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Spooky Rides

Members of the Alvirne High School theatre group “Class Act” held its annual Haunted Hayrides through the fields and forest of the historic Hill House property on Friday and Saturday nights, Oct. 18 and 19. See more photos on pages 8 and 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

Selectmen Put \$1.1 Million Towards Reducing Tax Rate

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the Oct. 15 meeting of the Hudson Board of Selectmen, one of the items discussed was in regards to setting the town’s tax rate and in that talk, they decided to use \$1.1 million from the Town’s Unassigned Fund Balance to help lower the rate.

Acting Town Adminis-

trator, Steve Malizia, explained that they try to estimate the tax rate, so they’re ready for when they meet with the Department of Revenue.

“It could change probably not tremendously,” Malizia said.

It was explained by Malizia, that they were recommending to use \$1.1 million from the Town’s Unassigned

Fund Balance, in order to help with the tax rate.

“If the Board of Selectmen uses \$1,100,000 of the Town’s \$9,083,853 Unassigned Fund Balance, the tax rate would be approximately \$16.73 per thousand,” Malizia wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “This tax rate represents an 6.7% or \$1.05

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Town’s Finance Director Tenders Her Resignation

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Town of Hudson will soon be looking to fill yet another critical position within Town Hall, after current Finance Director, Lisa Labrie, tendered her letter of resignation.

“Attached please find a letter from Finance Director Lisa Labrie notifying the Board of Selectmen of her intention to retire from the Town of Hudson effective Nov. 8, 2024,” Acting Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo for the Oct. 22 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Labrie, in her resignation letter that was made available in the Oct. 22 Board of Selectmen meeting agenda packet, ex-

plained that she has worked for the town for over two decades.

“This past Monday, Oct. 14, marked my 21st anniversary working for the Town of Hudson,” Labrie wrote in her letter of resignation. “I have worked with many managers and employees that I have a great respect for and have made a great deal of friends throughout the years. I appreciate the opportunity to work here and feel that I have given it my all.”

Labrie noted that she expected working for the town would be her job until retirement, but things have changed.

“This decision was not an easy one as I always anticipated that I would

work here until full retirement age,” Labrie wrote in the letter. “The Municipal environment is not what it used to be and I know it’s time.”

She added: “I intend to retire from the Town effective Dec. 1, 2024 and am giving a 3 week notice beginning today. My last day of employment with the Town will be Nov. 8, 2024. I intend to take a desperately needed vacation the week of Nov. 4 to Nov. 8.”

In addition to the Finance Director position, the town is still in the process of looking to hire a permanent Town Administrator, with Malizia now retired, and working as the

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School Board Approve Districts Conduct on School Property Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the updated policies approved was in regards to conduct on school property.

“The purpose of this policy is to establish a minimum standard of conduct upon school district property, and during school-sponsored events or approved activities that will provide the best possible educational climate for the students; encourage participation in the educational process by the general public; protect the investment of the public in both the educational process and the physical plant in which it is conducted; and honor and protect

the rights of all individuals within the community,” the updated policy states.

As part of the updated policy, it states that “While this policy applies generally to conduct by any and all persons on school property, additional policies, rules, regulations, or procedures will apply (1) as to certain defined groups (e.g., JIC regarding student conduct); (2) for visits during the school day (e.g., KI school visitors); or (3) during other specific activities or times (e.g., KF regarding use of school facilities).”

The policy also outlines a number of things that are considered prohibited conduct including:

1. Injure, threaten, bully,

harass, or intimidate a student, staff member, sports official, coach, or any other person;

2. Engage in behaviors that are harassing or discriminatory in nature based on a person’s actual or perceived age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, disability, religion, national origin race, or color (including those traits historically associated with race, color or religion, including but not limited to head coverings, hair texture, or protective hairstyles);

3. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school function or any activity sponsored or

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Debate Overset Setback Application on Subdivision Proposal

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Oct. 9 to hear a presentation from Scott Boudreau, owner of Boudreau Land Surveying, regarding a two-lot subdivision plan for 19 Library Street.

“The proposed lot is to have 10,240 square feet where the minimum lot size is 10,000 square feet and the remaining lot will have 16,927 and will contain the existing house and the existing garage,” he explained. “With this proposal, we

would like to move the existing driveway slightly, because the proposed lot line would go right down the middle of it.”

According to the staff report, the site is relatively flat, contains no wetlands, and is not within a flood zone.

Board members have some questions about the subdivision.

“What I observed on the linework for the water service to the building is incomplete from would I can tell,” said member, James Crowley. “Will the applicant

agree to add the location of the existing water service?”

