice explained the department's intent to purchase a 16 - 18-foot boat with a 60 - 90 horsepower motor, similar to models previously considered during budget discussions.

"This size boat can only be launched and recovered

from a trailer," Tice wrote. "We were looking at this size with the understanding that a boat ramp was to be built on the Merrimack River in Hudson."

However, Tice noted that the ramp is now expected to be at least four years away.

"Not having a boat launch we can reach quickly can cause delays in reaching those in distress," he said. As a result, the department is exploring the option of a smaller, 14-foot boat with a 30-horsepower motor. This type of boat could be carried from the trailer to the water, allowing for faster access without a ramp. However, Tice cautioned that a smaller boat

would struggle to tow disabled vessels, which the department occasionally assists with.

If the larger boat is purchased, Tice said it would need to be launched from Nashua or Tyngsboro.

He also explained that the funds for the boat launch are tied to the certificate of occupancy for the Target project.

"At this point, the certificate of occupancy on the main building is not expected until 2029," Tice said.

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima confirmed that the boat launch is planned for Merrill Park, citing its favorable topography and available space for parking

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Selectmen Approve Increase to Town Veterans Tax Credit

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HUDSON TIMES

During its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen reviewed a proposed change to the Permanent & Totally Disabled Veterans Tax Credit, a policy that could impact dozens of local veterans beginning in the 2026 property tax year.

In a memo to the Board, James Michaud of the Assessing Department explained that the department had previously discussed the possibility of introducing a warrant article for the 2026 ballot to increase the Service-Connected Permanent & Totally Disabled Veterans Tax Credit (T&D).

"This bill accomplishes two state objectives," Mich-

aud wrote. "First, it disallows the statewide practice - enforced by the NH Department of Revenue Administration - of combining the T&D credit with the Optional Veterans Tax Credit. Second, it increases the maximum T&D credit from \$4,000 to \$5,000, subject to local adoption."

Hudson currently offers a \$3,000 T&D credit, a figure approved by voters in 2021. For the 2024 property tax year, 71 credits were issued. Michaud noted that the statewide average T&D credit is \$1,900, with a median of \$2,400. Among municipalities with populations over 20,000, the average is \$2,900 and the median remains \$2,400.

For the current 2025

property tax year, veterans who qualify for both the T&D credit and the \$600 Optional Veterans Tax Credit receive a combined benefit of \$3,600. However, under House Bill 99, that \$600 optional credit will be eliminated for those receiving the T&D credit - unless the Board takes action.

"If the BOS does not introduce a warrant article to increase the T&D credit, those veterans will see their property tax bill increase by at least \$600," Michaud warned.

To address the change, Michaud outlined several options:

- Raise the T&D credit to \$3,600 to make affected veterans "whole," maintain

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Town Engineer Asks for \$10K for Aerial Survey Funds

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The first October meeting of the Hudson Planning Board had a request from Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, who wanted to push forward with an update to the town's tax map.

"Throughout the past six years, we've been using funds you guys collect for tax map improvements, we've been using those funds to actually do flyovers of the town every two years. Ideally, we'd like to do that every year, but we

don't have the funding and do what we can," explained Dhima. "What we've done is that we've taken non-taxpayer funds, including the funds you collect here through the years, and we're going to apply those to a 2026 flyover."

Hudson officials hire a consultant to generate aerials of property around town on behalf of the town, relying on the aerials for everything from tax assessments to finding code violations. The Planning Board keeps a separate account for the

aerial inspections.

"What's the amount that would be coming from the Planning Board?" asked Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery.

The Town Engineer wanted the \$10,070, which represented all available money in the Board's assessment account. Similar accounts from the Assessment Department, along with water and sewer services, cover other costs associated with the survey.

"What's the total cost?" asked Board member Vic-

tor Oates, who added that "80% to 90%" of aerials went unchanged during any two-year gap between flyovers. "What would be the negative of waiting two to three more years?"

Dhima stated that the total cost of the 2026 flyover was set to be \$34,000, an amount that had not risen since 2020.

"That's for every two years, so about \$17,000 annually. There was some arm wrestling this particular year since everything else costs more money," he said. "We were able to keep it at what it was before with a sort of family discount. I think they're being good, we're being good, and we're going to continue to hold this relationship."

Dhima added that outdated property information inevitably led to problems for anyone conducting a site plan review.

Oates also asked for a cost-benefit analysis of the aerials, a request that was immediately rejected.

"We're not doing a cost analysis for we've been doing this every two years and if you don't want to vote for it, I understand, but I'm telling you everyone does this," said Dhima. "It's trying to keep up with the times, trying to be proactive, trying to utilize what you have, and money for: the tax map and GIS."

He warned against "going backwards" by making cuts to the aerial surveys and expressed his belief that the price for future surveys would likely rise if they were pushed back to every four years.

"We approve various subdivisions and site plans. Have you ever used the aerials to view if there's any drainage or erosions problems?" asked Board

member James Crowley.

According to Dhima, aerial images are used to look at environmental issues "all the time."

