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PEN FIRE HOUSE Firefighters, Chris Perrin and Brian Clarenbach, extinguish a fire on Saturday during the Hudson Fire Department's Open House. The fire was set to demonstrate the benefits of having a sprinkler system installed in a building. More photos pages 8-9.

## **Select Board Approve Latest Increase in Town Sewer Rates**

ALEX MALM **HUDSON TIMES** 

At the Sept. 24 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was a public hearing, sewer rate increases.

It was explained at a

the meter rates for the Town of Hudson.

"We need to make some adjustments to it," Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, told in regards to proposed the Board of Selectmen surplus sewer funds were previously.

In a memo to the Board previous meeting that for of Selectmen from Dhima close to three decades, and Finance Director, Lisa there had been no changes Labrie, it stated that the

for the sewer flow rates and "Town of Hudson sewer flow rates and the meter rates have been the same for the past 27 years and 20 years, respectively."

"During this period, used to offset the budget requirements and we have approximately

## **Malizia Named Acting Town Administrator For October**

**HUDSON TIMES** 

After an initial search didn't yield any successful candidates, the Hudson Board of Selectmen announced that retired Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, will once again help out the town.

Board of Selectmen, during a non-public meeting, approved making Assessor, James Michaud, as the Acting Town Administrator for the month of September, while also approving to increase his salary by 15% while performing those duties.

ing the retirement of Malizia in August.

men has named Steve Malizia as acting Town Administrator beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 until a new Town Administrator is hired," Michaud said during the Sept. 24 Board of Selectmen meeting.

It was explained by Originally in July, the Michaud that all of the previous candidates from the first search "have been notified that the town has not decided upon a new TA and has restarted the search."

> MRI has now reviewed a number of possible candi-

"MRI has reviewed a The move came follow- half dozen candidates as of last week, and they spoke to a potential applicant last

"The Board of Select- week that has now applied," Michaud said. "That one is the only viable candidate at this time, but it's still very early, as per

> Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen were given an update regarding the IT Director search, along with the Town Planner search.

> Michaud explained that MRI has begun posting ads for the position.

"No applicants yet, but Michaud explained that they didn't expect any this soon anyways. MRI is looking at their database of previous recruitments for potential candidates," Michaud said.

> For the Town Planner continued on page 4

## **State of the Town Meeting Discussed by School Board**

**HUDSON TIMES** 

At the Sept. 23 Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to how they would go about the annual State of the Town meeting.

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, explained that there was a warrant article passed a couple of years ago that requiring the School Board and the Board of Selectmen to have an annual State of the Town

She explained that they have different variations on how they have done it, including having a brief funds to carry us through to Q+A and then focused continued on page 6 questions, and how they did

it last year, which was more of an informal conversa-

Dionne said she wanted to see if the Board had any particular way they were looking to handle it this year, or if anyone had any particular preferences on how they handle it.

Board member, Ethan Beals, said that he "strongly prefers the more informal," meeting style.

School Board Vice Chair, Mike Campbell, said he also prefers the more informal way of doing it.

Beals also noted that the feedback they had received is that people preferred the informal options.

"I think the feedback

was also positive the last few years," Dionne said.

No decision was made on the date, with Dionne saying she would speak with Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd.

Also during the meeting, the School Board was presented with a request to allow the use of the Hills House properties for a number of upcoming events.

"Alvirne would like your support in holding upcoming school activities at the Hills House property," the memo from Alvirne High School Principal, Steve Beals, read. "Currently all our home cross

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## **Waste Disposal Events Set for Last Quarter of 2024**

HUDSON TIMES

Sustainability Committee met on Sept. 23 with an announcement regarding the Hudson Transfer Station's July policy allowing residents to purchase up to three additional station passes per limit passes for those who year at \$30 each. The Department of Public Works has posted a wall sign outside their office outlining the process to buy an extra pass.

"Basically, it says the thing is for residential use," Den Putnam. explained. "Extra passes also open to drop off yard

such for verification. Transfer Station personnel will verify that material being brought to the Transfer Station is allowable and doesn't violate our permits."

DPW can revoke or repeatedly bring unallowed material like commercial waste or waste from other municipalities.

The next full disposal day for Hudson Transfer Station is Saturday, Oct. 12, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Station is

will be clearly marked as waste, metal, and cardboard nounced its own electronics Rotary Club." 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday without the need for a pass. Each resident is still given three standard passes per year free of charge.

> Hazardous waste collection events are less frequent and are run by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. The last such event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 9 Stadium Dr. in Nashua. That event does not include electronics.

> However, Hudson Litchfield Rotary Club has an

recycling event. According to the Rotary Club, any "useless" electronics including "computers, cell phones, and ACs," will be accepted. Their event is in the parking lot of Alvirne High School on Saturday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"You don't need to get out of the car, just pop your truck," said Putnam. "Residents of all NH. Massachusetts, and Maine communities are welcome. Cash and checks are accepted, payable to Hudson Litchfield

announced plans to revive its holiday lights recycling program for another year. Bins for broken lights should start appearing by early to mid-October. The program was deemed extremely successful in 2023.

"A large part of that was thanks to Scout Pack 20, and I'd really like to engage them earlier this year now that we have time to start planning and maybe get a few more boxes out," said Committee member, Chris Thatcher.

Thatcher offered to re-Finally, the Committee connect with the Scouts before the next meeting. All members agreed for more indepth planning, with more light disposal boxes across town, was needed.