Boudreau agreed to add that if needed, though he pointed to the water shut off valve on his drawing and made it clear to Board members that no easement would be needed for new infrastructure.

There was some concern as to whether the driveway relocation or the addition of new buildings might violate setback regulations.

“The only place you can put a driveway, unless he wants to park out in

front of the house, is in a setback,” said Crowley.

He suggested adding a waiver to the subdivision application. Board Chair, Tim Malley, questioned whether the driveway issue was relevant, as the most relevant zoning law only seemed to deal with “sheds, pools, and other accessory structures,” not driveways. He also questioned whether any unpaved sections of the “driveway” could be counted towards any setback based on a past determination by the Planning Board.

“Clearly there’s a differ-

ence of opinion on the Board as to whether or not a 15-foot side yard setback applies, which is the principle building setback, or if the 5-foot setback applies,” said Interim Town Planner, Jay Minkarah. “What the Board may wish to do in order to move forward with the setback is to at least get a consensus, if not a vote.”

After extensive debate, the Planning Board voted to reject the 15-foot setback while applying the 5-foot setback to the Library Street subdivision, eliminating the need for a waiver.

Members generally agreed the lots met most other requirements.

“Both lots are of decent size, I have questions around the driveway, but I think that’s going to be for another meeting,” said member, Victor Oates.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the subdivision.

The next meeting of the Hudson Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

School Board

Continued from page 1 approved by the Board, the Superintendent, building Principal, Athletic Director, or their designees;

to damage another’s property;

5. Damage or deface School District property;

6. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products;

7. Consume, possess, distribute, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs/controlled substances; (persons known or suspected to be under the influence of liquor or a controlled sub-

stance will not be permitted to enter the school building or grounds, and law enforcement may be contacted);

8. Use, or attempt to use, or threaten to use any device, instrument, material, or substance (“prohibited object” with the purpose to injure, threaten, intimidate, or coerce another person; for the purposes of this section, any reckless use of any prohibited object which places or may place another in danger of serious bodily injury is also prohibited);

NOTES: while students are prohibited from possessing firearms on school property under Board policy JICI and RSA 193:13), mere possession or displaying of a firearm by non-student adults shall not, in and of itself and without additional circumstances as described in this paragraph,

constitute reckless conduct or a violation of this policy;

9. Enter upon any portion of school property at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and specifically authorized by the Board, the Superintendent, building Principal, Athletic Director, or their designees;

10. Operate (either upon or over school property) a drone or other unmanned aircraft without prior consent from a building administrator.

11. Violate any state law or regulation, or any duly adopted policy and/or regulation of the Board.

12. Violate any federal law with the exception of any such law that is preempted by New Hampshire state law (e.g., RSA 159-E pertaining to firearms, etc.);

13. Operate a motor vehicle in violation of any

Authorized District Personnel directive or posted road signs.

14. Refuse to comply with or obey a directive of any Authorized District Personnel or posted rules or regulations.

Under enforcement and consequences the policy states that “Any person who violates this policy or any other acceptable standard of behavior may be ordered to leave school grounds by Authorized Personnel, who may, also at her/his discretion, contact law enforcement. Students and employees who violate this policy shall be further subject to such administrative regulations.”

“Additionally, the Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to issue “no trespass” letters to any person whose conduct violates this policy. The Superintendent is further authorized, upon consultation with district counsel, to file any criminal complaint with respect to such violations,” the policy states.

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School District's Proposed Budget to Top \$70 Million

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had its first budget hearing, to review the proposed FY 26 \$70,825,419 budget, which is up 1.6% over the current budget.

"The administration was asked to analyze both short-term and long-term needs for FY26 and future budget cycles," Superintendent,

Dan Moulis wrote in his executive summary. "Principals reviewed teacher and staffing needs based upon class sizes, current and future school enrollment, supporting students' academic and social and emotional learning needs as well as curriculum and instructional initiatives, school operations including safety and security, technology

investment, and capital improvement projects."

As part of the proposed budget, Moulis noted that it maintains current staffing, class sizes, curriculum, maintenance, and operations, and increases to support personnel at the elementary level.

It also "invests in school infrastructure that includes capital improvement proj-

ects and school furniture, including phase three of science classroom upgrades at Hudson Memorial School, preventative maintenance projects at the elementary schools, and capital improvement projects at Alvirne High School."

According to Moulis, the proposed budget also "invests in academic interventions to support student learning."

The proposed budget also has a number of new budget items included in it.

One of those items is to convert the "current Library Media Paraprofessional to a certified Library Media Specialist (Librarian), which is shared between Library Street School and Dr. H.O. Smith School."

