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Recently, the Old Lady in the Shoe exhibit suffered a series of vandalism and graffiti incidents. Photo by Chris Paul

Lion Statues and Shoe Exhibit Face Delays, Vandalism Concerns

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HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on Aug. 21 to discuss efforts to restore and protect two historic lion statues. While Michael Cutrona had initially planned to build a protective cage for the statues as part of an Eagle Scout project, the effort has run into several logistical hurdles.

"This unfortunately has ground to a halt," said Committee Chair Jack Madden. "We got an email from Michael that he's going to stop the project. He doesn't have the time, and the lead time to do all the work just isn't going to work out. That project is dead for this year."

Building a custom cage for the
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Town Engineer Urges Support for \$2.5M Highway Upgrade

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HUDSON TIMES

During the Hudson Planning Board meeting on Aug. 26, members heard a request for support on the corridor funds that would allow the town to move forward with a long-awaited highway construction project.

"This Planning Board started a process back in 2019 to make improvements to Lowell, Birch, and Belknap Road. It's been going well and we've got the design pretty much done," explained Town Engineer Elvis Dhima. "We got a warrant article that voters approved for about \$2.5 million toward the project, with the intent to

get this on the 10-year plan. I'm pleased to announce that the governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation is happening in Hudson again this year. It's October 7 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, and I hope some of you can show up to speak in favor of this project. This is very important."

High turnout at a similar event previously helped Hudson secure funding for the Melendy Road Bridge project. Dhima said the town would now request an additional \$2.5 million from the state for the Lowell, Birch, and Belknap Road improvements.

The plan calls for extending Belknap Road

and connecting it directly to Lowell Road through a four-way intersection with Birch Street. Funding for the project comes from a mix of local, state, and federal sources.

With the design phase complete, Dhima said the town is now pursuing a federal permit, a dredge-and-fill permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and a right-of-way acquisition.

"We're in front of you tonight first for up to \$200,000 to be taken out of the corridor funds to purchase the right-of-way we need to get this project done," Dhima told members
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Historic Hudson Cemeteries Face Repair Backlog Amid Tight Budget

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The Cemetery Trustees of Hudson held their latest quarterly meeting on Aug. 20 to review their limited \$5,050 budget and how that constraint would impact their strategy for maintaining Hudson's six town-owned cemeteries, beginning with repair work at Blodgett Cemetery.

"There's railing that's been completely removed from its posts," explained Trustee Daniel Barthelemy. "It's not only ugly, but it's a safety concern."

The Trustees received a quote of \$800 from RC Welding to replace several unusable posts while welding and painting the old rails. Repairing a separate

section of bent railing at Blodgett was expected to cost an additional \$200.

"Because this is safety-related, I think we should prioritize it," said Barthelemy. "We should spend the \$1,000 needed for this full quote."

According to Trustee Christina Madden, the Board reached out to at least one other supplier but never received a response. The \$1,000 was unanimously approved without much discussion.

While the railing was considered a top priority, it was not the only maintenance issue the Board addressed. With many graves dating back centuries, gravestone repair has remained a longstanding concern.

"We met with a company called Gravestone Services of New England, and they quoted \$295 per stone," said Barthelemy. "This is \$10 higher than what their email originally stated."

The higher price was likely due to the poor condition of several headstones at Ford Cemetery. Many gravestones there were in especially bad shape, with four deemed in "critical" condition. Six stones at Senter Cemetery, 10 at Blodgett, and three at Center Cemetery were also classified as critical.

"Some of these critical stones are what I call flat stones lying on the ground. Some are loose on the base - if you touch them, they
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River Road Industrial-Commercial Proposal Runs Into Opposition at ZBA

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A proposed mixed-use industrial and commercial development at 33 River Road met strong opposition at the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meeting on Aug. 28, ultimately resulting in the denial of two variance requests and the withdrawal of a third.

Attorney Elizabeth Hartigan of Gottesman and Hollis, along with Paul Chisholm from Keach-Nordstrom Associates, presented the plan on behalf of the applicant. The 10.7-acre property is split-zoned, with most of it designated residential and a portion zoned for general use.

"This is a large parcel, and it is split-zoned," Hartigan said. "If we were just across the street, everything we were asking for would be permitted. The area is not fully developed, and granting this variance would not alter the character of the

neighborhood."

ZBA member Dean Sakati questioned whether the surrounding area could be considered "non-residential," noting, "When I drove by, it seems there's house after house." Hartigan acknowledged the housing but argued that extensive industrial and commercial development exists nearby, including some lots with commercial-industrial setups.

The proposed River Road plan includes a welding shop, landscaping business, and a CrossFit gym. Hartigan also noted that the lack of sewer connections makes the property less suitable for residential development.

"Can you explain a little bit why no sewer connections in the area make it less than ideal for residential development?" asked ZBA member Todd Boyer.

Chisholm cited environmental concerns, explaining

that high septic usage near environmentally sensitive areas can lead to pollution. He added that the plan keeps development away from nearby wetlands and incorporates measures to manage runoff.

Several residents voiced strong opposition, particularly to the welding shop. Brenda Byron, who lives downhill from the property, said, "The water will have to go somewhere... it will seep into our wells." Chisholm responded that runoff is regulated by the state and that the project includes mitigation plans.

Other residents expressed concerns about broader industrial expansion in Hudson. Paul Schilling asked, "What does Hudson gain? Jobs? Property taxes? You're taking residential property and turning it industrial."

Angela Schilling added, "It's just not right; none of you

would want it beside your house."

Board members debated whether approving the variances would constitute "de facto re-zoning." Todd Boy-

er noted, "The use is allowed on part of this property. If the property was located directly across the street, the applicant wouldn't even need to be here."

After deliberation, the ZBA voted 3-2 against the first two variance requests. The applicant withdrew the third variance following the rejections.

Highway

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of the Planning Board. "There are only two properties to be impacted: Suzie's Diner Plaza and the pizza place next door."

Dhima noted that the current plan would minimize business disruption, with Suzie's Diner likely losing only one parking space.

"Can you just cover what specific tasks we'll be taking care of for this \$200,000?" asked Planning Board member Victor Oates.

According to Dhima, the corridor funds would pay for the right-of-way purchase and a third-party

consultant.

