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STEPPING UP Volunteers with the Hudson Conservation Commission recently upgraded the entrance to the north side of the Musquash Conservation Area. A crew made the steep incline a bit safer by installing some pressure treated steps at the Woodland Drive entrance. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Musquash Pond Set for Invasive Plant Removal This Summer

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on April 8 by welcoming John Walter, their newest full-time member.

"I've been in town for 20 years," said Walter. "I hope to accomplish what's best for the town here in terms of conserving land while attempting to maintain it as best we can."

Walter's term runs through December 2027, and his decision to volunteer gave the Conservation Commission a full complement of voting members. It still has one unfilled position for an alternate member.

Members also received a written packet from Eric Radloff of Full Circle Forestry on the topic of invasive species treatment plans at Musquash Pond.

"Out on the trail systems, we have a lot of Japanese knotweeds," said Commission Chair, William Collins. "We've been out numerous times to cut it, but it's a species that just pops right back up. Last year we talked about treating it chemically to suppress it. Hopefully that will keep it down for a little bit to come."

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Dhima Brings Up Landfill Cap Issues with R.C. Airfield

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

After two warrant articles were approved by voters in March, one to allow the Southern NH RC Club to continue operating on the town's landfill, and for the town to enter into a lease for the space for a solar field, the Board of Selectmen were made aware of another concern during its April 9 meeting.

"We are in violation of our landfill cap," Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, told the Board of Selectmen.

Dhima said Kearsarge Energy from Boston was selected for the solar project in 2023, and a warrant article for a long-term lease was approved by voters in March 2024.

"This project, if executed, will require State permit

approval and will be subject to the current landfill closure permit restrictions in place," Dhima wrote in a memo.

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

"Based on the testimony by the club members and available GIS imagery, it appears that construction activity related to the airfield took place without State or Board of Selectmen approval," Dhima wrote. "Town staff at that time and present have no authority to approve any construction activity that contradicts the current landfill restrictions and conditions in place."

Dhima said there were a number of things done at

the landfill since 1992, which were in violation of the conditions from the State.

"Significant topographic change to the landfill crown area of approximately 3 acres, where the airfield is currently located, which was achieved by bringing in fill and using heavy equipment to grade the site," he noted as one of the changes in the memo.

He also noted that the location of the access road "to the top of the landfill was changed."

"Approximately 350 feet of access road was constructed in violation of the final design closure permit in place from the State," Dhima wrote in a memo.

Dhima said there was also "Construction of the

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Search For an Assistant Town Administrator to Begin Soon

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen were asked to allow the town to move forward with finding an Assistant Town Administrator during the April 9 meeting.

"Funding for the Assistant Town Administrator position was included as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which begins July 1, 2024," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "I am seeking the Board of Selectmen's approval to start the process to fill this position." Malizia said they had the position from 2009 to 2011, and they

want to be able to have someone in place for the position beginning July 1.

"July 1, it would be nice to hit the ground running, if possible," he said.

Selectman, Kara Roy, asked about having something about human resource duties in the job description noting that they discussed it previously.

Malizia explained that a HR type position is usually on its own and noted that it's not something they have had since he has worked for the town. "We haven't had one since I've been here," he said.

Selectman, David Morin, agreed with the importance

of finding a HR professional for Town Hall, but said they should try to get an Assistant Town Administrator and hope they have experience in that area and if not, they can re-examine looking for a HR position next year, or in the future. "At least we should give it a shot," he said.

Vice Chair, Dillon Dumont, said it could be added to the knowledge and skills section of the job posting. "I think as a Board we should still move forward with this," he said.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, said they could have it added as a preferred skill, as

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Selectmen Approve Going Out For Bid For Town Hall Assessment

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During the April 9 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to going out to bid for the Town Hall Building assessment.

“As you may recall, during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget deliberations, the Board of Selectmen discussed using funding from

the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to conduct an assessment of the current Town Hall facility.” Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Malizia said they would be looking to decide on whether or not they should use end of the year fund balance to put it towards the assessment, but he said they needed to get a better

idea of how much it’s going to cost, which is why they needed to go out to bid. “In order to see if we have the funds, we need to have a better idea of what it costs to do,” Malizia said.

Malizia said the goal is to get bids by the end of the year, and that they needed to look for bids now. “The time to do it is now,” he said.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, noted that the citizens petition warrant article for the Town Hall study failed, but Article 29, a citizen petition warrant article for the comprehensive study of infrastructure in town passed.