Another addition is to add six new part-time classroom assistants for the Dr. H.O. Smith School.

One part-time math interventionist, and one part-time reading interventionist each for both Hills Garrison and Nottingham West were also added as

part of the proposed budget.

A new full-time Culinary Teacher (formerly known as Family and Consumer Science) for Hudson Memorial, was also added to the proposed budget, while also reducing the part-time Pet Care Teacher at the CTE, and convert the part-time Computer Teacher to full-time.

The proposed budget also includes one new districtwide BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) to support Special Education.

As part of the proposed budget, there are also a number of budget items that are not considered at this time.

One of those things not considered is converting a current part-time Career Center Coordinator to full-time at the CTE.

Other things not considered at this time includes one part-time Reading/Math Interventionist for Dr. H.O. Smith School, one part-time Reading/Math Interventionist for Library

Street School, one new full-time Spanish Teacher for Hudson Memorial, and one additional Reading Specialist for the ELC.

Moulis also noted that "one of the most significant factors in determining a budget is student enrollment. Enrollment helps define appropriate levels of staffing to support the students, along with the costs to maintain the buildings and other incidental costs tied to education."

"The district continues to experience consistent enrollment in preschool, kindergarten, and grade 1," Moulis wrote. "Enrollment has decreased at the middle school and high school in recent years and this trend is expected to continue into the next school year. Enrollment varies each month due to families that move in and out of the district. We are anticipating the overall number of students will decline slightly for the 2025-2026 school year, projecting enrollment to be around 2,921."

Tax Rate

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increase over last year's rate of \$15.69 per thousand."

It was noted by Hudson Finance Director, Lisa Labrie, that if they were to allocate the \$1.1 million, then they would still have a surplus of approximately \$7.9 million.

"This balance would be equal to 8.4% of Fiscal Year 2025 gross appropriations," she wrote.

One question raised by Selectman, Kara Roy, was what the recommended percentage that they should have in the Unassigned

Fund Balance.

He explained that the good government practice is to have between five and 10% of the Town's appropriations in the Unassigned Fund Balance.

"We're well within that parameter," Malizia said.

It was also noted that by using some of the Unassigned Fund Balance, they would still be within the parameters of the town's recommendation which is 8%.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved allocating \$1.1 million from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the tax rate.

Also during the meet-

ing, it was noted that they would potentially be able to get more revenue from the State than they are anticipating which could impact the tax rate.

"We could get additional revenue from the State," Labrie told the Selectmen.

Malizia said they were recommending that if they get any additional revenue, that they should use it to reduce the tax rate, instead of increasing the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. He noted they aren't expected to get much of an increase if anything.

The Board of Selectmen gave a consensus to do so.

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Editorial

Happy Halloween

Can we step back from the real horrors of the world and enjoy Halloween?

Halloween is a childhood favorite, a treat for the young and a fun-filled reminder of years of trick-or-treating for those of us well past the days of going door to door for candy with a pillowcase. For many of us, regardless of age, Halloween is our holiday favorite, a day we look forward to weeks in advance. For children, there's something that can't be beat about dressing up, heading out after dark, walking up to neighbors' homes and filling a bag with free candy and other treats. The day is not about horror, but about fun.

Most of us harbor good memories of trick-or-treating amidst the fall leaves, collecting more candy than we could easily consume, and the fun of dressing up and, even for just a few hours, trying to scare ourselves a little. But never fear - the day is not about horror, it's about fun. Carving pumpkins, wearing masks, and posing as witches, superheroes, or fairytale characters, it's the stuff that makes good childhood memories. People will always caution that Halloween is too scary for kids. But what's scary is not the make-believe, it's the real-life events happening all around us.

We can expect the police to be out in force on that night, as the little ghosts and goblins, witches and

princesses are parading along local streets. It means that our usual mid-week activities like shopping or heading home from a tiring day at work can put children at risk as they go about their rounds.

Everyone, please remember to drive especially carefully on Halloween paying close attention to pedestrians during the day and night. Parents' children's costumes should feature light colors or reflective tape so they can be seen in the early darkness that the season brings. Make sure young children travel in groups, under adult supervision, with everyone carrying flashlights or glow sticks. Tell children not to enter any homes they are going to or strangers' cars. Remind children not to eat any of their treats until they return home. On what we hope will be a crisp and clear fall night, keeping safety and common sense in the forefront and focusing on having fun is essential. There's something special and very New England about the sight of a lit pumpkin on the porch in the Halloween dark. Go ahead, put on a mask or a witch's hat as you prepare to answer the door when it rings.

If you want to get especially spooked, just remember what happened a few years ago, when trick-or-treating was postponed while we shoveled out from an early and damaging snowstorm.

