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**WINNING PAIR** Alvirne High School junior runningback Mike Landmesser, left, and senior quarterback Charlie Crawford combined for four of the five Broncos touchdowns during the season opening game in Manchester against the Little Green. See more on page 8 *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Concerns Raised on Legality of the Target Exaction Fees

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The September meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee heard from its subcommittee on the exaction fees for the Green Meadow Target project with some members raising concerns on the legality of the money transfer and how it will be used.

“We met with the Town Administrator to get his insight in working through the process of working with the liaisons,” said Committee member, Kevin Walsh. “We forward an email for the Fire Department liaison regarding the safety and training equipment exaction that is our next one on our list of things to explore.”

Exaction money from

Target is supposed to go towards buying equipment like a platform truck for the Hudson Fire Department. He was still trying to set up a meeting with the Fire Chief to get more details on the payout. As some money may also end up with the Police Department, Walsh planned to set up a separate meeting with the Police Chief farther down the line. Other payouts include STEM funding for the town.

“Is there some kind of schedule in the agreement as to how these are supposed to be paid? Or is this a lump sum that’s going to be received?” asked Vice-Chair, James Lawrence.

He was told most money will be paid out by the anniversary of the build-

ing’s Certificate of Occupancy Approval. The exaction fee is a one-time payment, and it was not always clear how the money would transfer from Target to the town, and a chosen department.

“It would appear to me that pot of money needs to be planned for by both the Fire Department and Police Department,” agreed Chair Bill Cole. “They should have a plan.”

Committee member, Shawn Jasper, has some legal concerns over the overall exaction plan after speaking with the Department of Revenue Administration.

“The auditors should be picking up on the fact that **continued on page 3**

## Infrastructure Study to Get Public Hearing on Oct. 1

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

After voters voted in support of a citizen petition warrant article regarding a comprehensive infrastructure study, the Board of Selectmen received an update regarding the status of it, during its Sept. 3 meeting.

The citizen petition warrant article stated the following:

“Should the Town of Hudson complete a comprehensive infrastructure study independently run by a qualified third-party contractor unrelated to the Town of Hudson or the Nashua Regional Planning Commission? This study will include the following:

1. Comprehensive traffic study and impact for the entire town to include all developments being built and approved to be built.

2. Emergency services review of staffing, equipment, and training needed based on the facilities and anticipated demand from all the development. This includes, Police, Fire, and DPW.

3. Impact on our schools based on the high-density housing and the housing development under construction.

4. Sewer and water needs for the town.

5. Review the current impact fees assigned to developers based on this

study.

6. The study results are expected to be used to upgrade and improve the Master Plan,

7. Zoning ordinance, Land Use regulations, and to determine the impact to budgets/taxpayers and equipment/facilities/staffing needed to function.”

Voters in Town voted 1,789 to 1,325 in support of the citizens petition warrant article.

During the meeting Selectman Heidi Jakoby said they were going to look at determining the scope of the infrastructure study, and wanted to see what the status of that was.

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## Giraffe Statues Could Part of New Benson Park Historical Display

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on Aug. 22 with one of the discussions being brought up being a possible donation of giraffe statues by Committee member, Gary Williams. The Friends of Benson Park debated the viability of that donation.

“Would it be possible if a couple of us came over to see them in person?” asked

Natalie Newell from the Friends organization.

Having already sent photos of the giraffes; Williams agreed to show off the statues whenever the Friends wanted.

“It’s going to be a bit different seeing them in person than in the picture,” he said. “We had an accident with one of them, I backed into one of them with a lawnmower. There’s about a

12-inch split down its butt. It’s fixable, but I’m not sure if I should be fixing it. We should get someone to look at these who knows what they’re doing.”

Chair, Jack Madden, suggested displaying the giraffes near Benson Park’s old train station with a picture of live giraffes from the early days of Benson’s Wild Animal Farm and context **continued on page 2**

# Planning Board Debate Green Meadow Target Bond

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Aug. 28 with correspondence on surety bonds related to water and sewer services for subdivision improvements at 32 Ledge Road.

“As I understand, there’s no new roadway proposed for the project, but I see here’s some pavement bonding. Is that for the sewer and water extension?

To dig it up?” asked Board member, James Crowley.

Chair, Tim Malley, confirmed that was what the bond was for. With a written recommendation from Town Engineer, Elvis Shima, the bond amount of \$95,580 unanimously was approved without much debate.

A second surety bond for \$5.5 million in onsite and landscaping improvements for the Green Meadow Target Project was a lit-

tle more contentious, as Crowley recused himself from the bond vote to approach the Planning Board as a private citizen.

“I’d like to say the Town Engineer did some due diligence and did a pretty decent job overall, but I did note some omissions that I’d like to talk about,” said Crowley. “I don’t see any funds for the sewer pump station estimated in there, and that could be a significant amount of dollars. It’s a 1.4 million square foot building on a site operating 24/7/365 with approximately 1,000 employees, this will be a stinking mess without proposed funding and completed construction of a sewer pump station.”

He also worried about

how the lack of vegetation cover on the site was already leading to local dust storms in his neighborhood, along with the lack of sidewalk funding in the application.

“Just for clarification, typically I don’t believe we require people to bond internal sidewalks, we only require them to bond the things the town is going to take ownership of,” said Malley.

Board member, Victor Oates, expressed several concerns of his own, questioning the estimated cost of the bond, claiming an estimated cost of \$10.7 million after going through the paperwork. Despite a written recommendation for the bonds, the Town Engineer and Interim Town Planner

were unable to make the meeting, meaning nobody could answer questions related to different cost estimates.

“I’m not sure what would be the best course of action other than possibly deferring this to the next meeting to see if we can have the Town Engineer here or we can get the questions asked and answered via email ahead of time,” said Oates. “It doesn’t make sense that they’re bonding a lot of the landscaping.”

The trees and bushes included in the design seemed to be included in the bond requests, possibly because the town previously mandated a green area for the project.

“Looks like a pretty standard form that we see

every time from Mr. Dhima,” said Malley. “It’s just a little out of the norm to request Mr. Dhima come to a bond approval. We do these all the time, and I’m not saying we can’t request he be here, but I’m saying it’s not normal practice.”

Board member, Ed Vander Veen, added that Target must satisfy town officials with a final site plan following bond approval.

The Planning Board put off immediately approving or rejecting the bond, electing to email Dhima to get answers before a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## OBITUARY

### Matthew Donald Reddig



Matthew Donald Reddig, a long-time resident of Hudson, NH, died on Sept. 3, 2024 at his home. Born Sept. 16, 1966, in Nashua, NH, the son of Frances “Betty” E. (Peckham) Reddig-Barry and the late Kenneth Reddig.

Matt’s life centered around his two sons, Zachary and Connor, his customers, and his beloved 1969 Camaros.