"I would like to think that two years in development in town would be enough with what has gone on down at the Target facility, what's going on with T-BONES at the Walmart Center, and I can think of at least four other developments that have been completed or are on the verge of completion within town," said alternate Todd Boyer. "I think two years would be more than sufficient."

The Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend releasing funds for the 2026 update project.

The next meeting of the Hudson Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

Veterans

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ing their current benefit level. This would require voter approval.

• Increase the credit to \$4,000, which would have a minimal impact on the tax rate - approximately \$28,500

in additional appropriations.

• Consider a phased approach, increasing the credit to \$4,000 in 2026 and potentially to the full \$5,000 in 2027, pending future Board approval.

"The Assessing Department has had informal discussions with taxpayers and veterans regarding HB 99

and its implications," Michaud wrote. "It may be prudent to recommend a two-year process to adopt higher amounts for T&D veterans."

Following discussion, the Board of Selectmen voted to move forward with a warrant article to increase the T&D credit to \$4,000.

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School Board Approves District's Workers Comp Policy

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An agenda item during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a final policy reading for its policy on Workers Compensation Temporary Alternative Duty.

As part of the policy it states "In compliance with RSA 281-A:23-b, the school district will provide temporary alternative/transitional work opportunities to all employees temporarily disabled by a workrelated injury or illness."

"The program is not intended to address those situations in which an employee has been deemed to be permanently disabled

and unable to resume his or her previous position," the new policy states.

It goes on to state that "It is the policy of the Hudson School Board that meaningful work be provided to employees during the time of healing following a work-related illness or injury in order to assist employees in their transition back to full duty."

Under process the proposed policy states "The Temporary Alternative Duty Program will be available to employees for a period of time extending as long as the circumstances of the illness/injury requires, but not longer than four months, unless deemed appropriate

by the employee's supervisor and as dictated by the treating physician, and as such duties are available.

1. An ill/injured employee will be responsible for obtaining a NH Workers' Compensation Task Analysis and a copy of his/her current job description from the district Human Resource's office when reporting the injury to the treating physician. If the nature of the injury or illness is such that emergency need for care precludes obtaining the above forms, then the employee shall, as soon as possible call the Human Resource office to request that an analysis and job description be mailed to

the employee or his/her treating physician.

2. The treating physician and the ill/injured employee will share the responsibility of providing the school district's Human Resource office with the completed NH Workers' Compensation Medical Form. This form provides information relating to the employee's capabilities necessary to structure a temporary alternative duty program.

3. The employee's supervisor will work with the employee to facilitate a safe return - to - workreturnto-work program within the limitations listed by the treating physician. If necessary, the Human Resource

office may contact the treating physician for additional information.

4. After each subsequent visit, the ill/injured employee will be responsible for providing an updated medical form completed by the treating physician and returned to the district Human Resources office.

5. Additional modifications will be made to the temporary alternative duty program as required. The employee's supervisor will be responsible for reviewing the appropriateness of continuing the program or duty assignments, including, but not limited to, extending the program beyond four months, as necessary.

6. Upon written medical release by the treating physician, the employee will assume normal duties of his or her regular position."

The new policy also stated that "the provisions of this policy are intended to comply with RSA 281-A:23-b."

During the previous board meeting, School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained that it is a new policy, but they currently have a HR policy that has existed for employees within the HR department.

"This is now a school board level policy," she explained.

The School Board unanimously approved the policy during the meeting.

Library Creates New Strategic Plan, Prepares for Records Law Implementation

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Oct. 8 to announce the completion of its 2026 - 2029 Strategic Plan.

"It's on our website if you'd like to see it, and we have printed copies available in the library for your perusal," said Library Director Linda Pilla. "We ask that you not remove the printed copies from the library. However, if you'd like your own copy, we'll print one free of charge - just ask!"

The Strategic Plan outlines the library's mission to "optimize space, improve operations, and enhance community engagement and

communications to better meet the Town of Hudson's needs." Proposed initiatives include extended Saturday hours, securing non-staff presenters for library programs, expanding partnerships with local schools, increasing social media outreach, and promoting the library's "non-traditional" offerings such as its Library of Things.

"Long gone are the days when libraries were only repositories for municipal and family records, reference materials, and books donated from private collections," wrote Pilla. "Today, libraries offer much more - and ours is no different."

"Definitely take the time to read the strategic plan,"

added Vice-Chair Lisa Weber. "There's so much information packed into 22 pages. As a Hudson citizen, it's definitely worth the read."

In addition to strategic planning, the library is preparing for the implementation of House Bill 273, recently signed into law by the governor.

"The law gives parents access to their children's library information," reported Weber.

HB 273 states that "All library records related to a minor's current borrowing of printed library materials and audio-visual materials, such as DVDs and CDs, shall be available to the parent or legal guardian of

the minor when requested by the parent or legal guardian whose address matches that on the minor's library account." The law will take effect on Jan. 1, 2026.

As part of the GMILCS consortium, Rodgers Memorial Library is working with other Southern NH libraries to develop a unified policy for implementing HB 273.

