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Hanging Out Nicholas Hudlin enjoyed his time hanging out in the gorilla cage at Benson Park during the annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 26. The yearly event gets the community out to see what the park has to offer. See more photos pages 8 and 9.

Town Inspects Hills Memorial Building for its Potential Use

HUDSON TIMES

For the first time, the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees held their September meeting in a new location, following their recent decision to step back from active management of the Hills Memorial Library building and transfer over-

sight to the Town of Hudson. The transition officially took effect back on Sept. 1, however the details of how the building will be managed are still yet to be finalized.

Library Trustee Chair Karen Bohrer and Library Director Linda Pilla recently met with Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson to clarify the building's status and share historical documentation.

'Roy was given documents and meeting minutes from when Hills was given to the town, information compiled on expenses, and anything we had on that," explained Bohrer. "Roy

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Town Adminstrator Decides to Reorganizes Department

HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the board reviewed a proposal to reorganize the Land Use Department.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, who has been with the Town for roughly seven months, said, "I've obviously identified some areas that might need changes or improvement."

"One might say, 'Well, it's awfully quick to do that after only seven months," Sorenson acknowledged. "I think it's fair to say that I've spent a significant amount of time observing and talking with staff."

Sorenson explained that

one concern he identified ciate Planner (added a couwas the lack of dedicated attention to each division, especially when the department was without a Town Planner.

"I can't dedicate 100% of my time to give them the leadership they deserve," he

To address this, Sorenson proposed restructuring the department. Currently, the Land Use Department consists of three divisions: Engineering, Planning, and Zoning.

- Engineering includes Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, an administrative aide, and a civil engineer.
- Planning includes the Town Planner, an Administrative Aide II, and an Asso-

ple of years ago).

• Zoning includes a Zoning Administrator, an Administrative Aide II, and the Associate Planner, who also assists the Planning division.

Sorenson proposed creating a new Director position and renaming the department to the Development Services Department, establishing a horizontal structure across Engineering, Planning, and Zoning.

The new director would be responsible for enforcing collaboration across divisions and encouraging staff to work together on shared initiatives.

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Selectmen Accept Over \$1.1 M in State Funds for Bridge Project

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

During its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to formally accept unanticipated state funds for the Melendy Road Bridge replacement project.

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima explained that the Board originally approved the design and permitting phase of the bridge replacement in January 2023.

"That basically initiated the Board of Selectmen to have a shovel-ready project in case a great opportunity came along," Dhima said.

In October 2023, Hud-Government Advisory Commission on Intermodal to the state's 10-Year Plan.

"At that meeting, we made our case that this should be on the 10-Year Plan," Dhima said. "The town had the design done, the right-of-way was in progress, and all permitting - including the NEPA permit - was in place."

Dhima noted in a memo to the Board that Hudson took a proactive approach by using State Bridge Aid and ARPA funds to complete the design, permitting, and right-of-way acquisition without initial state assistance.

"The intent was to son presented its case to the establish a shovel-ready project that could qualify for state participation under Transportation, advocating an 80/20 cost split for the

for the project to be added construction phase," he

On January 26, 2024, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) notified the town that the project had been added to the state's 10-Year Plan and would be funded under the 80/20 cost share.

Hudson entered into an agreement with NHDOT (Project 44653) on March 28, 2024. During budget preparation, the town posted a warrant article for \$100,000 to move the project forward. Ideally, Dhima said, the article would have covered the full local share of \$1,448,866.65, but the state agreement had not yet been finalized.

> "To date, we have continued on page 3

Warrant Article Could Be Needed to Balance HCTV Budget

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

At its latest meeting, the Hudson Cable Utilities Advisory Committee discussed potential solutions to a projected budget shortfall for Hudson Community Television (HCTV), including the possibility of a warrant article to adjust funding

allocations

"For some background for those who might not be familiar with this department, HCTV is funded with money collected through franchise fees, which cable TV subscribers in Hudson pay," explained Committee Chair Mike O'Keefe. "A number of years ago, there

was a warrant article that directed 80% of the annual Comcast franchise fees to HCTV and the Community Media Department. The remaining 20% goes to the town's general fund."

This funding model, once reliable, has not kept pace with the rise of streaming services and the steady decline in cable subscriptions. Meanwhile, HCTV's operational costs have continued to rise.

"In light of declining revenues and increasing costs, one of the areas we've been exploring is whether that percentage can be adjusted to give a greater share - or even all - of the franchise fees to HCTV," said O'Keefe. "Since the current split was established by a warrant article, changing it would require another warrant article approved by voters."

HCTV Director Mike Johnson is leading the effort to identify cost-saving measures and new revenue sources to close the gap.

"As of August 22, we have \$138,000 in our revolving fund," Johnson reported. "This money is used for equipment and to offset deficits. I'm projecting a continued, steady decline in revenue, espe-

cially for FY '27. I anticipate we'll receive about \$283,000 that year, while expenses will continue to rise due to union contracts, equipment upgrades, and utilities. We'll need to keep dipping into the revolving fund. This year, I'm forecasting a small deficit."

Johnson noted a temporary revenue increase in 2024 due to an update in the franchise fee percentage, but said it likely won't be enough to offset rising costs. Other ideas, such as an underwriting sponsorship program, were discussed but considered short-term fixes.

He argued that a warrant article granting HCTV 100% of the franchise fee could eliminate the deficit through at least 2027.

