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PACKIN' UP FOOD Members of Cub Scout Pack 21 were busy collecting food along St. Laurent and Forest Road on Saturday morning, Nov. 4. Their annual efforts help bring much-needed food items to the Community Food Pantry at St. John's. See more photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town's Budget Committee Empty Seat Remains Vacant

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Budget Committee came together on Wednesday night, Nov. 1, for its first November meeting with hopes to appoint a new member to fill a vacant seat during what is expected to be a busy month. By the end of the meeting, that appointment did not take place.

The process of appoint-

ing a new member began in October, but was delayed due to the second candidate's availability.

Hudson resident, Victor Oates, of 77 Sousa Boulevard, read an email into the public record about what he called a "lack of transparency" in the nomination process, claiming Peggy Huard of 13 David Drive was not given a fair opportunity to present her case for the open seat.

"The rules were altered at the last minute," Oates claimed. "Abiding by set rules and maintaining transparency isn't just about ticking boxes, it's about preserving the Committee's integrity and trustworthiness in the community's eyes."

At least one applicant for the board to make any recommendations to move it forward during the meeting. "It is 70 pages, there's a lot here," Groth said.

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School Board Make Cuts to the Upcoming Budget

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The School Board continued preparations for the budget season at their last October meeting with a series of budget proposals to bring before the town in the coming months.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dan Moulis, outlined the need for a "budget reduction proposal" to fill a difference of a little over \$1.25 million between what was put forward by the School Board and what is available from the town. After a week of going through the numbers, he had a few recommendations on what to cut, with an initial focus on staffing.

"Are there any positions

here, where there is currently a person not planning to retire, not planning to move on, not planning to do anything, where we're going to physically remove their job, or reduce their hours from what they currently have?" asked School Board member, Gary Gasdia. "I'm going to try and go with positions that are either vacant or going to be vacant."

While the goal is to minimize the impact on employees, Moulis admitted that a few district employees could see work reduced from full-time to part-time. Some jobs will remain part-time, despite earlier plans to expand them to full-time positions. Other

school positions like social emotional learning (SEL) interventionists, are currently funded using federal grants set to expire next year. Under the School Board proposals, several job titles will change as seen with the position of Communication Director changing to a lower-paid Coordinator position.

Several teaching positions were also reduced to a nominal payment of \$1 salary based on retirement to move funds without formally cutting vacant positions.

"We'll be reducing some positions to \$1, throughout the night. That does not mean we are cut-

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Planning Board Members Discuss Town's Master Plan

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Planning Board had a first reading for the transportation chapter of the master plan during their Oct. 25 meeting.

Town Planner, Brian Groth, said part of the draft of the transportation chapter was done a couple of years ago by the Southern NH Planning Commission and town staff recently went in and changed the data points, and updated and added to different parts of the chapter. "We can't argue with some of the data, the data is what it is," Groth said. He noted that the document is large and they didn't expect the board to make any recommendations to move it forward during the meeting. "It is 70 pages, there's a lot here," Groth said.

Groth also noted that they added the recent town wide traffic study as an appendix.

One of the suggestions made by Planning Board member, Victor Oates, was to add more about roundabouts, saying he thinks they could be potentially helpful in areas like school zones, saying even when people try to make a left hand turn people drive past them. "The purpose of a roundabout is to mitigate a lot of traffic control while slowing things down," Oates said. He added that

with roundabouts they could avoid having long stretches of roads, where people are "flying by." Oates stated that there could also be other areas where they could be a good spot to have them, especially where people have been hit, and having roundabouts highlighted in the master plan would be a way for the town to consider them in the future. Groth said roundabouts are included in the section to consider design changes for local streets. Oates said he thinks that it made the most sense to have it included in the intersection design as well. "That's the area I think it should be

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Town Looks For Volunteers For Open Board, Committee Positions

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Hudson continues to have a variety of board and committee openings. Please consider applying for one of the vacancies.

The Sustainability Committee has 3 member openings and 2 alternate positions open. The committee meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The Mission of this committee is: The Sustainability Committee aims to increase energy efficiency, recycling, and proper waste disposal throughout the town of Hudson, NH. We promote sustainability best practices in our community through community outreach and public events. We advocate for the implementation of green policies, practices, and technologies to ensure a more sustainable town.

You can find the application to volunteer at the town website.

The Cable Utility Committee is currently seeking 3 committee members. The Cable Utility Committee was established on Sept. 28, 2004. Its members are appointed for three-year terms. There are nine voting members: seven Citizen Cable-user members, one Selectman and one School Board appointee. This committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Benson Park Committee currently has two alternate positions open for the committee. The Board of Selectmen is responsible for the maintenance and management of Benson Park. To accomplish this task the Selectmen appointed a committee consisting of eight members: Eight citizen vol-

unteers, one Selectmen representative, and two alternate members. This committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Library Trustees has one opening for a member, the Library Trustees have the entire custody and management of the public library and of all the property of the town relating thereto, including appropriations held pursuant to under state law RSA 202-A:11, III, but excepting trust funds held by the town. Trustees serve staggered three-year terms or until their successors are elected and qualified. The trustees meet every third Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Municipal Utility Committee has one opening. The Municipal Utility Committee was established

May 8, 2013, and is a combination of the Water Utility and Sewer Utility Committees. The five-member committee (changed from seven member to five member per BOS action on Oct. 11, 2016) is charged with overseeing the Water and Sewer Utilities, preparing bylaws, policies and procedures concerning the utilities; making recommendations regarding a utility budget and providing an overview of income and expenditures, and providing overview and recommendation for the ongoing administration and operations of the utilities. This committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Recreation Committee is currently looking for 1 member and 1 alternate position. The Recreation Committee is a non-

statutory advisory committee. The Recreation Committee consists of seven members and one alternate appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms of three years, such terms to be staggered. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired term. This committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., three or four times a year.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is looking for 2 alternate members. This board is a quasi-judicial board authorized under state law RSA 673:1, to hear four kinds of cases: 1) requests for variances 2) requests for special exceptions 3) request for equitable waivers of dimensional requirements 4) appeals of zoning administrative

decisions by Town zoning officials or other boards.

