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**SETTING UP FUN** Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 member Charlene Vance and her chihuahua “Shortie” sets up the Cornhole Tournament area during the annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic at the hall on Saturday. Rain brought the event indoors this year. More photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Issues Raised on Wetlands Slows Down Brox Expansion

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission reviewed the most recent proposal for Brox Industries proposal related to their ongoing plan to expand their Greeley Street quarry. There was ongoing confusion as to whether they would remove two lower-quality wetlands

on the property as both Brox and the Conservation Commission found themselves unable to move forward.

“Back a couple of weeks ago, we had a chance to review and re-walk the property another time for those two additional wetlands they’re looking to get approval by the state for,”

said Conservation Chair, William Collins.

As part of the wetland issue related to Brox’s approval of a state-granted dredge and fill permit, the Chair suggested writing to the Department of Environmental Services for more information.

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## Latest West Road Landfill Survey Reveals Violations

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an update regarding the status of the West Road Landfill during its Sept. 3 meeting.

Earlier this year, Hudson Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, explained that they learned that the town was in violation of its landfill cap.

The issue was discovered following a March vote, which voters approved, allowing a lease to be executed for the space which was being used by the Southern NH RC Club at the landfill for a potential solar farm.

A separate citizens petition warrant article was also approved by the voters to allow the Club to continue to use the space.

“This project, if executed, will require State permit approval and will be subject to the current landfill closure permit restrictions in place,” Dhima wrote in a previous memo about the solar field.

He explained that the solar farm project would be on the capped landfill area and will “include the top of the landfill, currently being used by an RC club.”

“Based on the testimony by the club members and available GIS imagery, it appears that construction activity related to the airfield took place without State or Board of Selectmen approval,” Dhima wrote in a previous memo. “Town staff at that time and present have no

authority to approve any construction activity that contradicts the current landfill restrictions and conditions in place.

Dhima explained they hired a third party company to help them with the task, following approval by the Board of Selectmen in the summer to seek engineering and environmental services for the landfill.

He explained that the first phase was the surveying of the land and to see if there are any topographic changes to the landfill.

It was also explained by Dhima that the first phase has been completed, and showed not only was fill brought in that they are aware of, but also fill was **continued on page 4**

## Noise & Safety Concerns Stall Gas Station & Car Wash Plan

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Sept. 11 with one discussion related to a site plan from Colbea Enterprises, LLC for a gas station with a convenience store and carwash at 14 Brenton Avenue. This would be near the junction of Atwood Avenue and Lowell Road. Chris Rice from TFMoran and Mike Gazdacko from Colbea were at the meeting to give a presentation on the application.

“The project consists of five existing properties that are intended to be merged into one parcel as part of this proposal,” explained

Rice. “The total acreage, one you combine all the properties, is approximately 3.4-acres. There’s not wetlands on the property and all of the properties are located in the business zoning district.”

The gas station plan included site improvements like stormwater grating, associated utilities, and landscaping compliant with Hudson recommendations. The gas station/convenience store complex will be a one-story structure of around 5,400 square feet, while the car wash will cover around 2,700 square feet. A traffic study found that most expected traffic would be from “pass-by trips.”

Colbea’s proposal drew criticism from several members of the public, who worried it would be disruptive to neighbors.

“I am the owner of Stonewood School that directly abuts the property,” said Patty Langlais of 22 Stonewood Ln., who worried about the constant noise of the car wash. “That’s a noise that’s going to be constant, that’s unacceptable to me, to the kids, and to parents. How many people are going to want to come to a childcare that’s directly abutting this car-wash? It puts my business at risk.”

Gazdacko assured her **continued on page 2**

# BOS Approve Jacob Keller as Sustainability Committee Member

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At the Sept. 3 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to an appointment for the Sustainability Committee.

The appointment was for Jacob Keller, with the term set to expire in April 2027.

It was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen.

There is also currently a member position open set to expire in April 2026, and one alternate vacancy set to expire in April 2026.

During the non public session of the Sept. 3 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, a number of votes were taken according to the meeting minutes.

One of the votes was to accept Director of Commu-

nity Media, Jim McIntosh's, recommendation to hire Brenden Nault as a full-time Production Coordinator. His starting salary will be \$25.21 per hour.

It was also approved by the Board of Selectmen to accept the recommendation of Production Coordinator, Michael Johnson, to retain on-call services of retiring McIntosh. He will be paid \$45 an hour, as needed, beginning Nov.1 until the end of the current fiscal year.

Another personnel item was a recommendation from Fire Chief, Scott Tice, to hire Isaiah Whiteside as a Firefighter/EMT with the Fire Department, which was unanimously approved. His starting pay will be \$22 an hour.

The Selectmen also

approved authorizing Tice to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Professional Firefighters of Hudson Local #3154 in order to allow Firefighter, Gavyn Torres, to remain on probationary status until either he satisfies Hudson Fire Department training and certification requirements and obtains his AEMT, or March 11, 2025, whichever comes sooner.

If he does not obtain his AEMT certification by March 11, he will be terminated and it won't be grievable according to the minutes. The recommendation came from Tice.

Also during the meeting, during old business, a number of votes taken during a previous non public session were announced.

One of those votes was

approving the rehiring of Jacqueline Lemay as a part-time Production Coordinator for up to 20 hours a week.

Another vote was to hire Derek Francisco as a Police Patrol Officer with a starting salary of \$28.82. The Board of Selectmen also approved posting and advertising for the part-time legal clerk position.

The Board of Selectmen also unanimously approved hiring Evelyn Hynes-Brock for the position of Administrative Aide II in the Board of Selectmen's office. Her starting salary will be \$26.05 per hour. It was also approved by the Board of Selectmen to post and advertise for the Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector

position. The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 1 beginning at 7 p.m. at Hills Memorial Library. At the meeting there will be a public hearing on the Comprehensive Infrastructure Study citizen petition warrant article which was approved by the voters.