"We're still in the process of creating procedures and practices," said Pilla. "GMILCS is dotting the i's and crossing the t's. Manchester City Library has hired a lawyer to review the law, and as part of GMILCS, we'll benefit from that legal insight."

Pilla hopes to send an updated copy of the library's procedures to the Trustees before their next meeting.

"For the most part, I don't anticipate a lot of genuine action on this, but you never know," she said. "It

behooves us to be as prepared and prudent as possible. For GMILCS and its libraries, this is the first time we've worked as a consortium to create a single policy from scratch that all libraries can adopt."



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Editorial

Halloween on a Friday, A Perfect Night for Fun and Frights

Halloween falls on a Friday this year, and that means the stars have aligned for a night of full-blown fun! With no school the next morning and the weekend ahead, families can enjoy the festivities without the usual weekday rush. It's the perfect setup for costumes, candy, and community cheer.

For kids, it's a magical evening - dressing up as their favorite characters, heading out after dark, and filling their bags with treats from friendly neighbors. And for the grown-ups? It's a chance to relive the joy, decorate the porch, and maybe sneak a piece of candy or two. There's something timeless about Halloween that brings out the child in all of us.

Expect to see streets alive with superheroes, witches, princesses, zombies, and plenty of creative costumes. Porch lights will glow, jack-o'-lanterns will flicker, and laughter will echo through the crisp autumn air. It's Halloween at its best - New England-style.

A Quick Safety Reminder

With all the excitement, let's not forget to keep safety front and center. Police will be out helping to ensure a safe night for everyone, but we all play a role. Drivers, please slow down and stay alert - especially between 5 and 9 p.m. when trick-or-treaters are most active.

Tips for a Safe & Spooky Night

Parents, here are a few simple ways to keep the night safe and fun:

- Choose costumes with bright colors or add reflective tape.
- Equip kids with flashlights or glow sticks.
- Keep costumes short to avoid trips

and falls.

- Use face paint instead of masks to keep vision clear.
- Stick to well-lit, familiar homes.
- Never enter a stranger's home or vehicle.
- Wait until kids are home before enjoying any treats.

Make It Memorable

Let's make this Halloween memorable for all the right reasons. Whether you're out trick-or-treating or handing out candy from your porch, embrace the spirit of the season. Light a jack-o'-lantern, wear a silly hat, and enjoy the parade of costumes and smiles. Halloween is about joy, imagination, and community - and this Friday night promises to deliver all three.

There's something magical about hearing laughter echo through the neighborhood, seeing porches glowing with carved pumpkins, and watching little ones proudly show off their costumes. It's a celebration of creativity, connection, and good old-fashioned fun.

And if you need a spooky tale to share, just remind folks of that Halloween a few years ago when trick-or-treating was postponed because of a surprise snowstorm. Now that was chilling!

So go ahead - decorate your porch, stock up on candy, and get ready to welcome the ghosts and goblins. Whether you're donning a costume or simply enjoying the view from your doorstep, this Halloween is sure to be a night to remember.

Have a safe, sweet, and spectacular Halloween!

Letters

Allow Stop Arm Cameras on School Busses

To the editor,

Good Evening after several years of missing dates or it getting legislation dropped from attached bills Rep Ulery wrote it up as its own, (I haven't seen bill yet and know it will probably get changed but its currently LSR 2026-2599) we need teachers, school boards, police officers, and especially parents other drivers etc. to write and call their legislators and ask them to support this legislation. They will need written signed and verifiable letters of incidents where drivers' (or other witness) information was insufficient to make a case in court. We need multiple complaints from across the state of the seriousness of the issue. We need town prosecutors to come forward saying how such devices will help court cases. We need people to come forward, parents are especially important.

We need to get complaints, reports, letters of witness statements together sent in now. These will need to be presented in January. Have your colleagues focus on seeing violations reporting a violation but not

being able to prosecute due to lack of ability to identify the person driving.

Before January join me with a email campaign together sending individual emails to local reps and senators across the state identifying the problem and urging support for a bill, they understand that Representative Ulery is introducing addressing this growing issue because it is needed immediately after 1-1-26. Personally, this year I have averaged a half dozen vehicles a week going by my red lights while loading/unloading students one week I had that in one day. My first priority is where the kids are, then the make model and plate of car then lastly a driver description.

Currently NH RSA 236:130 and RSA 236:131 prohibit the use expressly for this purpose. We have had several near misses in the past several years do we need a tragedy before it's addressed to protect our future? During the 2025 NASDPTS 13th Annual one day survey on this subject 114,239 drivers reported 67,258 vehicles passing them. If you adjust that for all school bus drivers nationwide, that is over 218000 cars passing busses each day loading and

unloading children which then translates to over 39 million occurrences each year. Well over 90% of these are on the left side of the bus but over 3% happen on the door side. According to a recent NHTSA survey of drivers the top reasons for this were:

1. Didn't Care: 30.5%
2. Were in a hurry: 25.5%
3. Didn't know the law: 24.3% (I thought this would be the #1 reason but I was wrong)
4. Were distracted: 12.2%

It is reported 98% of violators do not repeat the offense after being cited because messages about child safety might not work but consequences seem to. This past year Massachusetts changed their law to allow cameras joining the at least 26 states that allow this and Rhode Island mandate them on all their school busses now. Cameras may not deter passing but the evidence they would provide will help with enforcement especially if an officer is not present to witness it. Please contact your state Representatives and Senators to save a life!

