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## Hayride Horrors

Alvirne High School students set up some haunting displays throughout the Hills House woods last week during the annual Haunted Hayride presented by the Class Act drama group. See more photos of the displays pages 8 and 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Taybre Drive Subdivision OKd Despite Residents Concerns

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Oct. 22 to review a revised proposal for the Taybre Drive subdivision - a plan that has sparked debate among residents and officials. The project will divide property at 9 Alvirne Drive and 190R

Derry Road into nine single-family residential lots, with improvements including a water line, septic system provisions, a cul-de-sac, and an access road.

Property owner Mike Lacasse revised the initial plan after concerns from abutters and town officials about a high-water table,

drainage issues, and potential groundwater contamination.

"The beginning of the site is now served by open drainage, and that was due to having to change some slopes in the road after discussions with the Town Engineer," explained Will-

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## New Out-of-District Tuition Rates Set by School Board

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The School Board recently voted to approve new tuition rates for out-of-district students for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

"The action tonight that I am seeking from the Board is to set the tuition rate," Business Administrator Jenny Graves said during the meeting.

Graves explained in a memo that the Board reviews non-resident student enrollment on a case-by-case basis.

"If it is determined that a financial obligation is due by the resident school district, or family, a tuition agreement is reached for

subsequent invoicing of amounts due," she wrote.

Previously, the Hudson School District charged a flat tuition rate of \$19,500 for all grade levels during the 2024 - 2025 school year.

This year, Graves proposed a tiered structure based on grade level, citing equity concerns.

"My recommendation that I am bringing forward is for you to consider splitting out a different price depending on if it's elementary, middle, or high school, and this is driven on the fact that our cost per pupil varies between those three buckets," Graves explained.

She noted that tuition could be paid by another

school district sending a student to Hudson or directly by a family. All non-resident students require School Board approval, and the Board authorizes her to create invoices once rates are set.

When asked how many out-of-district students currently attend Hudson schools, Superintendent Dr. Dan Moulis estimated fewer than 10 but did not have an exact number.

Board members also clarified that the new rates would apply for the current school year.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained that districts sending stu-

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## September Discipline Report Shows School Suspensions

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was given an update on discipline reports from each of the schools across the district during its most recent meeting.

"This is the first report of the year for September," Hudson Superintendent Dan Moulis explained during the meeting.

Moulis said that in addition to the normal categories tracked in monthly discipline reports, one new metric this year will be the number of personal communication device violations. He noted that this is something the district is monitoring closely.

The addition comes after a new policy was

enacted earlier this year regarding personal devices, following a change to state law requiring all school districts in New Hampshire to implement a bell-to-bell cell phone ban policy.

"That's a new chart and an addition to that specific correspondence," Moulis said during the meeting.

The report detailed discipline incidents for each school in September:

- Early Learning Center - Library Street: No discipline incidents were reported during the month.

- Early Learning Center - Dr. H.O. Smith: Four in-school suspensions and one out-of-school suspension.

- Hills Garrison Elementary: Six in-school suspensions and one out-of-

school suspension. There was also one personal communication device violation during the first month.

- Nottingham West Elementary: Three in-school suspensions, one out-of-school suspension, and no personal communication device violations.

- Hudson Memorial School: 16 detentions, all for one day each, five in-school suspensions, and two out-of-school suspensions. There were also three personal communication device violations during September.

- Alvirne High School: 144 detentions were issued during the first month of school - 102 for one day and 42 for two or more

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# Hudson School Board Reviews FY26 Budget Progress

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HUDSON TIMES

The School Board discussed the FY26 budget during its Oct. 20 meeting, reviewing financial performance through Sept. 30. Business Administrator Jenny Graves reported that anticipated revenue now totals \$65,174,700 - an increase of \$139,218 over the original budget. "One of the main rea-

sons for this is due to revenue from investments, accounting for \$137,218 of the anticipated revenue more than what was budgeted for," Graves explained. She noted that the district plans to revise revenue estimates to be less conservative, with adjustments reflected in October's report. As of now, Graves said there is a preliminary \$1,967,374 in available

funds, factoring in extra anticipated revenue and expected expenditure savings. Additionally, the district has \$1,305,479 in restricted Fund Balance carried over from FY25. Graves told the Board she intends to provide projected Fund Balance updates at each financial report, which will become increasingly important later in the year when key deci-

sions are required. School Board Chair Maureen Dionne expressed appreciation for the added detail. The meeting also included a budget transfer request: \$35,000 from the Special Education Salaries line to the Professional Services line to pay for a contracted employee at Alvirne High School. "She has agreed to com-

mit to us until the end of January," said Director of Special Services Rachel Borge when asked if the contract covered the full year. Board members questioned the likelihood of hiring a permanent replacement. Borge acknowledged challenges, noting that most qualified candidates are currently under contract.

She said she has a few leads but that negotiations take time. If a permanent hire is found, the temporary employee would receive 30 days' notice - a standard practice for professional hires. "There could be a week or two overlap between the two, which isn't necessarily a bad thing," Borge added. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

# Districts New Cell Phone Policy to Be Discussed on Nov. 3

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the School Board heard concerns from the Board's Student Representative about the district's cell phone policy, which she said has been a topic of discussion among students. The policy stems from state legislation requiring all NH school districts to enforce a "bell-to-bell" ban on personal electronic devices during the school day. "The district is commit-

ted to providing students with a learning environment free from disruptions. Use of personal communication devices for nonacademic means often leads to disruptions in the learning environment for both individual students and the classroom," the policy states. It further explains that the school community - including students, teachers, staff, and coaches - should model compliance. Exceptions are allowed in emergencies that threaten safety.