"It's not a permanent fix, but it would allow us to get through next year," Johnson said. "We'd still have money available in the revolving fund. It's a tough situation, and I've said this before - it's something the whole industry is going through right now."

Even so, Johnson acknowledged that the warrant article would be a temporary solution. A long-term fix may require changes to state or federal law to allow franchise fees to be collected from streaming or internet subscriptions.

"Is this something the Budget Committee should be made aware of?" asked Cable Utilities Vice-Chair Stewart Kroner.

Johnson confirmed that it would be part of the budget discussions in the coming months.

The Hudson Cable Utilities Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, October 13, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

Reorganizes

Continued from page 1 positions, Sorenson said the changes would be internal. For example, Dhima would be elevated to a department head-level position.

"We're going to elevate him to a department head level, which I believe he has essentially served in for years, though not in title," Sorenson said. "His productivity and leadership have been evident over the past decade."

The administrative aide in Engineering would be elevated to a Business

Administrator role.

The Associate Planner would remain under Planning but continue supporting Zoning. The Zoning Administrator's role would remain unchanged, while the administrative aide in Zoning would support both Planning and Zoning.

Sorenson also noted that the currently vacant Administrative Aide II positions would not be filled at this time.

"Who would pick up the slack there?" Sorenson said. "That's something I'll work on with the team to identify gaps and solutions."

He added that during budget season, the town may see a proposal for a full-time GIS Coordinator position.

The Board of Select-

men approved the reorganization proposal and directed Sorenson to communicate with all affected employees, finalize job titles, descriptions, and salaries, and coordinate with the respective collective bargaining units.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

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School Board Reviews the Districts Investment Policy

The Hudson School Board reviewed a proposed update to its investment policy, which outlines how the district manages and safeguards public funds.

According to the draft, the policy "establishes a framework for the safe and prudent investment of public funds," and is intended to provide clear guidance for daily investment activities. It also aims to improve consistency, define accountability, and ensure compliance with applicable laws.

The policy applies to all

financial assets held by the treasurer of the Hudson School District. These funds are accounted for in the district's annual audited financial reports and include:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue
 - Capital Project Funds
- Any new funds created by the school district, unless specifically exempted by the governing body in accordance with the law.

The policy further states that it governs all transactions involving the financial assets and related activities of these funds.

A key section of the 383:22), and deposits or ployees must avoid personal policy outlines the district's investment objectives:

- Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal
- Maintaining liquidity to meet operating require-
- Compliance with legal requirements
- Achieving a marketaverage rate of return, considering risk, legal constraints, and cash flow
- Limiting investments to U.S. government obligations, the public deposit investment pool (RSA

certificates of deposit in solvent banks recognized by the State Treasurer (RSA

Under the "prudence" section, the policy states that investments will be made according to the "prudent person" standard. This means decisions must be made with judgment and care, not for speculation, but with a focus on the safety of capital and expected income.

It also includes ethical guidelines for those involved in the investment process. Officers and em-

business activities that could conflict with their duties or impair their objectivity. They are required to disclose any significant financial interests in institutions doing business with the district, as well as any large personal investments that could relate to the district's portfolio. Personal investment transactions must be subordinate to those of the district, particularly in terms of timing.

The policy also addresses performance evaluation. It requires that any institution conducting investment activity for the district provide routine reports and documentation. These reports must allow for accurate evaluation of the investment program's performance in relation to its objectives and help identify areas for improvement.

Finally, the policy mandates an annual review by the School Board, with updates made as needed and re-adoption by the governing body.

The School Board moved the proposed policy to a second reading without suggesting any changes.

Sudson Cable Utilities nittee Prepares Charter

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The Hudson Cable Utilities Advisory Committee convened on September 8 to discuss revisions to its charter, aiming to clarify its role and improve operational consistency. HCTV Director Mike Johnson presented a rough draft of the proposed charter for review.

"I've forwarded it around to the rest of the committee to review," said Chair Mike O'Keefe. "It's relatively straightforward and simple. It describes what we do as an advisory committee. We don't have authority over anything, but we advise Mike, his department, and the Board of Selectmen."

Committee members offered several suggestions, including one from Len Segal, who raised concerns about the frequency of meetings.

"Since I've been on this committee, we've probably had no more than two meetings per year," Segal noted. "This draft says four meetings per year, and that just doesn't happen."

Segal recommended specifying a consistent meeting schedule. After discussion, members agreed to meet on the second Monday of the month "as needed," without committing to a fixed number of meetings

"It's changed over time," O'Keefe acknowledged. "We used to meet monthly, and this committee was more significant before the town established an actual Community Media Department. We had a lot more input and direction."

He added that meetings are now less frequent due to reduced demand and ongoing vacancies, which have made it difficult to reach a quorum.

"I've had this problem before, where we ended up with not enough people coming to the meetings, and not enough people on the committee," Segal said.

Another key suggestion was to use the charter to define the committee's long-term goals.

"Something our department needs to do - and we've done it internally - is develop a long-term strategic plan for HCTV," said Johnson. "That's something I think this board can really assist us in. If you have any ideas or suggestions to add to the charter's 'purpose' section, I'd be happy to include them."

O'Keefe confirmed that members would review the draft and bring proposals to the next meeting.

Despite staffing challenges and the unfinished charter, Johnson reported a son also highlighted coverproductive summer for HCTV.

