



The HUDSON CONNECTION

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Fishing Pond Construction Begins Volunteers needed

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HUDSON FISHING POND GROUND BREAKING
July 18, 2012

July 18th marked the official start of construction of the Hudson Fishing Pond. The project, designed by a team of landscape architects from the Pridian Group and Reams & Pat-

erson Engineers, will be constructed by general contractor Mountain Constructors.

With the help of a \$130,000 "Fishing is Fun"

grant from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the 1½ acre pond will be part of a planned recreational complex that will one day include a second baseball field, a trail, a perimeter trail, a picnic area and a soccer field. The pond will be stocked by the Division of Wildlife with a variety of fish, including trout, bass and sunfish. Construction of the pond began on July 23rd and should take about 60 days. Over time the Town will be adding trees, boulders, and

see *Pond*, p.5

HARVEST FESTIVAL COMING SEPTEMBER 22nd

The Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce will once again be sponsoring the *Hudson Harvest Festival*. The festival will feature:

- Vendor booths
- Food
- Games
- Vintage Base Ball
- Auction
- Live Band
- Bar-b-que
- Beer garden
- Movie-in-the-park

The Chamber is asking for sponsorship and donation of auction items to help with advertising, activities, prizes, etc.

Contact Chamber Treasurer Christina Roskop at (303) 732-0131 if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer at the event.

Applications for **Booth Space** are due by Sept. 10, although same-day regis-

tration is accepted with a cash payment. The fee for a booth is \$35.

The Festival will be an enjoyable day that will bring the community together. **THANK YOU** to the Chamber and to everyone involved in keeping this tradition going.

Visit the Chamber web site:
www.hudsonchamberco.com



JUNE AND JULY YARD-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

JUNE



The winners for June are:
143 Beech Street – Brannan residence
155 Dahlia Street – Kiefer residence
358 Grape Street – Deubach residence
305 Holly Street – Stewart residence



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!! YOU'RE AWESOME!

*"Oh" Nuts
Amanda Vogel – Avon
Dogs Unlimited
Hudson Public Library*

*Farmers Insurance
Gator Rubbish Removal
Farm & Home Lumber
Pepperpod Campground
Carl's Jr.*

*Subway
Andersen's Star Market
Barn Store
El Faro
Village Gift Company*



The winners for July are:
449 Ash Street – Zwegardt residence
425 Beech Street – Kille residence
518 Cherry Street – Henry residence
30 Elm Street- Warner residence

JULY



HUDSON SPIRIT!

We should all celebrate the wonderful little community that we live and work in. Hudson has a long history and a bright future, one that we all can enjoy if we all pitch in and do our part.

Come out to our events. Volunteer on committees. Shop in our stores. Enjoy our restaurants.

Our community is what we make of it. Invest in our future. Lets do it together.

LOCAL
BUSINESSES

FISHING POND
PAVED STREETS

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VINTAGE AERO FLYING MUSEUM

PUMPKIN PATCH
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HUDSON ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BALL FIELD
HARVEST FESTIVAL

YARD OF THE MONTH

FIRE DISTRICT

PLAYGROUND

MOVIES
IN THE PARK

CHRISTMAS
LIGHTING EVENT

WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY

SMALL BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT CENTER

LIBRARY

RURAL ATMOSPHERE

UNLIMITED POTENTIAL

SUMMER READING
PROGRAM

GOOD WATER

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RE3J LAUNCHES HUDSON ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Greg Dent, Principal

Beginning August 20th of the 2012-2013 school year, Hudson Elementary School will be transformed into the Hudson Academy of Arts and Sciences. The change to the magnet focus has been studied and researched for the past year.



Staff, parents and community members have been involved in creating this dynamic new program.

The mission of Hudson Academy of Arts and Sciences is to provide a student centered, integrated, and active approach to 21st century learning, allowing students to achieve full academic and artistic potential through the Arts and Sciences. Students will learn Reading, Writing, Math, and Social Studies content through the inte-

gration of Science, Technology, Art, physical movement and Music. Each third through fifth grade student will have access to a wireless technology device to enhance their learning. All students who choose to attend Hudson Academy of Arts and Sciences will receive preschool at no cost and full day Kindergarten.

Students who are currently enrolled at Hudson Elementary School will automatically be enrolled at the Hudson Academy of Arts

and Sciences. In and out of district students are encouraged to complete the entrance application.