The ZBA consists of five members and five alternates, appointed to three-year terms. This board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Applications to apply for the volunteer boards and committees in town can be found by visiting www.hudsonnh.gov/bc/page/board-committees-vacancy-applications.

Current job openings within the town of Hudson are a full time Firefighter-EMT/AEMT/Medic, for the Fire Department, a crossing guard for the police department, and for a mechanic position within the public works department.

Applications can be found at the Town Administration office, or online.

Benson Park Butterfly Garden Gets Approval for New Toolbox

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The Benson Park Committee met on October 19 to hear a public request about the Benson Park butterfly garden.

Phyllis Appler of the GFWC Hudson Women's Club wanted to ensure that their new toolbox for the garden would remain legal under Hudson regulations.

"We have had a toolbox onsite for a long time, it was

wooden, had a handle, was green, it was rotten, and it has fallen apart," Appler said. "We decided to buy a new box. We want to make sure our resin box, is grandfathered and legal for us to use."

The Women's Club has run the butterfly garden since 2010 and many of its older members found having an onsite toolbox was easier than bringing tools from home.

Vice Chair, Judith

Brouillette, asked if the box "was the same size as before" and got confirmation that the new toolbox was roughly the same, and should blend in with the garden. There are restrictions on when and where monuments or statues can be placed in Benson Park, but no specific regulations for a toolbox.

There were no objections to Appler's request. The butterfly garden is a

certified monarch waystation.

The Committee had no update to its Adopt-a-Spot sign standardization proposal, despite frustration from those already participating in the program. Benson Park Committee Chair, Jack Madden, who is in charge of the proposal, was unable to participate due to sickness.

The Committee finalized its procedures for golf cart use in the park following a donation to the Friends of Benson organization.

"Based on comments we heard, instead of a speed limit, use a safe and reasonable speed while driving the golf cart," said Committee

member, Scott Anderson, who was in charge of setting recommended rules for the new vehicle.

Friends of Bensons routinely asked for volunteers for park clean-up and maintenance on their Facebook page. Ongoing and recent projects include the removal of broken asphalt from the dog park and restoring erosion washouts. No more volunteer events are expected this year due to colder weather, although there will be a need for more volunteers next spring.

Another ongoing issue is the identification of spots for new benches across Benson Park. Member, John Leone, was forced to delay a walkthrough to find the

best spots due to rainy weather.

"We're trying to identify seven spots at this point, we've received seven donations for new benches to be in the park," Leone confirmed. "Three additional benches will be at the senior center, but that's outside our purview."

He promised to have a plan ready for new locations by the next meeting.

The Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Center Meeting Room, lower level of the Senior Center, located on 19 Kimball Hill Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend.




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Sustainability Group Propose Spring Roadside Cleanup

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The Sustainability Committee met on Oct. 23 to discuss several ongoing issues, starting with a quick update from the ad-hoc Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee (HEAC).

“We delivered our report on who to partner with, and there was a vote to move forward with Hudson Community Power,” said Committee member, Craig Putnam.

Moving away from Eversource as the default provider using the commu-

nity aggregation plan approved earlier this year has been an ongoing goal. Approval of partnering with the Community Power Coalition of NH has been slower.

The Hudson Transfer Station is next open for waste collection on Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon. Passes are required. Sustainability Chair, Debra Putnam, reminded everyone that through the end of November, yard trimmings, metal, and cardboard waste can be dropped off any Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon without

a pass. Still, pass availability has been an issue, and is currently limited to three per address each year.

“What came up recently is there’s a wish among many, many residents for the Board of Selectman/DPW [Department of Public Works] to think about how additional dump passes can be made available,” said the Committee Chair.

One idea was to charge a fee for extra passes. DPW is looking into feasible ways to increase the number of passes, although staffing has been an issue.

The Transfer Station already requires a full crew to oversee recycling on busy days, and accommodating more passes would mean spending more money.

The Hudson Police Department has plans to improve insulation on windows and doors for energy savings in town-owned buildings. These include the main station and nearby 4 Constitution Drive. Craig Putnam suggested an “energy audit” to determine whether it would make sense to invest in attic and wall insulation from the Committee’s reserve fund. Lack of proper insulation is “costing town residents

more than it should” with heating and cooling costs.

The Capital Reserve Fund is specifically designed for Hudson buildings, and the Committee was eager to use some of it for a major project, with plans to move forward after budget season.

The Committee hopes to revive Hudson’s long-dormant roadside cleanup program starting next spring. However, they did emphasize the need for public participation to make it happen.

“It’s up to interested citizens to help us out,” said Selectmen Liaison, Bob Guessferd. “I think Earth

Day is a perfect opportunity to do that. I get irritated every Spring when I see trash out there, it’s ridiculous, the stuff some people throw on the sides of the roads.”

Committee member, Chris Thatcher is looking into ways citizens can recycle Christmas tree lights. He found the dump routinely has trees “with lights still on them,” forcing crews to carefully check every tree in January.

The Sustainability Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

Budget Committee

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the Budget vacancy could not attend the October meeting, leading to a delay in the appointment process. The earlier applicant, Carl Dubois, previously withdrew from consideration, leaving Huard as the only remaining contender for the vacancy.

