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**Blackout Tribute** Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals presents the family of Monique Braccio a bouquet of flowers during the Project Blackout ceremony at the Broncos football gamet halftime break. A number of other area families who battled with childhood cancer were also recognized at the Friday night, Oct. 3, event. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Budget Committee Struggles to Fill Vacancy Ahead of Busy Season

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Oct. 1 meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee opened with disappointing news regarding efforts to fill a vacant seat following a sudden resignation last month.

“We authorized the town to advertise for that

position, but I’m sad to report that, as of today, we have zero applicants,” said Committee Chair James Lawrence. “At this point in time, I’d say we’re kind of up against the wire here - we’re getting ready to start the heavy lifting of the Budget Committee.”

With a packed Novem-

ber ahead, including budget presentations from both town and school district officials, the committee had hoped to fill the vacancy within a few weeks.

“I don’t have a problem with re-advertising, but clearly we would have to have somebody we could

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## SchoolCare Demands a \$1.4M Emergency Payment from Hudson

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HUDSON TIMES

The October meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee featured a presentation from School Board Chair Maureen Dionne regarding a sudden and unexpected invoice from the district’s nonprofit healthcare benefits provider, SchoolCare.

“Effectively, I’m here to provide information and some details on that invoice the school district received this morning,” said Dionne. “We wanted to make you aware and work together to find the solution that has the least amount of impact on taxpayers and the least amount of impact on district employees.”

Dionne explained that Hudson School District employees receive their healthcare benefits through SchoolCare. Along with the district, all 90 members of the SchoolCare network were notified they must make a one-time payment - above and beyond existing premiums - within the next few months.

“The email was received late in the afternoon on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Between Tuesday and Thursday, we sought legal advice,” Dionne said, describing the School Board’s reaction to the invoice as “shocking.” She noted that the district remains in contact with legal counsel and state

authorities. “SchoolCare conducted an audit, and their board of directors has determined that their reserves are critically low. They are in danger of being unable to pay medical claims. Because of the risk pool assessment, we have an obligation to fund those reserves.”

According to the email, SchoolCare is currently running a \$4.5 million deficit. The organization hopes to eliminate that deficit and build a \$30 million reserve to cover claims through 2026. Hudson’s share of the assessment is \$1.4 million - one and a half times the district’s monthly contribution for 2025. The

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## New Waste Disposal Rules and Composting Plans Announced

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HUDSON TIMES

Public Works Director Jay Twardosky attended the September meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee to update members on recent developments at the Hudson Transfer Station and the town’s partnership with Casella Waste Systems. His presentation addressed resident concerns, new contact information, and upcoming changes to waste and composting procedures.

According to Twardosky, Casella recently adopted a new customer service phone number after receiving multiple complaints from Hudson residents about difficulties reaching the company.

“When Casella was switching things over, their other 1-800 number was having some problems, and people weren’t able to get through,” said Twardosky. “So, they added this other number: 800-227-3552. The other number still does work, but Casella prefers you use this one.”

Twardosky also reminded residents that the Department of Public Works (DPW) Transfer Station still has the 2025 Solid Waste Brochure available for anyone with questions about Hudson’s waste disposal policies.

Sustainability Committee Chair Ed Thompson noted that the Transfer Station will be fully open on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8

a.m. to 12 p.m.

“Any Saturday from eight to noon, residents can drop off metal, cut-up cardboard, and yard waste without using a Transfer Station pass,” Thompson added.

The Transfer Station will resume regular operations at the end of November. The final hazardous waste collection event of 2025 is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Nashua Park and Ride.

Under New Hampshire law, lithium-ion batteries cannot be thrown away and must be dropped off at participating retailers such as Staples. Twardosky emphasized the importance of proper disposal, especially

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# Selectmen Approve Key Dates for 2026 Town Meeting and Voting Day

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen formally adopted the NH Municipal Association (NHMA) 2026 SB2 Calendar to guide preparations for the upcoming Town Meeting cycle.

“The Board of Selectmen is being asked to formally accept the NHMA 2026 SB2 Calendar for use in Hudson’s 2026 Town

Meeting preparations,” explained Town Administrator Roy Sorenson.

The calendar outlines key deadlines and milestones for both the town and school district leading up to the March 2026 elections.

Key Dates in the NHMA 2026 SB2 Calendar:

- Monday, Nov. 10: First day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinances, historic district ordinances, or building codes for con-

sideration at the 2026 Town Meeting.

- Wednesday, Dec. 10: Final day to accept those petitions for inclusion in the March 10, 2026 Town Meeting.

- Friday, Jan. 9: Last day for voters to petition the Select Board to include a warrant article proposing a bond governed by RSA 33:8-a.

- Tuesday, Jan. 13: Final day for voters to petition the

Select Board to include any article in the Town Meeting warrant (unless it involves a bond, which must be submitted by Jan. 9).

- Saturday, Jan. 31: Earliest possible date for the First Session of Town Meeting, also known as the Deliberative Session. Hudson plans to hold its session on this date.

- Saturday, Feb. 7: Tentative date for the School District’s Deliberative Ses-

sion.

- Tuesday, March 3: Deadline for the annual town report to be available, including the final budget and ballot questions. Also the last day to submit a zoning ordinance protest petition requiring a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting.

- Tuesday, March 10: Second Session of Town Meeting - Voting Day. Voters will elect officers, vote on all warrant articles from

the First Session, and decide on all ballot questions. Voter registration will be available at the polls. Votes taken during this session cannot be reconsidered.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the NHMA 2026 SB2 Calendar as Hudson’s official schedule for the 2026 Town Meeting cycle.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

## Budget

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interview by our next meeting, although even that wouldn’t be ideal,” said Committee member Shawn Jasper. “I certainly am open to just leaving the position vacant until the election.”

Most members agreed that while they would prefer to fill the empty seat, it would be difficult to find a qualified candidate on such short notice, especially with

budget season approaching.

“I did put something out on the Facebook residence page of Hudson - there’s actually two - just to encourage people to consider that, but obviously there’s been no response,” added Committee member Kevin Walsh. “I agree with Mr. Jasper; we are kind of up against the wall now and we’re going to be busy with this, and I think, as we have in the past, maybe just leave it vacant.”

Walsh expressed confidence that the committee could still manage its responsibilities effectively, even with one fewer member.

“Do we have to vote on it to leave it vacant, or do we just leave it vacant?” asked Committee member Randy Brownrigg.

He was informed that a formal motion was not required, though the committee still opted to make the decision official. Members unanimously voted to

leave the vacancy open until the March election.

In other business, the committee received updates on several infrastructure projects.

“At Autumn Circle, one of the new streets that was recently constructed, the contractor ran into some problems,” reported Selectman Dave Morin. “This is something that we usually do not do, but due to the circumstances, the contractor is going to use some of the

bond money that has to be put down for a construction project, and they’re going to hire people in town or from the surrounding towns to finish this project.”

Morin also reported that contractors for the ongoing Belknap Road extension were requesting “another \$47,000 out of the impact fees” to purchase land needed to make the long-awaited extension a reality.

Additional infrastructure updates included construc-

tion at the T-BONES restaurant on Lowell Road and work near the entrance of the nearby Walmart, which involved minor sewer and water pipe improvements.

As all roadwork utilized previously approved or available funding sources, there were no major questions from the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee is set for Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room at Town Hall.