He was a 1985 graduate of Alvirne High School. Matt purchased his first canteen truck in 1989. For 35 years, he owned and operated Spring Hill Catering, delivering breakfast and lunch to businesses throughout southern NH. Matt, frequently referred to as “Matty,” became life-long friends with many of his daily customers. He often brought a smile to their faces by remembering the meaningful things going on in their lives or through his goofy antics.

Matt furthered his entrepreneurial pursuits in 2010 when he began A.C.E. New England Fire Protection. He enjoyed working on his muscle cars, attending car shows, going to New England sporting events, watching Jeopardy, deep sea fishing, hosting parties (formerly pronounced ‘Matt Bash’) and documenting his many good times with his family and friends.

Matt is survived by his two sons, Zac and Connor; his mother, Betty Reddig-Barry and step-father Ray Barry of Merrimack, NH; a sister, Tricia Eastman and her husband, Derek of Merrimack, NH; a brother, Tim, of St. Petersburg, FL; step-siblings, Michael Barry and Tracy Rivera; six nephews, Cooper and Tyler Reddig, Jared Rodriguez, Pierce and Toby Eastman, and Brandon Barry; a niece, Addison Barry; and his two cherished dogs, Lulu and Zuko (aka a\*\*h\*\*\*).

Matt was a caring and generous father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He frequently invited loved ones to Red Sox games and he always picked up the tab when out to eat with them. His nephews always anticipated their birthday and Christmas gifts from him the most.

On Monday, Sept. 9, at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, his private burial service was held in Tyngsborough Memorial Cemetery in Tyngsborough, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Matt’s name to David’s House, Inc. in Lebanon NH at [www.davids-house.org](http://www.davids-house.org) or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). 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.

## Giraffe

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for the giraffe statue. Unlike a recently donated set of lion statues, the giraffes did not originate from Hudson’s former zoo/theme park and were originally used in unrelated advertising for the Glenmorangie brand.

“We could find a spot where we could display the giraffes, understanding that these physical giraffes were never here. However, they are illustrative to the fact

that Benson’s Wild Animal Farm did have giraffes, and did ship them out.”

Specifically, he wanted to place the giraffe statue next to a picture of live giraffes being shipped from Hudson to the Detroit Zoo in the late 1920s.

“We could even put on a short piece of track a Lionel boxcar showing a picture of the giraffe and the freight car,” said Madden. “That’s not definitive, but it’s a suggestion.”

This would tie the

giraffe statues into the overall effort by the Friends of Benson Park and the Benson Park Committee to refurbish many of the area’s historical assets, including a recent renovation of Old Woman in the Shoe, abatement of the Hudson Train Station, and a conversation of the Elephant Barn structure to a museum. The giraffe display would include a metal plaque for visitors.

“I’m able to get a plaque from the people who used this as advertisement, but it’s a liquor company. Do you want a liquor company involved with this park?”

asked Williams. “Saying this is why the statues were made, because the height of them was the height of the still this liquor was made in. Do you want a background of that?”

The Committee agreed that using the existing plaque from Glenmorangie probably was not the best idea for the display they had in mind. Nonetheless, Madden asked for a photo of the plaque to see the exact wording.

The next meeting of the Benson Park Committee is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Meeting Room.

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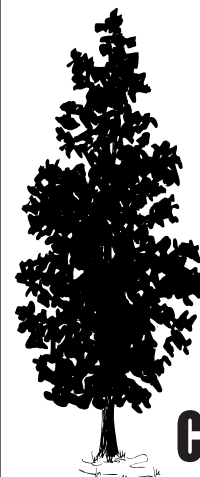
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# Editorial

## September: A Month For Suicide Prevention

With the days getting shorter and holidays approaching, seasonal depression and anxiety issues may start to appear, and could make for the perfect storm of mental health woes.

The second leading cause of death among young people, surpassed only by accidents is suicide. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, "The rate of teen depression shot up, but not a surprising trend given the link between suicide and depression". Teenagers and young adults are being taken away far too soon; we have a mental health crisis on our hands and we need to take steps to make it better.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has created this year's campaign, "Take the Moment" to encourage people to unite to advocate for and reduce the stigma against mental health care.

NAMI wants the public to know the signs that could lead to suicidal thoughts, as it is crucial to getting life-saving help. The National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH) offers five action steps for helping someone considering suicide.

The first step is to ask. Anyone who suspects that any friends or family members might be in crisis is encouraged to approach them and ask if they are thinking of harming themselves or committing suicide. If so, step two is to keep them safe by reducing access to lethal items or places, and step three is offering emotional and physical reassurance. The fourth step is to help loved ones connect to mental health resources including suicide prevention hotlines,

mental health care providers, physicians, etc. Finally, loved ones should be sure to stay connected, and to follow up throughout and after their family or friends experience a crisis.

According to NAMI, "There is a widespread stigma associated with suicide and as a result, many people are afraid to speak about it". It can be an uncomfortable subject, but talking about it openly, honestly, and non-judgmentally is crucial to providing anyone in crisis with the proper care to make steps toward recovery.

The good news is that we don't have to wait for all the answers to know what to do. We know that various psychotherapies and medications are highly effective in treating depression, but we should try to do a better job of identifying, reaching out, and providing resources for at-risk youths.

We need to educate parents and teachers to recognize depression in young people and to learn about the warning signs of suicide. We should have universal screening of teenagers at school, with parental consent, to identify those who are suffering from depression and who are at risk of suicide.

Anyone experiencing distressing or suicidal thoughts is encouraged to contact the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or 988 Suicides and Crisis Lifeline.

Those who may be having trouble expressing their thoughts, for any reason are encouraged to Call 1-800-950-NAMI(6264), text "HelpLine" to 62640, or email [helpline@nami.org](mailto:helpline@nami.org).

## Town Hall Feasibility Study Expected to be Completed at End of Month

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to an update regarding the Town Hall feasibility study.

"In 2023, the Board of Selectmen held a public meeting regarding the need for a new Town Hall, and the feedback from the public was that the existing building needs to first be further evaluated before a new Town Hall is justified," Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a previous memo to the Board of Selectmen. "Based on that feedback, a Request for Proposal was advertised with the purpose of analyzing the existing building, potential for an addition, better flow and functionality, and belier handicap access throughout the first floor of building."

At a meeting in May, the Board of Selectmen approved awarding a bid to NorthPoint Construction, Hudson, for a total of \$42,000 to complete the study.

Dhima explained that the town's different department heads and a representative from North Point met recently.

"They presented to us what they see as an issue and what needs to be done," Dhima explained, saying that he hopes in the next couple of weeks they will get a full report of "what we can and can not do."

He said they are looking at what they can do with the existing footprint, and what can potentially be done vertically.