“When I think about infrastructure, I think about the Town Hall as part of that infrastructure,” she said. She asked if it made

more sense to look for bids for each section of the comprehensive study, and then starting with the Town Hall. “This was kind of conflicted for me,” Jakoby said.

Selectman, Kara Roy, however, said since there isn’t any appropriation attached to the comprehensive study, she thought it made more sense to go with the Town Hall study

since they had already committed to doing it, if the funds are available.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately voted 4-1 to approve moving forward with accepting bids for the study with Jakoby being the one dissenting vote.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is set to take place on April 23 at 7 p.m.

School Board Discuss Potential Hiring and Retention Committee

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board discussed potentially adding a recruitment and retention committee as one of its official committees during its April 1 Board meeting.

School Board member, Ethan Beals, explained that he wasn’t sure why they hadn’t brought it up before,

saying that they were at a Strategic Planning Committee, and was told directly by someone that “We should have a staff recruiting and retention committee.”

He said “it’s so obvious to me to have something like this.”

Beals said he thinks they should be looking at different ways to address recruitment and retention and

thought that it would be another way to do so.

“We know the struggles we have in both of those areas,” he said.

In terms of an official “Charge” for the committee, Beals said that would still need to be worked out.

“The true charge would need to be worked out,” Beals said.

He stated that the main

purpose would be to figure out how to recruit better and how to retain teachers better.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he liked the idea of the Committee, but thought it made more sense for it to be a District Committee rather than a School Board committee.

“I’m not sure how that involves us,” he said.

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, said she thinks there is value with having a Board member on the committee.

“There’s high value,” she said.

Superintendent, Dan Moulis, said he saw value in the committee, but he wanted more time to think over whether it would be best to have some sort of subcom-

mittee, or if it made sense for it to be a regular committee.

“I think it’s something I need to think about a little bit more,” he said.

No decision was made during the meeting by the School Board.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on May 6.

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Planning Board Debate Definition of Driveway in Waiver Approval

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The Hudson Planning Board met on April 10 to hear a brief presentation from Chris Michailides of 3 Nathaniel Drive regarding a two-year extension request on a preexisting conditional use permit allowing him to extend his driveway near a wetland buffer zone.

"I'm trying to get an extension for my approval from back in 2022," said Michailides. "I thought I had it all done, but the approval process took so long and trying to get contractors, I couldn't do it. Then interest rates went and

I couldn't afford to do this."

Conditional use permits are normally valid for two years. Board member, James Crowley, wanted another explanation of the original request, which involved extending his driveway, allowing trucks to reach wells or his septic system already on the property for future maintenance.

"I read everything in the explanation in the packet and thought everything was reasonable and made sense. I respect the need to keep value the owner has already spent money on," said Board member, Ed Van der Veen.

Members were sympathetic to the request, voting unanimously to extend Michailides' permit to April 2026.

There was a second presentation from Gary Thomas of 5 Cin-Fre Drive on an easement waiver to keep a secondary gravel driveway on his property in place, despite it technically violating local setback regulations.

"Right now, the gravel driveway that comes around the right side of the barn is about seven feet over the setback and I'm just looking for a waiver on that piece," said Thomas.

"This isn't our main driveway up to the property; it just allows us to make it up to the area around our barn."

The property owner was worried his unapproved extension might interfere with the approval of future construction on the property. Members of the Planning Board had a few questions about the driveway.

"When was this gravel driveway placed on the side of the building?" asked Crowley. He was confused as to why the path had not gone before an earlier Planning Board for approval when it was initially con-

structed.

Thomas answered that it had been on the property "since 2005 or 2006" and that the issue of needing a waiver had never come up earlier.

"I'm not sure in our regulations how this is classified as a driveway," said Victor Oates, who questioned the need for a waiver. "It's not touching the main road, the main driveway is paved all the way up, and just because somebody put an area in their backyard that they want to drive on that's dirt or something, I'm not sure it counts. I think if we are going to be calling these things 'driveways,' we need to have a definition in our codes."

He expressed a belief that that an unpaved path in a backyard was more of a "dirt path," and should not count as a driveway without

connecting to a main road. Thomas added that even if a gravel path counted as a driveway, he might plant grass and freely drive his vehicle across it without a permit. Everyone agreed that would be legal and would not require a waiver.

