



The HUDSON CONNECTION

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HUDSON TATANKAS FALL TO CVBBA ALL STARS 11-9 IN HARVEST FESTIVAL MATCH

One of the many highlights of this year's Harvest Festival was a vintage base ball (NOT "baseball") match between a surprisingly athletic group of local players and an all-star squad from the Colorado Vintage Base Ball Association. The game was played in period uniforms and under rules from about 1870.

The captain of the *Tatankas* (that's Lakota for "buffalo bull" for those of you who haven't seen *Dances with Wolves*), Mark Kinnear, vowed to get revenge for the humiliating defeat at next year's celebration. Congratulations to the team for a game effort against its more experienced opponents!

Harvest Festival a Success

In addition to the vintage baseball game, this year's Harvest Festival was a smashing success. Attractions included a parade, a fire department softball game, presentation of the colors, face painting, craft booths, pony rides, a climbing wall, food vendors, a youth dance, and a movie.

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2012 Budget Update

At the October 5th meeting of the Board of Trustees the Board will receive a DRAFT of the 2012 budget. The budget contains a financial plan for the next calendar year, including proposed public works projects. While the Town welcomes public input at any time, a formal PUBLIC HEARING on the Budget will be held at Town Hall on November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Have You Returned Your Survey???

As part of the budget process, the Town mailed a short survey to every household in Hudson, asking for opinions ranging from satisfaction with the services provided by the Town to ideas for public improvements. **There is still time to get your surveys back.** Staff will be tabulating the results, beginning on Monday, October 3rd. If you fill out your survey and return it to Town Hall by that date, your thoughts will be included in the final report. Thank you to all who have responded so far.



Your Opinions Are Important

Hudson Library Happenings

Terri Redden, director

Summer came and went and again, we can't believe how fast it disappeared. As we settle into fall thoughts of hot cocoa and a good book come to mind. Popcorn and a movie sound like fun too.

This year we are offering a **Fall Reading Program for Adults**. October 3 through November 18th read at least 4 books to get a prize. At the end of the program we plan to have a wrap up event with entertainment and refreshments.

October is **Cancer Enlightenment Month** at our library. This will be an opportunity for you to display ribbons in the library to remember a loved one that has gone through cancer or is experiencing it now. Everyone can participate. While here pick up information that might be of help to you if cancer is a part of your life.

October 21st from 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. **Playground Theater** presents a Howlarious ,Silly & Spooktacular good time. Wear your costumes and be prepared to laugh.

The library is offering **Homework Help** on Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Bring your homework questions.

The train for **Imagination Station** rolls in Fridays at 10:15 a.m. Besides story time and fun crafts we will have special guests throughout the year. Excel Computer classes start October 5th. They will run every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call or come in to the library to sign up.

We would like to open up the library to a **Knitting Club** starting in November. If knitting is your craft and you want to meet others to share & learn call the library.

You can find us on the Highplains Library site at www.mylibrary.us. Or call at 303-536-4550 for more information. Visit the library today; we've got something just for you.

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents” Emilie Buchwald

Fire District Update

October 3 through October 6 the District will be at the elementary schools for Fire Prevention Week. The kids will get to go through the smoke house again this year.

If You See It – Report It

There have been several reports lately of vehicles speeding through neighborhoods, people dumping camper waste by roadsides, vandalism and other problem activities. If you see something like this, note the facts such as location, time, date, vehicle descriptions and license numbers, and call the Sheriff's non-emergency number: **970-350-9600**. We can all help keep our neighborhoods safe.

WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE: Completion Scheduled for Nov. 1

Work on the new lift station at the wastewater lagoons, and on the sewer line along Boxelder Creek under I-76 and the railroad, is scheduled for completion by the end of October. The Town will then be able to begin the process of closing the lagoons. It will mark the end of a four year program of modernizing the Town's wastewater treatment facilities.

Pumpkin Patch Coming Up

This year's Pumpkin Patch will be something different. The event, scheduled for October 12th, will take place at the Wild West Corn Maze. Hudson Elementary School students will participate in an educational field trip with fun activities. The Weld Central High School FFA group and Hudson Community Events Committee will be assisting the students. The Barn Store and Farmers Insurance have donated items for this year's event. It is anticipated that over 200 students will be attending this free event at the Willard Farm.