Dhima also explained that they can see if they can expand beyond their current footprint, with the current property they have.

He explained that it's in line with what the police department did to see what they could and couldn't do there.

"We're looking at handicap access, we're looking at the elevator, we're looking at ways," Dhima said, noting that they are looking at what could be done for the short term and mid-term, noting that they don't

think long term they have enough space there.

"That will be presented to the Board first and then you can decide how you want to discuss that matter," Dhima said about the full report.

Dhima said a lot of work has gone into the process, noting that when they first began, they didn't even have a plan for the building.

"We're going to have a good idea of what we have and a good idea for what it will take moving forward so it's a good base line," he said.

Dhima said the hope is by the end of September they have the full report, noting that he doesn't think that they will miss the deadline.

He also explained that one of the things that has come up is that they do have some deficiency when it comes to handicap access, and when it comes to the ratio of women bathrooms versus mens bathrooms. Elevator access is also an issue, Dhima noted.

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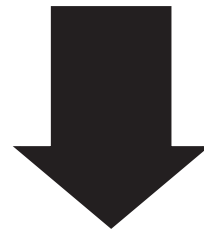
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# Hudson Cable Looking For New Part Time Employee

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a proposal from Hudson Community Television, to allow them to post for a part-time HCTV assistant position.

“Videographer, Trinity Santana, has submitted her resignation effective Sept. 30, 2024,” a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. “In going forward at HCTV with our staffing we would like to hire a part-time HCTV Assistant for up to

20 hours per week to fill the gap that has now grown since the resignation of Jacquelyn Lemay.”

It was explained by Production Coordinator, Michael Johnson, that it was a position that they have had before, but hadn’t filled it previously.

“This is a vacant position we had,” Johnson said, explaining that with the departure of Lemay, they thought that it made sense to look for a part-time employee, noting that there are other changes happening as well.

Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, noted that the position is paid for by the cable fees, meaning it impacts cable users and not all taxpayers.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the request.

During the non-public portion of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved re-hiring Lemay as a part-time production coordinator for up to 20 hours a week, on the recommendation of Director of Community Media, Jim McIntosh, according to

the Sept. 3 agenda.

The Board of Selectmen, during its non-public portion of its meeting, also approved a number of other personnel requests, according to the Sept. 3 agenda posted online.

One of those was to hire Derek Francisco as a patrol officer with a starting salary of \$28.82, on the recommendation of Police Chief, Tad Dionne.

Another recommendation from Dionne approved by the Board of Selectmen was to transfer Stephanie Sabetti as a full-time

Records Clerk effective Sept. 2. Her salary will remain at \$24.21 an hour.

The Board of Selectmen also approved authorizing the police Department to advertise and post for the part-time Legal Clerk vacancy in the Hudson Police Department.

For the Public Works Department, the Board of Selectmen approved the hiring of Michael Martorana effective Sept. 9, with a pay of \$24.25 an hour. The Board of Selectmen also approved the recommendation from Public Works

Director, Jay Twardosky, to hire Michael Menear effective Sept. 9, with a pay of \$24.25 an hour.

Other personnel news from the non-public session of the meeting included the Board of Selectmen hiring for the position of Administrative Aide II in the Board of Selectmen’s office with a starting pay of \$26.05 an hour, and also approved posting and advertising for the Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector position.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Sept. 24 beginning at 7 p.m.

# BOS Put Temporary Changes to Lowell Road Intersection On Hold

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

After holding multiple public hearings, the Board of Selectmen ultimately took no action regarding potential temporary changes to the intersection of County Road and Lowell Road.

Hudson Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, explained that they first started discussing the issue at the Highway Safety Committee, saying that it was first brought up due to concerns with the traffic in the area.

“We started with the Highway Safety Commit-

tee, we ended up over here,” Dhima said.

Dhima in a memo stated that the “Board of Selectmen held two (2) public hearings on July 23, 2024 and Aug. 13, 2024 to take public comment on a recommendation from the Highway Safety Committee to enact a temporary restriction of traffic at the southern intersection of County Road and Lowell Road by utilizing jersey barriers to restrict the exit of vehicles from County Road to Lowell Road southbound.”

Dhima explained that eventually they will need to

do something permanently there, but the feedback they have received so far is that they should put aside temporary changes, and just focus on a permanent solution for the intersection.

“Leave it as is for now,” Dhima said was the general feedback that they have received.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately took no action regarding the temporary changes during the meeting.

The Board of Selectmen also discussed changes to one of the town’s health insurance plans.

“The Town of Hudson’s health insurance provider, HealthTrust, has notified us that they are discontinuing the Blue Choice Point of Service (BC2T20) health insurance plan that the Town offers employees, as of Dec. 31, 2024,” Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “They are recommending that this plan be replaced by the Open Access PPO Plan that they offer. The Joint Labor Management Health Care

Committee met to review the changes and all of the collective bargaining groups agreed to the change in insurance plans.”

Malizia explained that when they were notified of the change, he had a meeting with all of the unions, and explained that it was a similar policy as the previous one, and that it was actually cheaper. He said that it would impact about 10 of their employees.

He also noted that they ultimately didn’t have any

other choice since Blue Cross was eliminating the plan.

“Frankly we don’t really have a choice,” Malizia told the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting and replacing the current Blue Choice Point of Service Plan insurance plan and replacing it with the Open Access PPO Plan.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.



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# Budget Committee Look to Limit Out-of-Budget Spending

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on Sept. 4 to discuss spending levels for the upcoming budget season. Budget Chair, Bill Cole, also wanted more information on the guidance the Board of Selectmen will use for the upcoming 2025-26 budget process.

“The question that came before us was ‘do we request budgets from our departments at a 0% increase? A 2% increase? A 3% increase? There were different suggestions made,” said Selectman Liaison, Heidi Jakoby. “The Board decided to request from

departments and allow them to set their fiscal year 2006 budget with a 1.5% increase.”

Committee member, Rich Weissgarber, wanted to know if that 1.5% number came before any out-of-budget requests. Additional items are commonly proposed during the budget process, depending on the needs of a given department.

“How did you get to 1.5%?” asked Cole.

Jakoby stated that the number was a compromise after the Selectmen were split between no increase and a higher increase.

Every item is subject to

scrutiny by the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and a public vote. However, not every out-of-budget request falls into the standard warrant article process. No out-of-budget parameters were given beyond the blanket 1.5% increase, and no list of possible out-of-budget requests was immediately available.

“Rather than have out of budget items, whether it’s one, two, or 100, last year I think it was close to \$500,000, why aren’t all of those items made war-

rants?” asked Cole. “This would be the perfect opportunity, this out of budget list, for the taxpayers to say whether they want it or not.”

It was not immediately clear to Committee members why not every item does not appear on a warrant article.