Taking everything into account, the Board voted to deny the waiver request while emphasizing that the gravel path in the request did not meet the definition of a 'driveway' and that Thomas should not be impeded for any future permits related to the path. The hope was that putting such a denial on the record would force a more formal decision on how to define a "driveway" going forward.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

OBITUARY

Jaclyn Marie Reda



Jaclyn Marie Reda, 46, died April 1, 2024 surrounded by her family and friends in Concord, NH. She was born in Lowell, MA but most of her young adult life she spent in Hudson, NH. Jaclyn attended Alvirne High School in Hudson, NH then continued her education at Granite State College where she earned her Associates of Science Degree in Business with high honors. She currently worked at Octant Business Services, prior to that she spent 19 years at Digital Federal Credit Union.

Jaclyn loved nothing more than her family and talking with them over the phone. She loved so many things in life, the outdoors and especially the mountains. She made many wonderful memories in Aruba, one of her favorite places to go. She loved to be on the back of the Harley going through the back roads of NH. She loved riding in the Corvette with Randy. She was known to always be working on some kind of house project. But nothing was more dear to heart than her animals. She had fond memories of her cats Minnie and Max, Harley their German Shepard, but Quinn her rescue dog was her co-worker at home. She was most proud of her son William for the man he became along with the news of becoming a grandmother.

Jaclyn is survived by her loving husband of 12 years, Randy Reda (where they resided in Belmont, NH), her son William Smith and his partner Dakota Prather who is expecting Jaclyn's first grandchild from Manchester, NH. Her mother and step-father, Janet (Magro) and Stephen Consoli from Hampton, NH and her father Warren Smith from Barefoot Bay, FL. Her mother-in-law Janice Azarowski from Murrells Inlet, SC and step-father Richard Reda from Nashua, NH. Her step-sisters Celeste Consoli and partner Cassandra Cavanaugh from Exeter, NH, June Berard, husband Jeffrey and their two children from Dracut, MA. Her sister-in-law Shannon Reda from Murrells Inlet, SC. Her Uncle William Magro and his wife Fran from Methuen, MA, Uncle Thomas Magro and his wife Darlene from Manchester, NH, Aunt Maureen Magro from Dunstable, MA, Aunt Judy Wall from Halifax, MA. Also her Aunt Joan Marsilia from Salem, NH, Uncle Richard Marsilia from Dade City, FL and Aunt June Marsilia from St. Petersburg, FL as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jaclyn was predeceased by her brother Shad W. Smith, maternal grandparents William and M. Theresa Magro, paternal grandparents William and Doris Smith, step father-in-law Ronald Azarowski, grandparents in-law Arthur G. and Rita Marsilia.

A Celebration of Life was held at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, on Wednesday, April 10. In lieu of flowers Jaclyn family requests donations be made to the Manchester Animal Shelter, 490 Dunbarton Rd., Manchester, NH 03102 or online at manchesteranimalshelter.org.

Town Administrator

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part of the job posting. It was agreed to allow Malizia to begin looking for applicants, but add to the posting to include human resources under the pre-

ferred skills portion of the job posting.

The Board of Selectmen also agreed to have Jakoby and Dumont on the hiring committee for the position.



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Editorial

Habits Worth Developing

April 22nd is Earth Day, an annual event that reminds us to think about where we live, not our town or even our country, but the Planet Earth.

Every day should be Earth Day. A message we should have taken to heart by now. Earth Day started, Fifty-four years ago, and caring for the only home we have is not something we can do just one day a year.

With the calendar and the weather aligning at last, piles of snow have become just an unpleasant memory. But what's left behind are piles of trash that may have been buried through the winter, along with all the trash tossed out the windows of passing vehicles, visual reminders of just how lazy our fellow citizens can be.

April is the month for town cleanups, and we encourage our readers to participate. There's plenty of trash to go around whether it lines the border between the street and your yard or down the road a bit. This is a good time to start sprucing up your street and bring back "curb appeal".

Now, we should instill in every family member the reminder that trash does not get thrown out the window, and to keep a litterbag in

the car and empty it into your garbage or recycling when you get home.

Whether you decide to join a formal, town-organized clean up or take it upon yourself to keep a portion of the road where you live or the land where you walk free of litter, every bit helps. This involves everyone who's able to commit to keep his or her town looking its best throughout the year.

By now, we should have incorporated earth-saving measures into our daily lives. Preserving our environment has taken on more emphasis lately as global change continues to make headlines, but like most things, change does begin at home, and much of that change involves simple things. We should all do our part to make the earth a little better than it was. Making small changes in the ways we do things will do far more than attending a rally on Earth Day.

Taking care of the place we call home is not something we can do in just one day or a year and expect change, it needs to be a habit and one well worth developing.