## Car Wash

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their facility included a "frictionless car wash" and would be "relatively quiet" beyond the dryers. Board members asked the applicant to conduct decibel testing to see how noisy the car wash would be. At the urging of member, James Crowley, the Board voted to require a noise study and to conduct a site walk.

Others worried traffic would be an issue, a common complaint from similar projects.

"With the traffic at Atwood and Lowell, we've had head-on collisions, we've had people getting t-boned, we've had all sorts of accidents," worried Julia Paquin of 29 Atwood Ave. "It's got to be maybe the third-most dangerous intersection we have in town."

She claimed the schools in the area were already creating issues during rush hour. Rice reiterated that the Colbea traffic study

would not significantly add too much traffic to the area.

Several members of the Planning Board were also worried about traffic, especially after going through the site plan and noting that an existing structure on the property did not seem to be a prominent part of the site plan despite being a storage area for the future gas station.

"Why are we presenting this as if it's part of the site plan, but not part of the site plan because it exists. I just think it's an awkward way to put this," said Alternate, George Hall. "What is the relationship between that building and the activity on this site. There's got to be traffic going back and forth between the two."

Gazdacko responded by saying the storage building was only for maintenance use, and regular gas station employees would not have regular access.

Board member, Victor Oates, proposed requiring a formal safety audit of the

intersection to address the accident risk, identify risk factors, and find ways to improve safety.

"The safety audit would serve as a proactive measure to ensure that the intersection and its surrounding area are safe for both drivers and pedestrians," he claimed, noting that there is a school bus stop near the property and was concerned with the proposed entrance on Atwood Avenue.

Vice-Chair, Jordan Ulery, agreed with the idea in principle but worried that the definition of "safety" was too vague and needed to be better defined.

After extensive debate and changing the wording from a "safety audit" to "safety analysis" for reasons of clarity, the Planning Board voted to require a study covering safety concerns related to the Atwood and Lowell intersection.

Board members eventually voted to continue the application to a later meeting.



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# Miara Garage Plan Gets Approved by Planning Board

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HUDSON TIMES

The Sept. 11 meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw Miara Transportation return to the meeting to wrap up their site plan and conditional use permit for a new equipment garage at their property on 12 Bockes Road Project. Engineer, Alison Lewis, from Keach-Nordstrom Associates was at the meeting with a presentation on behalf of Miara.

“We are proposing a 9,600-square foot garage with an attached 3,600-square foot awning,” explained Lewis. “The Conservation Commission requested that we look at moving the building as far out of the 75-foot wetland buffer as possible and we found that the northwest corner worked perfectly fine for that.”

While the design change reduced the environmental impact of the building, Lewis asked for a waiver on the 100-foot residential

buffer required by the town.

“The residential uses have now surrounded the property on all sides,” she said. “The location and the building are trying to maintain a balance between protecting the wetlands, protecting the residential uses, screening them as best we can while still allowing Miara to use the property as they need to.”

The plan was approved by the Town Engineer and Fire Chief with the addition of a water cistern to the design.

“Have we ever done a time-limited waiver? “Something that is granted to the applicant temporarily and subject to review after a certain amount of time?” asked Board member, Victor Oates. “The town code says 100 feet, I can’t wrap my head around constantly bypassing it.”

Interim Town Planner, Jay Minkarah, stated that a temporary waiver would probably be infeasible.

According to the applicant, the business was in place before the 100-foot buffer became part of Hudson law and before most surrounding houses were built.

“I think in this case, I’m not upset with the waiver,” said Board member, James Crowley, although he had several questions about the conditional use permit related to drainage near one of the wetland buffers “Is it proper to ask the Conservation Commission to re-review this conditional use permit and comment on the new 15-inch pipe and head-wall intrusion into the southern wetlands?”

He referred to an apparent violation of the wetland buffer caused by expanding a drainage pipe in Miara’s redesign. A statement from the Conservation Commission said no new approval was needed and that the property complied with zoning regulations.

“I feel it would be beneficial for additional review

with possible recommendations are needed based on the current plan,” said Crowley. “I just think this is something that fell through the cracks.”

The Planning Board voted to grant the waiver and the overall site plan application, subject to a final review by the Conservation Commission, allow-

ing Miara to move forward.

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



## Donut Donation

Joshua Brouillette of BSA Troop 773 recently finished a fundraiser to help members fund a trip to Gettysburg in the spring. He was delivering the presale donuts, but stopped at the Hudson Police Department to provide them some donuts that individuals wanted to help support by providing their purchases to the first responders. Josh chose the Hudson Police Department to thank them for all their hard work they do everyday.

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## Editorial

### It's Official, Autumn is The Comfort Season

Orange is the color of the season, with our thoughts turning to things like pumpkins, leaves, and hunting vests during this time of year. Sunday, September 22nd, was the first day of Autumn, this season is hard to miss with the town turning into the various fall shades and all the decorations.

There's no mistaking the cooler temperatures as they roll in, even the warm days have a different feel, which tells us of the end of summer. The days get darker early, which sets the stage for us to prepare to set our clocks back on November 3rd. The cold bite of the evening air or the sound of the furnace clicking on for the first time in months, saying goodbye to summer and hello to fall is not a hard thing to do especially after this summers heat.

It's time to change up your decorations, bring out the fall colors, pull out the spice-scented candles, and let's not forget the foods. Autumn is the most scenic if you love being outdoors, and it's all about family, food, and creating memories.