“The School Board does the exact same thing,” said Committee member, Randy Brownrigg. “I think there should be warrant articles for all of these different things that they need at this time, so they can be allocated to programs, or if the

building needs to be fixed. When the money is just sitting there at the end of the year, they can do what they want with it.”

He was referring to spending unallocated funds and expressed a desire to add more warrant articles if needed to approve extra spending, alternatively suggesting any unspent money return to the general fund. The Municipal Budget Act limits what warrant articles can do. There was also disagreement among members as to how many out-of-budget items appeared out

of warrant articles.

Committee member, Shawn Jasper, reported that the 2026 statewide budget was planning for cutbacks.

“As the state prepares for the 26-27 budget, we have been given guidance from the governor’s office that our general fund expenditures cannot exceed that of the 22-23 budget,” said Jasper. “That’s where we’re at for the state level.”

The next meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

## Infrastructure Study

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Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said the question is “what is the next step in determining

that scope.”

Selectman, Kara Roy, said she thought they were going to work with MRI to establish that scope, howev-

er, Selectman, David Morin, said they had agreed to have MRI do it, but he isn’t sure if they have anything to give to MRI, saying they should have a public hearing so they can ask the public what

they want to look at as part of the infrastructure study.

“Because right now we have nothing to give to MRI,” Morin said.

Jakoby said she agreed with the proposal to have a public hearing.

“I think that’s an excellent idea,” she said.

Morin said the people who submitted the warrant article, and those who supported it along with others can come in and tell them what they are looking for.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair, Dillon Dumont, said that because of how expensive the study would likely be, he asked they use the town’s social media to get the word out for the public hearing.

It was ultimately decided to have the public hearing on Oct. 1 at Hills Memorial Library.

## OBITUARY

Mark Mosnicka



Mark Mosnicka peacefully passed after a 25 year battle with Multiple Sclerosis with family by his side on Sept. 1, 2024 at the age of 58.

He is survived by his father and mother George and Ginny Mosnicka of Hudson, his sister and brother-in-law Lisa (Mosnicka) Prestia and Larry Prestia of Hudson, his three children, Alec Mosnicka, Carly Mosnicka-Fournier, and Amelia Mosnicka, and his granddaughter Gisele Fournier. He was predeceased by his wife Robin B (Reilly) Mosnicka.

Mark was born on Oct. 29, 1965 and moved to NH at the age of one. Growing up in Hudson he graduated from Alvirne High School in 1983 and then attended St Anselm College 1987 (BA) and Catholic University 1989 (BSEE). Through mutual friends, he met and soon married his beloved wife Robin on Oct. 29, 1994. They built and resided in the landmark “Pink” house in Litchfield until her death in 2013. After her passing he moved to the Edgewood Centre in Portsmouth where he resided until his passing.

Professionally, Mark’s technical knowledge and affable manner led him into sales and he practiced his skill sales management traveling through Europe and the U.S. for Ultratech sharing his skills and personality, winning several “Salesman of the Year” awards until he became disabled. After retiring he was able to spend significant quality time with his wife and children.

Mark’s passions included a love of rock music and the New England Patriots. As a young man he attended many concerts and began a lifelong acquisition of albums and histories of multiple bands and artists. Anyone that knew Mark would tell you he never missed a kickoff of a televised Patriots game, watching with one or more of his children.

Following cremation, a time of visitation was held on Saturday, Sept. 7 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Mark will be buried in a private ceremony on a later date. 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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# Selectmen Approve Year's Holiday & Meeting Schedule

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Selectmen were tasked with approving the 12 standard holidays for employees, as part of the personnel policies.

Those dates include New Years Day, which will mean Town Hall is closed on Jan.1, Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 20, President's Day on Feb. 17, Memorial Day on May 26, Independence Day on July 4, Labor Day on Sept. 1, Columbus Day on Oct. 13, Veteran's Day on Nov. 11,

Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 27, a floating holiday closing Town Hall on Nov. 28, and Christmas on Dec. 25.

As part of the original proposal, it listed Juneteenth Freedom Day to be celebrated on Monday, June 16, however, it was pointed out to Interim Town Administrator, James Michaud, before the meeting that Juneteenth is always celebrated on June 19.

He said he also reviewed it and noted that all places such as banks, and other entities are all closed on June 19, for the holiday.

"If it falls during the

week, the 19th is it," Michaud said.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the different holidays, with the one change being that Town Hall will be closed on June 19, instead of June 16.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen were presented with a proposal regarding its 2025 meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen.

"The following dates are presented for the Board's consideration and approval as the proposed meeting schedule for 2025. Workshops, if necessary,

are held on the first Tuesday of each month and the regular meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted," a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

For January, the workshop date is Jan.7, with meetings on Jan.14 and Jan.28. In February, the workshop date would be Feb. 4, with meetings on Feb. 11 and Feb. 25.

Michaud noted that for March there would be no workshop date, and said that the meetings would be on March 4 and 25, so it doesn't conflict with town

voting day.

In April, the workshop date is scheduled for April 1, with meetings on April 8, and 22. May's workshop day is slated for May 6, with meetings on May 13 and May 27.

During the month of June, the workshop date is June 3, with meeting dates scheduled for June 10 and 24.

July doesn't have a workshop date, with meetings scheduled for July 8 and July 22.

August will have a workshop date on Aug. 5, with meetings scheduled for Aug. 12 and Aug. 26.

For the month of September, the workshop date is Sept. 2, with meetings on Sept. 9 and 23.

October's workshop date will be on the 7th, and meetings are slated for Oct. 14 and 28.

In order to avoid a conflict with Veterans Day, November's meeting dates are scheduled for Nov. 10 and 25, with a workshop date of Nov. 4.

To finish the year, the Board of Selectmen have a workshop date of Dec. 2, and a meeting on Dec. 9.

The Selectmen approved the meeting dates.

# Select Board Discuss Bringing Top Priorities Forward

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen had a discussion regarding strategic planning, during its Sept. 3 meeting.

It was explained by Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, that since the beginning of the current Board, they have been trying to set goals and work on strategic planning for the town.

She explained that she wants to move it forward since they have budget season coming up, and if they have any priorities as a Board they would likely need to be addressed through warrant articles.

Selectman, Kara Roy, said before they work on strategic planning, that she thinks they need to have a

vision.

"We never stated a vision," Roy said, explaining that they would have to establish that and then the strategic plan could be based off of the vision they set.

It was noted by Selectman, David Morin, that they have already discussed some priorities in the past, pointing to finding a human resources position as one of the potential priorities.

"There are some priorities we can work on," Morin said.

Morin also noted that he thought it made sense to do the infrastructure study first, and then have the potential strategic plan help with it.

Morin and Roy both agreed they should look at what their priorities are for

now, in the interim.

"That's what I would appreciate," Jakoby said during the meeting.