> "It might be better to plan sooner, because last time we kind of threw it together and got it out there quickly," said Thatcher. "There was a big, positive response from the town."

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

## Library Trustees Plan to Protect Money in the Near Future

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Trustees for the Rodgers Memorial Library met on Sept. 18 to discuss an update on their currently unused funds. Such funds had been invested and reinvested in a certificate of deposit to keep them growing until needed. The money is set for reinvestment and

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the payout for those CDs is using the money on shortexpected to be slightly lower in the coming months.

"The four-month CD that we have with TD Bank matures on Friday," explained Treasurer, Karen Bohrer. "The shorter-term CDs actually have higher interest rates. These rates are based on a balance of \$100,000."

She recommended foc-

Anthony V. Mollano, MD

term CDs before revisiting the issue next January. The goal of CD investment is to keep the library's unused funds growing until needed for more expensive projects.

Bohrer warned that the current fund was nearing \$250,000, the limit of what deposit insurance would cover. She offered splitting

Yaroslav A. Basyuk, MD

the fund into different in- two proposals for water and originally thought. One of vestments to keep the mold mitigation at the hismoney fully insured.

"It would be two CDs but they would be in two different accounts," she said.

The Trustees unanimously voted to split their unused money between four-month and year-long CDs.

Library Director, Linda Pilla, was concerned with

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toric Hills Memorial Library building. Despite recent repairs, leaks have been an issue for years and the Trustees have been looking for a cost-effective way to fix the problem.

"Two of them had diagrams, and the diagrams do not include the space that have the books in it for the Friends of the Library," she explained. "That concerns me, because if it's not part of their sketch, I'm concerned that it's not part of the price."

One option was to remove carpeting, books, and bookshelves from areas contaminated with mold.

"Unfortunately, one of the initial reports were that we had a little bit of water. In retrospect, the damage was more extensive than we the companies indicated they saw mold spores on the books," said Pilla.

The Hills basement holds the greatest concern, as the Friends of the Library stores older, donated books for used book sales there, it was not clear how far the problem had spread.

"There is a concern that mold could have spread into the main room," said Chair, Mimi Guessferd.

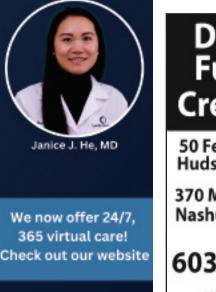
At least one company warned of possible asbestos under tiles found during an initial inspection. With many factors to consider, it was impossible to get an idea of what remediation could cost.

The Trustees agreed to contact nearby remediation companies for more in-depth quotes. They also agreed to restrict use of the basement.



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## **Summit Explores Paths Forward for Sustainability Options**

**HUDSON TIMES** 

At the Sept. 23 meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Committee, member, Kate Messner, outlined her attendance at Plymouth's Environmental Summit last Aug. 24. The Summit was overseen by the NH Network for Environment. Energy, and Climate.

"The objective was to hone in on priorities for the coming year," she explained. "There were 51 of us from across the state. Five were state representatives and one was the Director of Energy from Energy Transition at Clean Energy NH."

According to Messner, NH Network praised the efforts clean-up improve the Nashua River while reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the state, even as NH's population has increased. NH Network also stressed the importance of taking a "long-term" view of many environmental goals.

'It takes quite a bit of time to progress," said Messner. "One of the primary goals of the summit was networking and learning from each other. There'll be a follow-up meeting in October.

More short-term goals included actionable items like more renewable energy options, waste reduction, composting, food system transformations, and preparing the state for carbon pricing at the national level.

Committee Chair, Deb Putnam, hoped the statewide planning would be reflected in local policy, especially regarding solid waste and the Hudson Transfer Station.

"There is interest in having the Transfer Station generate income, and I'm wondering whether some of the programs that are going to eventually be put into place might help Hudson itself," she said, singling out the push to introduce composting to the

Chris Thatcher from the composting subcommittee gave his first update in several months.

"We took a long hiatus over the summer between everyone's schedules and we're just trying to get back up now," said Thatcher. "We asked for a meeting this coming October to get us back on track."

The subcommittee previously met with two composting companies, Black Earth and Renewal, with a third company under recent considera-

"Scheduling has been difficult, but I'm hoping we can find a date that works. We have some really interesting discussions and options and things that have come out of our first two meetings," said Thatcher. "We're waiting to here back for when everyone can meet next."

> Under its current

Committee's composting plan is designed to be relasmall tively without imposing an economic burden on those not interested in the program.

"We look forward to some great progress on the composting," said Putnam. "The goal is to find a solution that will enable the residents who do want to be able to compost but who cannot perhaps on their own property, do so but without any tax impact to the town as a whole. That cannot happen."

Putnam called her committee's participation in the Aug. 6 National Night Out a "great success" for its outreach efforts as they gave out prizes to children in exchange for recycling. Around 50 sticks of sidewalk chalk were also given

"I know that was a lastminute thing we added up, but as we get into next year and aren't as rushed, we'll have more time to put signs up, talk to people, and put it out there," said Thatcher.

Committee members also passed out cards explaining the new aggregation electrical rates to residents.

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country meets, the NHIAA Division 1 JV meet, and the NHIAA Meet of Champions are held onsite and annually. All these dates were shared with the Hudson Historical Society."

It was also noted that the "facilities forms have been completed and are on file at the SAU for these activities."

Another request was for an upcoming color run.