"I'm pleased to report that we're at full staff, which consists of myself and two full-time production coordinators. We're also fully staffed with parttime videographers to cover meetings and help with sporting events," Johnson said. "It's all very good news on that front."

One of HCTV's major projects included a collaboration with the Town Hall Advisory Committee to produce a walkthrough video of Town Hall. John-

age of events with the Fire Department, including their recruit school graduation and smoke/fire training at the Nashua compound.

"We continue to work with the Rodgers Memorial Library and will be doing a final Benson's hike video with them," he added.

HCTV remains active in townwide events, including Old Home Day, National Night Out, school functions, and work with independent creators.

"We're going to be continuing community outreach," Johnson said.

Bridge Project

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received \$837,390,20 and have been advised to officially accept the full unanticipated allocation of state

funds to ensure proper recordkeeping," Dhima wrote.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting the remaining unanticipated funds in the amount of \$1,159,093.32, representing 80% of the total project cost allocation.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for October 14 at 7 p.m.





Editorial

Celebrating Community and Preparedness: Fire Department Open House

Fire Prevention Week is just around the corner - October 5 to 11 - and this year's theme is especially timely: "Charge into Fire SafetyTM: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." Sponsored by the National Protection Association (NFPA), the campaign highlights the risks tied to lithium-ion batteries, which power everything from smartphones and laptops to e-scooters and power tools.

October is typically filled with open houses and community events hosted by local fire departments. The message is simple but vital: fire safety is a year-round responsibility. Lithium-ion batteries are useful, but when mishandled they can spark dangerous fires. The NFPA is urging everyone to understand the risks - and how to prevent them.

This fall, both Hudson and Londonderry are inviting residents to connect with their firefighters during annual Open Houses - an opportunity to learn, engage, and show appreciation.

The Hudson Fire Department will host its Open House on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families can tour the station, meet firefighters, explore fire trucks, and enjoy demonstrations designed to educate and

inspire.

The Londonderry Fire Department follows with its Open House on Saturday, October 25, 2025, also from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature hands-on activities, fire prevention tips, and insights into emergency response - especially relevant amid New Hampshire's drought and heightened fire risk.

These events are more than fun they remind us of the vital role our fire departments play in keeping towns safe. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the area, it's a chance to ask questions, learn safety practices, and thank the men and women who serve with courage.

A few key reminders: make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 911; test your smoke alarms; review your escape plan; and learn how to properly handle lithium-ion batteries. Fires can double in size every 30 seconds - prevention is critical.

As the saying goes, firefighters run into burning buildings while everyone else is running out. Let's honor them by taking fire safety seriously - not just in October, but all year long.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org.

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The Friends of the Library is pleased to offer a unique way to honor loved ones or important people in your life, acknowledge special occasions or simply leave a lasting connection to Hudson. Buy-a-Brick Program is the answer to anyone struggling to find the right gift to honor a special person and support the library. Your brick purchase of 2 lines for \$55 or 3 lines for \$80 is engraved with

installed on the beautiful library walkways.

The campaign has been an ongoing success with installation of new bricks twice a year. Reading the messages on the bricks provides a very human history of Library support. The message on your brick memorializes your special person's history in Hudson and supports library sponsored activities and community programs like passes for New England enrich-

your perfect message and ment activities, entertainment locations and scholarships.

> Your brick is sharing the person's legacy with the community for all time. Hollywood may have Grauman's Chinese Theater, but Hudson has the RML Memorial Brick Walkway and is just as meaningful.

Please consider buying a brick for the beautiful library walkway. Your support is appreciated.

Selectmen Approve Their Meeting Schedule for 2026

HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved the proposed meeting schedule for 2026 during their most recent meeting, with adjustments made to accommodate upcoming elections and seasonal changes.

"The following dates are presented for the Board's consideration and approval as the proposed meeting schedule 2026," wrote Town Administrator Roy Sorenson in a memo. "Workshops, if necessary, are typically held on the first Tuesday of each month, and regular meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday, unless otherwise noted."

Sorenson explained that elections scheduled for March, September, and November would impact the meeting calendar.

"Elections will dictate the months of March, September, and November," he said there have been dis-

For example, the first March meeting is scheduled for March 3 - the first Tuesday of the month - due to the Town Election. Sorenson acknowledged that the election cycle adds complexity to the scheduling process.

"It's a little more dynamic and maybe complex given the elections," he said during the meeting.

In September, the first meeting will be held on September 1 to avoid conflict with the State Primary Election. However, Sorenson cautioned that election-related changes could affect meetings as early as

"It is noted that the September Primary Election and/or September 8th is subject to change and may affect dates in June through September," he wrote.

Board Chair Dillon a portion of the schedule in Dumont, who also serves as a State Representative,

cussions about potentially moving primary and town election dates, though no decisions have been finalized

"I don't see anything changing, but there's still a lot of talk about it," Dumont said. "If something does change, we have the option in the schedule to move things around."

Another proposed change involves the summer schedule. Sorenson recommended holding only one meeting in July unless additional business arises.

"There is only one meeting recommended for July, with a workshop date of July 14," Sorenson wrote. "If there is business needed in early July, the July 14 date could be a regular meeting."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the 2026 meeting schedule.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for October 14 at 7 p.m.