Despite this, Huard claimed that “15 to 20” other people sent emails to the Budget Committee that most members never received.

“I think the rest of the Committee should be able to see the emails, to have them in the hands before making a decision,” said Huard.

She also wanted to know why emails sent to the Budget Committee weren’t available for review online. Huard has expressed concern over what she saw as wasted, unspent money at the October Budget meeting and back in 2022.

“I just want to respond to the lack of transparency according to people. We

weren’t not transparent, we want to hear from everybody that put in an application in the same manner as you [Huard] did,” said Budget Committee Chairman, Norm Martin, responding to the concerns. He promised that “Nobody is pulling the wool over anybody’s eyes, nobody is being deceptive, and most of all, this Committee is not being deceptive, this Committee is prepared and ready to do its job.”

Martin also claimed that the 15 to 20 resident emails contained personal information and could not be released due to privacy concerns, although it was unclear why other members of the Budget Committee never saw the emails.

“When people want to come here to accuse us of violating policies and rules, then they should show us what policies and rules we supposedly violated,” added Committee member, Shawn Jasper. “We had people who

applied for a position, they couldn’t be there that night, we put that off.”

While Huard was the only applicant, Jasper moved to keep the empty seat on the Budget Committee vacant.

“I think for us to be able to do a good job, any member of this board to do a good job, we can’t be coming to conclusions or shouldn’t be coming to conclusions until we have all the facts before us,” said Jasper. “This is not a mandate that we fill this seat and I don’t think it would be in the best interest of the town or this committee to fill the seat with this applicant tonight.”

In a seven to three vote, members chose not to fill the seat.

It was mentioned during the meeting that, according to the Town of Hudson Municipal Budget Committee Bylaws Section III Vacancies and RSA 32, the Budget Committee has 60 days to fill this position

Budget

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ting the position, it means that the position may be currently vacant at the time,” School Board member, Michael Campbell, clarified. “We can reduce it to \$1 and move funds later to help reduce the end-year fund balance.”

Several paraprofessionals will see reduced hours, something Campbell hoped would be a temporary arrangement that could be reversed during contract negotiations next year.

While staffing repre-

sented some of the most significant budget cuts, board members looked to make cuts in other areas, like a proposal to cut classroom management software from the technology budget. The software was in the budget last year, but has not been used or implemented due to cybersecurity concerns.

“It sounds as though it’s more of a pilot, it was budgeted and not yet deployed,” said Vice Chair, Maureen Dionne. The School Board also voted to reduce its supply budget.

However, the meeting wasn’t all cuts. Director of

Facilities, John Pratte, spoke of training new locksmiths to improve school security. While his school plumber and electrician have been helping with locks, neither is formally certified and will need to undergo locksmith training.

Board members were supportive of a stipend dedicated to certification training as Board member, Ethan Beals, called school security a “number one priority.”

The School Board holds regular meetings twice a month at Hills Memorial Library at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.



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Editorial

Hope for Peace

When an armistice began at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month of 1918, Americans honored that date as the end of “the war to end all wars”, which turned out to be premature.

The deaths and devastation of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, the Gulf wars, Iraq and Afghanistan have turned that hope into wishful thinking, but the message that underlies is what is now known as Veterans Day. It is as strong today as it was when President Wilson proclaimed November 11th to be Armistice Day. It is especially so important as Special Forces troops are sent as we write this into yet another battlefield, this time in Syria.

Indeed, when Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and the establishment of Armistice Day on November 11th, a resolution passed in 1926, referred to as “the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed...”.

The resolution continues on to say, “it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding

between nations,” and advocates marking the date “with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples”.

In 1938, November 11th became a federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace”. In 1954, the name Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to honor the service of veterans in all wars.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs emphasizes that Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge their contributions to national security, and to underscore all those who have served, living and dead, those who have sacrificed and done their duty to their country.

Veterans Day is not a time of celebration, but is intended instead as a break in the routine, a time to reflect on our freedoms and on the sacrifices of those who have fought to defend what we hold dear and what we all too often take for granted.

It’s much more than a day when mail isn’t delivered or school isn’t in session. Veterans Day should serve as a reminder that our veterans deserve recognition for their work, a thanks for their sacrifice, and an acknowledgement that what they are fighting for ultimately is world peace.

Target Center Underway



Access road clearing began recently for the construction the new Target Flow Center at the site of the former of Green Meadow Golf Course. The course was sold to Target Corp. for a distribution center back in March of this year for over \$120 million. Prior to the sale, a deal with Amazon, for a much larger center to be built on the site fell through.

During the month of November 2023, the following activities will be taking place: Earthmoving activities may begin to facilitate sound fence installation; erosion & sediment control/storm water management and protection plan provisions installations; site perimeter protections installation; tree clearing and de-grubbing; mobilization of earthwork equipment to begin rough grading for earthen berm and sound fence; and the mobilization of site utility installation equipment to begin site utility installation.



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Hudson Women's Group Stuff Stockings for Troops



During the Wednesday night, Nov. 1, meeting of the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Hudson Women's Club monthly meeting, members stuffed stockings with some supplies that are needed but not always available to U.S. Troops.

For over 10-years, GFWC Hudson has participated in Operation Care For Troops N.H. (OCTNH) at their November meetings. Members purchase items from the specific list OCTNH supplies and fill stockings.

For over 20-years, OCTNH has shipped the stockings overseas to our United States Soldiers, sending a little bit of home to let them know they are appreciated.

The stockings that were stuffed, along with many others, will ship out on Saturday, Nov. 11.

For more information on how to get involved, or to donate towards shipping, visit <https://www.octnh.org>.

The GFWC Hudson meets on the first Wednesday of every month, September through June (except January) at Rodgers Memorial Library, starting at 6:30 p.m. New members from the Hudson area are always welcome.