"Alvirne Booster Club

sponsored fun run for the greater Hudson Community with "color" stations for the participants," the memo stated. "The event will be held on Saturday, October 6th. The date has been shared with the Hudson Historical Society."

The third event being requested was for a haunted hayride, which would be a fundraiser to support Class Act Thespians.

"The dates are dress rehearsal on October 17th with the actual fundraiser of October 18 and 19th,"

the memo stated. "The dates have been shared with the Hudson Historical Society."

On a unanimous vote, the School Board approved the various requests.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 7.

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## **BOS Approve Moving Forward** With Grant For Robinson Pond

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a potential grant from the State to help make improvements to Robinson Pond.

"The NH Department of State Parks has funds available which can be utilized for Robinson Pond recreational boat launch and swimming beach area," Hudson Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "In addition, these two projects will provide credit to the Town towards our MS4 permitting requirements, which are due 2026."

that they meet at least the minimum requirements.

"On Aug. 13, 2024 we received confirmation that our projects have met the minimum requirements and we can move forward with the grant application," Dhima wrote in a memo.

Dhima explained that the Conservation Commission is currently involved with the project.

"Currently, the Conservation Commission spearprojects," Dhima wrote in a memo. "The grant ceiling is up to one million dollars, with a 50% cost match from the town, which will require town approval in March 2025. The funds will be used for the construction phase of the boat launch and swimming beach area, while supporting our MS4 permit obligations."

It was stated by Dhima that if they were to move forward and would be awarded the grant they would need to change the restrictions for Robinson Pond.

"At this time, the Robinson Pond boat launch area is open to the public, while the beach area is Dhima explained that restricted to residents only," they recently became aware Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. " The grant application is due this November and the grant has a higher probability of approval if it is combined as one project and both areas are open to the public. Since the beach area is currently only open to Hudson residents, an ordinance change is required to open it to everyone. This change of restriction would make us eligible for the necessary funds for the

heading the efforts for the much needed improvedesign and permitting of the ments now and in the future."

> Dhima explained that it was originally open to everyone but it was changed to residential use only in the 1970s.

He also noted that if they changed the restriction they would be able to charge non residents up to three times the amount they would charge residents.

"You do have that option," Dhima said.

It was noted by Selectman, David Morin, that they aren't enforcing the residency ordinance now anyways, and haven't been doing so for about 20 vears.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd. noted that if they were to move forward with it they would need to send it to a warrant in order to accept the grant and approve the matching funds.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved moving forward with the grant application, which will include having two public hearings, in regards to the removal of the beach area restriction for Robinson Pond.

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### **Town Administrator**

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search, Michaud explained that they have been doing the search on its own.

"The two interviews scheduled for 9/6 did not occur as one of the candidates had accepted a position in a MA community and the other candidate stated that they were going to be out of the country, and that person has not followed up since," Michaud wrote in a memo.

He explained that they made an inquiry to MRI "regarding any prior recent experience they have in recruiting planners, they indicated that they may place one every two years or so. MRI stated that planners are tough to recruit in as much as there are almost no "civilian" contemporary positions that would morph into a planner position

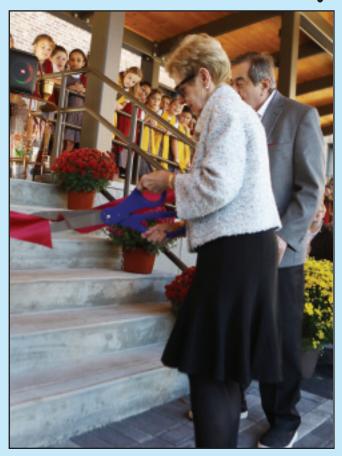
well."

"The BOS may wish to entertain a similar recruitment contract with MRI for this one as the BOS did with the IT Director search process," Michaud said.

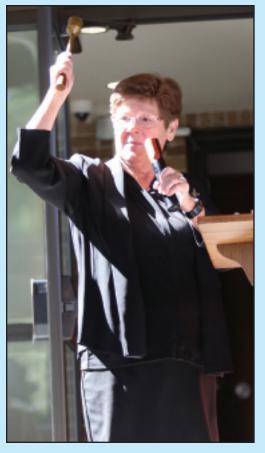
No decision was made during the meeting, and instead it was decided to discuss it further at the next meeting, to see how many applicants they get by paying MRI to help with its IT Director Search.

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## Presentation of Mary Academy Holds Ribbon Cutting Event









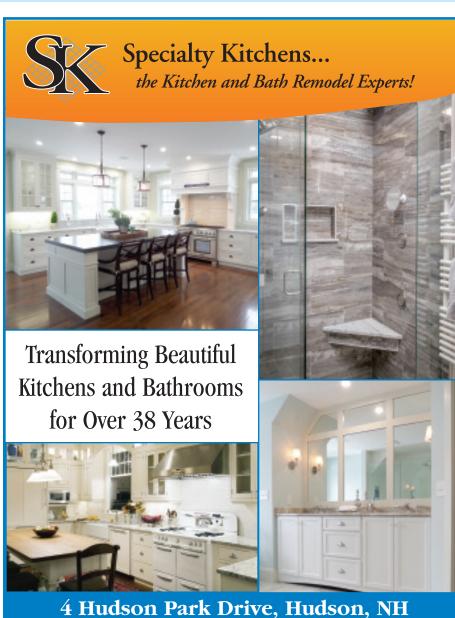
On Friday, Sept. 27, at Presentation of Mary Academy welcomed its school community, alumni, donors, and Sisters of the Presentation of Mary to the school for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The ceremony commemorated the completion of a substantial construction project that has been fundraised. School staff and students gave acknowledgements to Terry and Linda Robinson for their significant contributions to our school and this project. The new Terry Robinson Pavilion will now ensure the protection and safety of students, staff, and visitors alike with a new, secure entrance and covering from inclement weather. Construction has been on-going since the beginning of last school year and was completed over summer.