Roy said before they head into budget season, they should put some of their top priorities forward.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair, Dillon Dumont,

said one of the top priorities right now is getting a new Town Administrator, after the retirement of Steve Malizia, and said "we have staffing problems, the town planner is one of them."

He also noted that the department heads are likely going to be bringing them

things that they see as priorities that they may not be aware of, saying that those things could potentially be added as priorities.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said that they could essentially come up with short term priorities, and then could

work on coming up with a vision as they get more information.

The Selectmen are expected to finalize those priorities at its next meeting.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 24 beginning at 7 p.m.



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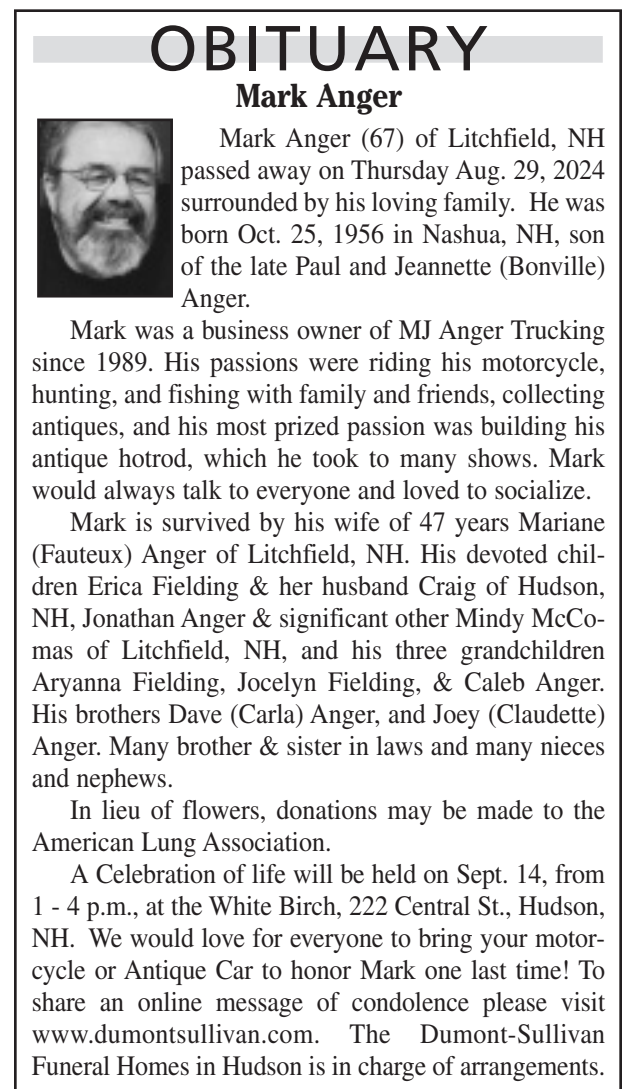
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**OBITUARY**

**Mark Anger**

Mark Anger (67) of Litchfield, NH passed away on Thursday Aug. 29, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born Oct. 25, 1956 in Nashua, NH, son of the late Paul and Jeannette (Bonville) Anger.

Mark was a business owner of MJ Anger Trucking since 1989. His passions were riding his motorcycle, hunting, and fishing with family and friends, collecting antiques, and his most prized passion was building his antique hotrod, which he took to many shows. Mark would always talk to everyone and loved to socialize.

Mark is survived by his wife of 47 years Mariane (Fauteux) Anger of Litchfield, NH. His devoted children Erica Fielding & her husband Craig of Hudson, NH, Jonathan Anger & significant other Mindy McComas of Litchfield, NH, and his three grandchildren Aryanna Fielding, Jocelyn Fielding, & Caleb Anger. His brothers Dave (Carla) Anger, and Joey (Claudette) Anger. Many brother & sister in laws and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

A Celebration of life will be held on Sept. 14, from 1 - 4 p.m., at the White Birch, 222 Central St., Hudson, NH. We would love for everyone to bring your motorcycle or Antique Car to honor Mark one last time! To share an online message of condolence please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

# Jakoby & Roy Appointed to Subcommittee on Policies

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the Sept. 3 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to the town's website and Facebook page, and how information is posted to it.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, said it's one of the first concerns she recognized when she got elected to the Board of Selectmen.

"I just noticed that some of the information on our website was very out of

date," Jakoby explained.

She explained that she looked at the policy on how things get updated, and said there is a system, but it's not very clear.

Ultimately, Jakoby said she thinks the board should consider how they can get information to people through the website and social media.

One example Jakoby pointed to was from earlier in the year, when on the town's website it said all the wells were good, which was

from 2016.

"It has since been corrected," Jakoby added about the information online.

Jakoby also stated the town should look at how to come up with an easier way to get information up on the website and to the public, and suggested that they look at making revisions to the policy.

Selectman, Kara Roy, said it was last revised in 2015, and she thinks it should be looked at again,

explaining that they could potentially wait until they get a new IT Director.

"I think it needs to be looked at," she said.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said he agreed with looking at the policy.

"We have to have a better review," he said.

Roy said she thinks they should have a policy subcommittee for the Board of Selectmen, arguing that it's likely not the only policy that they should review and

have updated.

Jakoby said that was also her thought, saying that the policy committee could look at the different policies and explained that just because the committee recommends it, that it doesn't necessarily mean that the Board of Selectmen will agree with it and approve it.

It was also noted during the meeting that the School Board reviews its policies regularly and they also have a policy committee.

The suggestion was to

have two Selectmen on the committee, along with the Town Administrator or their designee, and whatever department head the particular policy being reviewed would impact.

The Board unanimously approved establishing the policy subcommittee and approved having Jakoby and Roy as the two members from the Board of Selectmen.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set to take on Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

# 'Wish-Cycling' is Not Recycling, Tips on How to Avoid

The road to recycling is paved with good intentions. Community recycling programs are designed to capture specific recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, and

certain plastic containers. However, confusion about what you can add to your recycling bin is all too common because consumers are confronted with an ever-evolving variety of packaging types, and what is

acceptable in one community's recycling program may not be acceptable in another. This confusion can especially be an issue with single-stream recycling programs, where the boundaries of what is acceptable

can be blurry when all recyclables are mixed together.

Confusion about what is accepted, hope that certain items will be recycled and sometimes even misinformation often lead to what is called "wish-cycling" – the act of putting an item in the recycling bin that is not intended to be collected by the recycling program – and it can cause real problems for your community program. Items you wish-cycle can contaminate a load of recyclables or get stuck, tangled or wrapped in the recycling processing machinery. This causes expensive, and potentially dangerous, shutdowns in the recycling process. It also makes the sorting process more costly because it requires extra labor.