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Veterans Grave Stone Replaced at Blodgett Cemetery





Members of the VFW Post 5791 organized a small service on Saturday morning, Sept. 20, at the Blodgett Cemetery to honor Corp. John Pollard Jr., a soldier of the American Revolution. Pollard lived from Nov. 20 to Dec. 17 1827 and his headstone had disappeared recently. Speakers included Post Commander Chuck Chapman, VFW Member and Cemetery Trustee Dan Barthelemy Christina Madden and Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson. Each spoke briefly with Barthelemy starting by thanking the VFW Post for donating the new headstone that took the place of the one that had gone missing. Chapman asked for a moment of silence and reiterated his praise for the post's generous donation which Madden helped to facilitate. Sorenson commended the Cemetery Trustees for the care they take in helping those residents who have passed and preserving their memory. Madden explained how they had discovered that the missing grave marker during her work with the Wreaths Across America program. Barthelemy fished the ceremony by reading from Kimball Webster's "History of Hudson, NH"

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Selectmen Greenlight Cupola Transport with \$10K Equipment Donation

HUDSON TIMES

Selectmen unanimously approved a generous donation to support the transportation of the historic Haselton during a previous meeting, Barn cupola - marking a significant step in preserving one of the town's cherished landmarks.

"The Haselton Barn, a notable historic structure in Town, was originally constructed with a decorative cupola that added both character and architectural interest," Hudson Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board. "Due to roof and structural concerns, the cupola was removed over ten years ago

the property. Since then, the The Hudson Board of cupola has deteriorated and is now in need of substantial restoration."

> Dhima explained that the Board approved a donation from a Hudson resident to restore the cupola.

> "Mr. Lavoe of Home Improvements in Hudson, NH, has generously offered to repair and restore the cupola at no cost to the Town," Dhima wrote.

> The only remaining challenge was transporting the cupola for restoration.

> "As you recall in the last meeting, we had Mr. Lavoie come forward and undertake this massive project,

for is help with transportation," Dhima said. reached out to S.L. Chasse, Mr. Steve Chasse, and as always, he's just been a great asset for the town."

To formally accept the transportation donation, the Board held a public hearing during the meeting.

"In addition, Steve Chasse, owner of SL Chasse Steel, has offered to support this project by providing a crane and associated equipment to safely move the cupola - a donation valued at \$10,000," Dhima explained.

One concern raised during the meeting was the future of the barn itself.

and relocated elsewhere on and the only thing he asked Dhima noted that the Town cupola. Staff were also sincere gratitude for these is considering placing a authorized to coordinate contributions, which reflect capital reserve fund on the March ballot.

> "There's something very good in the works," Dhima said. "I think you're going to see it in the budget. We're going to move forward with a capital reserve fund for Haselton Barn for \$25,000 a year. Hopefully the taxpayers feel like that's a good start."

Following the public hearing, the Board unanimously approved accepting the \$10,000 donation, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, in labor and equipment from S.L. Chasse Steel of Hudson, NH, for the transportation of the Haselton Barn and assist with the project.

munity's support.

"The Town extends its

a strong commitment to Dhima expressed his preserving our heritage and appreciation for the com- community pride," Dhima wrote.

> **OBITUARY** James A. Limpert



James A. Limpert, "Jim", of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Sept. 13, 2025, at the age of 81, at home with his loved ones. Born and raised in St. Louis, MO, he was the eldest of eight children born to Alovsius P. Limpert and Evelyn A. (Fehr) Limpert. He joined the

Marines at age 18, where he met his wife, Susan J. (Langlois) Limpert. They shared 59 years of marriage until her passing on Jan. 14, 2025. Jim said every day that he missed her deeply.

After a brief period in civilian life, Jim re-enlisted in the Army, serving from 1971 until his retirement in 1986 in various roles including military police, recruiter, and nurse recruiter. He often spoke of being on the last "official" flight out of Saigon during the Vietnam War, where he served as protection for a General. Following his military retirement, he worked in automobile and boat sales and finance before joining the US Postal Service, where he remained until health issues forced his retirement in 2001. He was an avid reader, loved old movies and shows. He would answer trivia questions faster than the contestants on Jeopardy and will be sorely missed during our Christmas eve trivia game. He taught us to work hard, that ten minutes early is on time, and to show up. He would show up for all the grandchildren sporting events, concerts, shows, special friends day at school in a full suit none the less, to check in on a Saturday morning on his way to the dump, to fix something for you, to help you move in or move out, and even when its move out day at college and the sliding door of the mini van falls off.

Jim considered his greatest accomplishments to be his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In his later years, he lovingly cared for his wife at home while she battled Alzheimer's disease, keeping his promise to her. He often said he had lived a good life.

The family extends their gratitude to the Veterans Administration and Pathways for enabling them to care for Jim at home during his final weeks.

Jim is survived by his children: Renee Lubinski and her husband William of Hudson, NH; and Rhonda L. Woods and her husband Stephen of New Milford, CT.

He adored his six grandchildren and relished his title as Grumpy Grampy: Caitlyn Jussaume and her husband Steven of Litchfield, NH; Zachary Lubinski and his fiancé Kelly Mahoney of Salem, NH; Savannah Woods and her fiancé Chris Fulcher of Las Vegas, NV (Savannah shared her birthday with her grandfather); Matthew Lubinski of South Boston, MA: Connor Woods and his partner Emilia Macri of Hamden, CT; and Sierra Woods of New Milford, CT.

He is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Finnley Jussaume and Tessa Jussaume, and beloved family pets: Molly and Buddie, along with furry grand puppies Kiera Woods, Sven Jussaume, and Clarke Griswold Mahoney-Lubinski.