The group is part of an international organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. The GFWC was founded in 1890.

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Hudson Officials Increase Efforts to Track Unappropriated Money

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The Hudson Budget Committee met on November 1 to go over several still-developing spending proposals from other governing boards.

Chairman Norm Martin outlines the goals of the Budget Committee, where department heads give an overview of what department budgets would encompass, leaving their requests open to questions and scrutiny from the Committee, who will then prepare the town budget for a public vote on March 2024.

Selectmen Liaison Dave

Morin reported that the city had most of its budget report ready, although the Board of Selectmen was “still working with the fire-fighters” on what to include.

School Board Liaison Gretchen Whiting wanted to clarify that the forestry program was not being cut from the 2024 budget despite a comment from the October meeting that it would end after the current school year.

“The School Board and the Superintendent fully support the forestry program,” she said. “Since the second semester of the last school year, we have

worked to create interest in the program. “We are trying to give forestry the support it needs for it to stabilize and stand on its own.”

A forestry feeder program has also been budgeted for Alvirne High School students.

\$190,000 was unspent from the last budget from library and conservation funds. The money will go into the unreserved fund balance at the end of the year. It is part of an unassigned fund balance for the town of just over \$9 million due to unanticipated revenue from the state of New Hampshire for bridge and

road construction. Several members questioned why there was so much extra money floating around Hudson.

“Everyone needs to understand, the taxes don’t always come in on time, one of the reasons to have this account is so the town doesn’t have to borrow in anticipation for taxes,” said Committee member Shawn Jasper in response to the size of the rainy-day fund. “That is something I think this town has to do many, many years ago. If we keep that balance too low, we have to pay the schools regardless of what comes

in.”
Nonetheless, Vice Chairman Bill Cole wanted more information on the amount of unspent and untracked town income.

“Too many non-appropriated funds floating around out there, I have no idea where they’re coming from, what they’re being used for, and who has the responsibility?” Cole asked as he pushed for the creation of a subcommittee to contact and gather information to “understand what our non-appropriated funds are.”

He conceded that unappropriated money was

“above board” legally, just poorly monitored. The Committee approved the subcommittee.

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration has started establishing tax rates for the year. Hudson’s rate is expected within the next few weeks.

The Hudson Budget Committee will hold its next meetings on Thursday, November 9, and Wednesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, in the lower-level Buxton Community Development Meeting Room.



Happy 67th

Two happy Hudson couples recently celebrated a major milestone in their relationships. Jerry and Mary Belanger, at far left, and Bob and Shirley Bonenfant, celebrated their 67th anniversary.

Jerry and Mary moved to Hudson in 2001 to retire.

Bob has known Shirley for over 72-years and remembers telling her when they were 15 years old he was going to marry her. They moved to Hudson in 1990.

The two couples have lived pretty close to each other and would meet daily at Dunkin Donuts for coffee. They took day trips to Maine, a bus trip to Washington DC, and often went out to dinner together. The couples cannot recall exactly when they met, but they have both stated that Mary and Shirley were very close friends.

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brought out their bright orange vests and camouflage.

Fall is here in the Granite State, as such groups of residents have already off NH Fall hunting seasons,

with the opening of the black bear and small game seasons. Archery seasons for turkey and white-tailed deer began Sept. 15. Waterfowl hunting began in September, with dates varying by species and zone. Other dates to keep in mind; Pheasant, Oct. 1 - December, Deer/Muzzle-loader, Oct. 28 - Nov. 7, Deer/Regular Firearms, Nov. 8 - Dec. 3.

As hunters take to the woods to take game, and hikers to take in the sights, NH Fish and Game wishes to remind recreaters of all types to bear in mind the following rules and regulations and safety tips:

In order to take part in any hunting season, a hunter must obtain a NH hunting license. Licenses may be purchased online, by mailing in an application, or by visiting a local licensing agent (a list by town available at wildlife.state.nh.us/licensing/agents.html). A valid state-issued ID must be presented in order to obtain a hunting license.

By state law, anyone who plans to buy a hunting, archery, or trapping license must complete the respective hunter, bowhunter, or trapper education course, or show a previously issued license of the same type. For more information on how to enroll in a hunter education course, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/hunter-ed.html.

Whenever firearms and archery are involved, safety measures must be taken seriously. The following are some safety tips for hunters to keep in mind:

For firearm hunters, follow these best practices:

Treat every firearm as if it were loaded, unload firearms when not in use, never climb a fence or tree or jump over a ditch or log with a loaded firearm, only point at what you intend to shoot, never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water, keep fingers off of the trigger until ready to shoot, clearly identify a target and what is beyond it before shooting, make certain that the gun barrel and action are clear of obstructions, store firearms and ammunition separately, know where your hunting partner is at all times, if you are accompanied by a hunting dog, always keep him or her under control, and perhaps most importantly for all types of hunting, avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while on the hunt. These same guidelines can be applied to bowhunters, as well.

Planning for the weather behooves any type of hunter. Hunters can be at risk for hypothermia in cold, wet conditions, and even in temperatures as high as 50 degrees. To reduce risk of hypothermia, dress in warm layers, avoiding moisture-retaining cotton and opting for a water-repelling outer layer. Before going out, be sure to check the weather report for inclement weather so as not to be caught off guard by an

unexpected storm.

It is never advised to head out on a hunting trip without letting a friend, relative, or neighbor about where you will be and when you expect to return. Should the unexpected happen, this person can alert authorities of your absence and help can be sent out to you as soon as possible.

Outdoor safety is not limited to hunters. Those who prefer to simply enjoy the beauty of the woods are advised to take their own safety precautions.