"It sounds like you're going to be making changes and alterations to the site plan of Suzie's Diner. Is the town going to be responsible for bringing that up and having it updated?" asked Board Chair Tim Malley. "I just don't want to see them get nailed for a site plan violation 20 years down the road."

Dhima said he did not expect much pushback from business owners due to the limited impact of the acquisition and did not believe the site plan adjustment would create long-term issues.

Without much debate, the Planning Board approved

the use of corridor funds for the right-of-way. The Board also voted to recommend a \$215,000 expenditure to the Board of Selectmen for a wetland permit fee.

"I'm personally looking forward to this becoming a reality, and I think we have a good chance to make our case in October to get this thing done," Dhima said. "If we're successful now, we'll be ready on that front by January 2026 and able to break ground next year."

The next Planning Board meeting is set for Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.

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Rodgers Library Trustees Explore New Newsletter, Approve Leave Policy

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The Aug. 20 meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees focused on new ways to keep residents informed about the library's wide range of programs. Currently, the library pays for a newsletter with an extensive contact list, but Library Director Linda Pilla said she hopes to expand and improve its efficiency.

"We've talked about doing a mini-newsletter, but I don't want to get people to the point where they go, 'Oh, something else from the library,' before

they delete it without opening," Pilla said. "If it's set up so you can open it and take a quick look, and what we're trying to advertise is right there at the top of the page, I think we would get more responses."

Trustee Ali Rafieymehr supported the idea, noting that his bank uses a similar newsletter format.

"At the top, they have something that gets my attention," Rafieymehr said. "I see that and know to read further down."

Regular updates are also available on the library's website.

In addition to commu-

nication strategies, the Trustees discussed updates to staff policies, including the creation of a policy for extended unpaid leave.

"This is a policy that's pretty much specific to the library. The town does not currently have an equivalent," Pilla explained. "Upon a written request by an employee with a compelling reason, typically a personal reason, with my recommendation and approval from this Board of Trustees, they could be granted a general leave of absence for up to 12 months."

According to Pilla,

employees using this policy would be able to return on a previously agreed-upon date, ideally "to the same or equivalent position."

Trustee Margaret St. Onge asked whether such arrangements might require adjustments.

"So, say a person takes leave for six months. When they leave, we wouldn't hire a person to cover that job - everybody would have to slide over and help because there is no position at the library that could be left uncovered. When that person comes back, would it need to be a slightly dif-

ferent position? Could responsibilities shift a little bit?" she asked.

Pilla acknowledged that the policy could, in practice, be more complicated than simply reinstating an employee to their exact position. Rafieymehr suggested creating a standard letter outlining expectations for both the employee and the library during extended unpaid leave, clarifying that while restoring salary was possible, restoring a position might not be.

"Would it be appropriate to actually have an employee sign something

acknowledging that?" asked Selectmen Liaison Bob Guessferd. "That way, they've signed it, they know these are the conditions, and if there's an issue when they come back, we can point to it and say, 'These were the conditions and you agreed to them.'"

The Library Director and Trustees agreed this was a good idea. The extended leave policy was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is set to meet on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. at the HCTV building.

Selectmen Approves Police Promotions and Key Personnel Moves

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved several important personnel changes during the non-public session of its most recent meeting, including multiple promotions within the Hudson Police Department and new hires for town positions.

According to draft minutes, one of the items was the acceptance of the resignation of Police probationary dispatcher Lucy Elerath, effective Aug. 26, 2025.

The Board also approved the promotion of Police Lieutenant Patrick Broderick to Captain, effective Sept. 1. Alongside this promotion, Sergeant Matthew

Flynn was elevated to Lieutenant, and Master Patrol Officer Tyler Merrill was promoted to Sergeant, both also effective September 1. These moves reflect ongoing efforts to strengthen leadership within the department.

In addition to promotions, the Board unanimously approved the hiring

of Bjarna O'Brien as Animal Control Supervisor. Duane Durand was approved for the part-time Maintenance Technician position with the Hudson Police Department, and Victoria Rackliff was approved as a part-time Animal Control Officer. The Board also unanimously approved the re-hiring of Alyssa Anderson for the position of Dispatcher in the Fire Department.

During the regular portion of the meeting, Police Chief David Cayot requested that the Board recognize outgoing Animal Control

Supervisor Jana McMillan at a future meeting. "She's been a huge asset for 27 years, and I think it would be appropriate for her to come here so we could thank her in public," Cayot said. McMillan's resignation is effective October 3, 2025.

The Board also approved a settlement agreement regarding Consolidated Communications' property at Tax Map 100, Lot 10, following recommendations from the Chief Assessor and legal counsel. The vote on the settlement was unanimous, demonstrating the Board's continued focus on

addressing property and contractual matters efficiently.

The Board of Selectmen's personnel decisions highlight its commitment to maintaining a well-staffed and well-led town government, balancing promotions, new hires, and recognition for long-serving employees. The approved police promotions ensure continuity of leadership, while new hires and re-hires strengthen essential municipal services.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

Cemetery

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wiggle, which is not good. Some are cracked, some are sinking into the ground," Madden explained.

Barthelemy referenced a photo of one headstone completely broken in half to illustrate the severity of needed repairs. Madden added that Gravestone Services of New England was the least expensive restoration company the Board could find, and their \$295 fee included cleaning and

basic restoration work in addition to structural repairs.

"They'll clean the headstones too after they're done," Madden said. "It was \$300 per stone less expensive than the other vendor we approached."

Ultimately, the Trustees approved \$3,540 for headstone repairs.

"We could probably, at the most, repair only 12 stones per year," Barthelemy said. "That should leave us \$510 for emergencies or other needs, which isn't a whole lot."

Board members noted that despite the approved repairs, a significant backlog remains, which will likely continue into the near future as the 2025-2026 budget focuses on the most urgent issues.

"With all of these cemeteries, everybody should be aware that they are historic," Madden said. "They do have issues, and not a whole lot has been done in them for quite some time. We're kind of trying to catch up and bring things up to a good standard."

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Editorial

September & the Urgency of Suicide Prevention

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and it arrives at a critical time. As daylight wanes and the holidays approach, many people begin to feel the weight of depression and anxiety more acutely. For too many young people, these struggles end in tragedy. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among teenagers and young adults - surpassed only by accidents. Behind every statistic is a grieving family and a community left asking what more could have been done.