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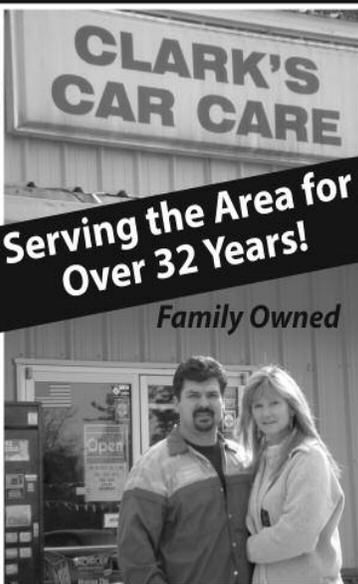
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# BOS Approves Public Safety Donations for Youth Outreach and Uniforms

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During its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved several requests to use donation funds for public safety initiatives.

One of the requests came from the Hudson Fire Department.

“The Fire Department seeks approval to use \$960 of donated funds to purchase 24 t-shirts and 24 polo shirts for our Explorers program,” wrote Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice in a memo to the Board.

Tice explained that it had been over 18 months since the department last

placed an order for uniforms.

“Current members require replacements, and the new recruits need proper attire,” he wrote. “This request also allows for a small reserve of shirts for any additional members who may join throughout the year.”

During the meeting, Tice emphasized the importance of uniforms in maintaining the program’s standards.

“Lt. Provencal has stepped into the advisor role, offering much-needed stability and leadership for this vital program,” said Tice. “Ensuring the Explor-

ers are in uniform helps maintain an important standard within the program.”

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved authorizing Tice to withdraw \$960 from the Fire Department donation account to purchase the shirts. It was noted that the account currently holds \$25,021.11 in available funds.

Also during the meeting, the Board received a

request from the Hudson Police Department.

Police Chief David Cayot explained that the department was looking to replenish its stock of branded merchandise for community outreach.

“The merchandise being purchased targets the youth within the Hudson community,” Cayot said.

He noted that the department typically restocks branded items once a year

but currently has none available.

“All items purchased and to be handed out will have the police logo (HPD Patch) or the department name imprinted on them,” Cayot wrote in a memo. “This branding instills a sense of pride, enhances our culture, and is an essential part of our community outreach programs such as National Night Out, Old Home Days, and

other various community events.”

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the use of \$4,999.87 from the Police Department’s donation account to purchase the merchandise. It was noted that the account currently has over \$8,000 in available funds.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14.

# Belknap Road Project Moves Forward with Selectmen’s Approval of Land Acquisition Plan

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

A key agenda item during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was a proposal for right-of-way acquisition related to the Belknap Road Extension project.

Hudson Town Engineer Elvis Dhima explained that the initiative dates back six years.

“In 2019, the Planning Board launched a comprehensive assessment of Lowell Road and County Road to address long-standing traffic and safety challenges,” Dhima wrote in a memo.

The study identified several improvement scenarios, with the most effective long-term solution being the construction of a new road segment connecting Belknap Road to Lowell Road. This would also involve converting the existing three-way intersection into a four-way intersection.

“This solution not only

improves traffic flow but also enhances public safety in one of the Town’s most heavily traveled corridors,” Dhima wrote.

Dhima noted that the project is now in its final phase of design and permitting.

“We are now in the final stages of design and permitting, including the Dredge and Fill Permit and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review,” he wrote. “At the same time, we are determining the right-of-way requirements.”

Currently, two properties - 76 and 88 Lowell Road - are directly impacted, with a total estimated

area of 27,758 square feet. Based on initial appraisals, the potential acquisition value ranges from \$68,609.39 to \$156,171.99.

“A third independent appraisal may be required to confirm market value, ensuring the Town proceeds with a fair and transparent process,” Dhima wrote.

The next step is to present the proposed project to the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in Hudson, for potential inclusion in the State’s 10-Year Plan.

“This project is already shovel-ready, and securing the necessary right-of-way

will greatly strengthen our case for State funding and prioritization,” Dhima wrote. “This Amendment No. 3 will bring the total contract amount to \$312,800.”

Dhima also noted that funding for the acquisition would come from corridor funds, specifically Zone 1 for traffic improvements. As of June 30, the fund had \$990,235.42 available.

The Board of Selectmen approved the proposal to move forward with Amendment No. 3 with Wright-Pierce, in the amount of \$47,500, for efforts associated with right-of-way acquisition for the Belknap Road Extension.

## OBITUARY Gary Sullivan



Gary Sullivan, 68, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Friday, Sept. 26, 2025, after a sudden illness. He was born in Aug. 1957 to the late Raymond Sullivan and Geraldine Sullivan Twombly (nee Greeley), Weymouth, MA. He was much loved by his partner in crime, Paula Smith. He also leaves his pride and joy, the doggie triumvirate Woodstock, Ringo, and Wiki. Oh boy, did he love those dogs.

Gary was a proud member of the Marine Corps, serving from 1978 to 1988. Following his service, he worked in construction. Most recently, he was employed at the NH Department of Transportation for over a decade before retiring.

Gary was an avid hunter and got joy from taking his Griffons out in the woods to look for birds. He hunted deer and turkey and loved being in nature. He enjoyed fly fishing and training his dogs to perform in the field. Gary was a big fan of the Upland Journal community, of which he has been a member for decades. He valued the friendship of these people tremendously.

He will be missed by his daughter Anne-Marie Sullivan and companion Nyx LeCouffe, as well as Cymon Drouin and his partner’s children Craig Wolfe-Smith and Deryn Ayres. He leaves his three brothers, Greg, Glen, and Dean, as well as several nieces and nephews. Gary was incredibly proud of and found tremendous joy in his grandchildren, Caitlyne and Lyam Drouin.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, from 4 - 5:30 p.m., with a Service of Remembrance at 5:30 p.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to be made in Gary’s memory to Upland Journal: An Online Magazine Devoted to the Upland Bird Hunting Enthusiast. /www.uplandjournal.com/html/paypal.html. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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# Editorial

## A Slice of History with a Side of Sauce (or Gravy, Depending on Your Nonna)

October is Italian American Heritage Month, and as someone proudly of Italian descent, I say - mangia! This month is all about celebrating the bold spirit, rich traditions, and yes, the culinary brilliance of Italian Americans. We're talking about a culture that gave the world Michelangelo, mozzarella, and the magic of Sunday dinner.

Italian Americans have done more than just feed the nation (though we've done that exceptionally well). We've built cities, led movements, starred on stage and screen, and even helped split the atom - thanks, Enrico Fermi! From Frank Sinatra's velvet voice to Antonin Scalia's sharp mind, we've added a little spice to every corner of American life.

Our story in the U.S. began in the late 1800s, when folks from Southern Italy and Sicily arrived with little more than hope, grit, and recipes that would change dinner tables forever. Today, we're the fifth-largest ethnic group in the country - and we still throw the best parties. Just ask New York City, where over 35,000 marchers celebrate Columbus Day with a parade that's part heritage, part spectacle, and all heart.

Now, about Columbus. Yes, he was a 15th-century Italian explorer credited with "discovering" America

in 1492. And yes, his legacy is complicated. The conquest that followed was brutal, and history doesn't shy away from that. But Columbus Day isn't just about one man - it's about honoring the courage to explore, the drive to discover, and the pride of our heritage. It's a day to say, "Hey, we've come a long way - and we brought cannoli!"

More and more people now observe Indigenous Peoples' Day, and that's a beautiful thing. It's a chance to honor Native cultures and celebrate the diversity that makes America truly special. This dual observance reminds us that history is layered, and understanding it helps us grow. It's not about choosing sides - it's about embracing the full story.