As always, your child's academic success and safety are my focus. We have a great staff who is dedicated to helping your children succeed. If I can ever help you in anyway please stop in, call me at 303-536-2200 or e-mail me at gregdent@re3j.com. I am always ready to talk about our students, parents and community.

School District Prepares for a New Year

Susie Townsend, Superintendent of Schools, District RE3J

Welcome to the Weld County School District Re-3J! Our school district encompasses over 480 square miles and includes rural and urban locations in North Eastern Colorado approximately 35 miles from Denver. Five separate communities make up our district (Lochbuie, Hudson, Keenesburg, Prospect Valley and Roggen), but one goal is shared by all within our district boundaries – we will all work together to create the very best learning environment possible in order for our students to become the best they can be.

I invite you to visit our website at www.re3j.com. You will find a great deal of important facts regarding each of our three preschool through fifth grade elementary schools, one sixth, seventh and eighth

grade junior high, one ninth through twelfth grade high school, an alternative education center and district central office. Our district provides for open enrollment options giving district families choice in the schools their students attend. In addition, you will also find information regarding district policies and practices from employment to education.

Our district mission is focused on increasing student success and achievement so that each student will have the tools necessary to make positive choices for their future. Our district standards are high and academic achievement levels are increasing toward these standards. Our experienced and dedicated teaching and student support staff provide high quality

instruction to all students and individualized instruction to all students needing additional support to obtain the standards set for their success.

Our Board of Education adopted a vision statement of "Pathways to Success." With this as a guide, we have recently created a Career Pathways program in our high school that allows students to identify areas of interest and take classes within those areas of interest. These Pathways ensure that students are also meeting the district graduation requirements while building skills for their future careers.

Our Weld County School District Re-3J administrative team provides leadership and collaboration to the school board and schools in the areas of effective management, researched based instruction-

ANNUAL CITIZEN SURVEY COMING SOON

As a part of the annual BUDGET process, the Board will be soliciting input from citizens through its annual citizen survey. Every household in town will receive a survey in the mail. Questions will range from satisfaction with services to ideas for projects.

Your input will help the Board focus its public resources on the things that citizens feel are most important. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR SURVEY!**



News from the Library

Terri Redden, Library Director

Summer days are going quickly by. It does seem like the time goes too fast!!

Once again Summer Reading was a success. We had almost 600 attending the events given by the library. More than 300 signed up for the program. We cannot stress enough how beneficial reading is to the children during their summer vacation. Testing shows that kids who read for pleasure in the summer do better and forget less when they go back to school. And it's not just in reading. Kids who don't read over the summer can slide backward in all subject areas.

We've had some great volunteers this summer. Whether it was to play Scrabble on game day, lend a hand with crafts or help with the games at the fairground, we are sure we couldn't have managed without them. I won't mention names here, because we had so many that lent a helping hand. You know who you are and we

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

Starting in September we will be offering "Tech Tuesdays." Call ahead to make an appointment and give us an idea of what you would like to learn. Examples of some of the things we've taught before are: Beginning Computer, Beginning Word, and Beginning Excel. We can show you how to use our catalog to download e-books to your reading devices.

"Imagination Station" and playgroup will begin in September for preschoolers. It is on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Children enjoy the group as do the grownups who come with them. It's always a fun lively day for us at the library, come, join in!! ☺

We've recently purchased a locking display case for the library. We would like to invite anyone that is interested in sharing their collection with our community. It could be your fair project, your doll collection or???? Currently

we are asking persons interested to sign up either for a single shelf, or if you have a larger display, use the whole case. Items will be on display for a month at a time and you can find a signup sheet at the library.

We are gearing up for the Common Read to be held October 2012. The book that has been chosen for this year is "Unbroken" by Lauren Hillenbrand a story of survival, resilience and redemption. Our kickoff date will be October 13th. We invite anyone who has served past or present in any branch of the military to share photos, memorabilia, or stories about your experiences serving our country. Perhaps someone in your family has served and you have memories of them. We have lots of fun activities planned in months to come.

Hudson Public Library • 555 Main St. • Hudson, CO • 303-536-4550

Hours : M,T,Th,F :10:00 am – 6:00 pm • W 10:00am – 7:00 pm • Sat. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Sun closed

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other features around the water's edge.

Included in the project is removal of the old pickle brine pond, located north of the park picnic shelter.

The pond will be lined to eliminate losses from seepage. Water will come from a variety of water sources owned by the Town, including wells and mountain water.