Sight-seers are urged to avoid colors and patterns that blend into the surroundings, such as white, black, brown, earth tones, animal patterns, and camouflage. Bright orange, red, or bright green clothing is best for visibility, especially for vests and hats. These bright colors will help you stand out to hunters so that they will be better able to avoid accidentally hitting you.

Making your presence known is a great way to ensure your safety. Talking loudly to a companion, whistling or singing, or even taking a portable music-playing device will help nearby hunters acknowledge your location. However, for common courtesy, noise should be reduced once safety is established so as not to scare away any potential game from the

hunters.

Hikers with four-legged walking companions should not let their dogs walk off-leash in an area that allows hunting, especially in areas with game the dog may want to chase.

To avoid encountering hunters altogether, there are plenty of locations where hunting is prohibited. Most state and national parks do not allow hunting, and Sundays are often hunt-free days.

Regarding any hunting lures, the NH Fish and Game department urges hunters not to use natural urine-based deer lures as Fall hunting seasons begin. These products can potentially spread Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal neurological disorder in white-tailed deer and moose. Synthetic lures are permitted for NH hunting.

Hunting and hiking can both be enjoyable activities, but both involve rules and regulations and common sense in the interest of safety and ethics. If everyone works together, hunters and hikers can share the woods peacefully and safely.

For a complete explanation of all types of hunting, fishing, trapping, and their rules and regulations in NH, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, visit wildlife.state.nh.us.

OBITUARY

John Kotheimer



John Charles Kotheimer, 86, of Hudson, NH, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2023 at Premier Health Care in Nashua, NH.

He was born April 4, 1937 in Louisville, KY, son of the late John and Irene (Schlenk) Kotheimer. John was also predeceased by his

first wife; Marie (Richard) Kotheimer, a daughter; Cassidy Kotheimer, and a sister; Betty Estill.

John was the loving husband of Ellen (Connolly) Kotheimer of Hudson.

John was a US Navy Veteran, having served his country honorably for 21 years. He served in the Vietnam waters during the Vietnam War as well as served during the Cold War and held the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. John served as the Regional and Branch President of the FRA, the Secretary/Treasurer of the FRA (Fleet Reserve Association) as well as Commander for the Hudson, NH VFW #5791 for 4 years. He also served as the chairman of the VFW House Committee, volunteered for many years with the VFW Bingo and belonged to the Military Order of the Cootie. He loved being active and was involved with the Benevolent 7 Lodge, Masons out of Milford, NH.

John was a worker, landing his first job at a young age as a paper boy. He later held other jobs at various companies, including a fireman in Connecticut and later in the shipping and receiving department at Filterfresh Coffee Service, from which he retired.

When he was younger, he enjoyed a Captain Black pipe on the back porch while watching the birds as well as having an extensive collection of well loved pipes. He loved every dog he met, but he hated driving and volunteered the task to anyone who was willing to take it. John enjoyed woodworking in his workshop and stoking the fire in his wood stove. He loved reading a good Clive Cussler book, Military and Mystery books were always his favorite, and loved to putter around the house. If he found the time to relax, it was to enjoy an NCIS rerun on television or sit around talking with his family.

Besides his loving wife, Ellen, his devoted family includes a daughter; Denise Harris and her husband Tony of Delaware, a stepson; Ken Castonguay and his wife AnnMarie of Grafton, MA, a stepdaughter; Sharon Norman of Nashua, a step son; Douglas Castonguay of Nashua, a stepdaughter; Cheryl Castonguay of Nashua, a granddaughter; Katherine Harris of Beloit, WI, a granddaughter; Emily Lauer and her husband John Philadelphia, PA, a step granddaughter; Jennifer Wiedmer and her husband Luke of Hollis, NH, a step granddaughter; Michaela Oran and her husband Serkan of Tewksbury, MA, a step grandson; Joshua Castonguay of Billerica, MA, as well as three great grandchildren.

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, Nov. 8 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held on Thursday, Nov. 9 in the NH State Veteran Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, in Boscawen, NH. All may please meet at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family encouraged donations be made in John's loving memory to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. To share an online message of condolence, please scan the QR code or visit www.dumontsullivan.com

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Hudson Scouts Collect for Local Food Pantry



Cub Scouts from Pack 21 with the help of Scout BSA Troop members collected bags of food left out by residents on Saturday, Nov. 4, and brought them to the Hudson Community Food Pantry at St. John's. Three Cub Scout Dens head out during the early morning in a number of Hudson neighborhoods to collect what was put on door stoops by the community.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Broncos Fall to Tough Titans in State Championship

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's first foray into Division 1 playoffs in a great long while was one that could have gone either way. On one hand, they were a 10 seed coming in playing against a 7th-seeded Nashua North Titans that only had one "signature win" with the Broncos looking for their first. This was a winnable game, but in order for the Broncos to win, they would have needed a lot to go right. Unfortunately for the maroon and gold, that was not the case on Saturday.

After falling behind 6-0 on a touchdown run, it felt like Saturday's game was in jeopardy, despite it only being the first quarter, and the Broncos needed to respond. Unfortunately, it was not Shawn Boudreau's night for the Broncos, as he threw four picks in the 27-14 loss to the Titans.

Early on, the game felt like a defensive battle was brewing, with neither team being able to generate anything in the way of offense until 3:15 left in the first quarter when Jonathan Torres ran it in from 15 yards out, breaking several tackles in the process. Fortunately for Alvirne, the kick on the PAT went wide right, but they were still down a touchdown early. Not a place that you want to be in if you're the Broncos.

The next drive for Alvirne was a crucial one, and it seemed as if



Senior Brandon Lavarney spoiled a pass attempt into the endzone by the Titans on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4, in Nashua.