After all, we cannot depend on the government or others to do it for us. "Lead by example".

Landfill

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buildings without town or State approval and their possible impact to the membrane of the capped landfill," and also noted that there was construction of fences and fence posts without town or State approval and there are concerns that "their possible impacts to the membrane of the capped landfill."

"The main concern right now is traffic over the landfill that could compromise the integrity of the membrane and the installation of pylons supporting the buildings and fence posts," Dhima told the Selectmen in a memo.

He said whether they go with the solar project or allow the RC Club to continue "the NH Department of Environmental Services will be involved moving forward to address this matter."

Members of the RC Club previously mentioned they were allowed to make changes after having an agreement with the former

Road Agent. Dhima said there was no one in town authorized to allow changes since it would need to be approved by the State.

"It is clear to me they were told to keep it quiet for a reason because what happened out there shouldn't have happened," he said.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, said she wanted to get more information, including potentially getting the email discussions from the former Club President's email Darrell Wagner who has since passed away.

"My concern is there is a lot of information that I would need to make a decision today," she said.

Dhima said at the very least they needed to notify the State of the violations via a letter. "Right now, we're in violation of our conditions," Dhima said.

Chair, Bob Guessferd, said he doesn't think anyone's intentions were negative and said that they needed to move forward. "We have to protect the town's interest," noting that they need to get more information. He stated that both the

RC Club and the town share part of the blame.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to restrict activities to only maintenance and compliance at the capped landfill and restrict unauthorized driving until further action comes from the Board.

It was also agreed to have Dhima send a letter to the State to notify them of what happened.

Additionally, the Board of Selectmen agreed to allow Dhima to seek engineering and environmental services for the landfill. Before any work could be done or contracts could be executed it was noted it would have to go back to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Other motions presented for consideration by Town Staff, including to "notify the RC Club about their intentions and possible costs related to this matter," and to notify "Kearsarge of this matter and ask if they are still interested in the project," were deferred for now.

Musquash

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"Personally, I'd rather have somebody go out and chemically treat it and get rid of it," stated member, Brian Pinsonneault, agreeing that cutbacks had not been working.

The work is set to begin in early summer before July and will last throughout late September and early October when the knotweed is still in bloom.

"Is there any concern about the herbicide that they use getting into the watershed or any potential effects it might have?" asked Walter.

According to Radlof, the chemicals are "pet friendly withing 24 hours" and should not be toxic to the watershed. Collins con-

firmed the chemicals were "approved by the NH Department of Agriculture."

The Commission approved having the Chair and Hudson Town Engineer Elvis Dhima sign with Full Circle Forestry to start the process of weed removal.

Recently, the Commission sent letters to several landowners of undeveloped land around the northern part of Robinson Pond to see who might be interested in selling their land to the town of Hudson for conservation.

"Hopefully we hear back," said Collins. "You don't know until you ask, we're always on the hunt."

Preserving as much land as possible around the pond has been a longstanding goal for the Commission, with money set aside for

future purchases.

Collins also contacted the Financial Department to update the Commission's financial reports, although the process was still ongoing. He noticed that the Forestry Management Fund was showing a balance of negative \$28,185.

"It shouldn't show that, it should show a positive flow!" he said, promising to try clearing up the issue by the May meeting. The negative balance was not the first time a fund overseen by the Commission has had to deal with a financial report showing outdated or inaccurate numbers.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Budget Committee Elect New Officers and Welcomes New Member

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The Hudson Budget Committee elected its officers for the upcoming year at their April 3 meeting.

As incumbent Chair, Norm Martin, "couldn't accept" renomination for another term the old Vice Chair, Bill Cole, was selected as the new Chair, along with James Lawrence as the new Vice Chair, both without debate. Kevin Walsh was unanimously chosen as Clerk.

"Congratulations to the new slate of officers who are going to take over May 1," said Martin, referring to the next meeting. Technically the officers start terms at the end of April.

The Committee was still waiting for the Board of Selectmen and the School Board to address the matter of incoming liaisons.

Last year's School liaison Gretchen Whiting of 22 Glen Dr., was at the meeting to bring attention to a technical issue on communication with members of the Budget Committee through the town website.

"It was brought up in conversation that in order to contact the Budget Committee, you choose a dropdown as to what committee, you fill in information, and you fill in a box," said Whiting. "The only committee that information doesn't go to every member, is the Bud-

get Committee. When the online form is filled out, it only goes to the Chair and Vice Chair."

Whiting had been unaware of this until talking to a member of Hudson's IT Department last March.