Library Circulation Numbers Slightly Down with Start of Fall

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Rodgers Memorial Library Director, Linda Pilla, gave her monthly report at the October meeting of the Library Board of Trustees with a focus on the popularity of newly purchased books in the library.

"Basically, what we've been doing has been tracking our new purchases to, first off, verify the items that were purchased and are circulating and second, just to get a sense of what's popular in the town," she said. "We also have tracked it by the staff member who placed the order to find out if there were people interested in a slightly different material."

Typically, library staff members will display newly purchased books near the entrance for maximum visibility. Overall, she announced circulation numbers were slightly down from the busier summer months.

"It's always interesting to me to see how the number of hours we're open relates to the circulation

numbers," said Pilla. "The library was open 224 hours during September. We were open 248 hours in August."

She noted the months starting on a Monday or Tuesday had more open hours, meaning slightly fewer hours in September. The Director also cited the start of the school year as a likely contributor and did not seem worried about the decline.

While there was not much concern over the lower numbers, the Trustees agreed maintaining outreach with the town was a priority.

"Do we have a staff member dedicated to social media?" asked Trustee, Lisa Weber.

Pilla confirmed the reference librarian would routinely post on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, along with taking responsibility for the weekly of the library's newsletter.

For the Hills Memorial building, the Director announced slow progress in their push to purchase a new boiler for the old library. Auburn's Heritage Home

Services agreed to give the Trustees a series of quotes before running into technical issues.

"It turns out we don't have sufficient electrical capacity on the electrical circuit board, so there will need to be substantial work there for a new boiler to go in," explained Pilla. "The cost to replace the boiler is \$71,000 and change. There was a secondary job to replace a mini-split under the steps in the downstairs and it's supposed to help airflow and just that mini-split is just under \$10,000. The third quote of course is for both of those jobs."

The current boiler dates back to the late 1970s and successfully passed a recent inspection despite perennial maintenance issues.

"It's good to have this information," said Chair, Mimi Guessferd, amidst worries that the boiler would fail the biannual state inspection sooner or later.

"With the boiler, if it does fail in the middle of the winter, and we're not there every day, how do we know if it fails and do we have to worry about water damage?" asked Trustee, Margaret St. Onge.

She was assured the building is checked regularly throughout the winter to keep an eye on the boiler and thermostat.

Finance Director

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Acting Town Administrator on a per diem basis.

The town is also searching for a Town Planner, and is in the process of looking

to hire a new IT Director as well.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 12 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Hudson's First Baptist Church Holds Blessing of the Animals



Reverend, Moa Imchen, invited residents to the First Baptist Church of Hudson for a Blessing of the Pets/Animals on Saturday morning, Oct. 19. The event was held in the parking lot behind the church on Central Street with those attending receiving refreshments and a short service. Each pet was also individually blessed by the pastor. Pictured, at left is Nova, a Newfoundland is blessed by Imchen, at right is the poodle Gino, with owner Richard and Denise Tassi, gets blessed.

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Rodgers Memorial Trustees Submit Budget, Hope to Fix Water Damage

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Oct. 16 to announce the completion of their 2025-2026 annual budget, which was submitted to the Hudson Board of Selectmen at their latest meeting.

"It went very smoothly," said Library Director, Linda Pilla. "The Board of Selectmen are were very supportive of the library."

She did not expect any trouble getting their requested budget approved, at least for day-to-day

expenses for the Rodgers Memorial building.

The Director also announced slow but steady progress was being made on water mitigation efforts related to the Hill Memorial Library building, which saw its basement flooded in recent months due to heavy rain.

"They won't need to board anything up and there are no temporary repairs, we're well past that," said Pilla. "General Cleaning they're going to do, carpet cleaning I don't think will be necessary as carpet is

being removed in the area affected. Duct cleaning, I don't think is necessary because there aren't any ducts down there. Content cleaning, I believe we've decided that what is in there is being removed, there's not anything left in there to be cleaned."

Despite initial concerns, the air quality in the book storage section of the basement was higher than expected. The books were still in useable condition. The extent of reconstruction services needed to rehabilitate the lower floor

of Hills Memorial was unclear.

"I'm thinking that the ramp to the internal building is going to have to be replaced and maybe the walls because they have to cut the drywall," said Pilla. "But I don't have a price for that."

She was uncomfortable presenting a reconstruction plan without a price, a sentiment shared by the Trustees.

"It's going to have to be, but we do need to have pricing first," said Chair, Mimi Guesferd. "But thing are

moving."