The policy defines a personal communication device as any non-district-provided internet, cellular, or data-capable device that supports calls, texts, emails, or messaging. This includes cell phones, tablets, laptops, and smart devices. District-owned devices for instructional use are excluded. "Student use of personal communication devices is strictly prohibited from when the first bell rings to start instructional time until

the dismissal bell rings to end the academic school day," the policy states. "The school day includes lunch periods, passing time, and recesses." Students participating in extracurricular activities must follow rules set by coaches or supervisors, but devices with cameras or recording capabilities are banned from locker rooms, bathrooms, or any location where privacy could be violated. The policy allows stu-

dents to bring personal devices for educational purposes, but nonacademic use triggers disciplinary consequences. Devices brought to school must remain powered off and stored in lockers, backpacks, or handbags. The district assumes no responsibility for loss or damage. Exceptions and consequences for violations are outlined in the policy. School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said the Board will focus on the

budget for the next two weeks but plans to review the cell phone policy at its Nov. 3 meeting. "We are planning to include the cell phone policy review on our Monday, Nov. 3 meeting," Dionne said, noting that several teachers - particularly from Alvirne High School - have shared feedback. "We would welcome any and all input, and we will be discussing it as a Board here in two weeks," she added.

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# New Street and Fire Department Donation Get Accepted

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HUDSON TIMES

At its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen approved the acceptance of a new town road and a donation to the Fire Department, along with several personnel changes.

Director of Developmental Services Elvis Dhima presented the request for street acceptance, explaining that the Planning Board

had recently approved a nine-lot subdivision.

"It's complete," Dhima said. "I think it's an understatement to say they sold like hotcakes. We now have a beautiful single-family development right off Central Street. Everyone has signed off."

Dhima noted that Etchstone Properties, Inc. submitted a formal request to have the road accepted by

the Town.

"Engineering, Fire, Police, and Planning departments have inspected the road and recommend street acceptance," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board. "The two-year maintenance bond for \$68,817 is in place, and this acceptance will require two public notices."

The Board unanimously approved the acceptance of Garden Circle as a town

road, with the two-year maintenance bond as recommended.

Also during the meeting, the Board considered a proposal to accept a donation to the Fire Department.

"We received an email from Hudson resident Raymond Richard offering to donate his pickup truck to the department," wrote Fire Chief Scott Tice in a memo. "He stated he would rather

see it go to something useful than a junkyard. Upon acceptance, the vehicle will be relocated to our facility on Burns Hill Road and used for auto extrication training. We ask the Board to accept this donation with thanks to Mr. Richard."

The Board unanimously approved the donation of a 2013 Chevy Silverado 1500 WT, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e, for training purposes.

In personnel news, the Board approved two staffing changes. Police Chief David Cayot recommended the hiring of Carlos Garcia as a full-time police officer, which the Board unanimously approved.

Additionally, the Board accepted the resignation of probationary Firefighter/EMT Corey Partridge, effective Oct. 7, as recommended by Chief Tice.

## Taybre

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iam Hess of Hess Engineering. "We have made some minor tweaks, but we cannot do groundwater recharge due to the water table."

Geologist Danna Truslow conducted groundwater

and soil testing and submitted a report to the Planning Board.

"We didn't look at the abutter wells - the wells were not part of what I was looking at. I was just looking at the site groundwater conditions," said Truslow. "We looked at what the groundwater flow pattern

was on the site, and it's pretty much parallel to the property line."

She added that groundwater would "not come up above the existing land surface."

Board member Victor Oates expressed concern about the limited scope of the report.

"I guess my concern is that you stated that you just kept to the site, so we have no visuals into how this water could potentially impact the surrounding wells," Oates said, requesting a peer review. "We're missing so many data points."

The Board ultimately voted down his request.

Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery questioned whether adding fill could raise groundwater levels.

"If you're adding fill to this property, it's putting on

pressure, which pushes the water someplace, and water's going to go to the lower levels," Ulery said.

Truslow responded that the amount of fill would not increase groundwater levels. Town Engineer Elvis Dhima confirmed his department reviewed the report and pledged strict enforcement of the subdivision plan.

"What happens if the applicant gets it wrong? They're going to have to fix it," said Dhima. "If there needs to be changes because the property owner got the design wrong, they're going to have to deal with it, and they're going to have to tell the state about it."

Several neighbors voiced concerns during public comment. Alexandra Ange urged more details on septic system impacts for homes

relying on wells.

"We're suggesting a possible reduction to the project, which would cut back some of the concerns we have," she said.

Barbara Taylor worried about water flow near her property.

"The water flow line that was depicted on that map is literally alongside my fence, I think," she said.

Tom Elliot questioned why homes were built in the area at all.

"The neighborhood should never have been built because it's wet. My

house is sitting in wetlands. I had a flooded basement in the spring of 2024, and I had to upgrade my system in order to survive that," Elliot said. "I do also find it interesting that we took measurements during a dry summer. Let's wait until the spring - let's take measurements then."

After weighing public input and engineering assurances, the Planning Board voted to approve the subdivision application.

The Planning Board will meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Ruth Jean Szczypinski



Ruth Jean Szczypinski, 58, of Hudson, NH passed at Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH, on Thursday Oct. 23, 2025 after battling cancer. Ruth was born June 22, 1967, in Nashua, NH and was the daughter of the late John and Anne (Taylor) Senter. She was raised and educated in Nashua and had been a lifelong resident of the area.

Ruth was a graduate of Nashua (now South) High School and attended NH Vocational Technical College in Nashua. She enjoyed Diamond art, and at one time was a volunteer with local hospice patients.

Members of the family include her husband of 21 years, Raymond Szczypinski, Jr.; her brother, John Senter; and her close friend, Tina Storzbach.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: [hospicefoundation.org](http://hospicefoundation.org).



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# Editorial

## A Season for Common Sense and Caution

This time of year, the color orange comes to mind, with all the pumpkins, mums, and the turning of leaves. Let's not forget—the other orange, “hunter's orange,” that becomes part of our attire in the outdoors at this time of year.