This is not just a sad reality. It's a public health crisis.

Rates of depression among teens have surged in recent years. The causes are complex - social pressures, isolation, trauma - but the outcome is heartbreakingly clear: we are losing young lives far too soon.

This year, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) launched its "Take the Moment" campaign, urging us to slow down, notice those around us, and break the silence that often surrounds mental health. The message is simple and profound: conversations save lives. When we speak openly about suicide and depression - without shame or judgment - we create space for people in crisis to ask for help.

Knowing the warning signs is another crucial step. The National Institute of Mental Health outlines simple but powerful actions anyone can take:

- Ask directly if someone is thinking about suicide.
- Keep them safe by limiting access to dangerous means.

- Be there - listen without judgment and offer reassurance.

- Connect them with professional help, whether through hotlines, doctors, or counselors.

- Stay in touch, because support must continue beyond the immediate crisis.

Yet stigma still holds us back. Many fear that talking about suicide might "plant the idea" in someone's mind. That is a myth - and a dangerous one. Silence doesn't protect; it isolates. Honest, compassionate conversations can be the first step toward healing.

As a community, we must do more:

- Schools should implement universal depression screening, with parental involvement, to identify struggling students early.

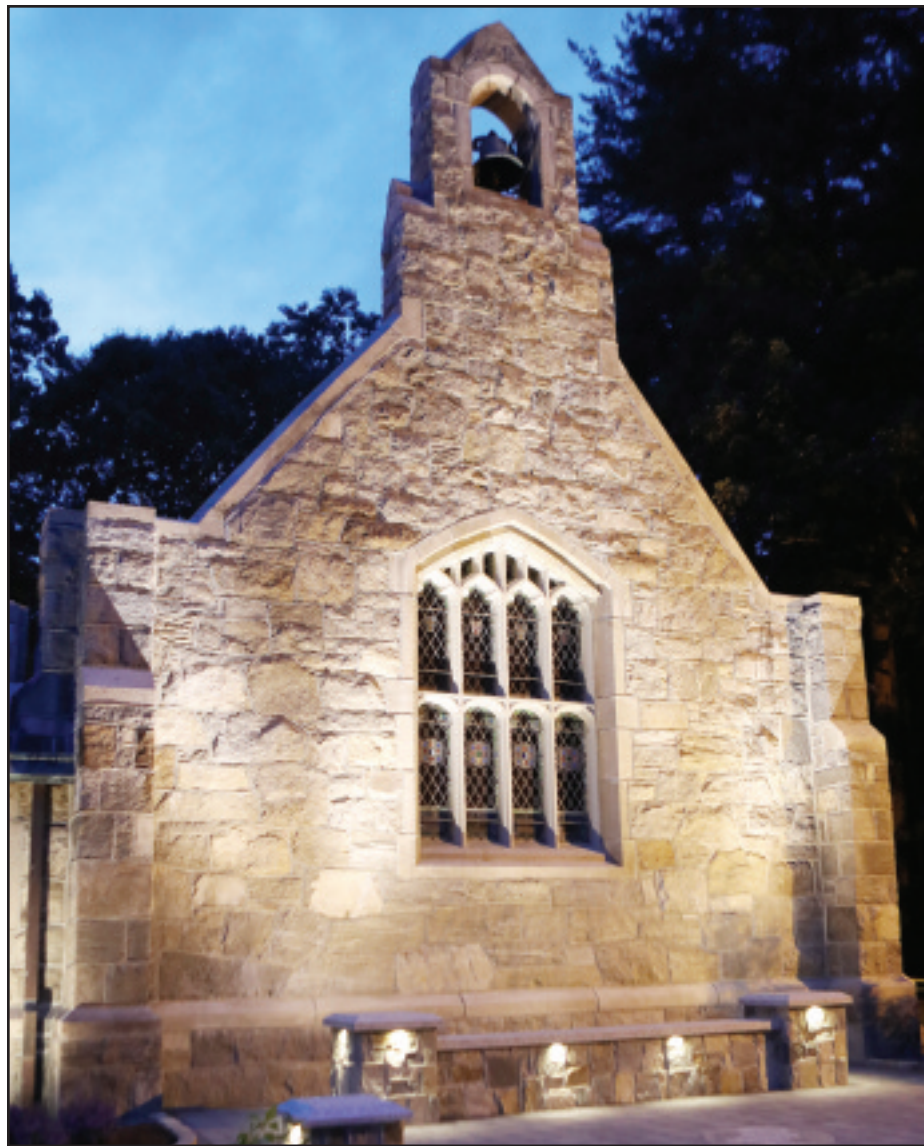
- Parents and educators must learn to recognize signs of distress and respond with empathy and urgency.

- Local leaders and elected officials must invest in accessible mental health care. Long waitlists and unaffordable treatment are barriers that put lives at risk.

Help is available now. Anyone in distress can call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. NAMI also offers support at 1-800-950-NAMI (6264), by texting "HelpLine" to 62640, or emailing helpline@nami.org.

We cannot afford to wait for more studies or better statistics. Every conversation, every resource, every step toward reducing stigma can save lives.

This September, let's take the moment - and take action.



ALL LIT UP

The renovations and rehabilitations of the historic Alvirne Memorial Chapel included a number of lighting accents that really bring out the beauty of the stonework at night. Benches and the accent lighting under the seats was also added to the front facade.

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Hudson School Board Weighs \$4.2M Fund Balance

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The Hudson School Board is weighing what to do with a \$4.2 million fund balance left over from the past fiscal year.

At the most recent meeting, Business Administrator Jenny Graves pre-

sented the year-end financial report, noting that the district brought in about \$1.2 million more revenue than expected. She said the district will have an opportunity in September to revise its revenue estimates for the coming year.

"It's my belief we've

been too conservative with our revenue estimates, and closing that gap will be one of my first action items with the District," Graves told the board.

Part of the surplus, about \$1.1 million, came from carryover funds related to the cyber incident

that previously impacted the district, inflating the final balance. In total, the district ended the year with about \$4.8 million in available funds, including roughly \$2.5 million in unspent appropriations. After allocating some funds toward warrant arti-

cles, the School Board now has \$4.2 million to decide how to use.