This is a season to be thankful, it reminds us of being home, a sense of peace and thankfulness, a desire to be surrounded by the people we love, and to create memories.

The trees in local orchards are full of apples, another sign of fall, plan a trip to pick apples and set aside some time to bake pies and make cider.

The leaves falling from the trees are changing into multi-colored works of art. Maple trees are especially vibrant with red and golden yellow hues. Autumn represents a beautiful cycle of loss, regeneration, and once the spring season comes around re-growth.

Driving around you can't help but notice all the pumpkins and mums, which is just another sign. Halloween will be here before we know it.

Fall is the perfect season to take a walk, where it is not too hot or cold with very few bugs. Nothing can relax and rejuvenate someone more than enjoying nature and the surroundings.

Autumn creates a sense of comfort, warmth, and reflection. It's a terrific time for going camping, making hot cocoa, lighting a fire in the fire pit or fireplace, telling stories, maybe going fishing, taking road trips, or anything else where you can spend quality time with your family and eat good food, while taking it all in.

Visit your town conservation areas and discover the hidden treasures of the woodlands you and your neighbors have preserved. Soon enough, your outdoor exercise will be directed at raking those colorful leaves whose time has come.

All in all, it's a wonderful time of year, a time when nature's bounty and beauty are on display for everyone to enjoy, we know what comes next.

## Library Trustees Prepare for New Strategic Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Sept. 18 meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees saw its members discuss how a possible new strategic plan would impact the day-to-day operations of Hudson's library. There was widespread agreement that the current plan was reaching the end of its useful lifespan.

"The last strategic plan we had was done back in 2022, and it was meant to be a three-year plan, so we are coming to an end of that plan," said Chair, Mimi Guessferd. "It is time to revisit it and come forward with a new plan or continue that plan, whatever that decision is."

There have been periodic reviews of the existing plan. Some items have been completed, while others, like the push to build a library pavilion, have been delayed by budget issues or were determined to be beyond the scope of Trustee priorities. The 2022 plan currently in use was written at a time when much of the town's focus was still on managing the impact of

Covid-19 restrictions.

Guessferd pushed for a formal committee to determine what the strategic plan should entail while reviewing the last plan to see what Hudson would need to update.

"The committee would be a multi-person committee, not just us but include people from the town, library staff, there's more than just us," she said. "We're looking for people's wishes, opinions, desires and needs, putting it all in the right place."

Trustees, Lisa Weber and Karen Boher, volunteered to serve on the committee once it was established.

Any Hudson resident interested in being part of the upcoming strategic plan committee were encouraged to email Library Director, Linda Pilla, at [director@rogerslibrary.org](mailto:director@rogerslibrary.org).

Pilla announced that the Rodgers Memorial Library was a net lender for the interlibrary GMILCS system for the first time last July.

"That's quite exciting to be part of the structure that's lending to other

libraries," said Pilla.

A net lending library sends more books to the GMILCS catalog than it borrows from the system. Rodgers Memorial has normally been a net borrower, taking in more books from the other libraries in the system than it has sent out. GMILCS is a non-profit organization with 13 public and academic libraries in New Hampshire.

Pilla was also forced to delay plans for a replacement boiler at the Hills Memorial Library building.

"We still have not been able to get a plumber out to get an estimate on the cost of a replacement boiler," she said.

Nobody was sure when that situation might be resolved. Boiler replacement was the latest in a series of maintenance issues with the old building. The Trustees have been looking for ways to make the Hills building more accessible for public use.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Trustees are scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

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## West Road

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removed in certain areas of the landfill, explaining that it means they reduced the cover of the membrane in certain areas.

At this point, Dhima said they are waiting for permission from the State to go forward with phase 2, which is to investigate the surface and the membrane in certain parts of the landfill.

He explained that they

can't do digging or anything to that nature until the town gets approval from the State about what they are going to do and how they are going to go about doing it.

Dhima told the Board of Selectmen that he thinks they will have everything they need to figure out what they should do next sometime in mid November.

"It appears at this time that there are some significant changes out there that

is going to trigger another landfill closure permit for the town," Dhima said.

He said the process is "still ongoing, still on schedule, still on budget."

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, explained that she was appreciative of getting an update.

"I appreciate knowing that (the) first phase was done," she said.

Dhima said he will notify the School Board as soon as they find out more information from the State.

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# Firefighters Memorial Finds New Home at Benson Park



The Hudson Firefighters Memorial was moved from its location at Lowell Road and Central Street to its new location across from Hudson's 9-11 Memorial at Benson Park. The finishing touches to the area was scheduled to take place this week with a dedication to follow in the coming weeks.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Hudson Lions Club Fundraiser



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# Grant for Robinson Pond Launch Makes it Open to Everyone

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HUDSON TIMES

The Conservation Commission aimed to improve access to the Robinson Pond Beach and Boat Ramp while improving water quality at their latest meeting. Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, and Commission Chair, William Cole, were confident in moving forward with outside grants to further those goals.

“What we’re looking at

here is a \$1 million grant application that we’ve already been preselected to apply for,” Dhima explained. “We meet all the criteria and our intent to apply for the grant was successful.”

Any grant will come with conditions. If it chooses to use state money to improve the beach and boat launch, Hudson will be required to open that area to everyone. According to a

town ordinance, the beach is restricted to residential use only, although this has not always been well enforced.

“The beach area we’re doing the design for, to be applicable for the grant, it needs to be open for everyone,” said Dhima. “To do that, we will need to go to the Board of Selectmen.”

He added that areas open to the public would be more likely to qualify for future state funding, even beyond Robinson Pond.

“Has the committee gone over the scope of the work?” asked Selectman liaison, David Morin.

The Dhima confirmed this was the case, as the Conservation Commission has a completed design with the necessary permits for the Boat Launch. Pro-

posals to clean beaches have been a recurring topic.