Because what we Italians say is "La Dolce Vita" - the sweet life. And that's what this month is all about. Sweet memories, sweet traditions, and sweet sauce (or gravy, depending on your zip code). It's about family, laughter, resilience, and the joy of living fully - whether you're dancing at a street festival or sneaking a second helping of Nonna's meatballs.

So raise a glass (of Chianti, preferably), hug your Nonna, and celebrate the joy, strength, and deliciousness of Italian American life. Buona festa, and happy Italian American Heritage Month, Cin Cin!

## Town Officials Seek to Streamline Planning Board Approval Process

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board held a workshop on Oct. 1 to explore ways town officials could improve communication and efficiency in the planning approval process. The discussion focused on clarifying roles between the Planning Board and town staff, and ensuring that meetings remain focused on broader community goals rather than technical minutiae.

"If there is a mission statement for this particular workshop, I would say it's that the Hudson Planning Board, in my opinion, ensures community direction while the staff ensures compliance," said Town Engineer Elvis Dhima. "You guys look at the big picture while the staff works out the details."

The workshop was prompted by concerns that some Planning Board meetings were becoming overly technical, with lengthy discussions on issues that could be resolved by staff either before or after formal review.

"It's turning into long discussions about something minor that can be worked out by staff," Dhima said. "We can make that better for both of us."

Several Planning Board members pushed back on the idea, expressing concern that it could diminish the Board's authority.

"My only issue here is that it comes across as having staff as the primary authority, which I read as

conflicting, because the Planning Board is always going to be the primary authority around any of this," said Board member Victor Oates.

Dhima clarified that the Planning Board would remain the final authority, and that town staff were there to provide technical expertise.

"Technical details are specific to what people do. I do engineering - I'm a licensed, professional engineer. The Fire Marshal is certified in fire compliance," Dhima said. "If you're arguing here about a fire system and where it needs to go, it's not really your purview."

He emphasized that his comments were recommendations, not mandates, and that deferring technical details to qualified staff could lead to more efficient meetings. Dhima also noted that applicants typically meet with town officials before proposals reach the Planning Board.

"Trust me, I've seen some questionable practices," he said, referencing his experience in other towns. "Here, I haven't seen anyone get away with anything just yet - not in 11 years."

Board Chair Tim Malley asked for confirmation that the Planning Board would still have the final say, even when town staff fully recommend a proposal. He also noted that staff recommendations need to be more clearly communicated.

"A lot of times, the way it works is that we get testi-

mony from the applicant and we don't have documentation from the town," Malley said.

Alternate member Todd Boyer emphasized that the Planning Board retains the ability to reject proposals that don't align with the town's vision, even if they meet all technical requirements.

"If we as the Planning Board feel a project is not the right thing to have in a location, it is still our right and ability to supersede a town recommendation," Boyer said. "To balance growth with community vision, or what's best for the town, we do have that ability in certain situations."

He cited issues like traffic impact and the placement of right-hand turns as examples where the Board could override staff recommendations.

Oates raised concerns about liability and responsibility under New Hampshire law RSA 676, which governs Planning Board actions. Dhima assured him that Board members would not be held personally responsible for errors in the application process.

"I just don't want you to feel like it's going to be a failure on you if you miss something or do something wrong," Dhima said. "It's not on you - it's on the applicant, the designer, and it's on staff."

"That has nothing to do with liability," agreed Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery. "It has to do with the approval process."

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# Town Administrator Guides Benson Park Committee in Writing Charter

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HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on Sept. 18 to begin drafting its official charter, with guidance from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson. The charter is intended to serve as a foundational document outlining the committee's purpose, responsibilities, and operational structure.

"I'm going to give you a roadmap. You want to capture as much as you can in your charter about this advisory committee - when it was created, what your pur-

pose is, and your goals moving forward," explained Sorenson. "Some of it is administrative stuff like your meetings, roles, responsibilities, and budget. It's straightforward. It's a guide to have, a working document that can change, and it helps people understand - because people change all the time. This can go to new members saying, 'Here's who we are, here's how we operate.'"

Sorenson's push for written "guiding documents" is part of a broader effort to clarify the role of every ad-

visory committee in town.

"What is the role of each member? What are the responsibilities of the committee? What are some of the things that the committee does every year? It's all going to be incorporated in there," added Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby.

Despite the outline, Sorenson emphasized that the Advisory Committee would have flexibility in how it writes its charter.

"I'm not judging or grading how you write it - that's up to you as a group," he said. "It's a good guide;

it's just my advice. A lot of times things get lost in communication and translation, and this eliminates a lot of that."

Committee members agreed to return with a functional draft as soon as possible.

"It's an excellent idea. Much of this information we've already discussed and we have it - just not all in one spot," said Committee Chair Jack Madden, who added that the first draft would likely take time. "We're going to need to do some research pulling it

together. For some of the original creations of the committee, we have approximate dates in the Benson Park drawer that's at Town Hall, which I guess is a drawer-and-a-half now."

Sorenson and Jakoby both offered to assist with research.

"As other committees looked into these, it was a balance of how much of the history really needs to be in this document, and how much is pointing people to where they need to go to find the history," said Jakoby, who encouraged the

committee to set a non-binding timeline.

The Town Administrator did not impose a deadline for completing the charter.

"Everyone is busy. Just don't lose sight of it - it can get away from you," he said.

"For the members here, please all give it a little bit of thought. Let's see if we can perhaps come up with a subcommittee - three of us who want to take a first cut at this," said Madden. "Maybe let's design some tasks to go look up some stuff. I think this is good."

# Selectmen Approve Use of Bond Funds to Finish Autumn Circle

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the Autumn Circle development.

It was explained by Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, that they were asked by the owner to help get contractors together in order to complete the work on the road.

"Autumn Circle is a ten-lot subdivision approved by the Planning Board in 2016. Five of the lots and the majority of the roadway are located in Hudson," Dhima explained in his memo to the Board of Selectmen.

He explained that there are a number of items that still need to be completed, in order for the road to be accepted by the Town.

"Several outstanding improvements remain before the road can be

accepted, including sidewalk reconstruction, roadway shim and overlay, resetting of drainage structures, installation of right-of-way bounds and wetland buffer signs, and preparation of complete as-built plans," Dhima explained in his memo.

It was explained by Dhima that the developer "has requested the Town's assistance in completing these items, using the existing cash assurance funds of approximately \$142,000 currently held by the Town."

Dhima explained that the preliminary estimates include:

- As-built plans for road and ponds, right-of-way bounds - \$10,500
- Cleaning of catch basins and drain pipes - \$2,000
- Road work (.5" shim and 1.5" overlay) - \$60,200
- Drainage structure, driveway entrance, and

sidewalk installation - \$24,200

In total, the estimates would come in less than what they currently have from the bond.

"All required work, approximately \$96,900, is expected to be completed within the assurance funds available," Dhima explained in his memo. "The developer will remain responsible for snow plowing through this winter season. Upon completion, the road may be considered for acceptance next year, subject to posting of a two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$20,000. Both the Engineering and Public Works Departments support this approach."

One question raised if they could utilize any of the funds to pay for town staff in helping to coordinate it.

Dhima explained that they are expected to use about 40 hours in town staff

in total for the project to help coordinate things, at about \$85 an hour for the cost of staff time for an approximate cost of \$4,000.

"He's probably looking at about four grand, that's our cost," Dhima explained during the meeting.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont explained that he wanted to make sure the taxpayers don't have to pay for any of it, and that they would be compensated for the staff time.

"They are going to be charged for our time," Dhima explained during the meeting.