Graves explained that while the fund balance can support warrant articles or reduce the budget, it cannot be rolled over indefinitely like a rainy-day fund. She also pointed to a 2020 voter-approved measure allowing the board to retain up to 2.5% of the fund balance - about \$1.3 million - for emergencies or to offset the tax rate. At minimum, however, \$2.9 million must be returned to the town.

Graves said the administration wasn't making a formal recommendation

but noted the board could retain a small cushion if desired. She added the district has until Sept. 23 to make a decision, after receiving an extension from the state due to staff turnover in the business office.

Board member Ethan Beals said he was open to making a decision but favored holding on to at least a portion of the funds.

Ultimately, the School Board delayed action until a future meeting.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Benson

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lion statues was considered crucial to preventing their deterioration while still keeping them on display.

A separate proposal to restore the statues also stalled after Committee member Sue Clement reported that their original contractor was no longer available.

"His wife had an illness, and at this point it's too much. They're not going to be able to do the project," Clement said. "If anybody knows someone or would like to come and take a look at the lions, they do need to be restored. There are lots of cracks in them."

The lion statues are original to Benson's Wild Animal Farm. Both remain in "poor shape" due to weathering and are being kept from public view until further notice.

Unfortunately, the statues are not the only concern at Benson Park. Recently, the Old Lady in the Shoe exhibit suffered a series of vandalism and graffiti incidents.

"We've had a lot of vandalism at the Shoe recent-

ly," Clement said. "We have video of who did it, and they appear to be minors - possibly two girls, probably young teens - as well as others who were trying to break in during the middle of the night."

"So, is there a police case number?" asked Madden.

Clement confirmed that all incidents had been reported to the Hudson Police Department and that an investigation is underway. The Shoe, while open to the public for special events, has experienced multiple acts of vandalism in the past.

Madden noted that restoration and maintenance work for exhibits like the lions and the Shoe is only possible through volunteer support due to the Committee's limited budget.

"We've started our new fiscal year, and our new town accountant is producing our budget appropriation report," he said. "We're starting out with a total of \$1,100 in our accounts. We haven't spent anything yet. We got through July without spending anything."

The Committee thanked volunteer Paul Tracey, who has contributed both time



The Old Lady in the Shoe exhibit has been vandalized in recent incidents. Photo by Chris Paul

and materials toward restoring the Old Lady in the Shoe, including repainting the structure after recent graffiti damage.

"This gentleman has done a lot of work on the Shoe over the past couple of years to bring it back to

its former glory," Clement said.

The next meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Meeting Room.

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Parents Gain Expanded Rights Under New Hudson School Policy

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The Hudson School Board has approved a new policy titled NH Parental Bill of Rights during its most recent meeting.

Superintendent Dan Moulis explained that the policy stems from state legislation passed earlier this year.

The policy states:

"All parental rights are reserved to the parents of their minor child in this state without obstruction or interference from any school. These rights include, but are not limited to, the right:

1. To direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training of their child.
2. To direct their child's education, including choosing enrollment in a public school, public charter school, non-public school (including religious), a home education program, or any other state-based education program, as authorized by law (RSA 193:1 and

RSA 194-F:1, et seq.).

3. To request enrollment in a public school outside their assigned district to avoid a manifest educational hardship (RSA 193:3).

4. To enroll their child in gifted or special education programs if eligible.

5. To inquire of school personnel and promptly receive accurate, truthful, and complete information regarding their child. If an immediate answer cannot be provided, it must be given within 10 business days.

6. To be informed of the school's discipline policies and procedures (RSA 193:13).

7. To obtain access for their child to public curricular and co-curricular programs in their district, even if enrolled in an alternative program (RSA 193:1-c and RSA 194-F:2, II(d)).

8. To inspect instructional material used in the curriculum within a reasonable time after requesting it (20 U.S.C. section 1232h(c)

b(1)(C)).

9. To opt their child out of health or sex education and other objectionable material (RSA 186:11, IX-b and IX-c).

10. To be advised of and opt their child out of any non-academic survey or questionnaire.

11. To opt out of district-level data collection not required by state or federal law.

12. To exempt their child from statewide assessments in English language arts, math, and/or science (RSA 193-C:6).

13. To receive information about their child's performance on state academic assessments as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. section 1112(e)(1)(B)(i)).

14. To receive school report cards and be informed about attendance requirements.

15. To access and review all educational records relating to their child within 10 business days (RSA 189:66, IV and

34 C.F.R. 99.5).

16. To provide written consent before the state, district, or school makes a video or voice recording of their child, except in certain legal, investigative, or safety-related circumstances (RSA 189:68, III-V).

17. To be notified whenever seclusion or restraint is used on their child (RSA 126-U:7).

18. To access and review all medical records maintained by a school, unless prohibited by law.

19. To exempt their child from immunizations if deemed detrimental by a physician or due to religious beliefs (RSA 141-C:20-a and RSA 141-C:20-c).

The policy further notes that federal law provides additional parental rights for families in schools receiving Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C (migrant); and Title III, Part A (EL) funds, including:

1. The right to receive information, including student reports, in an under-

standable format and, when practicable, in a language parents can understand (20 U.S.C. sections 1112(e)(4); 1114(b)(4); 1116(e)(5); 1116(f)).

2. The right, upon request, to information regarding the qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals serving their child (20 U.S.C. sec-

tion 1112(e)(1)(A)(i-ii)).

3. The right to receive an annual report card with information about the school district and individual schools within it (20 U.S.C. section

1111(h)(2)(A-B)(i-iii)).

The next Hudson School Board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

Victor Joseph Pelletier



Victor Joseph Pelletier, 83, of Hudson, NH, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 24, 2025 surrounded by his loving family.

He was the son of the late Joseph Pelletier and Victoria Rondeau Pelletier. Victor was born on Jan. 11, 1942 in Elizabeth, NJ. He grew up in Bridgeport, CT, losing his father Joseph at just 12 years old. After attending Lowell Trade School, he followed in the tradition of his WWI veteran father and three WWII veteran and hero maternal uncles by enlisting into the signal corps of the US Army in 1961 and serving in Korea. Victor met Kathleen Walsh on a blind date and was captivated by her red hair, wit, and Irish accent. Rather than reenlisting, Victor proposed to Kathleen just several weeks after meeting her and they were married on Jan. 23, 1965. They were married for 58 years until her passing on May 25, 2023.