“It’s been a little dysfunctional over the years because of the high levels of bacteria sometimes in the pond, and we’re working on trying to resolve that,” said Cole. “When the improvements take place in the beach area, there’s still a limited amount of parking. It’s not like they’ll be unlimited people over there.”

Morin confirmed that even if the Board of Selectman approves an ordinance change, there will be a public hearing on the matter. Dhima added that the town would be able to charge more for out-of-town visitors looking to park at Robinson Pond, even under the grant terms, so long as the area

was open to the public.

“On one end of the spectrum, it’s not necessary to charge, it could be to put a booth there,” said Secretary, Ken Dickinson. “The other way of dealing with that is to have proper staffing. Is the town ready to do that?”

Dickinson pointed out that even when Robinson Pond Beach is open, there has not been much enforcement of the ordinance limiting it to Hudson residents. Parking is currently free, and a manned booth with enforcers would likely be needed, especially during summer. Morin disagreed, saying an automated gate scanning for entry passes would be enough.

There were discussion on rezoning the area, as the

grant application would require a subdivision. The boundaries of the Robinson Pond area will also need to be marked, along with a likely warrant article, to fund the clean-up project, as the grant requires a 50% funding match from Hudson.

“You need to do this at some point,” said Dhima, emphasizing the importance of the clean-up project. “Both projects are required to be done one way or the other, it’d be nice to have a grant. But no matter what, at the end of the day, you have a water quality issue at Robinson Pond.”

The Conservation Commission voted to recommend an ordinance change that would open Robinson Pond Beach to the public to qualify for grant money.

## OBITUARY

### Geraldine “Geri” Muriel D’Ettore



Geraldine “Geri” Muriel D’Ettore, age 93, formerly of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, following a brief illness. Born on March 2, 1931, in Cambridge, MA, Geri was the daughter of the late Terry J. and Lucy (Bozzi) Marobella and sister of the late Lorraine (Pesaturo) Lemire.

She grew up in the North End of Boston and Medford and later lived in Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham and Hudson, NH.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Ennis, granddaughter, Carrie Nicosia and her husband Anthony of Lynn, MA, grandson, Jesse Ennis, his companion, Tayla Kriesen and her daughter Sienna of Swampscott, MA, great-grandchildren Braydon and Bella, former son-in-law Roger Ennis and his wife Robin of Lynn, MA. She also leaves five nephews including the late Joseph Marobella and his wife Patty of Thornton, NH, Jerry Pesaturo and his wife Donna of Derry, NH, Arthur Pesaturo Jr. and his significant other Rita Bergeron of Windham, NH, John Pesaturo, Sr. of Campton, NH, and Steven Aturo of Los Angeles, CA, several great nieces and nephews, Gena, John Jr., Arthur, Luke, Sophia, Marshall, and Sydney, a great-great niece, Ava and a great-great nephew, Weston.

After graduating from Medford High in 1949, Geri married the late Carl D’Ettore just before his deployment to serve in the Korean War. With the support of her loving parents and sister, Geri raised their only daughter until her husband’s return two years later. The two shared over 45 years of marriage.

Later in life, Geri found love again with her long-time companion, the late Roger Favero and gained a “bonus” daughter, Tina Favero and her partner Paul Marcotte. The couple moved to Hudson, NH in 1998 and enjoyed taking road trips around New England and exchanging stories of their Italian upbringing.

Geri was a homemaker for many years who perfected traditional Italian dishes and pastries and always had a stash of goodies to share. She was a fashionista and an avid interior decorator. Despite time and distance, she remained close with relatives and friends from her childhood and met new acquaintances working part-time at the Star Market Bakery and CVS in Stoneham, MA.

Geraldine will be remembered as a feisty Italian mother, grandmother, and woman who persevered through life’s challenges with strength and resilience up until her final days. Geri found joy in the little things: a phone call from a friend, a visit from the neighbor, a sale at the local market, and of course, a sweet treat. Above all, she loved her family and especially adored her great grandchildren, Braydon and Bella. Her lipstick framed smile will remain in our hearts forever.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the caring staff at Rosewood in Peabody for their kindness and compassion over the last year and thank the many dedicated neighbors and friends of Hudson, NH who checked on her daily, especially her devoted caregiver, Audrey Catineau.

Visiting hours will be held on Monday, Sept. 30 from noon - 1:30 p.m. with a Prayer Service starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Friends and relatives are invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to a charity of your choice. To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

## Brox

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have any interest in constructing a letter to New Hampshire DES and asking about the process involved in their decision regarding these two wetlands?” he asked. “There’s a point of contact, every dredge and fill has a caseworker.”

Cole wanted to know more about the process and how long it might take. According to Brox, the DES asked the company to remove all wetlands as part of the expansion, a recommendation that confused

many Commissioners, including Alternate, Linda Krisciunas, who wanted more details about the matter.

“I was wonder, because I missed the recent site walk, did they have an opportunity to present a shovel ready project of sorts?” asked Secretary, Ken Dickinson. “I was wondering if he was preparing to present something.”

Consultant, Bruce Gilday, who is currently working with Brox to gain regulatory approval for the expansion, gave no previous indication the project was shovel-ready, although Cole

promised to send an email and ask.

“I can ask if there’s acceptance of shovel ready projects within the community that would help us obtain some monies that are paid into the wetland fund up there,” said Cole.

Companies like Brox pay into that DES fund whenever significant wetland impact cannot be avoided.

“Also, they were looking for us to have a shovel ready project, which we don’t have,” added Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. “The only we have is a drainage study that we did.”

The Town Engineer was

referring to possible projects around Robinson Pond, although the restoration fund is run by the state and requires DES approval to access any of it as a grant.