It's hunting season again, and that means the land behind your home or along your favorite trail may not be so tranquil anymore. It also means gunshots will echo through the trees, and that's your cue to be extra cautious in those pristine woods behind your home or along your favorite path.

For hunters, the rules are simple but critical: know your target. Never fire unless you're certain of what you're aiming at. Take what you learned in hunter education seriously—and if you haven't taken a course yet, make that a priority before heading out. Know your weapon, know your surroundings, and remember: the life you save could be your neighbor's.

Be respectful of property; it is important. If the land is posted with a “No Hunting” sign and you don't have permission, go somewhere else. And when you do have access, leave the land as you found it—or better. Every year, private and town-owned properties suffer from careless behavior: spent cartridges and beer cans left behind, unauthorized tree cutting, and ATV damage to trails. These actions ruin it for everyone. Clean up after

yourself and keep the tradition of hunting responsibly.

This is not the season to blend in when you take that enjoyable walk in the woods. Make yourself visible. Wear “hunter orange” when you're in areas where hunting is likely, and make sure your dog is sporting a bright vest too. Stick to marked trails, avoid dawn and dusk when hunting activity is highest, and keep pets leashed for their safety.

Hunters and hikers alike should check local and state regulations for hunting dates and designated zones. Knowing the rules helps prevent accidents and keeps everyone safe. Hunting is a long-standing tradition that supports conservation and wildlife management, but it only works when practiced responsibly.

Consider carrying a whistle or a fully charged phone when you head outdoors. These small precautions can make a big difference in an emergency.

Fall is one of the most beautiful times to be outdoors, but it's also a time to remember that homes around you are closer to one another than you might realize. On a crisp autumn morning, the sound of gunfire is a reminder you're not alone.

So take care, stay alert, and enjoy everything this season has to offer. After all, it's better to be safe than sorry.

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# Letters

## Bazaar and Penny Sale

To the editor,

It is that time of the year again! Time for St. Kathryn's 31st Annual Bazaar and Penny Sale scheduled this year for Saturday, Nov. 8, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Santa, from Santa's Den, will be making his visit to our Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 8 between the hours of 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and again on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Don't forget to bring the kids and have pictures taken using your mobile phone! A collector's item for years to come!

Come join the fun! Buy Penny Sale tickets and take your chance on over 200 Penny Sale Gifts including gift certificates for Market Basket, T-Bones and other eateries in town! We have over 45 Theme Baskets to be raffled off. There is Katy's Kitchen for great EATS! Sweet Sensations for that one dessert you do not want to bake – don't worry, our bakers excel at homemade goodies! The Craft Room to buy original Christmas crafts, including crocheted blankets and handmade ornaments. The High Roller table has large gift items to take a chance on.

We have 50/50 raffles (you must be present to claim your prize) and don't forget our Grand Raffle.

1st prize: \$1000; 2nd prize \$750, and 3rd prize \$500. If you are one of the lucky winner's we notify you of your prize! No need to be present for this raffle!

Come join the fun! We look forward to welcoming you to St. Kathryn's 31st Annual Bazaar and Penny Sale!

Gayle Marcotte,  
St. Kathryn's Parish,  
Hudson

## About Time Hudson Planning Board

To the editor,

I still cannot believe it took over two-years to get an open public input session added to the Planning Boards Agenda as it was overwhelmingly approved by those residents that voted for it in March of 2023. I'm embarrassed that it was only passed by the planning board to incorporate on a trial basis by a vote of 4 to 3 with Mr Malley, Ulery and Boyer voting against allowing an open public input session. What are you afraid of? Temporary trial period?

The purpose of having

open public input which I'm not sure everyone understands is simple:

1. Improves decision making.
2. Increases the legitimacy of the Board.
3. Builds stronger community relationships vs adversarial.
4. More effective long-term policies and vision.
5. Most importantly enhances and creates accountability on decisions made and their impact to a town's quality of life.

You may have some people come in and speak and you may not have any. But allowing the opportunity for residents to question current projects or projects already approved is what town residents want and voted on to be added.

You have a “Black Swan” project (Target) in south Hudson that I'm sure is going to raise questions & concerns of what happened. There will be millions of tax revenue and impact dollars promised that will not happen in 2026 and beyond. I'm dying to watch that story play out and the questions that will be asked by residents and the issues created. Obviously more to come.

Jim Dobens  
Hudson

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## VFW Post 5791 To Host Charitable Holiday Dinner & Raffle, Nov. 22

Hudson VFW Post 5791 & Auxiliary will be holding its annual Holiday Dinner & Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the post hall, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. This year's proceeds will benefit the Nashua Children's Home and Marguerite's Place to brighten the holidays of children in need. In addition, each attendee is asked to bring an unwrapped gift to fill Toys for Tots boxes. Last year's dinner & raffle

raised over \$9,800 which benefited the Hudson Community Food Pantry and the Nashua Children's Home as well as filling 3 boxes of toys for Toys for Tots. They hope this year will be an even bigger success.

This year's raffle prizes include televisions up to 55,” a laptop, tablet, fire pit, a 6.5” a Dancing Grinch and more. There will also be a live auction for a custom-made wood US flag and a

custom-made cribbage table.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., to allow time to check out the raffle prizes. Catered Dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at Hudson VFW Post 5791 Monday to Friday 2 - 6 p.m., or Saturday 3 - 6 p.m.; Veterans Hall Bingo Hall on Melendy Rd., Thursday 4 - 9 p.m., or Sundays noon - 6 p.m.; or Email Post Adjutant at [cshay35@gmail.com](mailto:cshay35@gmail.com).