As a child, he enjoyed playing pranks on his little sister, Rita, and this even continued into adulthood. Victor was a car enthusiast, particularly fond of big engines. He enjoyed chatting about his Chrysler 300 M powerful hemi V8. Tailgating at the University of Michigan football games, watching hockey or the Patriots on TV, and visiting Ireland, were several of his pleasures. He went boating as a child with his father and continued with his own children with a sunfish sailboat on Robinson Pond, power boating on Lake Winnepesaukee, and visiting Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia. He was always up for anything that involved beer, including brewing and sharing a strong craft beer with conversation and family. He would blast the music and loved listening to doo-wop '50s music, attended yearly concerts in Boston, and was one of the original fans of Santana. He loved watching movies, but having seen most several times, he might spoil the end if you were watching with him. He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending the activities of his five granddaughters and more recently, his great-grandson. It took a little encouragement to get Victor out, but once out, he would hold hour-long conversations with strangers and you couldn't get him to leave.

In his later years, he enjoyed spending his time tending his lawn and garden along with his wife, Kathy.

Victor's loving family includes his wife, the late Kathleen (Walsh) Pelletier, a daughter, Maureen (Pelletier) O'Malley and husband, John O'Malley of Charlton, MA, a son, Shawn Pelletier, and wife Melissa (Macaulay) Pelletier of Charlottesville, Virginia, five granddaughters, Kelsey Pelletier and her boyfriend Mike Fisher, Karli Pelletier, Kaylyn Pelletier, Kendra O'Malley, Morgan O'Malley and her boyfriend Dalton Bodreau, a great-grandson, Brooks Pelletier, a sister Rita (Pelletier) Perron, her late husband, Arthur Perron, and longtime friend Paul Simoneau, of Pelham, NH, nieces Sandra (Perron) Davern and her husband Bob Davern, of Springfield, VT, and Susan (Perron) Brackley and her husband Dave Brackley, of Old Lyme, CT, his Hudson neighbors, Matt and Olivia Carpentier and Steve and Lauren Erickson, and as well as many dear cousins, nieces and nephews in the US and Ireland.

The family extends a special thank you to Erika, a very special angel and compassionate caregiver, nurses Melissa, Julia, Telika, Betsy, and Gina from Home Health and Hospice Care, and Dr. Elana Bannerman and her staff.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held with family and friends at a later date. Those wishing to make donations to honor Victor's memory may be made to Home Health and Hospice Care, 7 Executive Park Dr., Merrimack, NH 03054 or at www.hhhc.org.

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Sustainability Committee Survey Highlights Demand for Greener Initiatives

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson's Sustainability Committee held its monthly meeting on Aug. 25 to review its presence at recent community events, including Old Home Days and National Night Out. As part of their outreach, the Committee conducted a survey to gauge public interest in local sustainability initiatives.

"There were four simple questions on the survey," explained Committee member Jake Keller. "Pretty much every question I got included suggestions for more items to recycle, like Styrofoam."

Survey results showed that Hudson residents are most interested in expanding access to solar power, community composting, and recycling programs.

"Overall, this confirmed that composting and recycling are probably the biggest low-hanging fruit the residents see us helping with," Keller said. "But solar was the biggest one - it came first in the survey, and about 56 people mentioned it. Roughly one in every five respondents wanted to see some kind of solar project."

Keller noted that nearby towns, such as Derry, are already pursuing new solar farms, showing that the

demand extends beyond Hudson.

Interest in composting was strong, though only a small number of residents currently practice it.

"It's possible that a lot of people simply don't know how to do it," said Committee member Robert Larson. "Education would go a long way."

Recycling also drew significant attention, with many residents calling for weekly recycling pickup and an easier way to dispose of batteries. The state's new Lithium-Ion Battery Disposal Ban, which prohibits lithium-ion batteries from landfills and

incinerators, has added urgency to the request.

"One answer from the survey really made me think: a swap shop," Keller said. "One person had lived in Litchfield, where the transfer station has a spot to leave tools or items in good condition that others can take. I'd never thought of that, but it could work here too."

Committee Chair Karl Huber added that survey responses revealed gaps in public awareness. For example, not all residents know that cardboard can be dropped off at the Hudson Transfer Station without a pass.

"If it's an apartment building of 60 people, think of all the recycling they're producing that goes right in the trash," Keller said, warning that such situations create "bad habits" and reduce recycling rates.

Huber shared a similar concern: "I live in Shepherd's Hill and sit on the board there. Residents want expanded recycling, but how do we implement it? How do we make it happen? How do we manage it?"

One committee member suggested exploring options with Casella Waste Systems. The group also agreed to continue researching the feasibility of a centralized

composting facility.

Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby said she was encouraged by the turnout at outreach events.

"Hudson people did come over," she said. "I really felt it was a variety of participation."

She recommended submitting a report on the survey to the Board of Selectmen.

"Let's send the top three takeaways forward," Huber agreed. "There's a lot of good results we got."

The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.

Hudson Administrator Outlines Software, Website, and Insurance Plans

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, Town Administrator Roy Sorenson updated the board on several ongoing and upcoming projects, including financial software upgrades, website improvements, and potential health insurance changes.

Sorenson noted that the town is exploring a new financial software system, which would likely appear as an out-of-budget request in the FY27 budget cycle.

"It will probably be an FY27 out-of-budget re-

quest," Sorenson said. "We've been meeting with various firms that provide the software, and hopefully we'll have a solid proposal to present. There may be a couple of options on how it's presented and implemented."

He added that the town has also been coordinating with Hudson School District officials, who are in the process of moving to their own new financial software system.

"I've set up regular meetings with Superintendent Dan Moulis," Sorenson said, noting that Finance

Director Laurie May has met with the district's Business Administrator Jenny Graves and Finance Director Melissa Van Sickle. "We picked their brains on their RFP process and in general on how they run their operations. It was a good exchange of ideas."

Sorenson said he intends to continue collaborating with the district administration. "I think it's helpful for both the town and schools to have that type of relationship and see how we can enhance it in the coming years."