As she was dealing with budgetary and maintenance issues, the Director did not have time to go over an update to the library's strategic plan. She promised to have an update on that matter by the next meeting.

With the end of a busy year and summer reading season, the Trustees looked to schedule their Staff Appreciation Dinner. Despite a shorter organization period, the idea was to move the annual event up to late November.

"It's often the very first

Monday in December, because it gets busy," noted Trustee, Erin Henderson.

There was a request to move it out of December, moving the focus away from a holiday event to staff appreciation. Despite a few concerns over catering availability and organizing the event in only a few weeks, Trustees were confident on a tentative date of Nov. 18, with Dec. 9 as a secondary option if the first date proves infeasible.

The Trustees are scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

Shepherd's Hill Site Plan Extension Sparks Debate

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The first October meeting of the Hudson Planning Board heard a two-year extension request for a previously approved Shepherd's Hill site plan on Shadowbrook Drive. As the applicant was not at the meeting, Board members were not immediately sure

how to proceed. While the original plan was approved back in 2022, no action had been taken by the applicant.

"It is now 2024 and it has still not been executed upon," said member, Victor Oates. "They had the opportunity to come down here tonight to put their play in, they're aware, they were notified."

Normally, site plan approvals expire after two years, requiring either reapproval or a new application.

"When that plan was approved, it was approved under a different set of laws that continued to change in this town," said Oates, who leaned toward denying a deferral or extension. "Denying it doesn't mean they can't come back before the Board and present a new plan, but it would be a new plan under the new laws that have gone into effect since the last approval."

Oates was not the only Board member annoyed by the lack of attendance with-

out an apparent excuse.

Vice-Chair, Jordan Ulrey, disagreed, noting that approval of the outstanding site plan will not expire until the end of November.

"If somebody really wants an extension and isn't going to bother to come here to discuss it, I'm going to have a hard time sympathizing," said Alternate, George Hall.

"They have time to make another presentation and make their case," he said. "If they don't want to show up, they don't want to show up, but let's defer it until the next available meeting because sometimes

things get in the way."

Town Planner, Jay Minkarah, added that he was unaware of any recent communication from anyone attached to the Shepherd's Hill project beyond their letter requesting an extension. According to the request, the project was being slowed by legal matters.

"They seem to have a legitimate reason why they're stuck up in court and for all we know they could have been in a terrible accident today," said member, Tim Lyko. "I'd rather give them a chance, one more chance to come and give their testimony before we deny it."

"When we approve plans, we approve them,

they're given two years to execute, they have the right to an extension, but a lot changes in those two years," said Oates. "It would be unfair to future applicants who have to follow the new laws."

He predicted that if the site plan needed another two or more years to get started, at which point Hudson could be operating under different zoning regulations.

Ulrey also wanted the opinion of the Town Attorney on the matter, to find out whether the ongoing court case impacted site plan approval in any way.

The Planning Board unanimously voted to defer the matter until their Nov. 13 meeting.

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School Board Review Administration Goals Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the Oct. 7 Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a first reading for a proposed policy regarding Administration Goals, which is a recommended policy.

“Proper administration of the schools is vital to a successful educational program,” the proposed policy states. “The general purpose of the administration is to coordinate and supervise, under the policies of the School Administrative Unit

and each Board, the creation and operation of an environment that promotes effective student learning as defined in our mission statement. The Board will rely on the Superintendent to provide the professional administrative leadership necessary.”

As part of the proposed policy, it states that the “Superintendent, each principal, and all other administrators will have the authority and responsibility necessary for his/her specific administrative assignment.”

“Each administrator will

be accountable for the effectiveness with which his/her administrative assignment is carried out,” the policy states. “The Board will be responsible for specifying the requirements and expectations of the Superintendent, then holding the Superintendent accountable by evaluating how well those requirements and expectations have been met. In turn, the Superintendent will be responsible for clearly specifying requirements and expectations for all other administrators, then

for holding each accountable by evaluating how well requirements and expectations have been met.”

As part of the proposed policy, it also states that the major goal of administration are:

1. To manage the district’s various departments, units, budgets and programs effectively.

2. To provide professional advice and counsel to the Board and its advisory committees.

3. Where feasible, this will be done through re-

viewing alternatives, analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of each, and recommending appropriate action from among the alternatives.

4. To implement and manage functions that assure the best and most effective learning programs, through achieving such goals as: (a) providing leadership in keeping abreast of current educational developments; (b) arranging for the staff development necessary in order to establish and provide learning pro-

grams that better meet learner needs; (c) coordinating cooperative efforts to improve learning programs, facilities, equipment, and materials; (d) encouraging improvement ideas and decision-making among staff, students, parents, and others; and (e) implementing procedures to ensure that the differing needs and talents of students are fully considered when planning educational programs.