Examples of items that are commonly wish-cycled are plastic bags, garden hoses, electrical wires/cords, batteries, diapers and chip/snack bags. It is important to note that while these items are not acceptable in your typical recycling bin, some can be recycled in special collection programs –

such as drop-off programs for plastic bags, or batteries.

## When in Doubt, Check Locally.

Residents can't always be blamed for the issue, just because certain plastics have a recycling logo, or "chasing arrows," on them, does not automatically mean that the item is acceptable in a recycling program. The purpose of this logo is to identify the primary type of plastic resin in the item. Most recycling programs will list what types of plastics are accepted by the number within the logo, but there can be exceptions so it is important to read carefully! Additionally, some "recyclables" may have non-recyclable components, like plastic containers with steel tops that can't easily be removed.

When in doubt, check your with local program. Contact your local transfer station or curbside provider to find out what recyclables they accept. Town websites have information about the trash and recycling services available to you, including how to sort your recycling.

For example, the Concord Recycling page [www.concordnh.gov/912/Recycling](http://www.concordnh.gov/912/Recycling) has a comprehensive guide for that city's curbside recycling program. If you can't find answers, throw the item out.

A great benefit to becoming aware of "wish-cycling" habits and what is accepted in your local program is how it can inform your shopping habits. If you choose items in the store with clear recycling markings and instructions, it takes away the confusion when you are ready to discard the item. When possible, it's best to avoid purchasing items that cannot be reused or recycled.

Recycling can sometimes feel overwhelming, but there are local and state resources available to help clear any confusion. The NHDES Managing My Waste [www.des.nh.gov/waste/solid-waste/managing-my-waste](http://www.des.nh.gov/waste/solid-waste/managing-my-waste) webpage is a great place to learn how to manage common types of household waste. With a bit of effort and awareness, "wish-cycling" won't come true.

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Alvirne Football Opens Season With 35-14 Win Over Central

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

After getting a week to prepare for their first game, the Broncos opened their season on Friday against Manchester Central. In their second consecutive season with a trip to Gill Stadium to open the season, Alvirne came away with a 35-14 victory over the Little Green, moving their record

to 1-0 and earning themselves a share of first place in the Central Division.

The Broncos jumped out to an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter and never turned back, putting up 21 more points in the second quarter to take a 28-0 lead into the half before allowing Central to get on the board to make the score 28-6 before junior running back

Mikey Landmesser scored the final of his three touchdowns on the ground to make it 35-6. Manchester Central would tack on a fourth-quarter touchdown with a two-point conversion to push the game to a final score of 35-14.

Landmesser finished the night with 159 yards on the ground to go with his three touchdowns. Ryan Rocheleau led the way in receiving yards with 90 yards and a reception for a TD. Broncos' senior quarterback Charlie Crawford added another touchdown on the ground. Senior defensive back Jeremiah Yi picked off a pair of Little Green passes to lead the Broncos on the defensive side of the ball.

Taking a look around the division, Concord narrowly beat Goffstown on the road 17-14, Londonderry laid a beating onto Salem in Haverhill, where the Blue Devils will be playing their 2024 season, as Salem is renovating their field this year, and Windham beat Timberlane 53-7 on Saturday at home. Pinkerton also beat non-conference Andover, MA 40-17 in a game that won't count towards



Broncos junior running back Mikey Landmesser crosses the Little Green goal line for one of his three touchdown runs.  
Photos by Chris Paul



Alvirne senior defensive back Jeremiah Yi runs upfield after an interception on Friday night,

their record.

Looking at the rest of the league, in the East, Exeter beat Dover 32-12 in Dover, Portsmouth-Oyster River lost 30-20 to Winnacunnet in Hampton, and Spaulding lost 42-7 on the road against the Keene Blackbirds. In the West, Bedford beat Nashua North handily 35-3 on the road, and Nashua South beat the Cardinals of Bishop

Guertin 21-15-a result that came as a surprise to many. In non-conference games, Manchester Memorial lost to Central Providence on the road on Friday night and Merrimack lost 42-6 against Hingham, Mass.

Alvirne will return to the Barn for week two to take on the Salem Blue Devils (0-1) on Friday. Salem will be looking for their first win of the season after their 30-7

home loss to Londonderry, whereas Alvirne will look to assert themselves as a top team in Division I if they can surprise the Blue Devils. Last season, the Broncos took a close 21-10 loss on a muddy Veterans Memorial Field, but were without their starting QB Charlie Crawford by that point in the season, as he was lost against the Windham Jaguars two weeks before.

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# Alvirne Girls Soccer Falls to Defending Champions, Draws Salem

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

Following their season-opening 4-1 loss to Dover, Alvirne's girls' soccer team dropped their first game of the week 4-1 against last

season's champion Timberlane Owls before returning home to take on Salem and drawing the Blue Devils 0-0. In their first game of the week, Alvirne entered the game as a heavy underdog,

especially after finishing last in the table in 2023 with Timberlane winning the 2023 Division I State Championship.

Despite being the heavy underdogs, they came away with the same result as their opener against Dover, with a 4-1 loss against the Owls. Alvirne was able to hold their own for the most part, however, which even though it doesn't show up in the standings, can create momentum that may carry over game to game and ultimately throughout the remainder of the regular season.

On Friday, Alvirne returned home to take on the Salem Blue Devils at home, and came away with points for the first time this season thanks to a 0-0 draw thanks to the newly-minted lack of regular season overtime this season.

In Friday's game, goal-keeping was the story for both teams, as Ashtyn Willard and Lindsay Goetz were excellent, as the score

suggests, matching each other shot for shot and save for save. Willard was arguably slightly better than Goetz, but both were stellar.

Alvirne did have a number of chances for attackers like Emma Coppi and Alekhya Buddhiraju, as well as a couple quality chances for Haylie Christman. Despite their high-quality chances, the Broncos were unable to best Goetz, partially due to mishits on shots, and much more due to solid play by Goetz. Similar things can be said for Salem. The Blue Devils had a number of chances to score, including some quality chances for Aaliyah Hajjar, Amelia Murray, and Sara Espailat. None of them were able to beat the Bronco netminder, though, keeping the game at a 0-0 draw.

This week, Alvirne will head to Nashua South on Wednesday and return home on Thursday to take on Portsmouth at the Barn. Both teams enter the week at 1-2 with the Purple Panthers having beat Ports-



Alvirne High School senior midfielder Kayda Chan moves the ball up field.

mouth 1-0 last Thursday for their lone win after losses 4-0 to Bedford and 6-0 to Winnacunnet. Portsmouth picked up a 1-0 win over

Concord to open the season before their 1-0 loss to South and another 1-0 loss against Nashua North two days



Broncos senior captain midfielder Alekhya Buddhiraju eyes a pass. Photos by Chris Paul

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# Alvirne Boys Soccer Drops Match Against Blue Devils

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

Coming off the draw in their first match of the season, Alvirne's boys' soccer team took on the Salem Blue Devils on the road. Alvirne, unfortunately, was unable to come away with points in the game, as the

Blue Devils took care of business against the Broncos, beating Alvirne 4-2.