“We need something that needs design and permitting, that’s what a shovel ready project is and we don’t have that,” he said.

Without something more concrete with Brox, DES wetland mitigation funding cannot be used for local restoration.

Cole offered to draft the letter before reading it to other members of the Commission before their October meeting.

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# School Boards Gets Briefed on Wilbur H. Palmer Center

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board received an update on the Palmer Center Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center program, during its Sept. 9 meeting.

"This year we had 519 applicants," CTE Director Eric Frauwrith said, which compares to the 572 they had last year.

Frauwrith said every district in the region has an overall reduced number of students, which he said may be one factor for the number of applicants for CTE.

For 2024-2025, there are 291 area students going to their CTE center, with 162 of them being new students, and 129 being returning students.

The number of students from Alvirne participating in the CTE program this year is also down, with 41% of students from Alvirne participating last year down to 39% this year.

Out of the 673 students part of the CTE program this year, 382 or 57% are Alvirne students. It compares to last year when the center had 61% of the stu-

dents from Alvirne and 67% the year before that.

Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals, said he wants more students from Alvirne attending their CTE Center.

"We can't have our enrollment (for) CTE decline," Beals said.

Another issue, he said that he thinks they need to look at is the collective bargaining, saying that they need the CTE teachers teaching six classes, instead of helping out with things like study hall, for example.

"Many of them are

teaching five," Beals said.

Beals said that there is "something that is holding them back from applying," and that they need to work on figuring out what it is.

"We need to get our Hudson families to know how important it is as some of us know it is," Beals said.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said she is concerned with the declining numbers.

"I'm asking that we try to figure this out," she said.

One of the new programs this year is a human services pathway. Frauwrith

explained that they have one class of students who aren't pursuing the medical side of health science, and instead will be focusing more on counseling and human services.

Another addition will be the criminal justice program, which is part of a Nashua Community College dual enrollment. Frauwrith explained that two years ago Salem worked with NCC to have a criminal justice program, where three days a week, there is a classroom live stream, with a NCC instruc-

tor, and the other days are different trips.

Frauwrith said that they will be joining the program this year, and have 11 students signed up for it.

One silver lining Frauwrith pointed to is the last couple of years, they have been doing work at the middle school level, in hopes of getting more students interested once they get to high school.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on Oct. 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

# Benson Park Committee Consider Stone Lining for Dog Park

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At the Sept. 19 meeting of the Benson Park Committee, Mike Regis and Committee member, Gary Williams, gave suggestions on how to move forward with the ongoing push to repair the dog park.

"Gary and I have been working together on this for several months now, bouncing off several ideas," said Regis, who had been looking for the right material to the line to park, where most of the preexisting grass had been washed away. "Originally, I guess we were going to go the loam and seed route, and you folks decided that wouldn't be the best thing. Then wood chips were an option, but there

were concerns about mold, splintering and whatnot."

Williams added that mulch had also been considered.

"The problem with the mulch was that they mix in mixed with it. Pine means tree sap, dogs walk on it, sap gets between their paws, people are going to complain, maybe sue us, so we decided that was not going to work at all," he said.

State-certified playground chips were another option since the material legally had to be a blend of soft, detoxified wood fibers.

"But that's an expense," said Regis. "If they were bringing that in by trailer loads, you're still looking at \$30 per yard."

The dog park has always

operated on a minimal budget, largely maintained thanks to donations and volunteer work. A final suggestion was to use a 3/8-inch stone.

"I think that'd make it easy to clean up dog's messes, would be relatively easy on their feet compared to what's there now, and there's a very good possibility of the product being donated or drastically reduced in price from Brox," said Regis. "Conversations are being had to try to get that product, which could drastically reduce this proposal if we're able to get

the fill donated and the 3/8 stone."

The stone would go over a lower level of dirt fill. He indicated that Hudson recently hired Brox for a massive paving contract, and predicted that the paving company would be willing to chip in for a comparatively small project like the dog park with a formal request from the Committee.

Related to relining the dog park was a proposal to repave the gravel parking area, which was rapidly degrading. Gary was trying,

without luck, to find volunteers to help with the curbing process.

"The town has to keep fixing it, because it keeps washing away," said acting Chair, Judy Brouillette, summing up the main issue for the dog park. Other suggestions included adding a

berm to block the water causing erosion and meeting with the Department of Public Works to hash out some finer details.

The Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.



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Even though the weather didn't cooperate, members of the Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 held its eighth annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 21. After some brief opening remarks by the Post Commander and some local politicians, food was served and the corn hole game began. There was also a number of information tables set up to make those attending aware of some of the programs available to them.

Photos by Chris Paul

**Hudson Times**

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Strong Second Half Solidifies Broncos Win Over Owls

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School football squad took another step towards establishing itself as a Division I powerhouse this season.

The Broncos added to their win total with a third consecutive victory on Friday night, Sept 20, by beating the Timberlane Regional High School Owls by a score of 48-20.

It certainly wasn't looking like it would be a lopsided victory for the home team during the first half. Both teams were able to battle back and forth, with Alvirne coming away with a 28-20 advantage by the time the band took the field for its halftime show.

It turned out that three touchdowns would be all that the Broncos would give up in the game, with the

AHS defense shutting down the Owls for the entire second half.

Timberlane was able to take any early lead on the first drive of the game, the Owls having success on a series of passing plays. In that drive, the Broncos gave up a big third down and 14 allowing their opponent to complete a pass to the 45-yard line.

The Owls then worked their way down field to the Alvirne 35-yard line with the drive eventually ending with a long touchdown pass to end zone at 7:22 in the first.