# Residents Get Historical Tour of Local Cemeteries



Members of the the Hudson Historical Society (HHS) and the Cemetery Trustees held a historical walk through two of Hudson's older cemeteries on Saturday morning, Oct. 25. HHS member and genealogist Lynne Mari, pictured at top right, acted as the tour guide through Westview Cemetery, Burnham Road, and Blodgett Cemetery on Pelham Road. Quite a few residents attended the walk on what was a rather brisk morning and discovered some of the history on the founding families of Hudson and the surrounding area. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Tuition


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dents to Hudson agree to the current rate and understand that tuition is typically reviewed by the Board in the fall.

The Board unanimously approved three separate rates:


Elementary School: \$19,704  
Middle School: \$20,333  
High School: \$21,816

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

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# Calls for Greater Transparency from Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Planning Board met on Oct. 8, where concerns were raised about the transparency of its Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC), a subcommittee tasked with reviewing and recommending changes to the town's zoning regulations.

"I know the ZORC Committee - the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee - is a subcommittee of this board," said Hudson resident Heidi Jakoby dur-

ing public comment. "I understand there was a meeting on Sept. 29 at 3 p.m., but I couldn't find any minutes or a list of future meetings. I encourage you to get that information posted as soon as possible. People have been asking me about the committee. Years ago, Chairman Malley told me that was the place for the public to bring forward ordinance ideas."

ZORC plays a key role in shaping Hudson's zoning code, which governs land

use, building dimensions, and the approval process for new developments.

"To my knowledge, ZORC meetings are not being recorded, and they're held at 3 p.m.," Jakoby added. "I'd ask that you reconsider the timing so people who work during the day can attend. Even just one evening meeting would allow more residents to participate and share ideas."

In addition to the transparency concerns, the Planning Board reviewed two

pieces of correspondence from Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, who requested the use of corridor funds to upgrade Hudson's traffic monitoring system. Dhima proposed replacing the current GS2 processors with the newer GS3 GRIDSMAST system.

"The intent is to improve traffic along the main corridors," Dhima explained. "We started with GS2, which processes imagery from traffic cameras to the controller. GS3 is the next generation. It's like upgrading your

smartphone - we're trying to process traffic more effectively as technology advances."

While the Planning Board cannot directly allocate corridor funds, Dhima sought a recommendation to support the purchase of approximately 10 GS3 processors, pending approval from the Board of Selectmen.

Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery asked whether the GS2 system had led to improvements in traffic flow.

Dhima responded that Hudson had seen a "signifi-

cant improvement" of up to 20% since installing GS2, citing Lowell Road as one area that benefited. He noted that some intersections now see between 28,000 and 30,000 vehicles daily, reflecting the town's rapid growth and increasing traffic challenges.

Board member Victor Oates proposed a recommendation to allocate up to \$80,214 for the new traffic equipment. The Planning Board unanimously approved the proposal.

# Selectmen Postpone Discussion of Solar Exemption Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen discussed the town's current solar exemption policy.

"The Town of Hudson currently has a 100% solar exemption, adopted by the Board of Selectmen via ordinance in December 2015, after Hudson voters had rejected the exemption offered by petition earlier that year," explained Chief Assessor James Michaud in

a memo to the Board.

Michaud conducted a survey of solar exemption policies in communities similar to Hudson, including nearby towns and larger municipalities.

"In the attached survey of 27 communities, 15% don't offer the exemption. Of those that do, 35% cap the exemption amount, while 65% have no cap," Michaud reported. "In 2025, Hudson has \$2,177,900 in solar exemption value."

He noted that the Board

could consider changes to the exemption through a warrant article on the ballot.

"The Board of Selectmen has an opportunity via warrant article to consider capping the solar exemption, especially as large multinational commercial and industrial building owners may begin adding solar installations," Michaud wrote.

He emphasized that any changes must apply uniformly across property types.

"A purist point of view may argue that there should be no cap on the exemption, regardless of property size or ownership, in the interest of reducing fossil fuel consumption," Michaud stated. "However, there is also a viewpoint that large, non-residential properties should not receive a property tax exemption. By law, solar exemptions apply to all property types - it is not

legal to limit them to residential properties only."

Selectman Heidi Jakoby expressed support for a cap, citing the inability to differentiate between residential and commercial properties.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont said he believes the exemption should be eliminated altogether, arguing that other taxpayers should not bear the burden of exempted property value due to solar installations.

While Dumont did not make a formal recommendation, he acknowledged that the issue is a policy decision for the Board. He also noted that although a citizen petition warrant article previously failed, legal counsel advised that the Board could adopt the exemption via ordinance.

Vice Chair Bob Guessferd said he would prefer to gather public feedback before making any decisions.

Ultimately, the Board

decided to postpone further discussion until November, when other potential warrant articles will be reviewed. Michaud said he

would provide additional data before that meeting.

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

## OBITUARY

David E. Burnell



On Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, after many years of courageously battling health complications, David Burnell passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Karen Kierstead Burnell; their daughter, Heather Champagne; their son, Timothy Burnell and his wife, Rachael, and his two cherished granddaughters, Avery and Bristol, all of Hudson, NH

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ruth Burnell of Hudson, NH, and his brother, William Burnell of Fort Myers, FL.

Before his health declined, Dave proudly owned and operated Burnell's Auto Restoration, a family business now carried on by his son, Tim. He built many lasting friendships within the automotive community and was respected for his remarkable skill, craftsmanship, and generosity.

Dave had a deep love for animals and a special bond with his many four-legged friends. Above all, he loved his family unconditionally and found his greatest happiness in the time they spent together.

Some of his favorite memories included days spent with Karen in the Gate City Corvette Club, restoring Heather and Tim's 1970 Camaros with them, and fishing with Avery on Sebago Lake. Of his many adventures, two that stood out most were his cross-country road trip with Tim in his 1961 Corvette for the Hot Rod Power Tour and the family's unforgettable cruise to Alaska.

Dave will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him. His kindness, humor, and love will remain in their hearts forever. Until we cruise again!