Alvirne was able to battle the, then-winless Blue Devils, who had lost to Merrimack and Exeter coming in, but ultimately fell just short despite strong defensive efforts from their

back line and solid goal-keeping from Owen Suprenant.

Nathan Chava and Garrett Howard led the way for the Broncos offensively, but were unfortunately unable to generate enough chances against Salem's staggering defensive front.

With the loss, Alvirne falls to 0-1-1, dropping them to 17th in the Division I standings out of 21 teams. While it is early on in the season, the more points the Broncos can earn early on, the better off they will be. Salem currently sits in the 15th and final playoff spot

as the standings read now at 1-2.

Alvirne will take on Nashua South at home on Tuesday and Keene on the road on Thursday afternoon. Nashua South comes in at 2-1 after an opening night 3-1 loss to Bedford, followed by back-to-back

shutouts 5-0 against Winnacunnet at home and 2-0 over Portsmouth on the road. As for Keene, they also come into the week at 2-1 after wins 2-0 over Manchester Memorial and 5-1 over Spaulding, both at home, sandwiching a road loss to Merrimack by a final of 2-0.

# Broncos Volleyball Falls to 0-2 After Losses to Exeter, Salem

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

After not playing in their first week of the season, the Lady Broncos Volleyball team fell to both Exeter and Salem in straight sets in both of their first two matches.

The Broncos opened their season on Wednesday at home against the Exeter Blue Hawks. Alvirne fell in the first set 25-15 after keeping the score close early on before allowing Exeter to go on a 18-8 run to pull away in the first set.

After having a chance to regroup, Alvirne fell behind 9-5 in the second set before

being able to roar back and even the set at 10-10. The Broncos would even manage to take an 18-17 lead after some back and forth, but ultimately fell 25-18 in the second frame.

In their third set, Alvirne and Exeter battled one another with the Broncos just looking to keep their match alive despite a lack of giving in from the Blue Devils. The Blue Devils ultimately came away with a 26-24 win after needing to overcome a win-by-two format.

The Broncos were given no time to let the loss sink in, however, as they were

sent on the road to take on Salem at Salem High on Thursday, where they also lost in straight sets to the Blue Devils.

In the first set of the night, Alvirne fell behind early, allowing Salem to jump out to a set point with a 24-11 lead, giving them a near-zero chance at falling in the first set. The Broncos were able to put together a mini-rally but ultimately fell 25-15 in the match's first set.

In the second set, Alvirne found themselves ahead 8-7 after outside hitter Victoria Suppa's kill gave the Broncos the lead.

Despite battling for the remainder of the second set, Alvirne fell 25-20 in the set, getting closer still to a set win, but falling just short.

In the match's third and final set, Alvirne had a 15-11 lead at one point before allowing Salem to go on a 9-5 run to tie the set at 20-20. Alvirne got as close as 24-22, but was unable to pick up a few extra points, as they fell in the third straight set 25-22.

This week, Alvirne will return home to take on Winnacunnet (1-1) on Monday and then take on Merrimack (2-0) on Wednesday night, also at home.

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# NH Launches Statewide Firefighting Foam Take Back Program

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The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), in partnership with the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal, has launched a statewide initiative to destroy hazardous per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in firefighting foam.

During an event at the New Hampshire Fire Academy's Aircraft Rescue Training Facility in Concord today, NHDES Commissioner Bob Scott announced details of the new Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Take Back Program. AFFF is primarily used by fire departments to smother flammable liquid fires, but its high concentrations of PFAS compounds resist typical environmental degradation processes and cause long-term contamination of water, soil and air. The ban on the use of these "legacy foams" is possible because there are now PFAS-free foam alternatives available.

The AFFF Take Back Program is set up to remove and properly dispose of AFFF from New Hampshire fire departments, local governments, and government-owned airports.

NHDES has contracted with Revive Environmental Technology (Revive) to administer the collection and destruction of AFFF in the state. Following collection of the foam, Revive will consolidate the containers and ship them to its Columbus, Ohio, facility, where the foam will be treated with Revive's PFAS Annihilator® technology, originally developed by Battelle, which uses supercritical water oxidation (SCWO) to destroy the PFAS chemicals without generating harmful PFAS byproducts or transferring the PFAS elsewhere in the process. It is estimated that the Take Back Program will remove and properly treat and dispose of more than 10,000 gallons of AFFF collected from over 100 fire departments.

"The State of New Hampshire has made great strides in reducing environmental contamination and the public health risk to New Hampshire residents from traditional firefighting foam, and this Take Back Program is a major accomplishment in that mission," said NHDES Commissioner Bob Scott. "The ability to not only assist our fire departments and other facilities with the removal of their foam inventories, but to also find a disposal solution that fully destroys the PFAS is both a monumental and reassuring development."

New Hampshire Fire Marshal Sean Toomey said, "On behalf of the New Hampshire fire service, I would like to thank our Legislature, Governor and NHDES for bringing this initiative to fruition. In addition to the environmental impacts to our state, we have also learned of the negative health impacts to our firefighters and citizens.

We are pleased to partner with NHDES and our local fire departments to properly dispose of these PFAS foams in our state."

The Concord event on Tuesday is one of 10 collection events being held across the state in the month of August. A full list of dates and locations can be found on the program's webpage. The collection program is operated at no cost to local fire departments, but agencies must register their AFFF materials to be scheduled for collection on those dates. Funding for the program was appropriated by the New Hampshire Legislature to address PFAS contamination in our state.

In 2019, the New Hampshire Legislature directed NHDES under Senate Bill 257 to implement an AFFF Take Back Program to inventory, consolidate and dispose of municipal stocks of legacy AFFF. NHDES conducted an AFFF self-inventory initiative to catalog known

stores of legacy AFFF at municipal fire departments in June 2022. After due diligence of determining the best disposal option, the State of New Hampshire entered into contract with Revive in July 2023.

"The State of New Hampshire is setting the standard for responsible environmental stewardship by tackling the challenge of AFFF contamination head-on," said David Trueba, CEO of Revive. "By utilizing Revive's supercritical water oxidation technology to mineralize PFAS with no harmful byproducts, New Hampshire is not moving the problem but instead eliminating future environmental contamination and liability. This is a groundbreaking step in safeguarding public health and the environment in the state."

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT) Director Ted Kitchens, A.A.E., spoke on Tuesday about the airport's participation in the Take Back Program.

Kitchens said that while the FAA doesn't currently require airports like MHT to transition to the new foam, the airport is taking the initiative to switch over now in order to be a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly airport.