Dhima explained that this is the first time that a situation like this has come up since he has worked for the town saying it's more common for a developer to walk away from the project, which is why they have a bond in place for these types of projects.

"I think it's legit,"

Dhima said about the proposal from the developer.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved authorizing the

Town Engineer to complete all outstanding items related to the acceptance of Autumn Circle utilizing the existing cash assurance funds.

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# Bush Hill Property Owner Granted Zoning Exemption for Duplex Construction

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment convened on Sept. 25 to consider a variance request from Donald Tyler, the owner of 116 Bush Hill Road. Tyler sought permission to build a duplex on his property, which lies within the newly established Rural Residential District - an area where such structures are typically prohibited under zoning changes approved by voters last March.

"Only a single-family

dwelling is allowed in the newly created district," explained Town Liaison Chris Sullivan. "There's an in-house comment from Town Engineering stating the applicant shall provide a profile of the driveway and the building permit."

Tyler expressed full willingness to comply with all requests from the Engineering Department and the ZBA.

"The 2025 ballot question changed the zoning ordinance to disallow two-family structures and emp-

hasize open space and low-density residential sites," Tyler said. "This lot contains over 118,000 square feet, which is more than 35% larger than the minimum required size for a home in this zone. I believe that satisfies both open space and low-density requirements."

Tyler also noted that after purchasing the property, he donated a portion of the land to the town to help straighten a nearby road. He argued that the size of his "oversized lot" would

prevent the duplex from appearing crowded and pointed out that the proposed four-bedroom layout was comparable to several single-family homes in the area.

He and his wife purchased the land in 2021 with the intention of building before the zoning changes took effect.

"There were some obstacles along the way, and if our timing had been better, we probably wouldn't be here talking," Tyler said. "This has been going

on for several years. We even had conversations with town officials to make sure we were doing things right. There was no expectation that this would become a disallowed use."

Tyler described the land as "a good living spot" for nearby family members.

The request received support from several neighbors.

"I think it's a very good idea with what they're going to use the property for," said abutter David Arvedon. "I say let's go forward with the project—it's good with me."

Another neighbor, Timothy Smith, submitted a letter to the ZBA in support of the variance.

"Let him build it. The law against duplexes makes no sense and has nothing to do with the so-called rural

atmosphere," Smith wrote. "Duplexes provide housing."

No Board members voiced objections to the proposal.

"Substantial justice will be done to the property owner - it will help his family stay close together," said Board member Tim Lanphear. "The lot has been cleaned up, it'll have a nice beautiful house there with a two-car garage. It'll look nice. The proposed use is a reasonable one. It keeps the family together and improves the property's aesthetics."

The Zoning Board unanimously approved the variance.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Community Development Conference Room.

## DPW

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for devices with embedded batteries.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that a lot of items like vape pens have lithium-ion batteries, and they're not removable. That whole unit has to get recycled; it cannot go in the trash," he said.

Committee member Deb Putnam asked about public outreach efforts regarding

lithium-ion battery disposal.

"Will the HCTV team, or will you work with the HCTV team to create a new slide specifically covering the vape pens?" Putnam asked.

Twardosky agreed to speak with Director of Community Media Mike Johnson to update the HCTV outreach program. He cited light-up shoes and greeting cards as other examples of items with embedded batteries.

"Everything like that has a lithium-ion battery,"

he said. "You don't want to damage the battery; that's the last thing you want to do."

Twardosky warned that lithium-ion batteries pose a serious fire hazard if improperly disposed of.

The committee also discussed its role in Hudson's yard waste composting initiative. The plan begins with the removal of an existing yard waste pile and will evolve into a more structured composting program.

"Over the winter, DPW and this committee need to come up with the rules," Twardosky explained. "The committee will be in charge of the PR and present it to the public. We'll have signs at the Transfer Station stating everything that's in the

compost - there's going to be some people asking."

A dedicated page on the town website will list all organic matter included in the composting plan. The Sustainability Committee will also help shape related policies.

Currently, DPW is focused on removing a large pile of yard waste that has accumulated at the Transfer Station.

"We don't know how good that has composted yet," said Twardosky. "I've estimated about 6,000 yards in that pile."

He was unsure how much of the material was fully compostable. Mayer Tree Service has been contracted to screen the yard waste in mid-to-late October.

## OBITUARY

### Donald W. Stryker, Sr.



Donald W. Stryker, Sr., 78, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in San Jose, CA, on June 29, 1947, Don was the son of the late LeRoy and Minnie (Mason) Stryker.

Don was in the Navy from July 1965 to July 1969. He attended Radioman Class "A" school and was assigned to the USS Coral Sea. Later he served on the USS Forrestal for the remainder of his time in the service.

Don was a dedicated contracts administrator at BAE Systems for many years before retiring. Earlier in his career, he worked at Wang Laboratories and Lexington Press. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Lowell, graduating Magna Cum Laude, an achievement of which he was very proud.

Don had a zest for life and a love for watching NFL football. He enjoyed playing pool, savoring a good whiskey sour and cigar, and watching sports of all kinds. A lifelong fan of 60s and 70s music, he shared a love of dancing with his beloved wife, Gloria, whom he met at a dance club during the disco days of 1977. They enjoyed many memorable cruises and trips throughout their life together.

Don was predeceased by his loving wife, Gloria Banks Stryker, in 2021; his step-son, Michael Flaherty; his grandson, Christopher Flaherty; and his brothers: Robert Stryker (and his wife Carolyn), Sonny Stryker (survived by wife Chelsea), and Kenneth Stryker (survived by wife Ann).

He is survived by his two sons: Donald Stryker Jr. and his wife Dawn of Tyngsboro, MA, and Steven Stryker of Lowell, MA. He is also survived by six step-children: Donna Flaherty of Natick, MA, John Flaherty and his wife Teresa of Raymond, NH, Sharon Flaherty and her husband Bernard Lynch of Plymouth, MA, Craig Flaherty of Clinton, MA, Steven Flaherty and his wife Traci of Hudson, NH, and Valerie Flaherty of Clermont, FL.

Don was a proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

All services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Don's memory to Home Health & Hospice Care, Attention: Community Hospice House, by visiting [www.hhhc.org](http://www.hhhc.org). He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him. To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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# Logistical Issues Complicate Efforts to Expand Roadside Clean-Up

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Sept. 22 meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee focused on increasing cooperation with state officials to improve Hudson's roadside clean-up program.

"We were looking for more discussion on what the state's program was for roadside clean-up. How does that program work, and how often will the details be available for roadside clean-up?" asked Sustainability Chair Ed Thompson, reading an email from committee member Karl Huber, who was unable to

attend the meeting. "The greatest concerns are that the state roads are identified as 'dangerous,' according to the police department and DPW (Department of Public Works)."

The inability to clean state roads has limited where clean-ups can take place. Public Works Director Jay Twardosky agreed that making state roads safe enough for volunteers would be anything but easy.

"We have a couple of roads in town that are pretty dangerous," said Twardosky. "This past year, the Town Administrator tasked me with setting up a day or

two where we could get roads like Wason Road done and whatnot."

Twardosky had reached out to the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections to explore the possibility of using a prisoner work program, but without much success.

"The county doesn't have a prisoner work program like they used to," he explained. "It's very difficult to get anybody now. The state has a program, but they're more likely to go to construction jobs, painting, and stuff like that. They will send them out on a work crew, but I have yet

to hear back. I have to reach out again. Sometimes, it's hard to get ahold of the state because they are very busy."

He added that Concord occasionally sends out state workers and participants in the Adopt-A-Road program to pick up trash from state-funded highways.