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., with a Service of Remembrance at 11:30 a.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home on 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association in Dave's memory at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

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# Library Trustees Look to Clarify Budget and Adult Services Job Posting

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At the Oct. 8 meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees, members discussed the 2026 - 2027 budget, which is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Despite an earlier presentation, Library Director Linda Pilla is still waiting on final figures from town officials.

"You're waiting for Roy Sorenson, the Town Administrator, to get back with the final numbers," said Trustee Chair Karen Bohrer. "We need to know if there's any tweaking going on or any-

thing necessary there. Linda also incorporated some changes to the staffing portion of the budget."

With the heart of budget season about a month away, Bohrer suggested the possibility of holding a special meeting to review any updates. However, the Trustees agreed that such a meeting was unnecessary, expressing confidence in the Director's ability to manage the process.

"Linda did what we asked her to do. I don't have any problem with not having a meeting to go over it," said Trustee Margaret St.

Onge. "Whenever we've asked her to do something, she always has. I'm not concerned."

The library is also undergoing departmental restructuring.

"Per the direction of the Board earlier this year, we're combining the Reference Department with the Circulation Department to create a new Adult Services Department," explained Pilla. "This aligns with our existing structure, which includes Youth Services and IT Technical Services. I've created a job description for a new position

titled 'Head of Adult Services.'"

Pilla noted that the current Circulation Librarian would soon be leaving, and that an internal candidate was considered "a good fit" for the new role. However, she plans to post the job externally as well.

"How long do you think the advertisement should be posted?" asked Vice-Chair Lisa Weber.

Pilla responded that the job posting would remain open for about a month, if needed.

"We'll interview candidates as they come in. You

only need one really good person," she said. "If you're out there and you're interested, get your resume together."

Discussion followed regarding the responsibilities outlined in the job description, particularly whether the new role would share oversight of e-resources with the library's head of IT.

"My concern is that if you include shared responsibilities in the description, one person might assume the other is handling something," said Trustee Ali Rafieymehr. "It's easier to

keep responsibilities clearly defined."

Ultimately, the Trustees voted to approve a job description that gives the Head of Adult Services limited involvement with e-resources, specifically tied to managing the periodical collection. The job posting will be available on the Rodgers Memorial Library website.

The next meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in the HCTV room.

# Clean-Up Season Over, Train Station Remediation Continue at Benson Park

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on Oct. 16, where Natalie Newell of the Friends of Benson Park gave an update on the group's fall activities and upcoming events.

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

welcome to join us."

The final Clean-Up Day of the season wrapped up on Oct. 18, as park activities began winding down with the arrival of colder weather. The volunteer clean-up program is expected to resume in April.

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

"For \$1,895, donors can sponsor a picnic table,

which includes assembly and the opportunity to choose its location in the park," she explained. "The memorial plaque can include custom wording, though the font size may be adjusted depending on the length."

Anyone interested in donating a memorial table is encouraged to email the Friends of Benson Park at [info@friendsofbensonpark.org](mailto:info@friendsofbensonpark.org).

Committee Chair Jack Madden provided an update on the ongoing restoration of the Benson Park Train Station. The project is being carried out with the help of contractor Doug Jones from New England Restoration and under the guidance of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR).

"I set up a conference call with Doug Jones, and we reviewed the DHR's requirements item by item," said Madden. "One of the key concerns is the windows - we need to ensure that no interior trim, window slides, or sashes are damaged during restoration."

Madden noted that he still needed to send photos of the station's doors and windows to the contractor. The restoration aims to balance health-critical remediation - such as the removal of lead and mold - with the preservation of the building's historic character.

"For the doors, all four will be removed and taken to a facility where they'll be dipped in a solvent that dissolves the lead paint, bringing them down to bare wood," Madden explained. "Once that's done, the lead is gone, and we can repaint them with primer, latex, or whatever we choose. This method is approved by

DHR."

Jones and Madden also suspect that the station's old plaster may be contaminated with lead, though further testing is needed. In the meantime, New England Restoration has proposed encapsulation - a method of sealing the lead within the plaster - as a safe and historically sensitive solution.

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

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

## Discipline

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days. There were 19 in-school suspensions, including 16 for one day and three for two or more days. The

school also reported five out-of-school suspensions, all for one day each, and 12 personal communication device violations.

Moulis emphasized that tracking device violations will help the district moni-

tor compliance with the new policy and identify trends as the school year progresses.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

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# Hayrides Travel Through Haunted Hills House Woods



Members of the Alvirne High School Class Act drama group set up dozens of scary displays along the trails behind the Hills House last week for the annual Haunted Hayrides. The event, which took place on Friday and Saturday is a major fundraiser for the drama group as they prepare for the musicals and plays they will be performing later in the school year.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Take Green Wave Down in Final Home Game

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne Broncos football team strung together two consecutive wins for the first time this season after narrowly beating the Dover Green Wave by one touchdown in the final seconds of the Friday night, Oct. 24 game.

The Broncos 28-21 win over the Green Wave was their third victory of the season and their second home win.

The game also served as the annual senior night, where graduating members of the team, band and cheer-leading squad where they were honored in a ceremony before the game.

Both teams waited to the later part of the second half to finally get on the board.

In the opening drive of the game, the Broncos defense was able to force Dover to punt from their 47-yard line on two sets of downs only to see the team's offense go three and out and punt from their 20.

Alvirne got good field position to start their second drive, beginning at their 43-yard line, and had a promising drive end at the Dover 26-yard line where a failed attempt at a field goal began the second quarter.



Mikey Landmesser makes a leap to avoid a tackle in the Alvirne win over Dover. *Photos by Chris Paul*

The attempt by Suleiman Suleiman came up short, handing possession over to Dover at the 20-yard line.

The following three drives ended in punts on both sides of the field until the 2:35 mark of the second, when senior running back Mikey Landmesser returned a punt from the 35-yard line for a 65-yard touchdown run, dashing through several Dover defenders.