Boudreau had settled his nerves down after he completed a short pass to senior receiver, Cam Drohan, after being backed up on a penalty following fellow senior Aiden Mills' 7-yard carry. The Bronco offense was clicking.

Naturally for Alvirne, when their offense starts clicking, they try to take shots down the field; this is exactly what Boudreau did, looking for Drohan again, but slightly overthrowing him, leading to an interception from North's Dylan Noble. The first of four INTs thrown by Boudreau was merely an "arm punt",

as it put North on their own 24-yard-line.

After forcing a quick 3-and-out and a punt, Alvirne would get the ball from their own 36. Good field position to potentially go down the field and even things up. Unfortunately, a second straight Bronco drive would end in an INT with Kobe Perry being the one to pick off the Bronco QB after he overthrew Cole Dionne on 3rd and 8.

The Titans would respond by adding a touchdown on a four-yard run from Steven Rosario, and after a successful PAT, they would make it 13-0 in favor



Senior Cam Drohan played a part in both of the Broncos touchdowns during the Division I playoff game against Nashua North. Photos by Chris Paul

of Nashua North.

North would add a 40-yard TD play on a screen pass to Joshua Bozek to make it 20-0 just before the half, and that is how it would go to the break; not ideal for Alvirne at all.

After Dylan Noble picked off his second pass of the afternoon, North would take over at their own 20 yard line. They would promptly turn it into a 14-play 80-yard drive for

another touchdown, making it 27-0 after Steven Rosario punched it in from about a yard out.

Alvirne wouldn't go down without a fight, however, as they would score on a deep pass to Cam Drohan for a TD with 5:19 left in the fourth. It may have been a long shot, but there was hope for the Broncos.

With the clock not on the side of the Broncos, they were forced to go for

the onside kick, which wound up being recovered by Lewis Mazerolle of Nashua North. Alvirne would manage to force a quick 3-and-out, though, getting the ball back with 3:47 left on the clock.

Boudreau would hit Drohan again, this time on a 14-yard slant pass for a TD, making it 27-14 with 41 seconds on the clock. Never say never in Bronco Nation.

This set up an onside kick, and one that, if Alvirne recovered, they had a fighting chance. Alas, the clock struck midnight on the Cinderella Broncos, as the kickoff went out of bounds, and the Titans merely kneeled out the clock, defeating the Broncos 27-14 and advancing to Portsmouth-Oyster River to play the Clippercats on Friday.

As for remaining matchups in the preliminary round of the D1 playoffs, it was the round of the home teams, as #4 Londonderry took care of business against #13 Windham 46-0 in a central division clash, #5 Exeter beat up on #12 Keene 31-13, #6 Salem came out on top of #11 Spaulding 55-34, and #8 Bishop Guertin held on in a shootout Saturday night against #9 Dover by a final score of 56-42.



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Alvirne Cheerleading Squad Finish Fourth in DI Event



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Varsity Cheerleading squad finished their Fall season by competing in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I State Championship over the weekend and did quite well against the rest of the larger schools in the state.

The Broncos competed against 16 other DI teams on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, at Pinkerton Academy and were able to place fourth in the competition with a score of 93.

Pinkerton Academy won their third

consecutive State Championship title with a score of 105.7. The squad from Dover High School was second with 102-points and Concord High School took third place with 100-points.

The team consists of: Abigail Labonte, Ashley Nadeau, Elena Pargas, Isabella Branco, Julia Allison, Krista Laioie, Lindsey Moreau, Mayah Davio, Miley Auger, Natalie Faulling, Nevaeh Alvarez, Robyn Mackey, Saniya Fenderson, and Shavla Dubois.

The team's head coach was Colleen Gillis and her assistants were Angela Auger and Colleen Murphy.



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Bears Offense Shutout; Lose 12U State Championship

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

This weekend was not a great one for Hudson football, as the Hudson-Litchfield Bears sent their team to the 12U State Championship on Sunday, and they were unfortunately shut out 13-0 by a Hollis-Brookline Jr. Cavaliers team that they had defeated 3 times before Sunday's championship game.

This is the fourth time the Junior Cavs and the Bears met this season, and the first time that the Cavs came out on top. They really saved their best performance for the final game of the year.

Hollis-Brookline took control early on with a punt return TD after holding the Bears offense scoreless on the opening drive.

That would be the lone score of the first half, as both the Cavaliers and Bears defenses were playing shutdown football, despite the Bears committing several drive-extending penalties, allowing the Cavs to wind the clock down.

Bears QB, Jordan Reilly, struggled to lead the offense to pay dirt on Sunday, throwing two costly interceptions on deep passes on the Cavaliers side of the field, and failing to

convert on fourth down a couple of times late in the game.

After holding the Bears offense to a goose egg for the first three and a half quarters, the Cavaliers marched down the field, punching in a game-sealing TD as time was winding down to wrap up the championship game.

The Bears, who finished as the 12U NH runners up, ended the year at 3-5. A bright spot that came out of Sunday though, is the announcement that 12U's OL, Amari Antilus, would be traveling to Florida to play in the All-Star Game.



Joining Antilus will be five players from the Bears 13U team: OLB, Joseph

Sperazzo, RB, Kevin Izidorio, Safety, Michael Falorni, DE, Nathan Pomerleau, OL, Jake Hunter-Sok.

Congrats to the Bears on a great season, and best of luck to our All-Stars in their journey to Florida.

Alvirne High School Hope to Place Three Italian Exchange Students

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne High School is currently looking for host families for three exchange students from Italy for the 2024/25 school year.

The Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA) recently sent out a request for families that would like to provide temporary homes for three students from Italy.

The three students sent out small biographies about themselves.

Lola is a 16-year-old that has 10-years of experience with speaking English.