The School Board approved sending the proposed policy to a second reading.

Select Board Approve Purchase of Two New Ambulances

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposal to purchase a new ambulance.

“After reviewing the submitted bid against the required specifications, it is our recommendation that the bid for the 2025 Ford F-550 4x4, Type I Ambulance be awarded to Sugarloaf Ambulances, Wilton, ME (dealer of PL Custom Emergency Vehicles, Manasquan, New Jersey),” Fire Chief, Scott Tice, wrote in a memo. “This project will be funded out of the EMS revolving fund and will not impact the tax rate.”

Tice pointed out during the meeting that they received no other bids.

It was explained however, by Tice, that the “current lead/order time for fire apparatus and ambulances is at a stunning average of three (3) years, or longer.”

“This means, if we order an ambulance today, we could be looking at a delivery date of May 2027,” Tice wrote.

Tice explained that based on their current replacement plan, they are expected to replace a 017 Ford/AEV in 2026.

Based on that, he said the cost could be an increase of \$50,000 to \$70,000 based on the last three years of trends, and that their delivery date could be May 2028, which would be two years after the truck is due to be replaced.

“Our recommendation is to place an order for two

(2) identical ambulances,” Tice wrote.

Tice explained that there were a number of different reasons why they were recommending to go with the purchasing of two ambulances now, including that the price will be locked in for today’s price, along with the fact that they would receive a \$2,000 per ambulance discount by ordering two of them.

It was also noted by Tice that by ordering the two ambulances now it gets the town “back closer to staying on the replacement schedule instead of paying for costly maintenance on vehicles overdue for replacement.”

Tice also noted that the company “has a very large presence” in the State with 90 ambulances in the State

using them, including communities comparable in size such as Concord, Hooksett, Bedford, Dover, Franklin, New London Hospital, Hampton, and Pelham.

By ordering them now, Tice told the Board of Selectmen that they wouldn’t be required to pay for

them up front, and instead, they would pay for them when they receive the ambulances.

“We don’t need to pay for them until delivery,” Tice said.

One question raised was what they would do with the old ambulances.

Tice explained that they would be able to trade them in, or sell them on their own.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the purchase of the two ambulances for a total amount of \$851,232.

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Members of the Alvirne High School theatre group "Class Act" held its annual Haunted Hayrides through the fields and forest of the historic Hill House property on Friday and Saturday nights, Oct. 18 and 19.

The annual event, which has been held for over two decades, works as a fund raiser for the theatre group, helping them with the expenses to perform two

plays throughout the school year.

Class Act is currently working towards their first production, which will be the play "Mutually Assured Destruction" and is scheduled to be performed in December.

The second will be in May, though the title has not been released yet.

More photos on next page.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Broncos Secure Playoff Spot, Roll Over Tide 30-14

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School football team went to 5-2 last week with its 30-14 win over the Crimson Tide. They also helped to

solidify a playoff spot as they currently sit in second place in the Division I Central standings.

On Friday night, at home, the Broncos took on the 4-1 Concord Crimson

Tide and handed them their second divisional loss of the season. Londonderry was the only other team to beat them this season.

The Alvirne defense started strong in the game, forcing a three-and-out during the Tides first drive of the game, giving the Broncos offense a start from the CHS 47-yard line, where they promptly marched down field and scored.

The Broncos were able to get into the Tides end zone in just six plays to go ahead 6-0. The drive featured a 10-yard run by quarterback, Charlie Crawford, passes to Gabe Conrow and Quintin Tetreault of 14 and 15-yards, and finished with a first-and-goal run by Mike Landmesser from the four-yard line.

Shawn Boudreau's point-after made it a 7-0 start for Alvirne. Concord's second drive took the team's through the end of the first quarter and finished with a touchdown on a pass from the 15-yard-line with 10-minutes left in the half.

Tied 7-7, it didn't take long for Crawford to help

regain the lead, starting from the 20-yard-line, the QB connected with Ryan Rocheleau on a screen and the senior tight-end ran for a 80-yard touchdown.

The Broncos had a 14-7 lead in just over 10 seconds with the ball.

The Broncos defense made another quick stop, forcing a punt from their 25-yard-line.

The Broncos third drive of the game saw the offense take off the remaining time of the half with 20-plays.