"It would be nice for the DPW, working with the state, to know if they could get a small crew to Hudson twice a year. There are a lot of roads that this committee, over the years - because I've been here 10 years - just can't touch. It's just not safe," said Committee member Deb Putnam. "We once

tried to do a teeny bit of Wason and it was terrifying, and we had a full complement with the police escort, DPW, the big truck, the big trailer, and everything."

In addition to the DPW, the Hudson Police Department (HPD) is always involved in roadside clean-up days to protect volunteers from traffic.

"What's the ideal for this committee?" asked liaison Heidi Jakoby. "Do we want three clean-ups per year? Two per year?"

She noted that it would be easier to promote the program with a fixed number of approved dates set ahead of time. Twardosky responded by suggesting the committee aim for three to four clean-ups per year. However, it was unclear

how feasible that plan would be, given the large number of volunteers needed to organize and staff each event.

"If we can generate 30 to 40 people who can come continuously to clean-ups, and we get at least 10 each clean-up, we're not doing too bad. I know I couldn't make the last clean-up, but there was no alternative clean-up for me to go to."

Other suggestions included smaller-scale clean-ups for harder-to-reach town-owned land. Tentative plans were made to hold an organized roadside clean-up around April 2026.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is set for Monday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

## Schoolcare

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amount will accrue interest if not paid on time.

"I believe there's probably not too many choices for school districts, but is it possible to get out of SchoolCare?" asked Committee member Donna Boucher.

Dionne responded that the district is actively exploring alternatives, but rising healthcare costs could make it difficult to find a more affordable option.

"May 1, 2026 and July 15, 2026 speak to the risk to our district employees," Dionne explained. "If we do not pay the invoice by those dates, health claims will first be held, and then ultimately, in July, they will be denied. As anyone even a

bit familiar with health claims knows, when those get denied, there is a higher end-cost."

The Budget Committee asked how the district planned to fund the invoice. Dionne indicated that using leftover funds from the 2025 budget was the preferred option. Originally, the School Board had voted to return unused money to taxpayers. The Budget Committee would need to approve the request to redirect those funds.

"One of the things that bothers me is that if SchoolCare paid out the claims, they'd only need the \$4.5 million they're in the hole," said Committee member Shawn Jasper. "Instead, they've chosen to say, 'We

need to immediately build our reserves to 12%.' If they have the ability to issue a new bill at any time, then there's no reason to immediately build the reserves. There should be a real pushback on that. If you did the \$4.5 million, Hudson's share wouldn't be very much. They're probably in the rate-setting mode right now, because what the statute requires is that the rates be set for the next calendar year. Those rates have to be out very shortly, and they could build in those reserves."

Other Committee members expressed concern

about SchoolCare's compliance with state law.

"Has anyone gone through RSA sections 5-B:5 and confirmed that SchoolCare has actually followed the requirements they're supposed to follow in terms of their annual evaluations, public hearings, and those sorts of things?" asked Committee member Bob Wherry.

Dionne said the School Board had asked the same question.

"The information we've received from SchoolCare is that yes, they have," she said. "I plan to follow up with our attorney again."

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## OBITUARY

### Alden P. Marshall

Alden P. Marshall, 92, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully at home on his birthday, Sept. 27, 2025, following a courageous battle with cancer and kidney disease.

Born in Portsmouth, NH, Alden was the son of the late Willard and Ruth (Silva) Marshall. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 71 years, Carolyn. Together they built a life that took them across the country, living in South Carolina, Hawaii, and New Mexico, before settling in Hudson, NH, where Alden resided for nearly five decades.

A proud veteran, Alden was honorably discharged from the US Air Force. He went on to work briefly for RCA before dedicating the remainder of his professional career to MIT Lincoln Laboratory. His work took him to Hawaii, the South Pacific, and Massachusetts, where he contributed to significant advancements in defense and technology.

In retirement, Alden became an avid beekeeper, owning and operating B-Line Apiaries, a pursuit that would make him a well-known and respected figure in the New England beekeeping community. He served as President of the Merrimack Valley Beekeepers Association and was honored as a Life Member for his dedication and contributions. In 1999, Alden and his long-time beekeeping friend, Dick Dion, were invited to Washington, D.C., to represent New Hampshire at the Smithsonian's Annual Folk Festival. Every spring, Alden made annual trips to Georgia and South Carolina to bring back bee packages for his own hives and for local beekeepers, generously supporting both seasoned and aspiring apiarists. He regularly shared his knowledge at schools and community events and was always generous with his time and expertise.

Beyond his work and hobbies, Alden was a devoted and attentive grandfather. He never missed an opportunity to support his grandchildren in their academic, athletic, or extracurricular pursuits - including cheering on his eldest grandson at lumberjack competitions. Known for his patience and quiet wisdom, Alden also enjoyed classical music in his quieter moments.

He is survived by his three sons: Craig H. Marshall of Hudson, NH; Timothy P. Marshall and his wife Anne of Greenland, NH; and Lee J. Marshall and his wife Jennifer of Londonderry, NH. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Benjamin, Alex, and Jack. Alden is survived by his siblings Bruce, Bonnie, Jeff, and John Marshall, and was predeceased by his brother Barry Marshall.

All Services are private. 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.

# Skeletons for St. Jude on Display at Maureen Lane



Scary scenes are showing up all over Hudson but one household will be raising money for St. Jude Hospital throughout the month with theirs. Residents at 1 Maureen Lane will be running this fundraiser every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October from 6 - 10 p.m. The family welcomes visitors to come up the driveway and visit the displays set up to help support this wonderful cause. To learn more about the fundraiser or participate visit <https://skeletonsforhope.org>. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Charge to First Win of Season in Project Blackout Victory

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School football team celebrated its first win of the season on Friday, Oct. 3, with a 28-14 victory over Manchester Central during a special Project Blackout game.

Broncos fans had plenty to cheer about from the

opening drive. On the first play, Mikey Landmesser broke through the line for a 40-yard run, charging from Alvirne's 30-yard line to Central's 30 before being brought down - setting the tone for the night.

Just a few plays later, on third-and-two from the 23-yard line, quarterback Ethan

Dudley delivered another explosive run, scoring the team's first touchdown of the game. It was also Dudley fourth touchdown of the year.

The extra point booted by Suleiman Suleiman was good, giving Alvirne its first 7-0 lead of the year.

The Broncos defense came out strong, forcing Manchester Central into a fourth-and-32 situation and a punt on their opening drive. Central also struggled with costly penalties throughout the game.

Alvirne's second drive began at their own 35-yard line, and Dudley again delivered a big run, taking the ball nearly 40 yards to Central's 25. Two plays later, Landmesser powered through traffic and into the end zone untouched from the 12-yard line. Suleiman's kick made it 14-0 with six minutes left in the first quarter.