Suleiman followed that run up with a successful extra point to give the Broncos a 7-0 lead at the half.

After the defense forced another Dover punt, Alvirne was able to get into the Green Wave end-zone again, this time with a 30-yard pass from junior quarterback Ethan Dudley to Quinten Tetreault with 44-seconds left in the half, to go ahead 14-0.

Dover responded with a very quick and successful 70-yard drive, scoring in just 30-seconds on three straight completions.

With the score 14-7 it was still anyone's game heading into the second half.

The Broncos offense carried their scoring momentum into the third quarter, scoring on their opening drive starting from the 30-yard line and taking up six of the 12-minute period.

The touchdown came on a three-yard run into the end-zone by Dudley and Suleiman got the point-after for a 21-7 lead.

Dover responded with another very fast set of downs scoring on four-plays, featuring a 53-yard pass, to set up a two-yard run and making it 21-13 with 3:30 left in the third.

From there, Dover attempted an on-side kick, but ended up giving the Broncos exceptional field position.

That miscue didn't wide costing Dover after the follow drive by the home team ended with an interception at the Dover 10-yard line.

Dover had another successful bomb down field, with their quarterback connecting on a 65-yard passing play during the first drive of the fourth. A two-point conversion knotted the game at 21-21 with just seven-minutes left to play.

The Broncos responded with a fumble at the DHS 25-yard line, in a drive that was looking very promising to that point.

Thankfully for Alvirne,



Quinten Tetreault Makes a critical stop on defense.

the Dover drive only went about 15-yards before they were forced to punt.

Landmesser had an exception return to put his offense at the 42-yard line for their final drive of the evening.

In that drive, Landmesser did much of the leg-work, until he had a 30-yard run to the twenty, where he appeared to be injured. The senior running-back was taken off the field with what appeared to be cramps with just :40 left in the period.

Two plays later, with Landmesser back on the field, he ran the game-winner in from the 15-yard line for his second touchdown of the game.

Landmesser came up big on his senior night, finishing with 11 carries for 96-yards, a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown, and one reception for four-yards.

Dudley had 23 carries for 126-yards including a touchdown run. The junior went 8/12 in passing attempts for 90-yards and one TD pass.

Quinten Tetreault had three receptions for 52-yards with a touchdown,

Now at 3-5, the Broncos still have a chance for a playoff spot, provided they win the final game of the season, on the road against the 4-3 Merrimack Tomahawks.

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# Alvirne Broncos X-C Team Take to the Derryfield Hills

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Cross-Country Teams competed in the NHIAA Division I Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 25, with the girls' team placing tenth out of the 19-teams competing and the boys' taking the 13th spot out of 20-teams.

The Championship 5K race took place at Derryfield Park, in Manchester, under cloudy skies with a cool, brisk wind on the very hilly course.

## Girls Results

The Lady Broncos team came in at the middle of the DI pack, scoring 292-points, just behind Londonderry at 277. The Lady Astros of Pinkerton took first with 55-points, Exeter was a close second at 58 and Bedford was third with 110-points.

Sophomore Olivia

Cartegena was the first Alvirne runner to cross the line. She crossed the line with a time of 21:09.29 and placed 18th.

The winner, Alexis Paterna of Exeter had a time of 18:40.11, way ahead of the number two runner at 19:36.26.

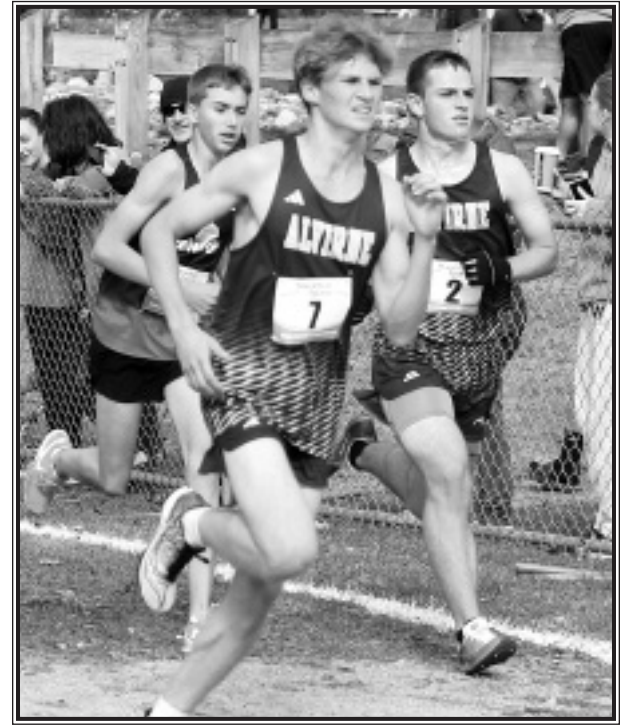
Other Alvirne runners competing out of the 125 racers were: Freshman Makenna Simpson took the 26th spot at 21:26.21; fellow freshman Charlianna Downey was 57th at 23:11.02; freshman Morgan Coupal was 89th, 24:57.73; senior Zoe Burt crossed at 102 with 25:59.59; senior Candence Bice was 103 at 26:10.49; and freshman Sophie Sargent finished at 108th at 25:59.58.

## Boys Results

The Alvirne boys' team had a total of 356-points for 13th. Pinkerton Academy



Olivia Cartegena



Roarke Brandt and Ashton Rowe

took first with 37-points, Keene High School was second with 96-points and Londonderry was third with 114-points.

The race winner was Ethan Fischer from Bishop Guertin with a time of 16:01.76.

Broncos racers were: Junior Roarke Brandt, with a time of 18:41.84; junior Ashton Rowe was just behind him at 18:41.86; senior Sam Matson,

19:01.52; sophomore Camden Griffith, 19:20.82; freshman Aiden O'Leary, 19:22.20; sophomore Logan Hould, 20:03.10; and sophomore Drew Barton, 21:41.65.