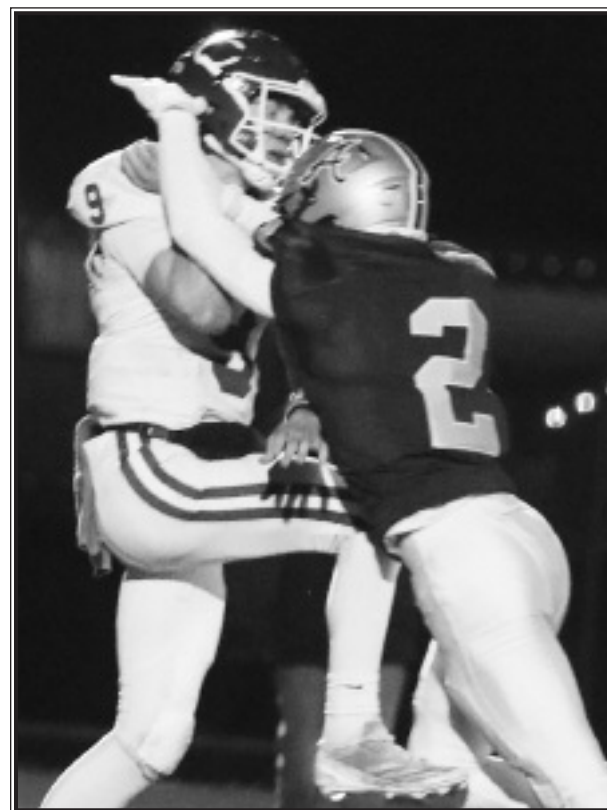
Two AHS penalties didn't help in the drive and they settled for a field goal attempt from the 11-yard-line with 32-seconds left in the second quarter for a 17-7 lead.

The Broncos defense helped preserve the 10-point lead heading into half-time.

In the first drive out of the break, starting from the 30-yard-line, Landmesser broke tackles at the line and ran for 40-yards to put the ball at the Concord 20-yard-line.

On the second play, Crawford connected with Rocheleau in the endzone to put the Broncos ahead 24-7 with another extra-point by Boudreau.

The Crimson Tide came back with their second strong drive, but the Broncos defense forced a fumble to take over at the AHS 23-



Caiden Cox and the Broncos defense pressured the Crimson Tide quarterback all night.

yard-line.

After six plays, the Alvirne offense was stopped and they settled for a punt, putting the ball on the Concord's 22-yard-line.

The AHS defense, once again did their job, forcing a fourth-and-14 from the CHS 35-yard line where they punted to the 15-yard-line.

With the ball, the AHS offense began a much slower, defensive drive, taking six plays to wind down the clock to the fourth quarter.

On their first play of the fourth-quarter Crawford lost the ball on a third-and-one play at their 40-yard-line.

Concord took over there, where they were held by the tough Broncos defense, then forced a fourth-and-two at the 32-yard-line and took over on downs.

The Alvirne offense drove the ball down field for Landmesser's second running touchdown of the

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Quintin Tetreault gets a catch and runs for a first down during the Broncos first drive in the 30-14 win over Concord on Friday night. Photos by Chris Paul



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Middle School's Girls' Soccer Squad Remain Undefeated

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Memorial Middle School girls' soccer team finished the regular season with a spectacular record of 9-0-1, winning the regular season championship and clinched the number one seed and home field advantage for the upcoming playoffs.

This season, the team is determined to build off of last year's disappointing last-second loss during the quar-

ter-finals.

They are hoping to bring their sixth Tri-County Middle School Championship trophy back to HMS. Something that hasn't been done since 2018.

They will host their first game of the playoffs on Friday, Oct. 25, starting at 3:30 p.m.

The team's undefeated regular season results are:

- 5-1 over Londonderry
- 6-0 vs. Timberlane
- 8-0 vs. Merrimack

- 2-1 vs. Bedford
- 5-0 vs. Concord
- 2-0 vs. Salem
- 11-0 vs. Hillside - Manchester
- 4-2 vs Mountain View - Goffstown
- 12-0 over Pennichuck - Nashua
- 2-2 vs. Londonderry

Pictured at right, from left to right are: Coach Frank Girginis, Sophie Gravallese, Maura Hiller, Larissa Fabril, Celia Small-

ey, Hailey Stauch, Layla Jennings, Amelia Hone, Nora Woods, Saoirse Hor-

gan, Piper Stedman, Shea Kira DiZazzo, Co-Captain Reese Lia Brown, Leah Moreau, Wanamaker, Avery Newton, Jayliana Ortiz.



The Hudson Memorial girls' soccer team head off the field after their 4-2 victory over Mountain View Middle School. *Courtesy photo*



Pink Out

The Alvirne High School Cheerleaders were supporting Breast Cancer Awareness with Pink Tee Shirts during the Friday night game against the Concord High School Crimson Tide.