She enjoys board games, choir, martial arts, movies, reading, and singing.

Lola said, "I really enjoy trying new things," and she is cheerful and easy-going.

Lola hopes to study law and become a lawyer after high school.

Guido is 15-years old and also has 10-years of experience speaking English. He enjoys basketball, hiking, movies, reading, skiing, and visiting museums.

According to Guido, his main passion is playing basketball and he hopes to con-

tinue his playing into the professional ranks.

The third candidate is Claudia, another 16-year-old and she has 8-years of English under her belt.

She plays in the band, loves cooking, biking, skiing, swimming, tennis, and volleyball.

Claudia said she is very excited in immersing herself into the American cul-

ture and attending an American high school.

Her favorite sport is volleyball and was recently part of a team that placed third in the regional championships.

Anyone interested in hosting a student can contact Jonathan Cote, New England Regional Director CETUSA, (603) 367-3744 jonathan.cote@cetusa.org.



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Hudson Dancers Earn Roles in NEDE's The Nutcracker



Hudson dancers Sarah Johnston, Brielle Oullette, Mia Oullette and Nina Vaidya will perform in the New England Dance Ensemble's ballet "The Nutcracker" later this month.

Courtesy photo

Talented young dancers from 15 Southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts towns auditioned for roles in the New England Dance Ensemble's performing company in mid-September. 88 dancers, ages 5-17, earned membership in the well-known and highly regarded nonprofit arts organization, including 4 Hudson residents.

In this full-scale professional holiday production, aspiring dancers will be joined by guest artists from Philadelphia Ballet. Sterling Baca, Principal Dancer with Philadelphia Ballet, will dance the role of Cavalier. Scarlett Guemez, company member with Philadelphia Ballet, will dance the role of Sugar Plum. Yuval Cohen,

company member with Philadelphia Ballet, will be dance the role of Snow King and Arabian Prince. Accompaniment will be provided by The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Mark Latham.

Known for its professional caliber, NEDE programs offer growth opportunities for the region's most dedicated performing arts students. Those attaining membership are exposed to a wide range of performance genres including classical and contemporary dance.

In addition, NEDE members benefit from the opportunity to collaborate with high-profile dancers from national and international performance companies.

Company members have each been cast in NEDE's two upcoming professional performances of "The Nutcracker", scheduled for Saturday, November 25 and Sunday November 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center, Salem, NH. Rehearsals are currently underway at NEDE's home studio, Londonderry Dance Academy.

Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they battle the Mouse King and embark on a journey through the Land of Sweets to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy. Tickets may be purchased online at www.nede.org or by calling 1-800-595-4TIX. Tickets on sale beginning October 15th.

Master Plan

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in," he said. Another area discussed was regarding electric vehicles charging stations. Planning Board member, Ed Vand der Veen, said he was concerned with the language on page 60 of the plan, saying it sounds like taxpayers would be paying for it.

The draft reads in part: "The point at which the adoption of EV technology becomes widespread remains uncertain, however, communities can take proactive steps to encourage local infrastructure development to ensure that they are EV ready. To become EV ready, Hudson should consider creating a

plan to deploy strategically placed EV charging stations throughout the community at both public and private commercial sites."

Planning Board Secretary, Brian Etienne, in his professional capacity, said he is working on deploying electric vehicle charging stations across the country, and one of the biggest issues they are finding is not having the infrastructure in the street available to put them in for commercial developments or at homes. "Does the town infrastructure support all of that future need?" he said. He added that the chapter should have language to the effect that the board thinks and strategizes about the

infrastructure over time and to also work with other committees in town to implement and design that plan.

Selectmen member, Bob Guessferd, said it will also be important to have infrastructure in place for the public side because they may have electric vehicles one day for town owned vehicles. "We're going to need that correct infrastructure," Guessferd said. It was decided to have Etienne develop the language to bring back to the board for their consideration.

The Planning Board is expected to have another meeting to discuss the first reading of the draft further, before sending the proposal to a public hearing.



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Tree Lighting

Santa's Coming, Join the fun on Friday, Nov. 24, for Santa's Arrival as he visits the Hudson Town Common at 4 p.m. for the Tree Lighting then the Hudson Fire Department will transport Santa to the Hudson Community Center at 12 Lions Avenue, Hudson for a Photo with Santa and Fun Kids Activities until 6 p.m. Donate new winter hats, mittens or gloves for children. Donation box at hall.

Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale

Saint Kathryn's Annual Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale will be held on Saturday & Sunday Nov. 11, & 12, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. There will be a grand raffle (\$1000)

first prize. Many individual items and baskets will be raffled off. There are also handmade items for sale and a bake sale. St. Kathryn's is located at 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, contact St. Kathryn's more information at stkathryns.org/baz2023.

Adventurers Storytime, Stone Soup

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, 28, Dec. 5, & 12 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. in the Community room of Rodgers Memorial Library. Join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities, for ages 3-5. Please bring one food item to add to the library's Stone Soup. Let the library know what you are bringing and please bring it prepared to go into the soup (peeled, chopped, etc). Children should be able to sit

through a story. Siblings welcome. Registration required. Please indicate the number in your party when you register including adults and infants.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join Etz Hayim Synagogue for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:15 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Church of the Transfiguration not only share an interfaith campus but also work together on many activities. These include Elijah's Table and Interfaith Trips to Israel. One of the major events of this collaboration is the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The site and sermon alternate between the two. This year Rabbi Peter Levy will lead the service at

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, and Reverend Ray Bonin will deliver the sermon. This service is of particular significance as these two spiritual leaders will soon be retiring. There will be light refreshments after the service.