The Broncos defense continued to dominate, forcing another punt and giving Alvirne possession at their-own 20-yard line. Although the third drive stalled on a fourth-and-two

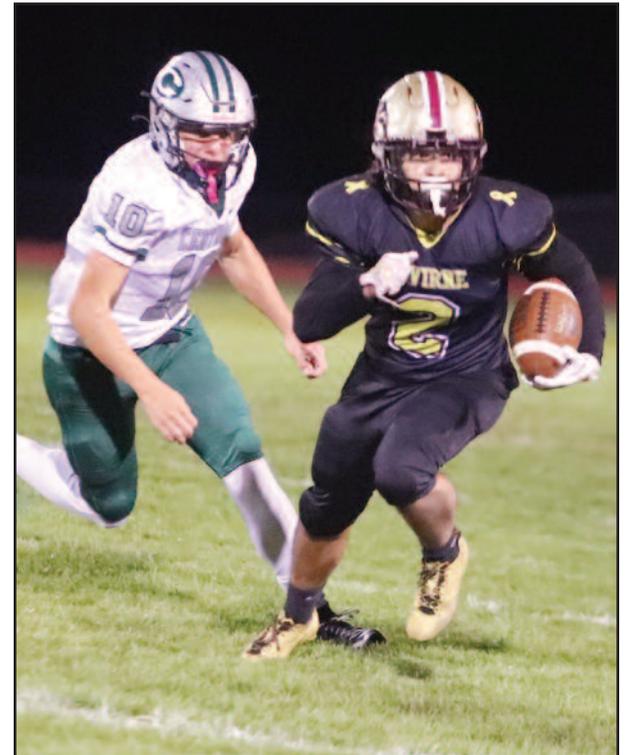
attempt, the defense held firm again, stopping Central and regaining possession at the 18-yard line.

On that drive, Quinten Tetreault made a key 40-yard reception on first-and-20, setting up a touchdown catch by Jaden Taylor. The Broncos entered halftime with a commanding 21-0 lead.

During the break, the Alvirne High School Marching Band, school officials, cheerleaders, and fans held a touching Project Blackout Cancer ceremony, honoring community members who have battled cancer and presenting them with flowers.

In the third quarter, Manchester Central finally reached the end zone after a 10-minute drive, converting a two-point attempt following a botched snap to make it 21-8.

Alvirne's final touchdown came after another impressive run by Dudley, who appeared stopped at Central's 45-yard line, but somehow broke free to score. The touchdown was then negated, due to a penalty, but Dudley punched it in from the one-



Mikey Landmesser had his first touchdown of the season Friday night. *Photos by Chris Paul*



The Bronco defense kept Central runners under wraps most of the night in the team's first win.

yard line on the next play, sealing the 28-14 victory.

Dudley finished the game with 10 carries for 124-yards and two touchdowns, the first and last of the game, and went 7-8 for 92-yards and one TD in passing.

Landmesser had 16 carries in the game and went 135-yards with one touch-

down. He also had three catches for seven yards.

Quinten Tetreault had two reception for 57-yards and Jaden Taylor got one reception for 25-yards and a touchdown.

The Broncos will travel to Derry on Friday, Oct. 10, to face the undefeated Pinkerton Astros. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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# Broncos Girls' Soccer Get Tie in Merrimack, Fall to Exeter



Forward Reese Wanamaker scored against Exeter.

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Soccer team has still yet to see a win this season, but did manage to hold off Merrimack to a two-goal tie.

The Lady Broncos passed through the halfway point of the fall sports season last week with a trip over the river, to Merrimack High School, and a home contest with the very tough Exeter Blue Hawks.

Neither of the games resulted in the much-needed first victory of the season, but the trip to Merrimack resulted in a 2-2 finish.

The Tomahawks hosted the Alvirne squad on Tuesday, Sept. 30, where they

played to a 2-2 tie.

Broncos goals were delivered by midfielders Angie Rivera and Megan Murphy. Alvirne goaltender Abbie Kowalski kept her team in the game, knocking back 17 of the Tomahawks 19 shots on net.

The tie put Merrimack at 2-5-1 and the Broncos moved to 0-6-2.

Three days later, at home against the 9-1 Exeter Blue Hawks, the AHS girls looked competitive, but couldn't quite battle back, falling 1-3 in the ninth game of the season.

The Blue Hawks came into Hudson riding a nine-game winning streak with their only loss coming in the first game of the season



Abbie Kowalski had 22 saves in the game against the Blue Hawks last week. *Photos by Chris Paul*

set to begin this week hosting the 8-1 Nashua North Titans on Tuesday Oct. 7

followed by a trip to Manchester on Friday, Oct. 10, where they will face the 2-7-1 Manchester Central-West squad.

The Lady Broncos were

# Alvirne Hosts 21st Annual Battle of the Border XC Meet

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Cross-Country team hosted the 21st annual Battle of the Border meet at the

Hills House course on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The yearly 5,000-meter run featured hundreds of runners from New Hampshire and Massachusetts

through the historic grounds across the street from the high school.

The results for the home boys' and girls' teams were outstanding, but the

Lady Broncos had a ninth-place finish out of 14 teams and the boys' finished at 17th in the 25 team field.

In the Girls' varsity race, Broncos sophomore Olivia Cartagena crossed the finish line first for her team, taking the 18th spot overall with a time of 20:58.34.

Freshman Makenna

Simpson came in at 30th place with a time of 21:21.34, second for the team. Freshman Charlianna Downey was 65th at 23:12.31, and senior Candice Bice had a time of 25:09.55 for 87th out of the over 100 runners competing.

The winner, Mikita Barry, from Bedford High School, finished with a time

of 18:16.62.

The Alvirne boys' top finisher was junior Ashton Rowe, coming in at 18:10.90 and placing in the 80th spot. Right behind Rowe was sophomore Camden Griffith at 83rd with a time of 18:20.40.

The winner, Jim Kelly of Lowell, had a time of 16:12.98.

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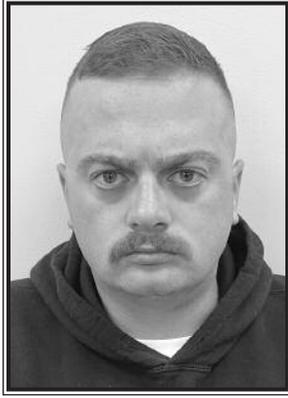
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# Driver Arrested After Crash While Trying To Flee Police

A Hudson man was taken into custody on multiple charges after attempting to flee from New Hampshire State Troopers and crashing into a rock wall.

At 10:17 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, Trooper Matthew Howe of the Troop B barracks attempted to stop a 2003 BMW 3 Series after he observed the vehicle traveling 118 mph on Interstate 93 in Londonderry. The driver of the BMW later got off the interstate at Exit 5, increased speed, and passed other vehicles in an



Devin Quinn

attempt to elude Trooper Howe. Due to the potential public safety risk posed to

others on the road, Trooper Howe did not pursue the vehicle.

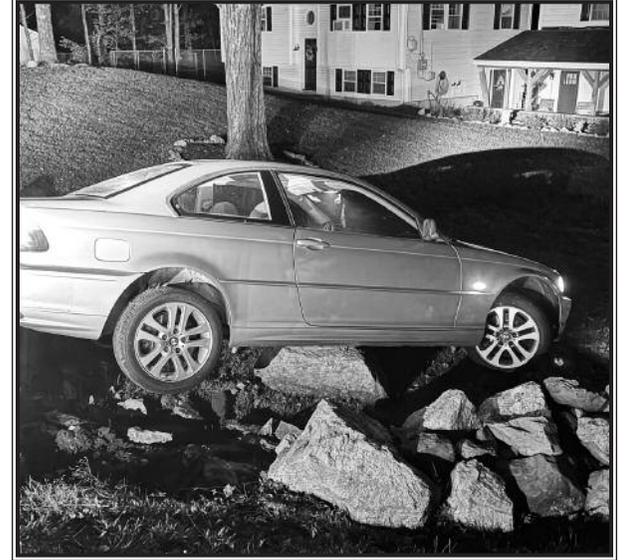
Shortly after, Troopers located the BMW on Old Derry Road in Londonderry and determined the driver lost control, went off the road, and hit a rock wall, causing significant damage to the vehicle and property.