Alvirne High School will host another cross-country run this weekend.

The Meet of Champions will take place at the Hills House, where teams will be competing for a chance to qualify for the New England Championships. Alvirne's Olivia Cartegena was the lone Bronco to qualify for this year's event.

## Broncos Girls' Soccer Get Win #2

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Soccer team finished the final week of the fall sports season on somewhat of a high note by starting the week with the team's second victory of the year.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Lady Broncos hosted the Manchester Memorial Crusaders and were able to come away with an 8-1 win.

The eight goals was a season high for the team with freshman forward Lia Brown leading the way with her first hat trick.

Fellow forward Leah



Freshman Lia Brown had four goals last week.

Moreau put two in the net and Anna Murphy, Celia Fain and Sam DaSilva had

one each goal each.

Captain Haylie Christman tallied three assists in the seven-point victory.

Goaltender Abbie Kowalski had seven saves to preserve the win.

The Alvirne girls' season ended with 2-1 loss at Windham High School on Thursday, Oct 23.

The only Alvirne goal was scored by Lia Brown, to get her fourth of the week, assisted by Sam DaSilva.

Kowalski had an outstanding game despite the loss, making 16 saves against the Jaguars scoring efforts.

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## Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

Come to the Soho restaurant on Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., to discuss the book "Margo's Got Money Troubles" by Ruffi Thorpe.

## Cookbook Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Monday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. This month, participants are invited to bring a family classic recipe.

## Karaoke

Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, Nov. 21 from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole at 1 Fulton St., for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. This month Unit 48 will also be raffling off a turkey every hour from 5 - 9 p.m., you must be present to win. For more information, please call 603-889-9777

## Trunk or Treat

A Free Event at First

Baptist Church of Hudson on Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 - 8 p.m. Dress up in your favorite costume, then "trick or treat" from trunk to trunk (all decorated in fun themes-nothing scary to frighten little ones) in our church parking lot located at the corner of Central Street and Greeley Street. This SAFE environment is the perfect place to gather goodies and make new friends. Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Apple Cider, Hot Cocoa and Coffee. Invite your friends and family. All ages welcome.

## St. Kathryn Holiday Bazaar

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

more! Come get into the Christmas spirit and get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

## Meat Raffle

Post 48 November Meat Raffle will be held at Post 48 located at 37 Central St. on Saturday, Nov. 15 beginning at 2 p.m. This event is open to the public you must be 16+ to play. The proceeds from this event are to benefit Unit 48's Scholarship Fund. Pre-buys are available in the Foxhole. More information is available at 603-889-9777

## Dungeons & Donuts

On Saturday, Nov. 1 and 15 at 9:30 a.m., come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at Rodgers Library. All skill levels are welcome.

## Avoiding Misinformation

On Thursday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m., come to Rodgers Library and go over tips on how to be a savvy consumer

of news and how to find the information that matters to you.

## Homeschool Fall Centerpiece

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

## Rodgers Readers Book Club

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

## Autumn Leaves Chalk Art

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

## Curious Kids

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

## Stop the Bleed

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

## Forest Colors Zendala

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

## Mystery Lovers' Book Club

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

## Tween Minecraft

A Minecraft Fall Festival will be held with Arrayscape Gaming on Monday, Nov. 10 at 3 p.m., at Rodgers Library. Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to explore a winding hay maze, scavenge an arena for loot, gather hidden items, and win rewards for completing activities.

## Genealogy Club

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

## Coco Interactive Movie

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

## "She Kills" with True Crime

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

## More Holiday Romance Book Recs

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

## Afternoon Book Group

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

## Tween Pizza & Painting

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

## Turkey Makerspace

On Saturday, Nov. 22 at 10:30 a.m., Drop in to the Rodgers Library to use the

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## Around Town

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craft supplies provided to create a turkey. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

### NH Saves Button Up Workshop

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

### "Meet Me at Luke's"

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

### Sunday Family Camp

On Sunday, Nov. 9, from, 10 a.m. - Noon, learn about the traditions of Shabbat,

work on projects related to the holiday and learn the Hebrew letters that spell the word Shabbat at Etz Hayim Synagogue. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, to ensure enough materials. The program is free, and no membership is required. Visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1) for more information.

### Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat

On Friday, Nov. 7, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., join Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Jonathan Biatch with musical accompaniment by Irina, religious school director. Adult services follow at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. Please RSVP to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) by Nov. 6, so we can plan for pizza.

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, from, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will be hosting this year's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with the Derry Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

# St. Kathryn Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 8

It's only October, but it's not too early to start thinking about Christmas. And what better way to get into the Yuletide spirit than to attend a Holiday Bazaar way before Thanksgiving?

St. Kathryn Church is holding its 31st annual Holiday Bazaar and Penny Sale on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and then on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The church is located at 4 Dracut Road in Hudson.

The event includes visits with Santa Claus, a bake sale featuring baked goods

such as brownies, cookies, fudge, pies, and other delights from the kitchens of St. Kathryn's parishioners, a craft fair featuring homemade goods, theme baskets, raffles (a Grand Raffle featuring high-dollar prizes and hourly 50-50's, and face painting by the St. Kathryn's Youth Group. Penny sales prizes include electronics, home décor, gift cards, toys and games, sporting goods, kitchenware, and more! 100 tickets are available for a cost of \$1. Delicious concessions

will be available for purchase from Katy's Kitchen throughout the day.

Drawings for prizes will commence immediately upon the close of the event on Sunday. Distribution of prizes will begin at that time. Winners need not be present, as they will be notified of their winnings. Prizes can be also picked up on Monday at the church during the day. 50-50 money, however, will be distributed during the event as each hourly raffle concludes.

The two-day event would not be possible without the generosity of parishioner volunteers-children, teens, their families, and the many other parishioners who give their time and talents to make the event the success it is.