A number of former Bruins players also attended the ceremony.

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## Hudson Sees Just Under 4,000 Voters In State Primary

HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Selectmen were briefed on how the most recent state primary election went in town.

4,000 voters who voted at the primary," Town Moderathe Selectmen.

He explained that it was an average result for how furnout

"There were 3,995 ballots cast, a 23.7% voter

turnout. There were 2,543 changes." Republican ballots cast and 1.452 Democratic ballots cast," Inderbitzen wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "Our Ballot Clerks processed an average of 344 voters per hour over-"There were just under all with 150 per hour at Memorial School and 141 per hour at Alvirne High tor, Paul Inderbitzen, told School. Also, 212 absentee votes were processed over 4 hours at Memorial."

For the election, Inderbthey do in Hudson for itzen said, "The Supervisors of the Checklist staff registered only 74 new voters as well as 46 name and address

"I believe that the lower number of new registrations was due to the active registration of new voters by the Staff in the Clerk's Office when people come in to register their cars," Inderbitzen told the Board.

Inderbitzen noted there were no parking concerns this year, saying, "There were no parking issues at either location due to the small turnout."

time we used Memorial School for Ward 1 voting. there were some confusion on the part of the voting public," Inderbitzen wrote in a memo. "We will be reviewing the layout and make adjustments for the November election. Principal Bowen and his staff were very accommodating as we transitioned to the new location."

Inderbitzen also thank-

"Since this was the first ed a number of people and down both polling places, groups for their help with the election saying, "I must commend the hard working staff for their efforts. We could not have an efficient election without them."

> "I want to thank the GFWC Hudson Women's Club for providing dinner for the workers at the both locations and tabulating the write-ins," Inderbitzen wrote. "The staff of the DPW efficiently set up and took

especially at Alvirne where they came back at the end of the night so the cafeteria could be reset for the next school day. The staff at Alvirne were also very helpful."

Inderbitzen said overall "the Primary went smoothly with a few problems."

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 8 beginning at 7 p.m.

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the end of this fiscal year (June 2025). Also, during this period, Nashua treatment rates for our sewer have increased by approximately 35%," the memo stated.

It was explained by

number of reasons why they feel that it makes sense to look for an increase for the rates

"Sewer rate adjustments are warranted based on the increased cost of treatment, limited fund balance in the surplus account, and the most recent financial audit," the memo stat-Dhima that there were a ed. "The town sewer bill

consists of a flat sewer meter charge and the usage, which is based on the water usage. We propose a 10% increase on the flat sewer meter rate and 10% increase on the unit price to take effect on Jan. 1, 2025 and July 1, 2025."

For flow rates, the present rate is \$1.1905, and will be increased to \$1.3096 in January, as part of the proposal and will go up to \$1.4405 in July.

For meter rates, the current cost is \$23, it will increase to \$25.30 in January, and will go to \$27.83 in

For most users, Dhima noted that the increase will equate to about \$3.33 per month. It was also noted previously that it would only impact those who are on town sewer.

Dhima said he had not received any comments from people in town regarding the proposed change, which he usually does for these types of proposals.

"I have not received any calls," Dhima said.

Selectman .David Morin, noted that instead of making the increases over time he said "we're doing it in one shot."

It was also noted by Dhima that even with the increase, their rates will still only be about half of what the rates are for Nashua and Manchester.

Dhima said the goal moving forward will be to look at the rates every three to five years to see if any changes need to be made.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the rate increase.

## **OBITUARY**

#### **David Leighton Plummer**



On Sept. 13, 2024 David Leighton Plummer passed away from cardiac arrest at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.

Born in 1951, David grew up in Charlotte, N.C. He graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, M.A. He attended Harvard

University and graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Computer Science. He worked at several computer companies including DEC, Xyvision, Picturetel, Bull, Alcatel, and Cadmus in various positions from debugger designer to engineer, project leader, computer manager, and vice president. His knowledge and interests ranged from astronomy, engineering, physics, philosophy, music, guitar, spirituality, poetry, and writing autobiographical sketches. His later professional career was designing, building, and repairing electronic components for stereo systems, and he owned his own company, Shaker Logic Audio. His great delight was in making these components sound as perfect as possible.

David's interests ranged widely from astronomy, engineering, philosophy, chess, scientific advancements, poetry, listening to music, playing guitar, and writing autobiographical sketches. He especially loved deep discussions on all of these topics and others from his broad knowledge. Among his friends and family, he was a witty and amusing companion, clever in word play and gallows humor. His great qualities extended into his personal integrity and love of his family. Extremely giving, he took great pleasure in helping people, extending his generosity to many individuals, charities, and various projects. Most of all he was a devoted, patient, and skillful caregiver to his family, who valued him greatly for the skill, reliability, and the devotion with which he cared for them in all areas - financial, emotional, medical, and advisory. His unselfish care, great companionship and love will be greatly missed by his loving family.