"Manchester-Boston Regional Airport is proud to be partnering with the State on their AFFF Take Back Program," said Kitchens. "We've delivered about 720 gallons of AFFF to the State and are excited to continue exploring initiatives to become even more sustainable. We appreciate the State including airports in their take back program."

New Hampshire's AFFF Take Back Program is open to all New Hampshire fire departments, local governments, and government-owned airports. It is not open to private entities. If you have a question about eligibility, feel free to contact NHDES at (603) 271-6424 or [andrew.m.gould@des.nh.gov](mailto:andrew.m.gould@des.nh.gov).

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## Fire Prevention Open House

On Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Hudson Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Open House at Leonard A. Smith Library St., Hudson, NH. Come and learn about this year's Fire Prevention Week Campaign "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!". There will be loads of family friendly events including Touch a Truck, EMS Exhibits, Station Tours, Live Demos, Meet Smokey the Bear, and much more. Questions? Please contact Erika LaRiviere at 603-816-3248 or [elariviere@hudsonnh.gov](mailto:elariviere@hudsonnh.gov)

## Explore Girl Scouts

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Shine bright with Girl Scouts and discover a whole new world of possibilities. Come explore Girl Scouts on Wednesday, Sept. 18, both from 6 - 7 p.m. at Hudson Memorial School, 1 Memorial Dr., Hudson. RSVP to 888-474-9686 or [customer-care@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:customer-care@girlscoutsgwm.org) - or just drop in. Girls in grades K-3 and a caregiver are invited to learn about opportunities to get involved in your community. Try out sample activities and see the many ways to get involved in Girl Scouts while having a fun family evening. Walk-ins are welcome. Join Girl Scouts. See [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org)

## High Holy Day Services

Rosh Hashanah begins on

Oct. 2, Etz Hayim Synagogue invites the public to their High Holy Day Services. To view the complete High Holy Day service schedule, please visit [www.etzhayim.org/pray/holiday-services](http://www.etzhayim.org/pray/holiday-services). To attend remotely, please contact the office at [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) or call 603-432-0004 to register and obtain the Zoom link.

## Benson's Family Fun Day

The "Friends of Benson's Family Fun Day!" is set for Saturday, Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Benson Park. Fun for all ages! Music, free games and prizes, face painting, balloon twisting, petting zoo, sidewalk magic, and a nursery rhymes book walk at The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe attraction, and more! Any questions? Go to

[friendsofbensonpark.org](http://friendsofbensonpark.org) or [facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark](https://facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark). Or, if you are in the park on Saturday or Sunday between the hours of noon - 4 p.m. visit the park store to chat with the Friends of Benson Park volunteers.

## Retiree Day Luncheon

The NH Army National Guard (NHARNG) will hold its 15th Annual Retiree Day Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 19. Retirees who have not attended prior luncheons or have relocated are urged to contact Command Sergeant Major (Ret) David Follansbee via e-mail: [dave\\_follansbee@comcast.net](mailto:dave_follansbee@comcast.net) or (603) 623-7757. Please RSVP no later than Sept. 13. This year's luncheon will be at the Joint Force Headquarters building on the State Military Reservation in Concord and will feature a briefing on the current status of the NHARNG as well as exhibits and displays of interest to retirees. A group photo is also planned. The luncheon fee is \$5 at the door.

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dun-

geons & Dragons players? Come and grab a donut at Rogers Library on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

## Food Pantry fundraiser

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

## Teen Hangout

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., Teens are invited to relax the Rogers Library teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available.

## Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m., come and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork,

embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams at the Rogers Library.

## Outdoor Storytime

On Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m., come to Rogers Library for stories, songs, and bubbles on the library lawn.

## Mystery Lovers Book Club

On Monday, Sept 16 at 1 p.m., come to this Rogers Library Book Club. This month's book pick is "The Other Woman" by Hank Phillippi Ryan.

## Planning Disney Vacation

On Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m., join Katie Midgley to learn some tips and tricks to help you navigate your Disney vacation at the Rogers Library.

## Apple Boats

Can you use an apple to make a boat that will float? Find out on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m., at the Rogers Library. For grades K-4 and

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## Crime & Cookies

True Crime Podcast Club at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. This month will discuss "BOOTH" from Infamous America.

## Characters & Cocoa

On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m., Rogers Library will hold its a monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshopping.

## Tween Disney Trivia

On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m., Grades 4-8 are invited to join Ms. Maggie at the Rogers Library to test their knowledge of Disney songs, characters, and movies. Prizes awarded. Snacks served.

## Veterans Picnic

Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 will host its 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic for All NH veterans and their families at the Hudson VFW, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event is open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military. Veterans don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion, or any other veterans' organization to attend. This is just a recognition of service and an opportunity to meet fellow Veterans. Vets are encouraged to bring their spouses, kids, and grandkids. There is a large fenced-in picnic area

(weather permitting) and a large hall if the weather is bad. There will be horse-shoes, bocce, and corn hole games, plus games and activities for the kids. New this year, at noon there will be a Cornhole Tournament with a prize for the winner. Veterans are automatically entered in a drawing for free door prizes! Various Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) will be on hand to distribute information and speak with Veterans about the services they offer.

## Apple Party

On Sept. 20 and 21 at 10 a.m., explore apple themed learning centers with your preschooler at Rogers Library. For ages 2-6. This is a drop in event.

## Tween Escape Room

On Monday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for an Escape Room.

## Pajama Storytime

On Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rogers Library in your pajamas and enjoy songs and stories for the whole family with Miss Tanya.

## Family Pokemon Go

On Thursday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m., join Ms. Maggie to locate and capture Pokemon in Benson Park.

## Cookbook Club

Prepare a recipe from this month's topic, then engage with others about your recipe adventures on Monday, Sept. 30 at 11:30 a.m., at Rogers Library. This month's cookbook is "Modern Comfort Food: a Barefoot Contessa"

Cookbook by Ina Garten .

## Read 'Em & Eat

On Monday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., come to T-Bones to discuss books over good food and drinks. September's book is "The Maid" by Nita Prose.

## Watercolor Frog Painting

On Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., students in grades K-4 are invited to join Ms. Marissa at Rogers Library for a guided paint-along of a frog.

## Preschool Parade on Wheels

On Friday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m., bring your bike, scooter, wagon, or stroller for a parade at the Rogers Library. Helmets required for bikes and scooters.

## Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rogers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

## Preschool Water Play

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

## Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park on the third Saturday of each month to make the beautiful park even more beautiful! Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools

are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. Great people. Great fun. Great exercise. Lunch provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

## Buy-A-Brick

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

## Dino the Therapy Dog

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

## Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

## A Good Yarn

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

Bring your own supplies and stitch the evening away.

## Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

## Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (except Sept. 4) there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

## PFOA Water Test

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## 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.

## Laptop Donation Program

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