Proceeds from the bazaar fund buildings and grounds costs such as capital improvements, equipment, and maintenance.

Come get into the Christmas spirit and get an early start on your Christmas shopping!

tion, with The Rev. Dr. Marjorie Gerbracht (Rev Margie) offering the sermon.

### Holiday Dinner & Raffle

VFW Post 5791 Holiday Dinner & Raffle will be hold a benefit for the Nashua Children's Home and Marguerite's Place On Nov. 22. Also collecting toys for Toys for Tots, so bring a new unwrapped children's toy for the collection box. At 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets

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## OBITUARY

### John Michael Cummings



John Michael Cummings, 70, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Oct. 25, 2025, at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, following a lengthy illness. Born on Nov. 14, 1954, in Springfield, MA, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Dorothy (Walsh) Cummings.

John was the devoted husband of Mary Cummings of Hudson, with whom he shared 45 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they built a loving family and a life filled with laughter, devotion, and cherished memories.

He is survived by his three sons: Matthew Cummings and his wife Meghan of NJ; Michael Cummings and his wife Abigail of CA; and Thomas Cummings and his fiancée Kim of MA. He also leaves behind five beloved grandchildren-Hayden, Madison, Ford, Elle, and Jameson-who brought him endless pride and joy.

John is also survived by his brother, Lawrence Cummings and his wife Sevina of MA; his sisters, Maureen of FL and Linda of VA; and his in-laws, Bob and his wife Kathy of MA, Tom and his wife Ventriss of VT, and Gary and his wife Megan of CT as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Professionally, John enjoyed a long and successful career with General Dynamics, where he worked for over 35 years as a Finance and Pricing Analyst. He also contributed his expertise at Honeywell, GTE, and Sanders Corporation.

A proud veteran, John served in the United States Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of First Lieutenant and served as an Artillery Officer at Camp Pendleton. He later continued his service in the U.S. Army National Guard, attaining the rank of Captain and Battery Commander.

John earned his bachelor's degree from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, and went on to receive his MBA from Babson College in Wellesley, MA.

Beyond his professional and military accomplishments, John will be remembered for his love of life and family. He enjoyed working out, riding his bike, and tending to his beautifully landscaped yard. He found joy in music, reading, and taking long walks with his dog. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather-and an avid Boston sports fan.

John will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his integrity, kindness, humor, and unwavering love for his family.

A time of visitation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, from noon - 2 p.m., at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 3, at 10 a.m. at St. Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson. All are kindly asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to in John's loving memory to either: Lewy Body Dementia Research at The Lewy Body Dementia Association at [www.lbda.org/donors](http://www.lbda.org/donors) or the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH, at [www.hhhc.org](http://www.hhhc.org) attention Hospice House. To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com) The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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### Legion Meeting

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

### Veterans Day

Post 48 is holding its Veterans Day Service at the post located at 37 Central St. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. This event will include a live firing by our Honor Guard. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 603-889-9777

### Holiday Fair Event

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

### Old Fashion Ornament Making

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., the Hudson Historical Society will be making traditional ornaments using all natural materials. This event is free and for adults only, materials will be provided, limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 28. Please email the Society at [HudsonHistorical@live.com](mailto:HudsonHistorical@live.com) with your

name and number of attendees.

### Victorian Tea

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

### Christmas Storytime

Come and listen to "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the Hudson Historical Society at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., on Friday, Dec. 12 & 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kids will be gifted with a fun "Christmas box". Limited seating. Registration required by Dec. 6. Please email the Society at [HudsonHistorical@live.com](mailto:HudsonHistorical@live.com) with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

### Gingerbread House Contest

Hudson Historical Society will hold a Gingerbread House contest. To participate bring a completed House on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., with a completed registration form at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. If you want to participate but not build a house then come on Dec. 6 from 10 4 p.m. to vote on houses with the winners and their prizes being announced at the end. .

### Too Cute to Spook

On Thursday, Oct. 31 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., follow the Rogers Library Trick or Treat trail wearing a too-cute-to-spook Halloween costume and come say Hi or Boo to each library desk!

### Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

### Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., Rogers Library will have

songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

### Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

### Teen Hangout

On Weekdays at 2:30 p.m., middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rogers Library's teen space after school. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided.

### Digital Navigators

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

### Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., (except the third week of the month) for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

### Brunch Bunch

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

### Wreaths Across America and Open House

On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14 from noon - 4 p.m., Come see the beautiful Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., decorated in Victorian Christmas style! No registration required. Free admission

### LEGO Racing

Build a vehicle from LEGO bricks and race it down a track at the Rogers

# NHSaves Offers Workshops to Prepare for Winter

As temperatures begin to drop, NH residents are getting their homes ready for the cold months ahead. In response, the NHSaves utility partners are launching their Fall 2025 Button Up Workshop series - a set of free educational sessions designed to help households stay warm and save money on heating bills.

One of the upcoming workshops will be held in Hudson, NH, at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Tues-

Library on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. This event is for ages 4+.

### 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.

### Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (except the second week of the month), join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For ages 3-5.

### Story Safari

On Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages welcome.

### 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.

### Clean Water Survey

Clean water is more than a resource; it's the lifeline of our community. Your voice holds the power to shape a healthier water future for you and for generations to come. Survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024).

day, Nov. 12. The event is open to the public and part of a statewide initiative to promote energy efficiency and reduce winter heating costs.

According to NHSaves, energy efficiency upgrades - such as insulation, air sealing, and weatherization - can reduce a household's energy expenses by up to 11%. With heating often being the largest utility cost for families, these workshops offer practical, timely

strategies to make homes more comfortable and affordable.

Participants will also learn how to access utility rebate programs that can help offset the cost of home improvements.

Workshops are available both in-person and online, making it easy for residents across the state to participate.

For more information or to register, visit [nhsaves.com/events](http://nhsaves.com/events).

As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

### A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial 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.

### PFOA Water Test

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

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