David is survived by his wife, Joan Plummer; his son Nathan Plummer and daughter-in- law, Kate Szopa; his son Devon Samson and daughter-in-law Vivian Samson; his sister, Andrea Brown, and brother-in-law Bill Brown; nieces Lori Roseman and Lisa Helms: nephews Michael Brown and Paul Brown; brother-in-law David Phillips; and three adored grandchildren, Kaden Samson, and Zoey and Theo Plummer.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m., on Oct. 5, 2024 in Arlington St., United Methodist Church at 63 Arlington St., Nashua N.H. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship. All are welcome to attend. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.



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## Fun Day Deemed Big Success with Help from Volunteers

**HUDSON TIMES** 

The Benson Park Committee met on Sept. 19 to discuss the recent Family Fun Day event. Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park called the third annual Fun Day the "biggest we've ever had" with an estimated 500 to 700 attendees. At least 250 children visited a newly refurbished Old Lady in the Shoe.

"There was a petting zoo, music, bouncy house, and facepainting," said Committee member, Sue Clement, who volunteered her

time for the event.

She singled out Rodgers Memorial Library, which provided help with a fairytale reading and crafts with kids at the Shoe.

"We had such a great turnout of volunteers. We had 25 volunteers that pulled it off, and I've heard nothing but good feedback from out sponsors who were there, that it was so well organized." said Newell. "Another shoutout to Paul Tracey and his wife, Claudia. Paul worked tirelessly this summer in fixing up the Shoe and did an amazing job."

installation of security cameras around the Shoe.

Acting Chair, Judy Brouillette, added that Benson Park received several donations to keep the former Old Lady in the Shoe exhibit in good shape.

The Friends of Benson Park looked forward to next year's event and invited every volunteer from the event to an Appreciation Lunch on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Benson Park Store.

Another topic involved the restoration and painting of giraffe statues offered up

Tracey was active in the for donation to the park by expressed interest in putting for getting the lions over to Committee member, Gary

> "One our board members, Jim Leach, he's an artist and at our last meeting, we hadn't seen Jim for awhile but he's back and said he'd be interested in taking a look at that," offered Newell, referring to statue restoration. "He said he'd swing by and take a look at them."

> Willams hoped to find someone to make plaster repairs for the statues. The donation had not yet been formally accepted, although the Friends of Benson Park

them on display at the Wild Animal Farm Museum.

By contrast, a pair of lion statues from the old theme park and zoo were accepted by the Benson Park Committee and the Board of Selectmen last August. Despite this, the issue of transporting them to Benson Park proved to be a challenge. Public Works Director, Jay Twardosky, offered to move them, only asking the Committee to coordinate the task.

"I did talk to Jay, we talked about a possible date

the park, and he was pretty sure by the beginning of October he could work that out and go get the lions," said Clement. "He was pretty confident that he could get them into the gorilla cage without a problem."

Brouillette promised to contact Committee Chair, Jack Madden, who was involved in the relocation though unable to attend the September meeting. The historic lion statues will be placed in Benson Park's large gorilla cage to protect them from vandalism.

#### ummer Program Attendance for Library bers on

**HUDSON TIMES** 

Library Director, Linda Pilla, stated that she had a "busy month" with the close of the summer season at Rodger Memorial's September Trustee Meeting.

"August was the end of Summer Reading, and a very fine end of Summer Reading it was. Our numbers were amazing, and all the staff were incredibly cooperative and worked together very, well," she announced.

With the end of the library's Summer Reading program, many staff members went on vacation, although Pilla expects programming to rebound for fall.

"When I'm looking at the circulation numbers, the numbers peaked in July and they were very nice, they peaked over last year, which

was higher than the year before. We've been gradually regrowing that sort of summer use of the library," she said. "Circulation tends to drop a little but in August, and we get going again with programming in September, and that has taken off."

"I actually went through and was reading the numbers of how many people and what's borrowed and what they showed up for the outdoor plays, July was a really, really, hot month," noted Trustee, Margaret St. Onge. "The people came out; they really came out. They didn't stay in their homes and it was wonderful to see people come up and use all the resources and enjoy that."

nounced a growing participation in the Rodgers Memorial Kanopy streamconceded that it was still a new addition to the library and more information was

"The children's room has been advocating greatly for the families to make use of this, especially as they are downsizing the number of DVDs. The children's programming on Kanopy is

wonderful, and there's only one charge. So, if you only have three or four children in the house and one of them clicks on Kanopy, it only accrues to one charge for us for the whole month," explained Pilla. "If your kids are changing shows and tv channels every five minutes, there's no extra charge."

The service also includ-

along with video courses for teens and adults. Kanopy has not been without its technical issues.

Pilla encouraged anyone with problems to come to the library for help. The

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an expired library card and indicated most issues related to blocked service would have to do with an expired card. The library requires a renewal every two years.



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George started working at a very young age to help support the family. He was a commercial printer for over 45 years and started his apprenticeship at Courier Corporation where he won many artistic awards at Souhegan Color. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Prior to his illness, he enjoyed woodworking, bowling and painting. He was well-versed in-home improvements and economics.

OBITUARY

**George Francis Tucker** 

children. George had been a resident of Hudson, NH for over 25

years and a member of the New Life Christian Church in Hud-

George and his wife Michelle Tucker, Laurie Descheneaux, and

Lynn Rourke and her husband Kevin, grandfather "Grampa" to 8

grandchildren: George "Cole" and Shamus Tucker, Tucker, Luke

and Jake Descheneaux; Kaelyn, Ashley and Kevin Rourke Jr.. He

is also survived by the mother of his children, Joanne Sullivan.