Down by seven, the Broncos first play of the night was a long run turned back by a holding penalty. The team's second play was a bad snap that went high and slipped off the fingers of quarterback, Charlie

Crawford, for a fumble and the games first turnover.

The following play was the game's second turnover, an interception by Quintin Tetreault resulting in a 75-yard return for a touchdown making it 7-7 at 6:40.

The AHS defense was much better in the following Timberlane drive and it resulted in the game's third turnover. Mike Landmesser had his team's second interception of the game, at midfield, where AHS was able to march down field for and tally seven more points.

Landmesser made it 14-7 at 2:10 in first, with his first of five touchdowns in the game, carrying the ball in from the Timberlane six-yard line.

It didn't take long for the Owls to respond, starting at their own 27, it took

three plays to pay dirt with 39 seconds left in the first for the 14-14 tie game.

The Broncos got their third touchdown of the night at 4:31 in the second when Landmesser ran in his second of the night in a third and goal play from the one-yard line.

With just over a minute left in the half, the Owls were able to get within one pushing the Broncos down the field, but failing to cap it off with the extra-point, making the score 21-20.

The Broncos responded when at the one-minute mark, Crawford connected on a pass to senior tight-end, Ryan Rocheleau, from the AHS 30-yard line. Rocheleau nearly got into



Despite the effort, the Owls defense couldn't contain AHS's Mike Landmesser. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Alvirne High School Soccer Still Looking for First Win

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

As the halfway point of the fall soccer season inches closer, the Alvirne High School Soccer teams are still in search of their first

wins. The Broncos girls' squad unfortunately lost both of their games last week, leaving the team at 0-6-1 heading into the mid-way point of the season.



The Lady Broncos began the week on Tuesday, Sept. 17, with a home game against the also-winless Windham High School Jaguars where the visitors came away with a 4-0 victory.

Following their loss fifth loss, Alvirne was left to try to defeat the 5-1 Bishop Guertin Cardinals in Nashua.

The Friday night game ended in the Broncos fourth straight loss and their second consecutive shutout finishing 7-0 and giving B.G. their sixth straight win.

The Alvirne boys' team has also been struggling to get on the board as well this season and finished the week at 0-4-2.

On Monday, Sept. 16, the Broncos played to a 0-0 tie all the way up to the final five-minutes of the

second half, where the Timberlane Owls were able to score on a breakaway down the sidelines to pass in front of the AHS net for the 1-0 TRHS win.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, the Broncos boys played the Bishop Guertin Cardinals (3-2-1) to a 2-2 tie.

This was AHS's second tie of the season, leaving them at 0-4-2.

Alvirne hopes to get their first victory this week with games at Concord High School (1-6) on Tuesday, Sept. 24 and then against Pinkerton Academy (3-1-1), in Hudson on Friday night at 6 p.m.



## Football

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the endzone, but was stopped at the four.

Alvirne made it 28-20 with 37 seconds left in the half with yet another Landmesser running touchdown. This one was on second down with two yards to go to get into the endzone.

In the second half, the Broncos were able to get **continued on page 11**



Patrick Deely, at right, sacks the Owls quarterback in the first half.

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# Broncos XC Teams Compete at Manchester Invitational

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Cross Country teams competed at the

annual Manchester Invitational at the newly configured course at Derryfield Park.

The boys' team competing in the Boys' Varsity

Large School Race where the Broncos finished in 17th place out of the 36 New England teams running.

There were nearly 250 runners finishing the race, with Tam Gavenas of Phillips Academy taking first-place at a time of 15:24.8. Alex Fisher of Loomis Chaffee, Conn. took second at 15:37 and Sean McCauley of East Lyme, Conn. was third at 16:12.3.

Senior Brent Dunning was the first Bronco to finish, with a time of 17:48.5 and placed 67th.

Junior Sam Matson was second in for AHS with a time of 18:11.3. Matson came in at 91st.

Sophomore Ashton Rowe had a 108-place finish with a time of 18:28.8; senior Ethan Schultz had a time of 18:32.4 (113th); senior, Jacob Plante finished at 18:42.0 (128th); sophomore, Roarke Brandt

(132nd) at 18:43.3; senior, Ryder Wannamaker (140th) at 18:49.

In the Freshman Girls' Race, Olivia Cartagena had a sixth place finish with a time of 13:50.4.

Avery Thomas had a time of 18:25.4 and finished in 89th-place.

The winning time was 13:09.4.

The invitational allowed Bronco runners to get a preview of the new course that will be used as the Divisional Championship meets at the end of the season.

## Football

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into the Timberlane endzone three more times to wide up with a 28-point victory.

The first Alvirne play from scrimmage, after a quick three-and-out by Timberlane, set the tone for the rest of the game.

Landmesser was handed the ball at the Alvirne 30-yard line then broke through and sprinted to the Owls 25-yard line.

It took only three more plays for Landmesser to put the ball in the endzone again and start the second half at 34-30, at 10:40 in the third.

In the next Owls drive, senior Ryan Rocheleau made an interception that set up Landmesser for his fifth touchdown of the

night. Landmesser would put up 133-yards on the ground to lead the team in the lopsided win.

Crawford ended up going eight for 13 in passing with 200-yards completed in the air.

Senior kicker, Shawn Boudreau, was good in all but one extra-point attempt.

The Alvirne crew will head to neighboring Windham High School for their fourth game of the season. The Broncos hope to continue its winning streak by beating the Jaguars (1-2) on Friday night, Sept. 27.

Windham is coming off a 24-8 loss to the Pinkerton Academy Astros.

The Jaguars only win was against the Timberlane Owls where they had a 53-7 win at home in the first week of the season.