Cookbook Club

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. Join as the club sample and discuss recipes from popular cookbooks and food themes! Prepare a recipe from this month's topic, then engage with others about your recipe adventures. November's focus will be the Thanksgiving, so come and share a recipe from your own kitchen!

New Characters & Cocoa

Thursday, Nov. 16, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. A new monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft will be held. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshoping. As this

Meeting Schedule: Town of Hudson and Hudson School District

Thursday, Nov. 9: Budget Committee 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 10: Town Hall and Schools Closed
Monday, Nov. 13: Cable Utility Committee 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13: Conservation Committee 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13: Hudson School District Policy Committee Meeting 11 a.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14: Board of Selectmen 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15: Library Trustees 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15: Budget Committee 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15: HEAC 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 16: Zoning Board 7 p.m.
Thursday Nov. 16: Benson Park Committee 7 p.m.

Check HudsonNH.gov and sau81.org for agendas and locations

will be the first meeting, some time will be spent on what members want out of the group. Hot chocolate will be served.

Elementary Craft

On Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6 - 7 p.m., in the Children's Programming Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. Grades 1-5 are invited to join Miss Marissa once a month to do a craft/art project this month will be a turkey painting.

Stone Soup Tasting

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 3:30 - 6 p.m., in the Reading Area of Rodgers Memorial Library. Visit the children's desk for a taste the soup the Adventurers group made in their Stone Soup Storytime.

Drop In Stitchers

On Friday, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m., in the Communi-

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ty Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to sit and chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone. Bring in that pair of socks you started in 1986 - you can finish them here. Make a new craft and some new friends.

Intermediate Knitting Class

Registration required. Seating is limited to 10 participants only. On Friday, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, & 8, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Reading Area of Rodgers Memorial Library. Do you know how to knit and purl? How to cast on? Then you're ready to learn about knitting socks! Learn the basics of knitting a sock in this 4-week class. Please bring one (1) set of five (5) double-pointed knitting needles, wooden needles, not aluminum, size 4 (3.5 mm), no longer than 6" long.

Genealogy Club

On Friday, Nov. 17, from 1:30 - 3 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. Community and church cookbooks are treasures that give a glimpse of female groups, encapsulated in a place and time. Besides providing delicious treats, these recipe books can also be a springboard to genealogical adventure. Join Erin looking over recipes for Ghorabie, Pacific Slope Punch, and Maple Creams in search of clues to unlock the stories of female ancestors. Participants will receive a few choice vintage recipes as well as a "recipe" for research planning.

Tween Snack Bonanza

On Friday, Nov. 17, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. Tweens in grades 4-7 are invited to make and taste some after school snacks: fruit smoothies, rice crispy monsters, and a cheese ball. Please let staff know ahead of time if you have any food allergies.

Mystery Lover's Book Club

On Monday, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, & Jan. 22, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Children's Programming Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. If you are looking for a book group where everyone joins in with the conversation and opinions are welcome, this is the place for you. Come and give it a try. This month's book pick is *The Maid* by Nita Prose.

Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, & Dec. 19, from 1:30 - 3 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. This group will discuss *The man who invented Christmas: how Charles Dickens's A Christmas carol rescued his career and revived our holiday spirits* by Les Standiford.

Public Involvement Session Notice

Opportunities for you to talk directly with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in an open public meeting session concerning your views on the transportation planning process in the Nashua Metropolitan Planning Area (which includes Hudson) scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 6 - 7 p.m. At Nashua Regional Planning Commission 30 Temple St., Suite 310 Nashua. These public meetings are part of a review that will assess compliance with Federal regulations pertaining to the transportation planning process conducted by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, the NH Department of Transportation, the Nashua Transit System, and local units of government in the Nashua area.

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Rotary Club Meeting

The Hudson Rotary Club will meet at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 7:30 - 9 a.m., in the Community Room

Democrats Meeting

The Hudson Democrats will have a general meeting at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 7 - 8:45 p.m., in the Community Room.

Holiday Craft Fair

Come to a Charming Holiday Craft Fair at the All American at Londonderry on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 3 - 8 p.m. There will be Live Entertainment, Hot Cocoa and Cookies as well. For More Information or Booth Inquiries Please Contact Christine at 603-537-9898.

Coiled Baskets

This program will meet in the Community Room of the Rodgers Memorial Library. This first class will be sharing space with Borderline Spinners. Signing up registers for all four weeks of classes Tuesdays in Nov. 14, 21, & 28, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., All materials provided. Registration is limited, so sign up now!

Dino the Therapy Dog

Come meet Dino, the therapy dog at Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to be pet on the Library Lawn. On Tuesdays, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 19, & 26 from 2:30 - 3 p.m.

Movers & Shakers

Toddler Storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. On



Dojo Doings Over the weekend, on Saturday, Nov. 4, Dojo Sante, located at 1 Winn Avenue in Hudson, had two advancements for their martial arts students. The first promotion was for the junior class/students, those going from white and yellow belts to the next level. The second class was for advanced students, those going from purple, green red belts to the next level. It's a rigorous promotion class where they exhibit their skills and do a minimum of 100 pushups. The kids work very hard for this. I've attached a picture of the advanced promotion. Sensei Matthew Babine, the co-owner of Dojo Sante, is pictured with his students after the advancement ceremonies.

Courtesy photo

Wednesdays Nov. 15, 29, Dec 6 & 13 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., and from 10:30 - 11 a.m., in the Community Room at Rodgers Memorial Library. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates with child or children.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday's Nov. 16, 30, Dec. 7 & 14 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., in the Children's Programming Room of the Rodgers Memorial Library. For babies age birth to 18

months and their caregivers. Enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies as we learn, play, and develop language and motor skills. Registration required. Please let staff know how many people are in your party, including your baby.

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