Additional survivors include his siblings: Gerald and his wife Christine (Mills) Limpert; Duane Limpert; Aloysius Limpert and partner Carla; and sister Charlotte Wampler and her husband Darryl. He is also survived by brother-in-law (retired) Lieutenant Colonel James Langlois; brother-in-law Joseph Sabadosa; and sister-in-law Sue Langlois, along with many nieces and nephews.

Jim was predeceased by his parents; siblings Jack Limpert, Ricky Limpert and Dicky Limpert; sister-in-law Janice Limpert; sister-in-law Nancy Sabadosa; brothers-in-law David Langlois and Robert Langlois and his wife Brigette; and nephew D.J. Limpert, Jr.

Services will be held at the chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at noon at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any Veterans support organization.

To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

BOS Discusses Planning Board Public Input

ALEX MALM **HUDSON TIMES**

Public participation in Planning Board meetings was a key topic during liaison reports at the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, as officials discussed a new approach to public input for non-agenda items.

"We're going to be doing a public input section for non-agenda items during the meeting. We're trying it out, seeing how it goes," explained Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd, who also serves as liaison to the Planning Board

Board Chair Dillon Dumont asked Guessferd for clarification on the change,

specifically whether each case would still have its own public hearing and if the new input section would be limited to items not on the agenda.

that the new format is intended for general planning-related comments not specific site plans, subdivision proposals, or other formal cases.

"It has nothing to do with specific plans, or specific site plans, or subdivision plans, or anything like that," he said. He added that the Planning Board chair would have discretion to manage comments and address anything deemed inappropriate for the meet-

Dumont raised a concern about how the chair would determine the relevance of comments before speakers begin.

"I don't know exactly, Guessferd confirmed but I'm certain that he probably will," Guessferd responded. "He was very clear that... it was going to be very much regulated. But the idea was to balance the desire of the citizens to get some public input for planning, and the needs of the board to maintain its, essentially, rules of propriety with regard to cases."

> While Dumont said he doesn't view the idea as inherently bad, he expressed skepticism about how it will be implemented - particularly in educating the

public about the existing public hearing process.

"I'm a little skeptical of it because I don't know - I don't think it's a bad idea," Dumont said. "I think that the hard part is just trying to educate the people that the topics the Planning Board has control over typically all have a public hearing."

Selectman Heidi Jakoby voiced support for the initiative

"Thank you, because there's been a lot of public asking me about this," Jakoby said. "So, thank you for addressing it. And if it doesn't work, then we have an answer that it was tried and it didn't work. And that's a valid answer."





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Planning Approves Subdivision for St. Gianna's Shelter and St. John XXXIII Parish

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The Planning Board met on Sept. 10 to hear a presentation for St. John XXXIII Parish's two-lot subdivision plan at 23-27 Library Street. Land Surveyor Joe Wichert and Robert Eib, Director of Real Estate for the Diocese of Manchester. attended the meeting to present the proposal.

"The proposal is relatively straightforward, but it's a little unique," explained Wichert. "The church is in the middle, and on the south side is St. Gianna's Shelter. The church has been used since the late '40s/early '50s, and back in 2018, St. Gianna's came to the town and got the zoning opinion they could change use to the shelter it's currently used for. The town provided the opinion that it was an acceptable change of use, and that's been at the property since that time. All three uses have existed, so currently, as opposed to renting or leasing the space from the Diocese, St. Gianna's is going to purchase the property that the building is on."

The application would split the parcel between the shelter and the church/rectory. No physical changes were proposed on the property, although waivers were requested for lighting and stormwater erosion control. Engineering firm Fuss & O'Neill reviewed the site and found "no significant issues," according to Town Liaison Jay Minkarah.

"There really was almost no engineering, so they really just looked at whether the site complied with the subdivision requirements for the lots," said Minkarah.

Eib described St. Gianna's as "an organization that provides housing for pregnant women or women with young children who have no place to live."

Board members had a few questions.

"There's an existing driveway here that looks like it's used as a walkway, though it's listed as a driveway, right next to St. Gianna's. We just worked on a driveway regulation, and you can go within five feet of the property line at its closest. Do you know if this is five feet or more?" asked Board member James Crowley. "I just want to get everything on the record so it doesn't come back in the future."

Wichert stated that most of the driveway was far enough away and offered to ask for a third

"Do we know why the zoning compliance table wasn't required on the plan?" asked Board member Victor Oates. "It's in the town code - usually it's

attached to the plan."

Minkarah was entirely sure why the zoning requirements were not included in the subdivision plan but noted that the proposal was a "new animal," as it only involved a subdivision without any new construction

"There is nothing new, in terms of usage," said Minkarah.

As the building is a church - one that would continue to share parking with the shelter following the

subdivision - it was also unclear whether the plan would violate any parking or setback requirements. Zoning requirements cannot normally be applied to things related to "religious use."

"Is St. Gianna's going to be affiliated religiously if it already has the religious exemption on it now as part of the Diocese?" asked member Board Paquin. "Would the shelter continue to be a religious property?"

Eib indicated the shelter

would still have a "Catholic identity."

"It's not a ministry of the Diocese or the St. John XXXIII Parish. It's a separate Catholic ministry," said Eib. "You can say that it has a religious use."