Photo by Chris Paul

Broncos

Continued from page 10 game, this time from the 15-yard-line. It was the junior running back's 13th touch-down of the season.

A bad snap spoiled the extra-point attempt, but the Broncos went ahead 30-7.

The following drive by Concord resulted in the team's only other points

with just over four minutes left to play in the game.

The Crimson Tide followed up the score with a successful on-side kick to give them possession at the AHS 45-yard-line.

Alvirne was able to wind down the clock to finish the game with another win, securing a spot in the Division I playoffs.

This is the second con-

secutive year they will be heading into the post-season playoffs.

The Broncos will be hosting their final two regular season games starting on Friday night, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. when they will face the Keene Blackbirds (4-3).

The team's final game of the regular season will be against Pinkerton Academy (4-2) on Nov. 1.



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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

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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>.

Book Sale Cancelled

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

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

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Teen Hangout

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Around Town

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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.

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 divid-

ed by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

Buy-A-Brick

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

Haunted Hayride,

This Halloween season, come experience a thrilling, chilling, and terrifying adventure through the haunted woods across the street from 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.

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.

PFOA Water Test

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

BINGO!

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



Lions Donate

The Hudson Lions Club donated \$2,540 to the Hudson Community Food Bank over the weekend. Barbara Bouley, representing the Hudson Lions Club, presented the Hudson NH Community Food Pantry with a donation check in the amount of \$2,540. Pictured are: Food Pantry volunteers Pauline Boisvert, Richard Wojack, Lions Barbara Bouley, and Leona Shanholtz. The donation resulted from the successful Ayla Brown and Rob Bellamy "Evening of Entertainment" fundraiser, held on October 5th at The White Birch, which Lion Barbara Bouley skillfully chaired.

Courtesy photo

if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop

Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area.

Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointmentt [email info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) if you have any questions.

New Voting Locations for Tuesday, Nov. 5 Election

The town is asking you please read directions on how to enter and exit your voting ward.

There will be signage in the area and officers in the

area to assist in getting you in and out. If you are not in the area to vote, please seek alternate routes as we expect heavy traffic throughout the day/evening.

Please visit the Hudson town website to see your WARD location for voting as voting will ONLY be at Alvirne High School and Hudson Memorial School.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To Vote: Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice like this . For each office vote for up to the number of candidates stated in the sentences: "Vote for not more than 1," or "Vote for up to 2." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.
2. To Vote by Write-In: To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name of the person in the "write-in" space and completely fill in the oval to the right of the "write-in" space like this .

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
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SAMPLE

Offices	Republican Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Other Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For President and Vice-President of the United States Vote for not more than 1	Donald J. Trump <input checked="" type="radio"/> JD Vance <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Kamala D. Harris <input type="radio"/> Tim Walz <input type="radio"/>	Liberals Chase Oliver <input type="radio"/> Mike Ter Maat <input type="radio"/> Green Jill Stein <input type="radio"/> Rudolph Ware <input type="radio"/>	President and Vice President <input type="radio"/>
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Kelly Ayotte <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Joyce Craig <input type="radio"/>	Liberals Stephen Villet <input type="radio"/>	Governor <input type="radio"/>
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	Lily Tang Williams <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Maggie Goodlander <input type="radio"/>		Representative in Congress <input type="radio"/>
For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1	Dave Wheeler <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Melanie Levesque <input type="radio"/>		Executive Council <input type="radio"/>
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Sharon N. Carson <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Kara Roy <input type="radio"/>		State Senator <input type="radio"/>
For State Representatives Hillsborough District 13 Vote for up to 6; Six will be elected	Cathy Kenny <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Timothy Wyatt <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Andrew Probst <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Ryan Burke <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Jeremy Stettje <input checked="" type="radio"/>	John Knowles <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Jordan G. Ulery <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Alejandro Urrutia <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Robert Wherry <input checked="" type="radio"/>			State Representative Hillsborough District 13 <input type="radio"/>
	Dillon Demant <input checked="" 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 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kim Rice <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Luan Bac <input type="radio"/>		State Representative Hillsborough District 38 <input type="radio"/> State Representative Hillsborough District 38 <input type="radio"/>
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Christopher Connelly <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Christopher Connelly <input type="radio"/>		Sheriff <input type="radio"/>
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	John J. Coughlin <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Kimberly A. Kossick <input type="radio"/>		County Attorney <input type="radio"/>
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	David G. Fredette <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	Tony Labranche <input type="radio"/>		Register of Probate <input type="radio"/>
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	Michael Soucy <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Paul G. Bergeron <input type="radio"/>		County Commissioner <input type="radio"/>

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