Rob Everett
Hudson

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Target Delays

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and trailers. "That's the ultimate destination," Dhima said. "There have been plans for Merrill Park even before the Chief and I arrived."

Board Chair Dillon Dumont asked whether discussions had taken place with the developer about starting the boat launch ahead of schedule.

Dhima responded that offsite improvements are

nearly complete, though some work may continue into next year. He noted that the building shell is finished, but the interior layout remains undecided.

"They cannot pour the concrete until they know exactly what it's going to look like," Dhima said. "There's going to be a lot of robotics."

While the timeline could change, Dhima emphasized that current

projections are based on the information provided by the developer.

"The way the agreement is written, the main building must be completed and approved before the funds are released," Dhima said. "But I'll speak with the developer to see if they'd consider releasing part of the funds early so we can begin the process."

No decision was made about the boat purchase during the meeting.

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Rotary Club Members Collect Electronics to Help



The Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club held one of its bi-annual Electronics Recycling Fundraisers on Saturday morning, Oct.18, at the Alvirne High School Parking Lot where members collected dozens of items from small microwaves to large wide-screen televisions. Items were dropped for members to pre-sort for pick-up later in the day. Proceeds from the event will help support: College and Vocational Scholarships; Local Service Needs; Housing needs, Food Pantry Agencies; as well as a number of other Community Service Projects.

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Benson Park Clean-Up Season Ends, Train Station Lead Remediation Continues

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HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on Oct. 16 with updates on both volunteer efforts and ongoing restoration work at the historic Benson Train Station. Natalie Newell, representing the Friends of Benson Park, opened the meeting with a reminder about an upcoming event to honor volunteers.

"We have our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon coming up on Oct. 25," said Newell. "If you volunteered at Benson Park in any capacity this year,

you're welcome to join us."

The final Clean-Up Day of the season wrapped up on Oct. 18, marking the end of organized volunteer maintenance for the year as colder weather sets in. The clean-up program is expected to resume in April.

Newell also promoted a fundraising initiative - the Memorial Picnic Table Donation Program.

"For \$1,895, donors can sponsor a picnic table, which includes assembly and the opportunity to choose its location in the park," she explained. "The

memorial plaque can include custom wording, though the font size may be adjusted depending on the length of the message."

Those interested in donating a table can contact the Friends of Benson Park at info@friendsofbensonpark.org.

Committee Chair Jack Madden provided a detailed update on the restoration of the Benson Train Station, which is being carried out in coordination with New England Restoration and under the guidance of the NH Division of Historical

Resources (DHR).

"I set up a conference call with Doug Jones, the contractor from New England Restoration, and we reviewed the feedback from DHR item by item," said Madden. "One of the key concerns is the windows - we need to ensure that no damage occurs to the interior trim, the slides in the window frame, or the sashes."

Madden noted that he still needed to send photos to Jones to help determine the best approach for restoration. The project aims to balance health-crit-

ical remediation - such as lead and mold removal - with the preservation of the building's historic character. Several doors will also be restored as part of the process.

"For the doors, all four will be removed and taken to a facility where they'll be dipped in a solvent that dissolves the lead paint," Madden explained. "This brings the wood down to its bare surface, allowing us to repaint with primer, latex, or whatever is appropriate. DHR has approved this treatment."

Jones and Madden also

suspect that the old plaster throughout the station may be contaminated with lead. Further testing is needed, but New England Restoration has proposed encapsulation as a method to safely isolate any lead present in the plaster.

"It's been a long time coming, but I think we're heading in the right direction," said Madden.

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

Proposed GIS Flyover Agreement Approved by Selectman

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen approved a proposal related to the town's Geographic Information System (GIS) flyover agreement.

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima explained that the flyover program began in

2017 as part of a broader effort to monitor development and maintain accurate mapping data.

"We started paying closer attention to what's happening in town and what we need to know to stay informed," Dhima said. "The flyovers have been a key part of that. We began by teaming up with other

communities, which worked well, and we've continued the practice."

Dhima noted that the town has consistently used the same vendor - originally Quantum Spatial, now NV5 Geospatial - since the program's inception. The vendor has maintained consistent pricing since 2020.

"The Town of Hudson has been presented with an opportunity to complete a high-resolution aerial mapping project (3-inch resolution) of the entire town in spring 2026, for the same cost as the last three flyovers," Dhima wrote in a

memo to the Board.

After some negotiation, Dhima confirmed that NV5 Geospatial agreed to hold the same pricing.

"There was some friendly back and forth on the price, but they accommodated us with the same rate they've held for the past six years. I'm very happy with that," he said.

Dhima recommended waiving the bid process and sole-sourcing the work to NV5 Geospatial for several reasons:

- The vendor has provided similar services in 2017, 2020, 2022, and

2024.