The subdivision plan, along with its requested waivers, was unanimously approved by the Planning

The Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

Hills Memorial Building

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Sorenson, along with Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, is currently inspecting the historic building to identify any maintenance or regulatory issues that may

"Are there any sort of upcoming issues or leaking that could come up in the future?" asked Trustee Ali Rafievmehr.

Pilla reported that the inspections found the buildoverall, though the oil tank and boiler received particular attention.

"The tank is okay - it doesn't need to be inspected by New Hampshire Environmental Services because

of its size. It's a small. encapsulated tank," she said. "The condition of the tank is good, and they're going to continue to monitor it. The tank's legal status wasn't known before, but now it is. We are in compliance with the necessary legal requirements."

Despite the positive inspection results, Pilla acknowledged the building's age - it dates back to 1909 and noted that managing it has not always been easy.

"Every day it's a little ing to be in good condition less young than it was the day before," she said. "But from the inspections that have taken place recently, it's in good shape for what it's required to be."

> Town officials have begun discussing the feasi-

bility of upgrading the heating system and retrofitting the building for town meetings or as an extension of Town Hall.

"Of course, it's just conversation right now," said Pilla. "If it's something that's being explored, there are still many things that need to happen to make it a useful extension for Town Hall. I'm excited about the possibilities for Hills. I think this is the most optimistic I've been in several years - to hear that there's a thought that something

could move forward to make Hills continuously vital to the town. I'm really optimistic."

Under the current arrangement, the Library Trustees remain partially involved in the transition process. With budget season approaching, it remains unclear what the next steps will be or when they will

Bohrer expressed concern about how much time the Board of Selectmen will have to address the issue amid budget preparations.

OBITUARY



Richard A. Hebert, 84, formerly of Lowell, Mass., son of Arthur J. Hebert and Helen (Powers) Hebert, passed away peacefully at St. Joseph Hospital on Sept. 17, just short of his 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25. He graduated from Lowell, MA. Schools and Saunders

Electronics in Boston, MA. He served in the US Air Force, and had a 25 year career with Wang Laboratories as the 34th employee, and was Vice President of Worldwide Customer Engineering, with extensive travels. He then started his own company, Computer ServNet, based in Salem, NH and Concord, NH. He moved to Florida and received his Security licenses with Merrill Lynch. He ended his working career as a Certified Senior Financial Advisor in Florida.

He was dedicated to his family by spending every moment with his children such as skiing at Waterville Valley, boating on Lake Winnipesaukee, and enjoyed golf with his wife around the States.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Lorraine (Turcotte) Hebert and surviving family members of 4 children, Kimberly Beliveau LaPlante (husband-Trevor) of Concord, NH., Kenneth (wife-Tonja) Hebert of Weare, NH, Kelly Hebert and (partner Bob Hibbard) of Milford, NH., and Kevin Hebert of Hudson, NH; 6 grandchildren: Michael Mavrogeorge, Scott Beliveau, Deanna Beliveau, Amaris Hebert and Alex Hebert; and Joseph Rov: 6 great grandchildren.

A private family gathering was held at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson, NH. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in E. Chelmsford, MA, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name will be appreciated to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson, NH was in charge of arrangements.



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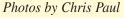








Benson Park was buzzing with activity on Saturday, Sept. 20, during the fifth annual Family Fun Day hosted by the Friends of Benson Park. Hudson Police and Fire were on hand as well as a number of businesses and civics groups. The Old Lady in the Shoe was home and welcoming visitors throughout the event as well as a petting zoo with a pig, a pony, goats, sheep, chickens and bunnies. Children were also able to get balloon creations, tattoos and face paintings. The yearly event gets members of the community out to see what the park has to offer. The main sponsors of the event were St. Joseph Hospital, Continental Paving, Inc. Enterprise Bank and the Hudson Lions Club. See more photos next page.





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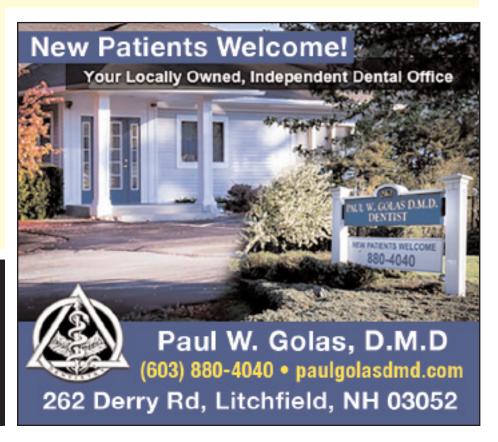
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HUDSON SPORTS

Ex-Coach Returns, Helps Deliver Broncos Third Defeat

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The Alvirine High School football squad is still searching for its first victory of the season after suffer its third straight loss to begin

coaching of the Broncos previous head coach.

The Broncos were looking to turn things around from their 0-2 start on FriHigh School Jaguars, who are now being led by Alvirne's former head coach Matt Lee.

Lee exited AHS after two years where he had helped to lead the Broncos to two consecutive postseason appearances during his short stay.

the Friday night contest at 0-2 and looking to put a mark up in the win column, had success in that goal, beating the Broncos 35-7.

Much like the loss in their first game of the season, fans had to wait until the fourth quarter to see the Broncos get into the endzone, thus saving themselves from a second consecutive shutout.