## OBITUARY

### Eugene Francis Dunn



Eugene Francis Dunn, 89, passed away peacefully on Sept. 17, 2024, in Nashua, NH. Born on April 1, 1935 in Tewksbury MA, Eugene served in the Navy from 1953 to 1957, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to his country during his tenure.

Following his service, Eugene built a respected career as an Oil Burner Technician/HVAC specialist and was a devoted member of the Teamsters union. His work ethic and dedication to his craft were evident to all who knew him.

On Aug. 10, 1958, Eugene married the love of his life Noreen O'Melia. They settled in Woburn MA where they raised their four children. Together they enjoyed traveling, dancing and family gatherings often breaking out in to a Jitter Bug at every function which everyone loved to watch.

Eugene was a man of faith, actively involved in St. Joseph the Worker parish in Nashua, NH. His kindness, gentle spirit, and humorous nature left a lasting impression on his family and community at Nashua Crossing. He always made everyone feel loved. An outdoorsman at heart, he cherished fishing trips with his late son Jeff and his grandchildren. Eugene's passion for sports also shone through his avid support for the Bruins and Red Sox. He also enjoyed attending his children and grandchildren's sporting events, plays and recitals never missing one.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Noreen (O'Melia) Dunn; daughters Doreen Lopez and husband Mario, Karen Martineau and husband Paul, Robin Eason and husband Michael; grandchildren Nichole, Nate, Lea, Doug, Scott, Jamie, PJ, Halie, Nick, Sean, Ryan, Ashleigh; and great-grandchildren Jordan and Jacob; His brother Gail Dunn, his brother-in-law Johnny O'Melia and wife Arlene, and numerous nephews and nieces. Eugene was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Dunn.

A time of visitation was held in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, on Friday, Sept. 20 followed by a Service of Remembrance to honor Eugene's life. Burial will be private.

Eugene's legacy of warmth, humor, and kindness will forever be cherished and remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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

## OBITUARY

### Florence T. Stanley



Florence T. Stanley, 93, of Nashua, passed away peacefully on Sept. 12, 2024 at The Atrium at Drum Hill in Chelmsford, MA. She was born on Jan. 1, 1931 in Nashua, daughter of the late Anthony and Anna Utka. Florence was raised in Nashua and lived in Hudson since 1957.

Florence was a loving wife, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren F. Stanley, her sisters, Agnes, Genevieve, Josephine, Sophie, and her beloved twin brother, Joseph. She was also predeceased by her grandson Jeremy Turner, and her nephews Michael Zaikis and Billy Stanley. Florence is survived by her four children, Mary Ann Turner of Oklahoma, Beverly Stanley of Hudson, Roseann Visscher of Florida, and Richard Stanley of South Carolina. She also leaves nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 11 nieces and nephews.

Florence was a devout Catholic, a daily church attendee, a longtime parishioner of St Casimir's Lithuanian Church in Nashua, and later of St John's and St Kathryn's in Hudson. She was a member of the Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Third Order). She worked for many years in the Hudson schools lunch program, Mc Nulty and Foley Catering, and the Hunt Home in Nashua. She also volunteered at The Soup Kitchen and Hospice in Nashua.

She was an extraordinarily kind and giving person toward her family, friends, and even casual acquaintances. She selflessly lent her sympathetic ear and wise counsel to hundreds of people in need throughout her lifetime. Her kind spirit and unassuming nature was evident to all who knew her. In her final year, even though her mind was fading, she had this same impact on the staff at the Atrium as evidenced by their outpouring of support for her family, stories shared, tears, and prayers for Florence.

A 10 a.m., funeral mass will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, at St Kathryn's Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson. A luncheon will be served in the church hall, followed by her burial at 1:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Cemetery on Ledge Rd., Hudson.

Expressions of Sympathy - Donations in honor of Florence can be made to the caring staff at The Atrium or to The Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

Atrium - Checks can be made out to: "Benchmark Associate Holiday Fund, Inc." and in the memo line, "Atrium at Drum Hill, Chelmsford" and mailed to: The Atrium at Drum Hill, 2 Technology Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01863. Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter - Donate online at: <https://nsks.org/give-online>.

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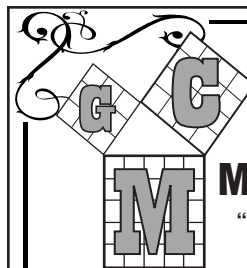
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# From Open Cockpit to Around the World: A Flight Through Time

In Oct. 17 program at Aviation Museum, retired TWA pilot to recount aviation career that took him from the Granite State to the globe's far reaches

The year was 1947 when James David Clarke (known more frequently as "J.D.") experienced flight for the first time. The airport was Parlin Field in Newport, N.H. The pilot was Harold Buker, Jr., his uncle and a recently released World War II prisoner of war.

That first flight lit a fire that evolved into many more over the course of 62-year career in aviation,

including time Clarke spent as a pilot for Trans World Airlines (TWA) and teaching aviation history at Hawthorne College in Antrim.

Clarke, now 85 and retired, will reflect on his decades of flying in a live discussion moderated by Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of N.H.

The program will take place on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of N.H., 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. It's part of the museum's Exploring Aviation presen-

tation series, sponsored in part by Grappone Auto.

From his humble childhood in N.H., Clarke pursued a commercial aviation career that literally took him to the far ends of the earth.

While flying for TWA in the 1970s, one memorable trip took Clarke literally around the world in 12 days: from New York to London, Rome, Athens, Tel Aviv, Mumbai, Bangkok, Guam, Honolulu, Los Angeles, and then back to New York.

TWA was a major U.S. airline founded in 1930 that

was granted rights to fly overseas after World War II. The airline was acquired by American Airlines in 2001.

The program will cover Clarke's personal memories of his adventures as a pilot: the piston and jet aircraft he flew, the places he visited, the people he served with, and how deregulation changed the airline business starting in the 1970s.