- They have consistently offered the service at a significant discount.

- The price remains unchanged for 2022, 2024, and 2026.

"This will give us some of the best resolution available for civilian use - three inches," Dhima said. "The biggest challenge with flyovers is tying the imagery to control points on the ground. This vendor already has that technology and has completed all the necessary surveying work."

Dhima also emphasized that the \$34,000 cost would not come from taxpayer

funds. Instead, it would be covered using developer-paid accounts.

"The way it's paid for is absolutely perfect," said Board Chair Dillon Dumont. "It's impact fees from development in town. Without development, we wouldn't have impact fees. Without impact fees, this would be funded by taxpayers. It's a good use of the funds, that's for sure."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the proposal.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

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Funds Approved for Traffic Signal System Upgrades

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen approved a proposal to upgrade the town's traffic signal system, marking the next step in a decade-long effort to modernize traffic infrastructure.

Director of Developmental Services Elvis Dhima explained that the town last upgraded its system approximately ten years ago, installing new hardware,

software, and GridSmart cameras and processors.

"Approximately ten years ago, the Town of Hudson upgraded its traffic signal system with new hardware, software, and GridSmart cameras and processors, resulting in major improvements to daily traffic operations," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board.

Now, Dhima says the system is due for an upgrade to the next generation of technology.

"After a decade of use, the system is now due for an upgrade to the next generation of equipment," he wrote. "Testing of the new GS3 processors has demonstrated that this technology will provide the tools needed to meet current industry standards and support future transportation demands."

Dhima emphasized that Hudson has been a leader in adopting traffic management technology and that the current system has

already proven to be a "game changer."

"To sustain this progress and continue improving safety and efficiency, staff recommends purchasing the next-generation processors using designated corridor funds for traffic improvements along the town's main corridors," he stated.

He noted that Hudson has already used over \$1 million in corridor funds for similar improvements.

Dhima requested that the Board waive the standard bid process and approve a sole-source designation for New England Traffic Solutions.

"The recommendation is to approve waiving the bid process and sole source this work to New England Traffic Solutions for the following reasons: 1. They are the only licensed distributor for this equipment, and 2. They currently provide support services for such sys-

tems," Dhima explained.

He also recommended approving the expenditure of up to \$80,214 for the purchase of next-generation traffic equipment, with funding to come from the corridor fund. The Planning Board had previously endorsed the proposal.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved both recommendations.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

Nominations for Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee Approved

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved nominations for the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee

(LAC), a regional group focused on the stewardship and management of the river corridor.

Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson explained that the Board had

previously discussed adding community members to the committee.

"In follow-up to the motion made at the August 12, 2025, Board of Selectmen meeting regarding

Hudson's representation on the Lower Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, I move that the Board formally nominate residents Kathy Nardoni and Ruth Sessions as representatives of the Town of Hudson," Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby shared that she had personally reached out to both nominees, citing their experience and dedication to environmental issues.

"I reached out to two individuals who have always spoken to me about the river and water-related concerns," Jakoby said. "Kathy Nardoni lives on Maple Street across from Merrill Park and often volunteers for cleanups. Ruth Sessions lives downtown

and was the sponsor of an aquifer warrant article years ago. Both are highly educated and passionate about these issues."

Sorenson noted that there are currently four vacancies on the committee. Sydney Gendreau, Watershed Planning Assistant for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), had previously contacted the Town requesting nominations.

"Their nomination would ensure that Hudson has an active and engaged voice in the stewardship and management of the Lower Merrimack River corridor, in accordance with the 2023 updated LAC management plan," Sorenson said. "Upon Board approval, their names will be submitted to

the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program for formal appointment to three-year terms."

Chair Dillon Dumont praised the nominations, noting the challenge of finding volunteers for town boards and committees.

"I think that's fantastic," Dumont said. "It's very difficult to find volunteers for all the committees we have here."

He also pointed out that nominees would need to submit their forms to NHDES for final approval.

The board approved the nominations of Nardoni and Sessions, pending the submission of their applications to NHDES. It was also noted during the meeting that two vacancies remain on the committee.

Budget

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lic hearings on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, and Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, with a back-up date of Jan. 16 if needed. Hearings are typically held at 7 p.m. at the Hudson Community Center. All dates are subject to change.

Committee member Shawn Jasper expressed frustration with the delayed start to the school budget review.

"I think it's absolutely ridiculous that we're not going to be working on the school district budget until December," Jasper said. "Years ago, when we had far less IT support, we started budgets in September."

Jasper warned that the complexity of the 2026 - 2027 fiscal year budget would require more time

than the current schedule allows.

"I don't know how we're supposed to do the school budget in essentially three nights. It's disgraceful," he said. "With holiday schedules and everything else people have to manage, this just isn't acceptable."

Lawrence acknowledged the compressed timeline and suggested requesting additional dates for school budget review.

"I knew this was going to be tight when I saw the proposed submission dates," he said. "We're probably past the point of changing it for this cycle, but in future years, it would be appreciated if the budgets were ready before November."