The Jaguars first touchdown of the night came early, at 9:30 in the first quarter, with a 20-yard pass into the endzone by the WHS quarterback Kevin

the year, this time the loss day night, Sept. 19, when Murphy, who had more was delivered through the they hosted the Windham than enough time to find his target.

> After a quick three-andout for the Broncos, Windham started its second drive of the night at mid-field where they marched down field to pay-dirt with just under four-minute left in the initial period.

With the visitor up 14-0, Both teams came into Alvirne didn't look to have much of an answer on either side if the ball.

Another three-and-out but it was the visitors that forced a punt deep in Broncos territory and gave Windham another great starting point from the Broncos 45-yard line.

> The Broncos only gave up 10-yards in the following drive, ending with a big fourth down sack by Alvirne's Braiden Venskus, getting the home fans back into the game.

> That enthusiasm was short-lived unfortunately, with the broncos forced to punt for the fourth time of the evening where the Jaguars marched to the Broncos 10-yard line where they fumbled the ball for the first time in the game, Alvirne was able to recover halfway through the second quarter.

The turnover only resulted in 10-yards in the following drive, when the Windham defense forced



Quarterback Ethan Dudley has accounted for both of the Broncos touchdowns this season.

another punt which was returned for a Jags touchdown that was erased by a holding penalty.

Three plays later, the Jaguars would cross the goal line again, this time with a 20-yard pass compleendzone for the 21-0 advantage with two-minute left in serve the Crimson Tide its the half.

After the half, Windham celebrated its fourth touchdown at the 10:28 mark in Central, but had a win the the third then tacked on a week before in Londonderfifth at 7:30.

The Broncos finally got Lancers 27-14.

on the board in the at 6:30 in the fourth period when quarterback Ethan Dudley got into the enzone on thirdand-six from the 18-yard line, keeping the snap and running it in.

The Broncos will travel tion that was carried into the to the state capital next week where the hope to third loss of the season.

> Concord is coming off a 7-13 loss to Manchester ry where they beat the



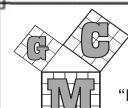
Quintin Tetreault making a tackle during the Friday

night game against Windham. Photos by Chris Paul

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Broncos Soccer Squads Battle But Each Suffer Defeats

The Alvirne High School Boys and Girls Soc-boys' at 2-4-1 and the girls' cer teams were not able to at 0-5-1.

come away with a win in the fourth week of the fall sports season, leaving the



Cassies Adams, left, makes a play for the ball Photos by Chris Paul agianst a BG opponents.

with just one tough opponent last week, facing the Bishop Guertin Cardinals on their home pitch on Friday, Sept. 18, where they

> The Cardinals led the game 3-0 by the half and dominated the pace of the game for much of the first 40 minutes.

> were handed their second

1-7 loss of the season.

The visitors took a 7-0 lead with 15-minutes left in the contest when Defensive captain Sam DaSilva was able to put the Broncos on the board.

DaSilva had a long kick from the 35-yard line mark on the field through traffic for the only AHS goal.

This was the fourth goal of the tough Bronco season where they have been outscored 28-4.

The Lady Broncos were

The Lady Broncos met scheduled to play at Concord against the Crimson Tide (1-7) on Monday followed by another home game on Thursday, Sept. 25 against Pinkerton Academy. The Astros currently stand at 6-0-1.

> The Alvirne boys' didn't fare much better last week. after starting the season with two consecutive victories the Broncos have tied one game followed by three consecutive losses.

> Last week's loss was also delivered by the Bishop Guertin Cardinals, a 1-8 loss in Nashua on Friday, Sept. 25.

> The Bronco boys' will face the Concord Crimson Tide (0-6) at home on Monday followed by a Thursday game in Derry against the 2-1-3 Pinkerton Academy Astros.



Captain Sam DaSilva had the only Broncos goal against the Cardinals last week at home.

Hudson Fish & Game Holds Annual Junior Rifle Clinic

The Hudson Fish and to fire. Additional range Junior Rifle Clinic on Sept. 3 and 4. Six youngsters were in attendance. The clinic is led by Certified Instructor/Coaches and are assisted by the junior members of the team.

The clinic started with introductions of the coaches, current members and a review of the HFG Junior Rifle Team's accomplishments. Shortly after that, there was a demonstration Olympic style Smallbore shooting that the team competes in, by members of the team: SB Standing: Amelia Daniels, SB Prone: Quinn Fauvel, SB Kneeling: Jack Daniels and AR Standing: Joey Dehney.

The focus of the clinic is on safety and marksmanship. The group of juniors were then given a presentation on the 3 rules of firearm safety... 1) keep the muzzle of the gun pointed in a safe direction... 2) keep the finger off of the trigger until ready to fire... and 3) keep the gun unloaded until read

Game Club held its annual rules that are practiced by the team were also presented. A presentation on basic marksmanship skills was given to the group. A primer on the types of targets they were shooting was given pointing out that in order to shoot a 10, they had to shoot a dot smaller than the head of a pin! Following that, all juniors were given a test to ensure that they understood the safety and range rules by taking a safety quiz.

The group of six took to (SB) and Air Rifle (AR) the range for some hands on live fire training from the coaches and team members. Parents/guardians joined everyone on the range to

observe their children getting formal marksmanship training.

On the second night of the clinic the focus shifted from mostly classroom training to live fire training. After a brief review of safety rules, the group continued fine tuning their rifles to shoot the center of the bullseye but this time shot on the SIUS electronic targets. The electronic target detects the sound of the bullet as it passes through the microphone sensors which when triangulate the shot center within tenths of a millimeter. Prizes for the match included medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.