Stephen, two sisters, Carol Carleton and Elaine Howard, as well

Brenda Shank, a sister, Susan Bosman, a sister Theresa Senio and her husband Larry, as well as two step sisters; Dot Sperounis and her husband Bill, Mary Ellen Nangle and her husband

as a son in law Ernest "Ernie" Descheneaux.

Kevin, and several nieces and nephews.

George was predeceased by two brothers, Brian and

George's surviving siblings include: a sister, Mary Gail Webster, a brother, Kevin Tucker and his wife Lucia, a sister,

George was the most loving father "Dad" to three children:

George Francis Tucker, husband of Lise

(Garand) Tucker, passed away after a long ill-

ness on Sept. 23, 2024. They were married

almost 30 years. George was born on Oct. 25,

1953, to Mary Alice and George Francis Tuck-

er Sr. in Lowell, MA. George was one of 10

Family and friends were invited for visiting hours on Thursday, Sept. 26t at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Christian service took place on Friday, Sept. 27 at New Life Christian Church. A Graveside service followed the church service and was held in Hills Farm Cemetery, 160 Derry Rd., Hudson, NH 0305. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following organizations: Compassionate Care ALS at www.ccals.org or The ALS Association at www.als.org.



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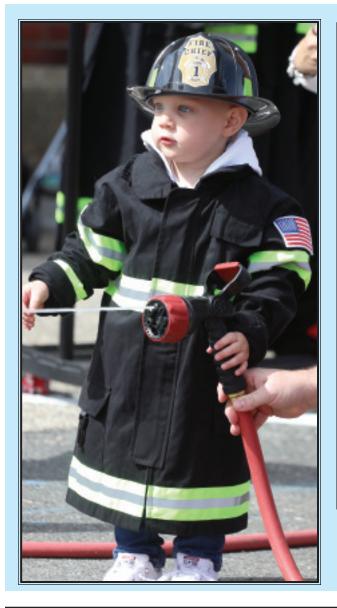
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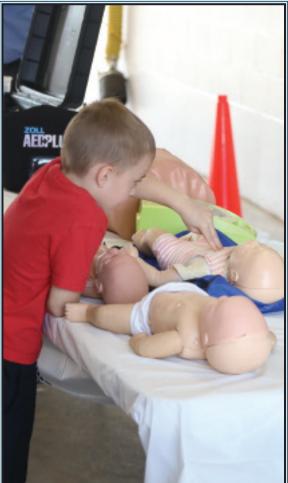
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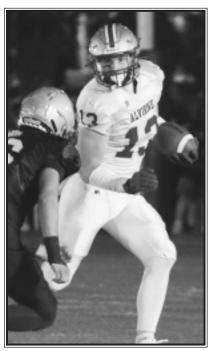
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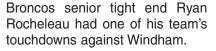
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## HUDSON SPORTS

## **Broncos Football Squad Suffer First Loss to Windham**







Broncos senior tight end Ryan Junior running back Mike Landmesser was Rocheleau had one of his team's limited to 85 yards on 22 carries against the Jaguars. Photos by Chris Paul



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HUDSON TIMES

Things didn't go as planned for the Alvirne High School Football team on Friday night, Sept. 27, at Windham High School, as they were looking to advance their Division I record to 4-0, after starting the season with three strong victories.

The Broncos fell behind in the first quarter after a snap on a fourth and seven punt attempt went over the head of Broncos kicker, Shawn Boudreau, where the Jaguars recovered for a safety and a 2-0 lead.

It turned out that the two-point margin was all the Windham squad needed for the 14-12 victory.

The Jags were able to do something that the Broncos previous opponents couldn't, contain junior running back, Mike Landmesser, and limit him to 85 yards on 22 carries.

Encroachment penalties were another thorn in the side of the Broncos coaching staff. The defense had several throughout the night at critical moments.

With the loss, Alvirne fell to 3-1 and WHS moved

Both teams had issues going two-quarters without putting any offensive points on the board.

The Windham defense was able to contain the Alvirne offense for much of the first half leaving the Bronco scoreless by halftime, something no other team had done up to this point in the season

They also limited the amount of positive yard that Landmesser could put on the board, he finished the night with 88-yards on 22 attempts.

On Windham's first possession of the second half. with the ball at their 16yard line, on second down with nine to go, the Jags put board with a huge passing play, making it 8-0 at the 11-minute mark of the third

Broncos special teams players were able to block the extra-point attempt.

Responding to that big play, the Alvirne offense seemed to get into a better rhythm, marching down the field, but then a fumbled at

their division record up to Jags 37-yard line for a furnover

The Broncos quickly getting started in this game, got the ball back, right where they lost it, when after a three-and-out series by WHS, the Alvirne defense blocked the punt attempt.

> That block set up the first score of the night for the Broncos, after quarterback, Charlie Crawford, completed a pass to the two-yard line on second and 11, from the 29.

Crawford followed that up with a run into the endzone for six-points.

Unfortunately for the Broncos, the two-point conversion attempt was no good. Crawford's receivers were covered and he was tackled while rolling right.

With the score now 8-6 six more points on the at 3:33 in the third quarter, it seemed that Alvirne was back on track, but the Jags came right back with running touchdown from midfield to end the third quarter at 14-6, unable to convert the two-pint attempt.