School Board Liaison Maureen Dionne explained that 2025 is a transitional year for the Hudson School

District, with new software and a new business administrator.

"Please know that we're reviewing how the budget is presented," Dionne said. "We're more than willing to have a conversation about how the information is shared."

Committee member Walsh proposed holding public hearings on a Saturday to encourage greater attendance.

"Many people aren't going to want to come in on a Thursday night," Walsh said. "With my rose-colored glasses, I wonder if more people might attend on a Saturday."

However, most committee members expressed concerns about their availability on weekends, and no changes were made to the hearing schedule.

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Alvirne JROTC Students Clean Up Sunnyside Cemetery



As Veterans Day approaches, members of the Alvirne JROTC gathered at Sunnyside Cemetery to do some much-needed clean up to some of the many markers and headstones there. The cadet volunteers are scheduled to visit Westview Cemetery this week for cleaning there as well.

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Multiple Fire Department Respond on B Street House Fire

On Sunday morning, Oct. 19, at 9:35 a.m. Hudson Fire Alarm received several calls reporting a house fire at 33 B Street.

Dispatched to the scene were Engines 2, 1, Ladder 2, Tanker 1, 02, C2, Nashua Engine 4 and C2.

During the blaze, neighbors alerted a resident of the home and helped them escape.

The shift commander when reaching the intersection of Lowell Road and Central Street had a large loom up from the fire and requested a working fire assignment to the scene. This brought Londonderry Engine 2 and Battalion Chief, and Nashua Ladder 3 to the fire.

The Firefighters from Nashua responding to the

scene saw heavy smoke as the pulled out of the East Hollis Street Fire Station and as the ladder crossed over the Sagamore Bridge.

On arrival 02 reported heavy fire showing from a two-story single family home.

Engine 2 stretched a line to knock down the heavy fire conditions while Ladder 2 performed a

search and Engine 1 stretched a line into the front of the home.

Nashua Engine 4 took a line to the rear of the home and Ladder 3 vented the roof.

Hudson C2 assumed operations of the fire. A second alarm was struck bringing Hudson C3, Medic 2, a Pelham engine, Londonderry ambulance, Windham engine and a Derry engine to the scene. Hudson K1 and the State Fire Marshals Office were called to the scene to investigate for a cause.

Firefighters had the fire under control in about an hour and a half and remained on the scene some time overhauling and assessing with the investigation. Apparatus from Litchfield, Manchester, Dracut and Salem covered the Hudson Fire Stations during the fire.



Firefighter battle house fire on B Street over the weekend.
Courtesy photo



Lock Box Program Explained

On Sept. 24, the new Hudson Police Chief, David Cayot, met with some of the residents at the Westchester Condo Association in Hudson to discuss the importance of having a Lock Box on their house for safety purposes in the event that the Police or Fire Department would need to do a wellness check on a resident. The Lock Box is provided by the Hudson Police Department with a code that only the Police have access to and this service is free of charge for local residents. Pictured left to right is Darlene Parent, Police Chief David Cayot, Nancie Caron and Anne Reczko.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Broncos Football Quell Owls, Get Team's Second Win

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne Broncos football team traveled to Timberlane Regional High School on Friday night, Oct. 17, and were able to outlast the Owls by three-points for the team's second victory of the season.

A strong Broncos defense was able to hold back Timberlane's second half efforts on that team's home turf to help their team secure a narrow 25-22 win.

Coming off a rather deflating 17-56 loss at Pinkerton Academy, the vic-

tory was just what head coach Justin Hufft and his team needed for a bit of confidence heading into the final two games of the fall sports season.

The Alvirne sqiad held the now 3-4 Timberlane team to a miniscule 30-yards on the ground in the second half and senior running back Mikey Landmesser rushed for an impressive 175-yards with two touchdowns for the tough road win.

Landmesser was handed the ball for 16 carries in the contest for his 175-yards on

the ground,with two carries resulting in touchdowns. He also had two receptions for 36-yards, giving him over 210-yards of offense.

Junior quarterback Ethan Dudley went six-for-14 in passing for an even 100-yards and tallied one touchdown. The first-year quarterback also had nine carries for 24-yards in the game.

The versatile senior Quinten Tetreault also contributed greatly to the victory, tallying three receptions for 57-yards, getting one touchdown and had four

carries for 16-yards.

Senior wide receiver Jaden Taylor had one reception for seven-yards in the contest.

The Broncos will return home for the team's fourth home game of the season and try to string together two-consecutive wins when the face the Dover Green Wave this coming Friday night, Oct. 24.

Dover has managed just one win the season, an 8-0 victory over the Spaulding Red Raiders at home back in September.

Alvirne is scheduled to



Ethan Dudley

finish the season at Merri-mack High School on Halloween night, Oct. 31. The

Tomahawks are currently at 4-2 and have won four consecutive games.

Alvirne Soccer Teams Chalk Up Much-Needed Victories

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Soccer team got its first win of the season, unfortunately it comes just before the final week of the regular season

The victory came on the road, at Spaulding High School in Rochester.