In addition, Sorenson

briefed the board on progress toward updating the town's website.

"We've already moved forward on this," Sorenson said. "We're looking at a September - October build. It takes some time - they have to get in, we have to transfer everything over - but you'll see some changes coming soon."

Sorenson also told the board the town may explore issuing an RFP to evaluate its health insurance provider.

"We may look at what I'm calling an exploratory RFP, whether we move away from Health Trust," Sorenson said. "I'm not saying we're doing that -

I'm just saying we might look at options. In doing so, we may save the town some money. I don't have the answers yet, but I'm pro-

posing we look into it." The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.



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Hudson Lions Club Donates \$10,000 to Recreational Park Project

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received a donation from the Hudson Lions Club during its most recent meeting.

“The Board of Selectmen recently authorized staff to coordinate and solicit donations in support of the recreational project at 9 Industrial Drive. We are pleased to report that the Hudson Lions Club has generously offered to contribute to the first phase of the project,” Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board. “Their monetary donation is \$10,000.”

Dhima explained that a public hearing was required to accept the funds, which took place during the meeting.

Hudson Lions Club

President Gary Gasdia said the Club had recently received a presentation from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, who spoke about various initiatives in town, including the new pickleball courts.

Following that presentation, the Club decided to support the project with an initial \$10,000 donation, which was presented to the Board of Selectmen at the meeting.

Gasdia, a former Hudson School Board member and liaison from the School Board to the Board of Selectmen, noted that early discussions about the recreational facility included the ongoing maintenance costs once it is built.

To help alleviate those costs for taxpayers, the Lions Club committed to donating \$5,000 annually



Hot-top was recently laid at the new recreational project at 9 Industrial Drive.

Photo by Chris Paul

for the next three years.

“In addition to the initial \$10,000, we authorized working with the town for up to \$5,000 for each of the next three years for any maintenance that may be

needed,” Gasdia said.

Dhima emphasized the importance of the donation.

“This is a great contribution toward the pickleball courts and other efforts related to our Hudson

Recreational Park,” he said.

Gasdia added that the Lions Club may consider supporting future town projects as well.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont

praised the organization.

“What the Lions Club does is truly amazing,” he said.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

Historic Haselton Barn Cupola to Be Restored at No Cost to Town

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson’s historic Haselton Barn is set to regain one of its defining features, thanks to a generous local donation. A town resident has offered to fully restore the barn’s cupola - valued at \$10,000 - at no cost to the municipality.

During the recent Board of Selectmen meeting, Chair Dillon Dumont emphasized the barn’s significance.

“The Haselton Barn is a historic structure in Benson Park,” Dumont said. “It’s facing structural concerns and significant deterioration requiring substantial restor-

ation. A Hudson resident has generously offered to repair and restore the cupola at no cost to the town.”

Hudson Town Engineer Elvis Dhima provided context, explaining that the town inherited the barn when it purchased Benson Park.

“With that came some

obligations related to what’s within Benson Park,” Dhima said. “Haselton Barn is one of them.”

The cupola, originally a decorative feature adding character and architectural interest, was removed more than a decade ago due to roof and structural concerns. Over time, it has deteriorated and now requires substantial restoration.

Lee Lavoie of Home Improvements in Hudson

has offered to handle the repairs, covering labor, materials, and transportation. Dhima highlighted Lavoie’s experience with historical structures.

“Mr. Lavoie’s generosity will ensure the preservation of a distinctive architectural element of the Haselton Barn, allowing it to once again be displayed in a condition worthy of its history,” Dhima wrote. “The Town extends its sin-

cere gratitude for this significant donation, which supports both our heritage and our community pride.”

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting Lavoie’s \$10,000 donation and authorized staff to coordinate and assist with the project.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Broncos Get Bucked by Lancers in Season Home-Opener

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School football team had trouble getting their footing in the season home opener in Hudson on Friday night, Sept. 5. The Broncos offense was held back throughout the evening by the Londonderry Lancers and were only able to cross the goal line once during the 33-7 loss.

The Lancers were able to amass 339-yards of offense with five touchdowns while the Broncos were held to just 138-yards of total offense and a single touchdown that came

in the final quarter.

This was the first game under the leadership of Justin Hufft, who took over as Athletic Director and head coach of the football team this year.

Starting at quarterback this year was Ethan Dudley, who finished the game with 71-yards in the air and rushed for 26-yards.

Mike Landmesser had 71-yards receiving and 60-yard on the ground rushing to lead the Broncos on offense.

The Lancers first touchdown of the evening came after a strong 11-play drive, which included

a punt-fake on fourth-and-18 from the 12-yard line.

Londonderry's first TD of the year came at 6:32 in the first quarter from the 23-yard line, when Daron dropped back to hit Devin VanAvery in the endzone. The two-point conversion attempt, failed after a bad snap, resulting in a 6-0 lead for LHS.

The Lancers second touchdown came just five plays later when a pass by Dudley was intercepted by Cruz and had a 43-yard carry to pay dirt when the ball was tipped at the line.

Leading 12-0, Joshua Wheeler took the snap for the two-point conversion to give the Lancers a 14-0 at 4:21 in the first.

The Londonderry defense forced an Alvirne three-and-out, giving LHS the ball at their 32-yard line.

During that set of downs, Palma finished the first quarter with a 40-yard run to set up the Lancers third touchdown of the night.

Starting on the first play in the second period,

Daron handed the ball off at the five-yard line to St. Gelais who ran it into the endzone for a 20-point LHS lead.

The Londonderry defense had another strong set of downs to force another three-and-out to set up another touchdown after just three plays.