> The Alvirne defense kept their team in the game after that and the offense managed a solid drive in the

> > continued on page 11





## Postponed Fun Run Takes Place After Battle of the Borders



CHRIS PAUL HUDSON TIMES

After Huuricane Deborah postponed the inagural Color Fun Run, scheduled to take place during Old Home Days in August, the Alvirne High School Athelic Booster Club has rescheduled the event for this weekend.

Families can lace up their running shoes for a vibrant day of fun, fitness, and color during the Alvirne Booster's Color Fun Run taking place at the Hills House on Sunday, Oct. 6, starting at 10 a.m.

The event will be taking

place on the heels of one of the state's biggest crosscountry meets, the Battle of the Borders, hosted annually by the Alvirne High School Cross Country team, at the same location.

The Color Fun Run will be offering a family-friendly, untimed run or walk on a two-mile course, specially modified from the 3.1 miles that cross-country athletes tackle. The course winds through the rolling fields and beautiful woodlands of the Hills House, offering a combination of grassy, dirt and crushed stone paths. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome to join in the fun, whether you're looking to run, jog, or enjoy a leisurely walk with family and friends.

The organizers of the run are excited to provide complimentary sunglasses and plenty of color powder to make the day a truly colorful experience for all to all who register.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy the outdoors on this beautiful course, and raise funds for the hardworking Alvirne High School athletes.

The Booster Club is also accepting donations for those who don't care to participate.

"We hope the weather cooperates, as this time of year is perfect for a fun and active day outside, especially on a course that has seen some of the best crosscountry runners in the state."

Event Details:

- Sunday, October 6th, 2024
- Registration Opens: 8:30 a.m.
- Race Start Time: 10 a.m.
- Location: Hills House, 211 Derry Road, Hudson
- Course Length: 2 miles
- Terrain: Grassy fields, dirt and crushed stone trails
- Registration Website:

alvirne-broncoboosters.square.site

#### Cost:

- Adults \$25
- · Adult Registration with a commemorative shirt is \$35
- Child (6-12 years) \$20
- · Child with commemorative shirt \$30
- Family Package: Two Adults and two Children (6-12 years) \$80
- Children (under 6) FREE with a registered adult
- Commemorative shirt \$15 To Register: go to: alvirnebronco-boosters.square.site.

For more information, please contact: Melissa Athletic Tobin, Alvirne Booster Club. Email:

alvirneboostersnh@gmail. com.

The Battle of the Borders races will begin on the previous day, starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. The Freshman Girls will head out at 2 p.m. followed by the Freshman Boys at 2:30 p.m.

The J.V. Girls will start at 3 p.m. and the J.V. Boys will beginat 3:40 p.m.

Varsity Girls are slated to stat at 4:15 p.m. with the Boys heading out at 4:45

Awards will follow after the races.

Courtesy photoss

## **Footbal**

**Continued from page 10** 

final minutes of the contest. Senior tight end, Ryan Rocheleau, ran the ball in from the 19-vard line on third and 13 for the second

AHS touchdown of the

Finally, after another two-point conversion was foiled, behind by two withunder three-minutes left on the clock, AHS had no choice but to attempt an onside kick, which skidded along the wet surface of the field into the hands of a Windham player.

With the final possession of the game, the Jaguars were able to run the ball out to end the game at

Alvirne will try to get their fourth win of the season this week at Londonderry High School.

The Lancers are also coming off their first divisional loss of the season,

losing to Pinkerton Academy by a score of 35-15 during Mack Plaque weekend on Saturday, Sept. 28.

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## A View From Above

According to the the town of Hudson's Planning department website, the Target Flow Center project September plans included the following: Continue installation of the site's stormwater drainage system; continue rough grading to establish final grades throughout the site; continue the establishment of the building pad; continue plantings along the shoreline buffer; continue installation of the site's underground electrical utility; continue plantings along the shoreline buffer; continue installing the site's fire loop and domestic water lines; begin plantings along the upland restoration and installing curbs and gutters around Trailer Yard and Employee Parking lots. The October plans were not reveled on the website.

Aerial photo courtesy Todd Pollack

## Girl Scout Plans Stone Wall Repair Project at Benson

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The September meeting of the Benson Park Committee opened with public input from Amy Campbell, who lives in Merrimack, and who came to the meeting to talk about her gold award proj-

"Right now, I'm currently an Ambassador Girl Scout, I'm in junior high school and I've been a Girl Scout since kindergarten and you're going to restore the I've already done my bronze

Award is an 80-hour sustainable community project," she said. "There's a historical stone wall and it's kind of crumbling and falling apart, and I'm hopefully going to build it back up.'

According to Committee member, Sue Clement, the wall in question has seen onand-off work throughout the years, although it was still falling apart.

"I'm really excited that wall," said Clement. "If and silver awards. My Gold you've been down by the

pond, there's a U-shaped acter. Campbell was open to wall where the pond bridge is. There's a drainage there as well and over the years it's flooded, come back down, gotten washed out, and over the years I think with the erosion, it couldn't take it anymore. Pieces fall out, kids try to walk on the wall, it's kind of dangerous."

The Committee saved pieces of the wall for future restoration. As the wall is considered a historic structure, any repairs are expected to match its original characcepting help on the project and planned to build a team.

When are you thinking about starting? What's the timeline?" asked acting Chair, Judy Brouillette.