The Lady Broncos were able to get a 2-0 shutout victory against the Red Raiders on Thursday, Oct. 16.

One of the Alvirne goals was scored by forward Lia Moreau assisted by fellow forward Reese Wanamaker. The second point was put in

by forward Leah Brown with the assist coming from defensive captain Anna Murphy.

Goalender Abbie Kowalski solidified the victory with five saves in the Alvirne net.

The team's first victory was unfortunately book-ended by two shutout losses at home.

The Winnacunnet Warriors came onto the Alvirne field on Tuesday, Oct. 14, and served up the Broncos tenth loss of the season, scoring eight unanswered goals.

The Alvirne girls' week

ended with another tough loss.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros came to Hudson and delivered a 6-0 loss to the home team, putting the AHS squad at 1-11-2 heading into the final week.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, they faced Manchester Memorial (3-9-2) and on Thursday, Oct. 23 they will face the Windham Jaguars (3-7-4) for the teams final game of the season.

Bronco Boys

The Alvirne Boys Soccer squad put forth one of

its biggest wins of the season to end their week.

The Broncos boys scored early and often to hand the Spaulding Red Raiders a 10-1 loss on Friday night, Oct. 17.

The victory came after a 0-6 loss on the seacoast to the Winnacunnet Warriors in Hampton.

The boys will finish the final week of the season with a game on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Manchester Memorial High School followed by a final home game on Thursday, Oct. 23, against the 9-2-3 Windham Jaguars.



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A talented group of Hudson youth have earned roles in the New England Dance Ensemble's 2025 production of The Nutcracker.

Under the direction of Artistic Director Barbara Mullen, this season's full-scale professional production of The Nutcracker will once again bring together local talent and world-class guest artists. Appearing in the leading roles are Courtney Shealy (Sugar Plum Fairy), Andrii Ishchuk (Cavalier), and Elijah Geolina (Snow King and Arabian), all members of American

Ballet Theatre. General McArthur Hambrick, a Broadway veteran, will appear as Drosselmeyer, with live accompaniment by the NH Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Mark Latham.

Renowned for its professional caliber, NEDE offers an exceptional performance experience for serious young dancers, combining classical and contemporary training with the chance to collaborate with artists from major companies across the country.

Company members will

perform in NEDE's two upcoming productions of The Nutcracker on Saturday, Nov. 29, and Sunday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem, NH. Rehearsals are already underway at NEDE's home studio, Londonderry Dance Academy.

Follow Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they battle the Mouse King and journey through the Land of Sweets to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy. Tickets go on sale now at www.nede.org or by calling 1-800-595-4TIX.



Pictured front; Nina Vaidya, Mia Ouellette, Sarah Johnston, in Back: Brielle Ouellette.
Photo courtesy of NEDE

Hudson Resident Named for 2025 Spirit of NH Awards Recognition

Angela Lamothe, a volunteer of Scar Hope Revision Project, has been named an outstanding awardee for the 2025 Spirit of NH Awards. She will receive recognition at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on Oct. 27.

Lamothe serves Spark Hope Scar Revision Project participants, offering repeated sessions of laser scar revision. Her volunteer activities include carefully as-

sessing scars, creating treatment plans, and providing ongoing follow-up care, all without charge. Beyond the procedures themselves, Angela creates a safe, non-judgmental space focused on professionalism that removes stigma allowing participants to reclaim their sense of self.

She will be recognized alongside the contributions of 112 awardees - including AmeriCorps members, en-

vironmental stewards, educators, faith-based groups, and many others - who have positively impacted NH's communities.

Special "Outstanding" awards in each category will be given to:

- Youth/Young Adult: Elijah George, B3 Youth Clinic
- Adult: Angela Lamothe, Scar Hope Revision Project
- Senior: Katharine H.

Bigelow, Sugar Hill Historical Museum

- Group: The Szymbor Family, NH Farm Museum
- Volunteer Champion: Gather Community Food Center

Volunteer NH anticipates over 500 guests at the Capitol Center for the Arts, with more participating through the ConcordTV

livestream. As part of the night's festivities, the Pre-event Reception at 5:30 p.m., will offer guests the chance to meet the award recipients and celebrate volunteerism across the state.

The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. and highlight volunteerism across five categories, in addition to results of the live-vote for the People's

Choice Award. The night will conclude with the presentation of the Spirit of NH Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Committee.

For more information or to RSVP for the 2025 Spirit of NH Awards and volunteer opportunities, visit www.volunteernh.org or contact Tyler Jones at Tyler@volunteernh.org or (603) 271-7200.

Hudson Resident Arrested for Voter Fraud

Attorney General John M. Formella announces that Grace Gato, of Hudson, NH, has been arrested and charged with one class A misdemeanor count of wrongful voting, contrary to RSA 659:34, I(c) and RSA 659:34, II.

RSA 659:34, I(c) prohibits a person from applying for a ballot in a name other than their own. The complaint alleges that Ms. Gato submitted an absentee

ballot application for the Nov. 5, 2024 State General Election in Hudson using the name of her recently deceased mother. Ms. Gato separately applied for and cast an absentee ballot in her own name during that election.