Fishing will be open to the public, hopefully by mid-October, and will be subject to Colorado fishing regulations.

Volunteers Needed

Part of the Town's "match" for the grant is to be local volunteer help. When the contractor is finished there will be help needed for tree planting, construction of a picnic area, and other projects to

add amenities to the site. The Town will schedule and publicize volunteer work days. Please come out and help!



COYOTES SEEN IN HUDSON

The Town has received reports from citizens who have seen coyotes in the area. Coyotes are extremely adaptable and can thrive in urban areas, from downtown Denver to small towns like Hudson. They can and will be found in any neighborhood that provides for their basic needs – food, water, shelter and space.



Although naturally curious, coyotes are usually timid, normally running away if confronted. While attacks on humans are rare, attacks may

occur as a result of people feeding coyotes. Coyotes have adequate food supplies and are capable of surviving in populated areas without our help.

If you are experiencing problems with coyotes, or simply have questions or concerns regarding wildlife in your area, call the Colorado Parks and Wildlife office at 303-297-1192 from 8am to 5pm Monday – Friday, or visit them online at www.wildlife.state.co.us.

Utility Rates Increase

Hudson rates for water and wastewater services are adjusted on July 1 each year, based on the previous year’s local consumer price index. This year the rates increased by 3.9%. The following are the monthly in-town residential rates:

Water base rate: \$24.14
0-5,000 gals: \$3.36/1,000
6,000-20,000 gals: \$3.65/1,000
Over 20,000 gals: \$4.06

Wastewater base rate (flat rate for a single-family house): \$24.14

Water and wastewater services of the Town are run as individual “enterprises,” meaning that they are operated as Town-owned businesses, with revenues being needed to cover the cost of operations and fixed costs. The Colorado Constitution requires that municipal utilities be self supporting in order to retain their status as enterprises.

Please call Town Hall or visit the Town’s web site if you have questions or if you are interested in out-of-town or commercial rates.

News from Town Hall...



- Work on the Veterans Memorial continues, although at a slower pace than hoped for. So far we have received \$24,903 in donations and sales of commemorative bricks. Dedication is on track for Veterans Day.
- Check out the new planter in front of Town Hall. The Hudson Correctional Facility built it for the Town and has agreed to build 20 more. We plan to make available for beautification of our downtown area. Details of the program will be in upcoming editions.
- The Board has begun its work on the **2013 BUDGET** for the Town. The budget will be a financial plan for next year’s operations, projects and programs. Please call or stop by Town Hall if you have suggestions for the budget. A public input meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 5.

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al strategies, data analysis, individualized and differentiated instruction, and mastery learning which set high expectations for the increase of achievement for all students. The district administrative team meets on a monthly basis collaborating and planning

for the successful implementation of professional development for staff which focuses on effective successful strategies to provide support for their work with students each and every day. We strive to build capacity for success for all students and staff, fostering collaboration within and among

each of our schools.

Our goal is to respond to the needs of our students and the communities we serve by providing the highest quality education possible. Please call at 303 536-2000 if you have any questions or if we can assist you in any way.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Town of Hudson Has Elevated Levels of Total Trihalomethanes

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received over the last year show that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for total trihalomethanes. The MCL for total trihalomethanes is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The running annual average level of total trihalomethanes for second quarter 2012 was 0.110 mg/L.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- At this time, no alternative source of water is necessary. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing total trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

Total trihalomethanes are byproducts of drinking water disinfection and are common at low levels in many drinking water systems. Disinfection of drinking water is required to ensure that harmful contaminants such as bacteria, viruses and other microbial pathogens do not exist in the finished water. However, the disinfectant itself can react with naturally-occurring materials in the water to form unintended byproducts that may pose health risks. An operational goal for drinking water systems is to maximize their disinfection efficiency while limiting the formation of these disinfection byproducts.

(Describe corrective action)

The Town of Hudson has implemented a hydrant flushing schedule as well as adjustment of the storage tank levels to keep the water fresh.

We anticipate resolving the problem within (estimated time frame) 30 days. For more information, please contact (name of contact) Hunter Fobare at (phone number) 3 914-0295 or (mailing address) Po Box 351 Hudson Co 80642.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Town of Hudson
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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT THE
TOWN HALL AT 303-536-9311.**

REMEMBER... Town Board meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month are open to the public. Agendas are posted in the Town Hall window and at the Post Office.

**Visit the Town's web site for more up-to-date news about what's going on:
www.hudsoncolorado.org**



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