The Scout considered it a long-term project and stated that she still needed to submit a formal plan before assembling a team and waiting for the weather to improve next April. She expected the full process would take about a year from planning to comple-

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tion. Mike Regis noted that think mortar would be the stonework could be dangerous, the Committee agreed it would be a good idea to keep safety in mind. He also offered to donate time and materials for the repair

"Is this a matter of just mixing up a batch of cement and replacing the rocks on the wall?" Committee member, Gary Willaims.

Campbell indicated she already met with a stonemason to get a better idea of what to do and seemed to lette.

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most effective way to make repairs. While dry stacking, or stacking one upon the other was discussed, it was not considered a viable fix.

The Benson Park Committee unanimously endorsed the Gold Star project and thanked her for attending the meeting.

"It is important, when you want to go down to the park, that we know that you're going to be here working on it," said Brouil-

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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 https://stkathryns.org/bazaar.

#### 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.

#### **Book Sale Cancelled**

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

#### **Book Donation Day**

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

#### Color Fun Run

Alvirne Booster's Color Fun Run takes place at the Hills House on Sunday, Oct. 6, race starting at 10 a.m., registration open 8:30 a.m. This is family-friendly, un-timed run or walk on a 2-mile course, specially modified from the 3.1 miles that crosscountry athletes tackle. Registration can be done the day of or online at alvirne-broncoboosters.square.site, \$25 per adult, \$35 with commemorative t-shirt, \$20 per child (ages 6-12 years), \$30 with commemorative t-shirt, children under 6 years old are free, \$80 for family package (2 adults and 2 children). For more information, please contact: Melissa Tobin at alvirneboostersnh@gmail.com

#### **Kids Blindness Awareness Event**

Kids Blindness Awareness event will be held on Oct 10 at 10 a.m. - Noon at the Hudson Memorial Library. Registration: www.reallygreatsite.com. Sponsored by the Hudson Lions Club.

#### **Adventurers Storytime**

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

#### Songs & Snuggles

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

#### **Dungeons & Donuts**

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come, grab a donut and play a game on Saturday, Oct. 5, and 19, at 9:30 a.m., at the Rogers Library.

#### **Creative Dance**

On Friday, Oct. 4 and 11, at 11 a.m., children ages 3-5 will explore movement, puppetry, and storytelling in a fun and imaginative class with Miss Kerry at Rogers Library.

#### **Outdoor Storytime**

On Friday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m., come to the Rogers Library for stories, songs, and bubbles on the library lawn.

#### **Teen Pumpkin Carving**

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., come to Rogers Library for pumpkin carving in the Children's Programming room! Supplies will be provided. Ages 13-18 only.

#### **GR8FL Zentangle Class**

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, and 16, at 1 p.m., or Tuesday, Oct. 15, and 22, at 6:30 p.m., join Diane MacKinnon in this two-class series to use the Zentangle Method to create a piece of art at the Rogers Library.

#### **Name That Tune**

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m., John Watkins returns to the Rogers Library with a new selection of songs to test your music mastery.

#### **Pajama Storytime**

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for a family storytime while wearing pajamas.

#### **Access Wisdom Book Club**

Come to the Rogers Library on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m., as certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a book club highlighting books that help us gain access to our own wisdom.

#### Dog Man Fan Club

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

#### Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Oct. 12, at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch,

blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with us.

#### Interactive Monsters Inc Movie

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

#### **Genealogy Club**

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

#### **Afternoon Book Group**

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

#### **Characters & Cocoa**

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

#### **Guiding Eyes for the Blind**

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

#### **Pumpkin Painting**

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6 p.m., join Ms. Maggie for Thursdays at 2 p.m., Teens family drop-in pumpkin painting at the Rogers Library.

#### A Visit from Belle

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

#### **Mystery Lovers Book Club**

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

#### **Giant Pumpkin Mural**

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

#### **Crime & Cookies**

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

#### **Pumpkin and Bone Bridges**

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

#### **Fizzy Potions**

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

#### **Food Pantry fundraiser**

Hudson Lions Club fundraiser to benefit The Hudson Food Pantry, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, at The White Birch, 222 Central St., Hudson. The event will feature Country duo Ayal Brown and Rob Bellamy. Doors open 6:30 and runs to 10 p.m. It will be a fun evening of entertainment & dancing, there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$35 per person. For additional information: Barbara, 603-305-5193.

#### Teen Hangout

Mondays, Tuesdays, and are invited to relax the Rogers Library teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available.

#### **Professional Headshot Mini** Session

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

#### Cookbook Club: Knife Drop

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

#### The Capital Crime of Witchcraft

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

### Melodious Zach Family Con-

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

#### Too Cute to Spook

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

#### **Halloween Storytime**

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

#### **Preschool Water Play**

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

#### **Brunch Bunch**

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat

pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rogers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

#### **Benson Park Saturday** Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park on the third Saturday of each month to make the beautiful park even more beautiful! Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. Great people. Great fun. Great exercise. Lunch provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

#### **Buy-A-Brick**

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

#### Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

#### A Good Yarn

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

#### **Movers & Shakers**

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates. LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

#### **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 A) low-income, and B) living in our Greater Nashua catchment area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment. Please email info@unitedwaynashua.org if you have any questions.



## Grammy's Bridal Surprise

Fairview Senior Living had some very special visitors at The Inn this weekend. Ashley Garside surprised her Grammy, Terri, with a visit in her wedding dress. Terri was unable to attend Ashely and Bradley's mountaintop wedding on Sept. 7, so the bride and groom brought a glimpse of the wedding to her. Ashley's bouquet featured a special charm with Grammy's handwritten note: "Love, Grammy."

#### **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





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