MEMORIAL PROJECT TAKING SHAPE – FUNDRAISER BEGINS

We will soon begin the fundraising effort for the planned Hudson Veterans Memorial project. The project, to be built near the picnic shelter at the Town Park, is anticipated to cost about \$25,000 in cash and donated materials. The centerpiece of the memorial will be a 13,000 pound block of marble with plaques commemorating the branches of the armed services. The photo shows Town Trustee Matt Cole loading the marble, donated by Colorado Stone Quarries, Inc., for the move to Hudson.



Town Trustee and Vietnam veteran Ray Patch is heading up an effort to raise funds and volunteer labor to build the project. The Town has hired a landscape architect to prepare construction plans. Soon we will be offering for sale engraved brick pavers to honor family members and friends who have served in the Military. There will also be opportunities to sponsor flag poles, benches, and to make cash donations to the project.

If you or your organization would like to donate or help with the fundraising efforts for the Memorial please contact Town Hall. Help us honor our Veterans. Detailed information coming soon!



New Public Works Director Starts

Ron Allen has joined the Town's staff as Public Works Director. He is experienced in street maintenance and heavy equipment operation. Ron replaces Tim Hopwood who recently relocated to Wylie, Texas. Welcome aboard, Ron!

More News from Town Hall.....



- The Town and CDOT have completed about two miles of street resurfacing including a mile of Kersey Road, south Beech Street, a section of Dahlia Street, and the street around the Pepper Pod.
- Ray Derr, the Town's auditor, presented the 2010 audit to the Board of Trustees. The Town continues to be in sound financial condition.
- The Town has hired a landscape architect to prepare construction plans for the fishing pond. If construction begins by March 2012, there is a possibility that the pond might be stocked by fall of that year.

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

With fall fast approaching, the Public Works Department will be sweeping up the leaves and other debris throughout the town. We will be sweeping on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month for the north-south streets and Thursday for the east-west streets. Further sweeping will be done on selected streets as needed.

The Town asks for your assistance during the sweeping process by moving your vehicle(s) off the street on the days listed above. Your cooperation will help us keep your neighborhood clean.

BOARD HEARS PROGRESS REPORT

At their September 21st Workshop, the Hudson Board of Trustees was given a progress report by members of the I-76 Economic Development Initiative Steering Committee. The Initiative, created through a joint resolution by the Towns of Hudson, Keenesburg and Lochbuie, was established to create jobs, assist and expand existing businesses, and to recruit new companies to the area. An Action Plan has been developed to provide specific steps with which to achieve the committee's goals, objectives and strategies. Speakers included: Larry Burkhardt, Tom Kaufman, John Spillane, Candy Veldhuizen, Rob Masden, Mark Kinnear, and Jesse Esparza. For more information email Dan Hamsmith at dhamsmith@hudsoncolorado.org.



Harvest Festival 2011





On a clear and warm September morning, the streets of Hudson came alive as a neighborhood parade kicked off this year's Hudson Harvest Festival. With lights blazing and sirens blaring the Town's Sheriff Deputy and Fire Department travelled down Beech Street leading several parade units including classic cars, Hudson Board members, school children displaying their Huskie Pride, local business floats, and a brigade of antique farm tractors.

With the parade completing its three-quarter mile journey at Hudson Memorial Park, Festival participants were treated to several kids games and the annual soft ball battle between the Hudson and Keenesburg Fire Protection Districts. SE Weld Fire won and kept the travelling trophy in Keenesburg.



At noon, the American Legion presented the colors while the Weld Central High School Impressions vocal group performed the National Anthem as pilots from Platte Valley Airpark did a fly-over. Afterwards, the Impressions continued to sing for event attendees.

A vintage base ball game, using rules from the 1870's was the next featured event. The Hudson Tatankas were narrowly defeated 11-9. The evening concluded with a youth dance and the summer's final outdoor movie at Hudson Elementary.

The Town thanks the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce and the Community Events Committee for organizing and staffing this year's event.



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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE
TOWN HALL AT 303-536-9311.**

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REMEMBER... Town Board meetings are open to the public. Agendas are posted in the Town Hall window and at the Post Office.



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