Top shooter from the clinic match was 15 year old David Rivilis 357 and 6 X's. Second overall was 17 year old Katherine Rivilis with a score of 343 and 6 Third place was X's. Edward Courturier, 11 years old, with a score of 335 and 4 X's.

Also attending the clinic were Ethan Gelineau, Andrew Medbery, Nathaniel Norton.

The HFG Junior Rifle Team still has openings



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Merrimack Girl Scout Restores Retaining Wall at Benson Park





Over the past year, a Merrimack Girl Scout, Amy Campbell, has been working towards completing her Gold Award project at Benson Park. For her project, she chose to restore a crumbling retaining wall near Moose Pond and Swan Lake.

Amy had been made aware of the project through her church in Nashua, where a fellow parishioner informed her of the opportunity and that the wall had deteriorated over time. She saw the project as good way to help improve the look of the park while achieving her final badge of career with the girl scouts.

Amy is a senior at Merrimack High School and started the project back in July of 2024. She gathered information on rock wall building and researched ways to restore the wall. Construction began in June and July of this year.

She plans to be finished with the wall by Oct. 10. The Gold Award requires scouts to work a minimum of 80-hours on the project, which Amy has very nearly surpassed at this point.

Amy has been helped by her parents and her sister, Nora, who has assisted with laying the stone and cementing.

Photos by Chris Paul





American Legion Hudson Post 48 HOSTS A SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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Trivia

American Legion Post 48 will be hosting Trivia Saturday, Sept. 27 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.

Night Cribbage League

American Legion Post 48 is looking for teams or substitutes for its Tuesday Night Cribbage League which begins October 7. For more information, please call 603-889-9777.

Karaoke

American Legion Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, Oct. 17 from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole at 1 Ful-

ton St., for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. For more information, please call 603-889-

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

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.

Car Seat Check

Come get your child's car seat installation checked. The event will take place on Saturday Sept. 27, (National Seat Check Saturday) from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Londonderry Fire Rescue, South Fire Station, 17 Young Rd., Londonderry. No appointment is required. For more information, e-mail: cps@londonderrynhfire.gov or by materials. This event is free calling 603-432-1124

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.

Victorian Tea

On Sunday Dec. 7, from - 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 with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

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

and for adults only, materials will be provided, limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 28. Please email the Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of atten-

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 Hudson-Historical@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.

The Great Pumpkin Giveaway

On Sunday, Sept. 28, from noon - 3 p.m., at the New Life Christian Church 272 Lowell Rd., Hudson, there will be Petting Farm. Pallet Maze, Face Painting, Bounce House, Games, Playground, Free Hot Dogs, and Popcorn. Free pumpkins will be given to the first 300 children who come.

Wreaths Across America and Open House

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

Dungeons & Donuts

On Saturday, Oct. 4 and 18 at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rogers Library to play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut! All skill levels are welcome.

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On Wednesday, Oct. 1 at noon and 6:30 p.m., create a pumpkin using the Zentangle Method and a gold gel pen on black paper at the Rogers Library.

Rodgers Readers Book Club

On Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., the book "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhorn will be discussed at this Rogers Library club.

Mini Pumpkin Painting

On Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m., Families are invited to paint a mini pumpkin to take home at Rogers Library.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

On Monday, Oct. 6 at 12:30 p.m., the book "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone" by Benjamin Stevenson will be discussed at Rogers Library.

Spooky Slime

On Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m., make some icky, sticky, and spooky slime at Rogers Library. This is a program for families with children.

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.

Homeschool STEM

On Thursday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m., Homeschool students, ages 6-12 are invited to Rogers Library to build a pumpkin catapult from popsicle sticks and rubber bands.

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.

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.

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.

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 Espace 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+.

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.

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.

True Crime Podcast Club

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

Professional Headshot Mini Session

On Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m., Photographer Katie Wagner will be providing professional headshots in this mini-session at Rogers Registration Library. 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.

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.

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.

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 LOVE this Rogers Library puppet at Rogers Library. For group! This group will meet ages 8 and up.

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 for the complete schedule of services.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own 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 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 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 play-

Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

On Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., come to the Soho resturant to discuss Witchcraft For Wayward Girls" by Grady Hendrix.

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+.

"Feral and Hysterical"

Join the Rogers Library for this VIRTUAL conversation with @mother horror author Sadie Hartmann and our favorite horror book recommender, @redreadreviews on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7

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.

Tween Paint Chip Art & Chips

On Thursday, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m., kids in Grades 4-7 are invited to come to the Rogers Library to use paint chips to create art.

80s Board Game Bonanza

Drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at the Rogers Library on Saturday, Sept. 27 for a totally

tubular morning of classic 1980s board games.

Cookbook Club

This month's cookbook is Ingredients Mediterranean: Simple Incredible Food" by Jamie Oliver. The group will meet and share on Monday, Sept. 29 at 11:30 a.m., at the Rogers Library.

Anti-Profanity Leagues in the early 20th Century

Join UNH researcher Evan Christensen for a lively exploration of how Americans once tried to clean up "colorful" language at the Rogers Library on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

True Crime Podcast Club

This month's podcast is "The Case of Darlie Routier." The discussion will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

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

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.

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.

Movers & Shakers

Come Rodgers Memorial Library Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., (execpt 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.



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