"This is a great chance for aviation enthusiasts to hear first-hand tales of the airline business from the 1940s through the 1980s—what many consider a golden age of aviation," Rapsis

said.

Clarke will also recount tales of his uncle, Harold Buker, Jr., a major figure in New Hampshire aviation who served as the director of the state's Bureau of Aeronautics from 1986 to 1996. Buker also was a founder of the N.H. Aviation Historical Society, which operates the Aviation Museum of N.H.

Clarke will take questions from the audience as part of the program. Also, the presentation will be recorded as part of the Aviation Museum's oral history series and will be preserved

in the museum's archive.

Clarke served as a long-time volunteer for the Aviation Museum of N.H.

The program starts at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of N.H. and is open to the public. Admission to the event is free for Aviation Museum members and \$10 per person for non-members.

For more information, visit [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org) or call (603) 669-4877 or email [ldearborn@nhahs.org](mailto:ldearborn@nhahs.org). Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at [www.facebook.com/nhahs](http://www.facebook.com/nhahs).

# VFW Kicks-Off Annual Patriots Pen Essay Contest

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HUDSON VFW POST 5791

Commander Chuck Chapman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hudson Memorial Post 5791 announced the kick-off of the VFW's annual Patri-

ot's Pen youth essay competition. Middle school students in grades 6-8 in this area have the opportunity to compete and win thousands of dollars in national awards.

The VFW enacted the Patriot's Pen competition in 1995 to encourage

young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society by composing a 300- to 400-word patriotic-themed essay. The theme for the 2024-2025 competition is "My Voice in America's Democracy."

Students begin by competing at the local Post level. Post winners advance to District competition with District winners advancing to the state competition. State first-place winners compete for their share of thousands of dollars in awards, and the

national first-place winner is awarded \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Each year, more than 125,000 students participate nationwide. Deadline for student entries is Oct. 31, and interested students and teachers should con-

tact their school Guidance/ Counseling Office or Hudson VFW Post 5791's Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Chairperson by phone at 518-330-3314.

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## Haunted Hayride,

This Halloween season, come experience a thrilling, chilling, and terrifying adventure through the haunted woods across the street from Alvirne High School. Snacks and treats will be available as well. Running Oct. 18 and 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. until last ride at 9 p.m., at the Hills House, 201 Derry, Rd. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. Proceeds help support our theater program, helping fund future productions and performances. Please contact Lauren Denis at [Ldenis@sau81.org](mailto:Ldenis@sau81.org) with any questions.

## Book Sale Cancelled

The Oct. 13 Secondhand Prose Booksale, is cancelled

due to water damage at Hills Memorial Library basement. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rogers Memorial Library website for updates regarding November.

## Book Donation Day Cancelled

The Oct. 17 Hudson Friends of the Library monthly donation day at Rogers Memorial Library is cancelled. Water damage at Hills Memorial Library basement, also known as the Secondhand Prose Room, is still an issue. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rogers Memorial Library website for updates regarding November.

## Color Fun Run

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

## 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 Central Fire Station, 15 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)

## Adventurers Storytime

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

## Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday, Oct. 10, 17, and 24, at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play,

and develop language and motor skills at the Rogers Library.

## Dungeons & Donuts

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

## Crime Scene and Evidence Processing

On Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rogers Library as Hudson Police Officer Jason Downey walks through the steps of processing a crime scene.

## Postpartum Support Group

Gather with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about healing and feeling at the Rogers Library on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m.

## Teen Polymer Clay

On Thursday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m., at the Rogers Library make beautiful mini clay creations with guidance from Ms. Marissa and drink hot

apple cider.

## Rodgers Readers

On Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to discuss "Isaac's Storm: a Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History" by Erik Larson.

## Tween PJs & Pancakes

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m., Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to a pancake party at the Rogers Library.

## Creative Dance

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

## Outdoor Storytime

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

## Teen Pumpkin Carving

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., come to Rogers Library **continued on page 15**

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### GR8FL Zentangle Class

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

### Name That Tune

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

### Pajama Storytime

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

### Access Wisdom Book Club

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

### Genealogy Club

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

### Dog Man Fan Club

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

### Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Oct. 12, at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with us.

### Interactive Monsters Inc Movie

On Saturday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m., come to Rogers

Library and "watch Monsters Inc." Props will be provided to interact with the movie.

### Afternoon Book Group

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

### Characters & Cocoa

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

### Guiding Eyes for the Blind

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

### Pumpkin Painting

On Thursday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m., join Ms. Maggie for family drop-in pumpkin painting at the Rogers Library.

### A Visit from Belle

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

### Mystery Lovers Book Club

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

### Giant Pumpkin Mural

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

### Crime & Cookies

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

### Pumpkin and Bone Bridges

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

pumpkin candies.

### Fizzy Potions

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Family Pokemon Go

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

### Professional Headshot Mini Session

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

### Cookbook Club: Knife Drop

On Monday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m., prepare a recipe from "Knife Drop: Creative Recipes Anyone Can Cook"

by Nick DiGiovanni, then engage with others at the Rogers Library.

### The Capital Crime of Witchcraft

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

### Melodious Zach Family Concert

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

### Too Cute to Spook

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

### Halloween Storytime

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

### 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.

### Preschool Water Play

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

### Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rogers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades.

Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

### Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

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

### 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.

### 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](http://rodgerslibrary.org)

### Dino the Therapy Dog

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

### A Good Yarn

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

### Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for

ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

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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.

### 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.

### Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are A) low-income, and B) living in our Greater Nashua catchment area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment. Please email [info@unitedway-nashua.org](mailto:info@unitedway-nashua.org) if you have any questions.

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