The driver of the BMW, who was uninjured in the crash, was taken into custody and identified as Devin Quinn, 29, of Hudson, N.H.

Quinn has been charged

with reckless conduct with a deadly weapon, two counts of aggravated DUI, DUI subsequent (third) offense, operating after suspension, criminal mischief, and reckless driving. He was released on cash bail as determined by a bail commissioner and is scheduled to appear in Derry District Court.

Anyone with information that may assist the investigation is asked to contact Trooper Howe at Matthew.S.Howe@DOS.NH.GOV.



# For Constitution Day, New Civics Curriculum Available to Educators

Nearly 80 ready-to-use lessons and 24 videos strengthening New Hampshire's civics education have been completed and are now available for educators to use during the upcoming school year, including for Constitution Day lessons on September 17.

Led by the NH Civics Commission and created by worldwide edtech leader Discovery Education, the new digital civics lessons showcase the history and heritage of the NH Constitution, which can easily be integrated into instruction.

"Knowledge is power. Understanding the NH Constitution and how our state government works is key to empowering students and citizens to have their voices

heard and to influence public policy," said Ovide Lamontagne, commission chair. "State government was established by the citizens of the Granite State to serve them, and only a knowledgeable citizenry can assure government works as intended."

The Commission developed a K-12 curriculum to support educators across the state and equip students to be knowledgeable and eager participants in our Constitutional Republic. The newly completed civics curriculum is organized within a custom NH Constitution Channel [www.discoveryeducation.com/learn/new-hampshire-partners/#constitution](http://www.discoveryeducation.com/learn/new-hampshire-partners/#constitution) on the Discovery Education Experience platform – which is made avail-

able at no cost to schools and educators by the NH Department of Education.

These digital assets feature state-specific artifacts and primary source documents that help develop each student's understanding of their state government and constitution. Topics such as freedom of speech, government functions, the Pine Tree Riot, branches of government, the meaning of freedom, and the Western Rebellion are included in the curriculum. Here is a list of all the lesson plans:

In addition to the lesson plans, there are also 24 videos incorporated into the lessons featuring state experts such as: Gordon MacDonald, Chief Justice of the NH Supreme Court;

Bill Gardner, former NH Secretary of State; Chuck Douglas, former NH Supreme Court Associate Justice; and Ovide Lamontagne, chair of the NH Civics Commission and former chair of the State Board of Education.

"It is my sincere hope that the curriculum developed by the NH Civics Commission will provide educators with the tools to provide students with the functional knowledge of

our state government. I am grateful to my fellow commission members for their faithful dedication and professionalism in completing our work," added Lamontagne.

"Discovery Education is proud to have collaborated with the Commission and other stakeholders on this important project," said Lance Rougeux, Discovery Education's Senior Vice President of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student

Engagement. "Together, we've created a dynamic civics curriculum that is both engaging for students and easy-to-use for teachers, and we are excited to see these resources in use across the state."

The Civics Commission objectives were part of Section 21-N:8-c <https://gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/I/21-N/21-N-8-c.htm>, which aims to teach students about their rights and responsibilities as citizens.



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**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. The deadline for a submission is each Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to [hudsontimes@nutpub.net](mailto:hudsontimes@nutpub.net).

## Guided Cemetery Tour

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

Cemetery - Burnham Road.

## Electronic Recycling Fundraiser

Hudson Rotary Club Fall Electronic Recycling Fundraiser will be held on Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the Alvirne High School parking lot. All electronics will be accepted. This is a fundraiser, so a donation is requested.

## Holiday Dinner & Raffle

VFW Post 5791 Holiday Dinner & Raffle will be held a benefit for the Nashua Children's Home and Marguerite's Place On Nov. 22. Also col-

lecting toys for Toys for Tots, so bring a new unwrapped children's toy for the collection box. At 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact [cshay35@gamil.com](mailto:cshay35@gamil.com) for tickets or more info. Great raffle prizes, music and fun.

## Meat Raffle

American Legion Post 48 October Meat Raffle will be held at 37 Central St., on Saturday, Oct. 18, 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.

## Trivia

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

## New Friends Wanted

The Friends of the Library are looking for more friends. Please join in for the business meeting on Oct. 16 at 6 p.m., in Rogers Memorial Library's community room. They will discuss upcoming events and new fund-raising avenues. Please register for the meeting on the RML website Event Calendar.

## Buy-a-Brick and Save a Memory

Preserve a memory and help the Friends of the Library support programs, events, museum and entertainment venue passes, and

scholarships. FOL will engrave your purchased bricks with two lines (\$55) or three lines (\$80) with your special message. The order form is on Rodgers Memorial Library website click on the Friends page. The bricks are placed in the RML Walkway twice a year and will become an enduring legacy. For an inanimate object, each brick can speak volumes.

## Karaoke

American Legion Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, Oct. 17 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+. 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.

## Psychic & Craft Fair

A Psychic & Craft Fair, will be held on Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Hudson Community Center, 12 Liona Ave., Hudson. There will be Personal Readings, Crafters & Artisans, Food Truck. Free Admission. All proceeds support Hudson Lions Club Charities.

## 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.

## Cemetery Tours

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

## 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.

## Wreaths Across America and Open House

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## OBITUARY Jack Floyd



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Jack Floyd, a beloved husband and loving father. He was born Feb. 15, 1959 in Arlington, MA. He passed on Sept. 25, 2025 after his courageous fight with cancer.

Jack is survived by his wife, Karen Morganelli Floyd. They created a beautiful life together, filled with love and adventure. He is also survived by his son, Adam Floyd and daughter Mallory Floyd, his mother, Patricia Floyd and late father Arthur Floyd, his sister Sherrie and her husband George Cutler of Arlington, MA, his sister Sharon McCabe and John Cote of Taunton, MA, and his brother Jim Floyd of Woburn, MA. His brother-in-laws Steven and Kathy Morganelli of Burlington, MA, Mark and Linda Morganelli of Wilmington, MA, and his in-laws the late George and Carol Morganelli of Burlington, MA. His nieces and nephews, Steven II, Daniella, Michael, Caroline, Matthew Morganelli, Pat Boston, Jesse and Lily McCabe. His great-niece and nephews Juliet and Brody Boston, Steven Morganelli III and Canon McCabe.

Jack Floyd was a gifted musician and played the guitar for most of his life. He attended Berklee College of Music and played in several rock 'n roll bands growing up. He loved to tell stories about his bandmates and all the shows they played. Later in life, his passion for health and wellness led him to become a strength and conditioning coach where he trained and inspired many people in his gym, The Dungeon. His artistic creativity was on display any chance he got whether it was carving pumpkins, creating all types of snowmen or showing off his Adobe Photoshop skills on Facebook. He was legendary prankster and loved making others laugh.

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well preserved body but rather to skid in sideways in a cloud of smoke, beat up, broken and totally worn out screaming WOW, what a ride!"

There will be a Celebration of Life for Jack Floyd on Oct. 12, at 2200 Southwood Drive in Nashua, NH at the Courtyard by Marriott from 1 - 4 p.m.

To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARY Russell E. Gora



Russell E. Gora, 78, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Oct. 1, 2025, at Lahey Hospital in Burlington, MA, surrounded by loved ones.

Born on March 31, 1947, in Nashua, Russell lived a life defined by dedication, perseverance, and deep love for his family. He proudly served his country after being drafted into the U.S. Army during his senior year of high school and was a Vietnam War veteran. Following his military service, he returned home and worked for over 30 years at Nashua Corporation, where he built lifelong friendships and was known for his strong work ethic. He was a dedicated member of the VFW Post 5791, Hudson Lions Club, and Hudson Kiwanis.