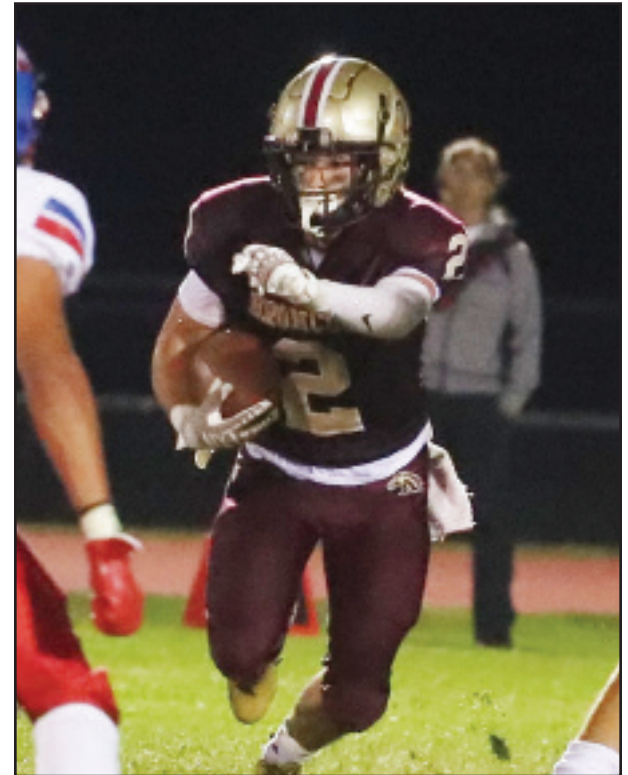
Davis Magarian got the direct-snap and ran the ball in from the seven-yard line for the 26-0 lead at 8:41 in the second.

The fourth touchdown was followed by the third missed two-point conversion.

The final LHS touchdown of the night came with 3:36 left in the half when Daron connected with Devin VanAvery for a 24-yard gain.

Jakob Welch came in for the extra-point attempt and made it a 33-0 lead at the half.

The Broncos only score of the contest came at 10:57 in the fourth period, when Dudley ran the ball into the endzone from



Mike Landmesser had 71-yards receiving and 60-yard on the ground rushing in the home opener.

the 9-yard line.

It was set up by five plays of AHS offense with a big 63-yard gain by Landmesser on a pass from Dudley.

Suleiman Suleiman's extra-point attempt was good for the Broncos

seven-points.

Alvirne will head to Salem High School on Friday night, Sept. 12 where they will attempt to beat the 1-0 Blue Devils. Salem is coming off a 21-14 win over Concord in their first game of the season.



Braiden Venskus led the Broncos in tackles with four. one of those was a rare sack of the Lancers quarterback.

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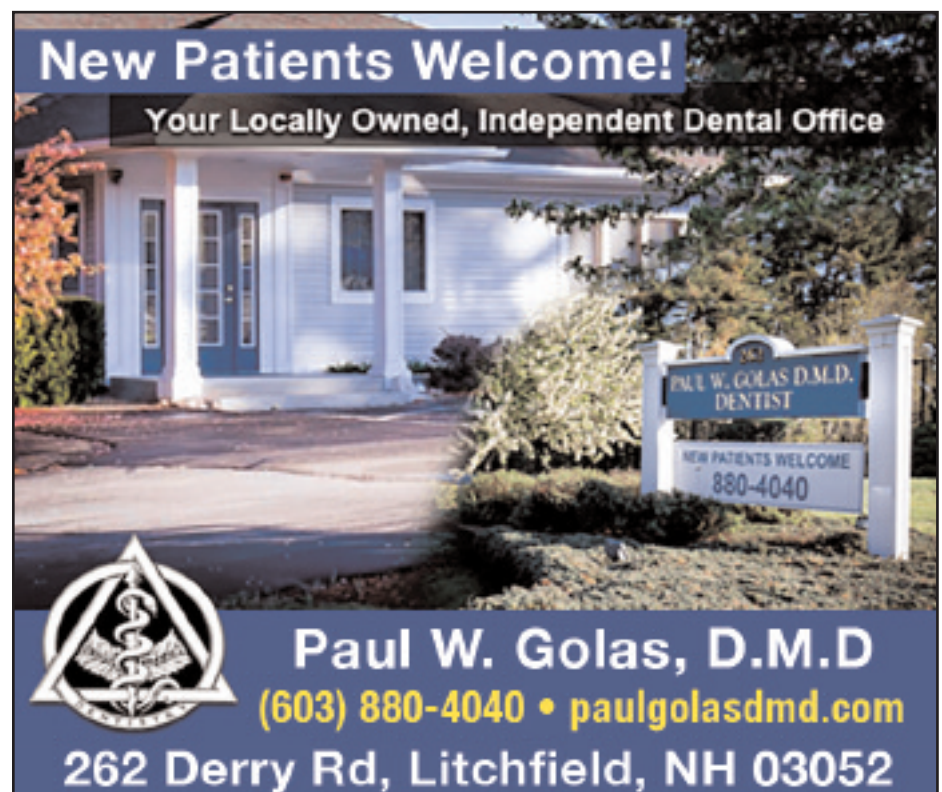
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Broncos Boys' Soccer Squad Gets Two Wins, Ties One



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Soccer team had some good results to start the Fall Season, winning two and tying the third game.

The Broncos Boys had one game in August, hosting the Green Wave of Dover High School on Aug. 28 and beating that

team 2-1 in the home opener.

The following week, the Alvirne Boys Soccer team defeated the Timberlane Regional High School Owls 4-2 on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 2 in Plaistow.

In that game, both Colin Lechner and Connor Tilton had two goals for the Broncos to start the season at 2-0.

Alvirne ended the week facing the Salem Blue Devils, at home, on Thursday Sept. 4, where the two teams finished knotted at two goals apiece.

The Broncos took an early lead, at 31:12, but saw that lead slip away with a high bounce over the Alvirne tender that went into the net at 19:44.

That goal was quickly erased at 17:25 on a long pass from the center of the field out in front of the net where it step up a score.


Before the first half ended, the games final goal was scored by Slaem on a penalty kick after a trip was called on the AHS defender.

The second half of the game was scoreless, despite a couple very close shots bt the Bronco boys.

Alvirne was scheduled to travel on Nashua South Tuesday night, Sept. 9, where they will face the 2-0-1 Purple Panthers.

On Friday night, Sept. 12, the Broncos will host the Keene Blackbirds (2-1) starting at 5:30 p.m.





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Season Gets Off to a Tough Start for Alvirne Girls' Soccer



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Soccer team is looking to improve over its 2024 season, but the first three games have proved to be a challenge in reaching that goal.

The Broncos finished the first two weeks of the 2025 season with three losses, with two coming on road trips and one at the home opener.

The AHS squad began the season on Aug. 28, at Dover High School, where they fell to the Green Wave

3-0.