Chairman of the House Election Law Committee, Ross Berry (R-Weare), released the following statement after the arrest.

"Democrats keep insist-

ing voter fraud doesn't happen in New Hampshire - and then it does. Thankfully, our newly enacted law, SB 287, would have stopped this Democrat activist from committing voter fraud by requiring a simple ID check before an absentee ballot is issued. We passed it because common sense tells you verification matters and today's arrest proves why."



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Guided Cemetery Tour

Join the Hudson Historical Society for a special Cemetery Tour on Saturday, Oct. 25, beginning at 10 a.m. Participants will gather at the Hills House, located at 211 Derry Rd., for light refreshments before heading out to visit two historic cemeteries. Attendees will use their own transportation to follow the tour and learn about notable Hudson citizens laid to rest in these locations. No registration is required, and the event is free to all. Cemetery Stops: Blodgett Cemetery - Pelham Road (next to Nottingham West School); Westview Cemetery - Burnham Road.

Trunk or Treat

A Free Event at First Baptist Church of Hudson on Friday, Oct. 31, from 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

our church parking lot located at the corner of Central Street and Greeley Street. This SAFE environment is the perfect place to gather goodies and make new friends. Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Apple Cider, Hot Cocoa and Coffee. Invite your friends and family. All ages welcome.

St. Kathryn Holiday Bazaar

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

Dungeons & Donuts

On Saturday, Nov. 1 and

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

Avoiding Misinformation

On Thursday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m., come to Rodgers Library and go over tips on how to be a savvy consumer of news and how to find the information that matters to you.

Homeschool Fall Centerpiece

On Thursday, Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m., come to Rodgers Library to create a candle holder to use as a fall centerpiece. This project is for homeschool students ages 5+.

Rodgers Readers Book Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy" by

Nathan Thrall.

Autumn Leaves Chalk Art

On Saturday, Nov. 1 at 10 a.m., families are invited to create an autumn leaf masterpiece using chalk at Rodgers Library.

Curious Kids

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

Stop the Bleed

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

Forest Colors Zendala

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

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

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

Tween Minecraft

A Minecraft Fall Festival will be held with Arrayscape Gaming on Monday, Nov. 10

at 3 p.m., at Rodgers Library. Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to explore a winding hay maze, scavenge an arena for loot, gather hidden items, and win rewards for completing activities.

Genealogy Club

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

Coco Interactive Movie

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

"She Kills" with True Crime

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

More Holiday Romance Book Recs

On Monday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m., the Rodgers Library will host this virtual event. John Charles will give his "best of" list of 2025 that will have your TBR pile tipping over and your holidays spent

cozying up to a good book.

Afternoon Book Group

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

NH Saves Button Up Workshop

On Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., learn about saving electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from NH's energy utilities at Rodgers Library.

Tween Pizza & Painting

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

Turkey Makerspace

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

Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat

On Friday, Nov. 7, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., join Etz Hayim

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Around Town

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

"Meet Me at Luke's"

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

Sunday Family Camp

On Sunday, Nov. 9, from, 10 a.m. - Noon, learn about the traditions of Shabbat, work on projects related to the holiday and learn the Hebrew letters that spell the word Shabbat at Etz Hayim Synagogue. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by

8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, to ensure enough materials. The program is free, and no membership is required. Visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1 for more information.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

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

AI's Next Act: Your Smarter Future

On Thursday, Nov. 13, from, 7 - 8 p.m., Wayne Kurtzman leads an AI-enabled social, communities, and collaboration for a global market intelligence firm. Discover what AI does now, what's next, and how it will transform work, life, and play. Learn practical steps to embrace AI and thrive in an (arguably) smarter world. Learn what is driving the changes, and how to embrace new skills in a changing

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Holiday Dinner & Raffle

VFW Post 5791 Holiday Dinner & Raffle will be hold a benefit for the Nashua Children's Home and Marguerite's Place On Nov. 22. Also collecting toys for Toys for Tots, so bring a new unwrapped children's toy for the collection box. At 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact cshay35@gmail.com for tickets or more info. Great raffle prizes, music and fun.

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Trivia

Post 48 will be hosting Trivia on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Fox-hole at 1 Fulton St. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. For more information, please call 603-889-9777.

Legion Meeting

Post 48 will be holding its Next Monthly Membership meeting on Monday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m., followed by the Squadron at 6:30 p.m., at the Post located at 37 Central St. For more information on membership, please call 603-889-9777.

Veterans Day

Post 48 is holding its Vet-

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

Holiday Fair Event

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

Old Fashion Ornament Making

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., the Hudson Historical Society will be making traditional

ornaments using all natural materials. This event is free and for adults only, materials will be provided, limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 28. Please email the Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees.

Victorian Tea

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

Cemetery Tours

On Saturday, Oct. 25, meet at Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., at 10 a.m., for refreshments. Attendees will provide their own transportation to Blodgett and Westview Cemeteries to listen to colorful stories of select graves. No registration required. Free admission.

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