Russell was a devoted husband to Brenda Gora as well as a proud father and father in law to his son, Andrew Gora and his wife Chevon. He found immense joy in his role as a grandfather to Jordan, Kyle, Mia, Morgan, Mikaela, and Keaton Gora, always cherishing time spent with them.

He is survived by his sister Betty Jackson, as well as several nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart. Especially his Goddaughter, Madlyn Jackson. He was preceded in death by his siblings Ronald Gora Sr., Nancy Millard, Donna Gora, and Linda Gill.

Russell had a lifelong passion for horse racing and sports betting. Whether at the track or watching games with friends, he loved the excitement and camaraderie these hobbies brought into his life.

He will be remembered for his loyalty, quiet strength, and dry sense of humor. His memory lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A time of visitation was held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for donations Russell's loving memory to the Kidney Foundation of America at [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org). 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.

# Around Town

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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.

## Dungeons & Donuts

On Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rogers Library to play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut! All skill levels are welcome.

## Baby Lapsit and Playtime

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

## Genealogy Club

This club will meet at Rogers Library on Friday, Oct. 10 at 1:30 p.m., to discuss "Top Eight Genealogy Resources You Should Always Use...NOW!" by Linda MacIver.

## The Last Phase of Life

On Saturday, Oct. 11 at

10 a.m., Rogers Library welcomes author and hospice nurse, Ellie Atherton, for a meaningful conversation on preparing for the final phase of life.

## Driving Towards Zero

Eliminating deaths on New Hampshire's roadways is the driving force behind the "Driving Toward Zero" campaign. Come to Rogers Library on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m., for this presentation by the NH Department of Transportation.

## Elementary Spider Web Craft

On Thursday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m., Grades 1-5 will use watercolors to paint colors on a salt spider web at Rogers Library.

## Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m., to discuss "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus at Rogers Library.

## Tween Halloween Escape Room

Kids in Grades 4-8 come

to Rogers Library on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m., to read the clues, solve the puzzles, and decipher the codes to escape this seasonal themed room.

## Pumpkin Catapults

On Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m., build a catapult to launch a candy pumpkin into a basket at Rogers Library. Drop in between 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. This is for ages 6+.

## Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention

On Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m., come to Rogers Library for an informative presentation on breast health and breast cancer awareness.

## Discover Film Noir

On Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., discover the background of film noir including the meaning, influences, evolution, common elements and essential films at Rogers Library.

## Professional Headshot Mini Session

On Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m., Photographer Kat-

ie Wagner will be providing professional headshots in this mini-session at Rogers Library. Registration required.

## Ghost Scrape Art

On Saturday, Oct. 25 at 10:30 a.m., Drop in to Rogers Library to paint a ghost using a squeegee. All ages.

## True Crime Podcast Club

Come to Rogers Library on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., to discuss "The Consultant's" podcast episodes on Wone's still unsolved murder.

## Cookbook Club

On Monday, Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m., Rogers Library invites you to bring whatever you want from your favorite cookbook or online resource for this club.

## Read 'Em & Eat

On Monday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., the book "Something Wicked This Way Comes" by Ray Bradbury will be discussed at Soho restaurant in Hudson.

## Scary Stories in the Dark

On Wednesday, Oct. 29 at

5 p.m., listen to Miss Tanya read scary stories in the dark and make a ghost shadow puppet at Rogers Library. For ages 8 and up.

## Teen Forensic Science: Evidence Collection

On Friday, Oct. 24 at 3 p.m., Teens in middle and high school (grades 6-12) are invited to Rogers Library to learn about criminal investigation with forensic scientist Mary Dawson.

## Genealogy: A Personal Introduction

Interested in learning about genealogy? Reference Librarian Mark will go over his first steps in tracing his family and provide tips along the way, on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 1:30 p.m., at Rogers Library.

## Hallo-tween Movie and Costume Party

On Thursday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m., kids in Grades 4-8 are invited to dress up in a Halloween costume and watch Tim Burton's "The Nightmare before Christmas." At Rogers Library.

## 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!

## High Holy Days

The members of Etz Hayim Synagogue will gather together to reflect, pray and to seek forgiveness from Sept. 12 - Oct 14. High Holy Day services will be led by guest Rabbi Jonathan Biatch. Join us for any and all services. Tickets are not required, and there is no reserved seating. All are welcome! Please visit [www.etzhayim.org/pray/holiday-services](http://www.etzhayim.org/pray/holiday-services) for the complete schedule of services.

## Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park for the final Park Clean-up Day Saturday of the year on Oct. 16. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own

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# Scouting for Food Drive: Local Scouts Step Up to Fight Hunger

Each year, Scouts across New Hampshire join forces to support local food pantries through the Scouting for Food Drive, and our local packs are proud to take part in this

important tradition.

The effort begins on Saturday, November 1, 2025, when Scouts will fan out across assigned neighborhoods to distribute door hangers. These notices let

residents know about the upcoming food collection and encourage them to set out non-perishable items to help families in need.

One week later, on Saturday, November 8, 2025,

at 8:30 a.m., Scouts will return to those same neighborhoods to collect the donated food items. All contributions will be consolidated and delivered to the Hudson Food Pantry,

helping to restock shelves just in time for the holiday season.

Leaders will provide specific times and locations for each den, as assignments vary by neigh-

borhood. This annual service project is a meaningful way for Scouts to give back to the community and make a real difference for local families.

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shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website [friendsofbensonpark.org](http://friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

### 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., (except Oct. 10) 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.

### Class of 1975 Reunion

A Reunion for the Alvirne and Pelham alumni class of 1975 will be held soon. If you are an alumni of the year and want more information go to the facebook Alvirne high school and Pelham high school class of 1975 page or email [alvirne1975@gmail.com](mailto:alvirne1975@gmail.com)

### 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.

### LEGO Racing

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

### Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between

9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment email [info@united-waynashua.org](mailto:info@united-waynashua.org) if you have any questions.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

## OBITUARY

### Florence (Kelleher) Rudolph



Florence (Kelleher) Rudolph passed away quietly on Sept. 30 at the age of 101. A native of Lowell, MA, this powerful woman lived on her own for nearly 30 years after the death of her beloved husband, Harold Rudolph, in 1993.

For many years, the Rudolphs lived in Ulrichsville, OH, where Florence was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Dennison, OH, and received honors for her varied and dedicated charitable work, including a venerable Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Heart Association.

In 1984, the Rudolphs returned to New England, settling in Nashua, NH, where Florence, a communicant of Saint Patrick's Church volunteered for many years at the local food pantry and enjoyed traveling abroad with friends. A lover of art, Mrs. Rudolph had what many consider a stunningly beautiful penmanship, with which she labeled her carefully crafted photo albums and transcribed and framed poetry for friends.

Always impeccably dressed and coiffed, she maintained gorgeous "Crystal Gayle" length hair over the course of her entire life. Much to the amazement of those around her, she walked in high heeled shoes until the age of 100. Florence touched many appreciative souls over the course of her vibrant, 101-year life and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her brother, Daniel Kelleher, of Dracut, MA, and her sister, Carol Brousseau, of Pelham, NH; her beloved niece Cherylann Kelleher of Hudson NH, and godson, George Brousseau of Pelham, NH, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Florence (Murphy) Kelleher and James Kelleher, and her brothers James Kelleher and Donald Kelleher.

All services are private. 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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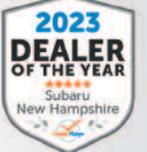
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