The teams second game of the young season was at home, on Tuesday, Sept. 2, where the girls were able to get on the board, but still were not able to get a win against the Timberlane Owls.

In the 1-3 loss to Timberlane Regional High School the lone goal for AHS came off the foot of forward Reese Wannamaker.

Broncos goaltender Abbie Kowalski had 17 saves in the loss.

In the final game of the week, during a road trip to

Salem High School, the Alvirne girls suffered another 1-3 loss.

The team's goal was put in the net by Celia Fain, with Wannamaker getting the assist.

Kowalski had 23 saves in the game.

The Lady Broncos had their second home game scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, against the Nashua South Purple Panthers (0-2-1), followed by a trip to the seacoast on Thursday.

Alvirne is scheduled take on the Portsmouth Clippers (2-0-1).



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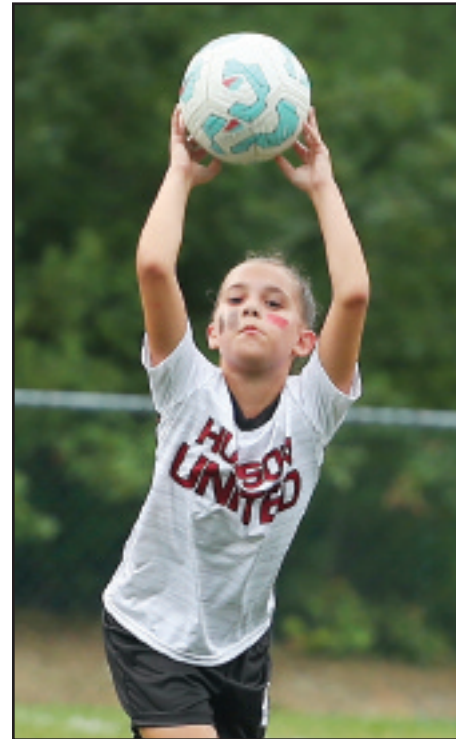
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Hudson United Soccer Club Kicks Off Its Fall Season



Hudson United Soccer Club's Travel Program officially kicked off its fall season last weekend, with boys' and girls' teams from U9 to U14 taking the field for their first games of the year. Fans and players were happy to back on Freedom Field with weekly games planned through November. The fall season promises plenty of growth, competition, and fun for Hudson's young athletes. For more information about Hudson United Soccer Club - visit our website: hudsonhssoccer.org Pictured are the Girls U10 team, coached by Ray Gaudet. The home team fought hard against the Windham squad but came up short in a 2-1 finish.

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Benson Park Family Fun Day

The Friends of Benson Park Family Fun Day is set for Saturday, Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Benson Park. This is the groups way of thanking the public for all their support during the year. Fun for all ages! There will be Music, petting zoo, sidewalk magic, games, prizes, face painting, balloons, nerf ball batting game, a nursery rhymes book walk at The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe attraction, raffles and more! Any questions? Go to friendsofbensonpark.org or [facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark).

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.

Democrats Meeting

The September meeting of Hudson Democrats will take place at the Nashua Public Library Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m., in the Activity Room. The featured speaker is Brian Nolan of New Hampshire for Ukraine (NH4Ukraine.org), a charity operating in Ukraine to help Ukrainians survive the Russian Invasion. Mr. Nolan will speak about the organization's 8th Mission, providing details about current conditions in Ukraine, what his organiza-

tion is accomplishing there, and how you can help.

New England's Colonial Meetinghouses

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, starting at 7 p.m., Paul Wainwright of NH Humanities will tell the story of the society that built and used Colonial Meetinghouses, and the lasting impact they have had on American culture at Hudson Historical Society at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. No registration required. Free admission.

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 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 1 - 3 p.m., an "Afternoon Tea" will be served complete with cakes, and pastries at Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. Limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 22. Please email the Hudson Historical Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com 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 materials. This event is free and for adults only, materials will be provided, limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 28. Please email the Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees.

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.

Christmas Storytime

Come and listen to "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the Hudson Historical Society at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., on Friday, Dec. 12 & 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kids will be gifted

with a fun "Christmas box". Limited seating. Registration required by Dec. 6. Please email the Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

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.

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 out-

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doors. 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.

United Soccer Club's Hulks Program

Hudson United Soccer Club's Hulks Program for children ages 3-10. A fall soccer development program on Sundays from 8 - 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Field (190 Derry Rd). The cost is \$75 and includes a t-shirt. Visit the groups website or facebook to register. Hudsonnhsoccer.org. Any questions? Contact registrar@hudsonnhsoccer.org

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.

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.

Veterans Picnic

Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 will be hosting its Ninth Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic FREE for ALL NH veterans and their families at the Hudson VFW, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, NH on Saturday Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event is open to anyone who

has served in any branch of the U.S. military.

Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m. (except Sept. 12)

Teen Hangout

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

Explorers Storytime

On Friday Sept. 19 and 26 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.

Dungeons & Donuts

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at the Rogers Library on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome.

Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

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

"Vacations Can Be Murder" with Author Dawn M. Barclay

Learn all about the haunted happenings in your own backyards and, then, plan a trip to visit them all in this VIRTUAL program hosted by Rogers Library on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

The Basics of Using Computers

Join Mark, Rogers Library's Reference Librarian,

as he simplifies basic computer terms and explains how everything connects on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

Back to the 80s" Escape Room

Solve the puzzles to crack the code or you'll be stuck in the 80s forever! This escape room is held at the Rogers Library on Thursday, Sept. 18 and 23 at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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 p.m.

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.

Tissue Paper Flower Bracelets

Families are invited to create beautiful flower bracelets made of tissue paper, pipe cleaners, and beads at the Rogers Library on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Drop in any time between 6 and 7 p.m. This event will held again on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m.

Cookbook Club

This month's cookbook is "5 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.

Who Really Wrote Shakespeare?

On Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to hear the story of one man's search for the "real" author of the works attributed to William Shakespeare.

Anti-Profanity Leagues in the early 20th Century

Join UNH student 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 Rogers Memorial Library.

Dino the Therapy Dog

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

Movers & Shakers

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

and stories for ages 1-3.

Brunch Bunch

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

Adventurers Storytime

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

Story Safari

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

BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

A Good Yarn

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