"It would just help ease some of the necessities of forwarding information if everybody on the Budget Committee received the e-mail when a person hits 'submit' off of the website," she said.

"Why are the other members excluded? Did the IT people say?" asked Cole. "I agree that I think it would be beneficial if everyone received the information."

A past Budget Commit-

tee decided to limit who receives messages from members of the public through the online system. Nobody was entirely sure when or why the change was originally made, and even the longest-serving members could not remember voting on the matter.

She also encouraged the Budget Committee to deepen its collaboration with the Board of Selectmen and School Board moving forward, adding that "everyone is a volunteer."

"When you address individuals during the budget season or otherwise, I hope everyone will take that into consideration. Just be kind and avoided passing judge-

ment during a conversation."

The now-former Clerk, Patrick Quinlan, announced his intention to resign from the Budget Committee in a recent email last February.

"This is our first meeting to accept that resignation with our thanks and appreciation of his service to the town," said Martin.

Robert Wherry was welcomed as the new member of the committee.

"I am an engineer, I love numbers, I love cranking numbers out, and I look forward to doing some of the analysis and metrics," said Wherry.

The Budget Committee also moved to prevent the renewal of their old by-laws on

the grounds of redundancy.

"Virtually everything in here is just a reiteration of everything in the law and Robert's Rules of order," said committee member, Shawn Jasper. "I really don't see a good purpose for having these, I think they're lengthy we didn't adopt them last year, they have expired, they are not in force and effect anymore, I would just leave them there."

Members voted to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as their manual of procedures, to provide every committee member with a copy of Robert's Rules and took no action in renewing the expired by-laws. All relevant state laws will remain in effect.

Selectmen Agree to Waive CDL Requirement For Fire Department

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen heard from Fire Chief, Scott Tice, during the April 9 meeting, who discussed potentially waiving the requirement within the Department requiring firefighters to have their CDL licenses. "Under state law, we're not required to have a commercial driver's license," he said. At the local level, he said it's been required "as far as I have remembered." He explained that he looked into any liability concerns and their only requirement is that they follow the state law. He explained that whether or

not they have a CDL license wouldn't have an impact on their liability if they get into an accident.

"It doesn't change our liability insurance," Tice said.

Tice said they were looking to go to a facility to have people get trained and they were being pressured to make a decision. He added that they were previously doing it in house. "That cost is \$25,000," he said, noting that it wasn't in the budget. The cost would be for a class of 10.

Tice said he doesn't think it's worth spending the money saying he doesn't think it's a "good use of taxpayers money." He also

noted that they would need to continue to have more people go through the training as they hire more people, and he is concerned about making employees pay for it.

Selectman, David Morin, who was previously on the Fire Department, said when the state made truck drivers get their CDL licenses they instituted the policy. He said when he first heard about changing the policy, he was against it. "I'm still not comfortable with it," Morin said, but he is concerned that some people aren't able to get off probation currently since they don't have their

CDL licenses. He added that if they were to waive the policy, he would want to have an extra week added to training for driving.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately voted to allow the Fire Department to waive its requirement to get a CDL license with the con-

dition that they have an extra week in training for driving, and with the expectation it would be revisited in the future.



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Selectmen Give OK To Begin Search For Tax Collector

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen were asked to approve giving Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, the OK to move forward with looking for applicants for the Tax Collector position, during the April 9 Board meeting.

“Warrant article # 17 for the Discontinuance of the Combined Town Clerk Tax Collector was approved by

the voters at the March 14, 2023, Town Meeting,” Malizia wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “The article states the person holding the combined office shall continue to do so until after the date of the next election, which was March 12, 2024 following which the person holding the combined office shall continue to hold the office of Town Clerk until the expiration of that term of office (2026)

and the Selectmen shall appoint another individual as Tax Collector.”

Malizia explained that the reason for the warrant article was because “It’s perceived that the position is too much for one person.” He explained that most towns their size or some that are smaller have two different positions. “I think we realized a couple of years ago it’s important to have somebody with

financial skills,” Malizia said about the Tax Collector position now being a separate position.

While they are able to hire a Tax Collector Malizia said on the other hand the Clerk position is elected.

Malizia said were they able to hire a Tax Collector the earliest, they could start would be July 1, when the new fiscal year begins.

It was unanimously approved by Selectmen to

allow Malizia to begin the search for applicants for the Tax Collector position.

The Board of Selectmen also announced a number of votes taken during a recent nonpublic session related to personnel.

One of the votes was Mike Pilon to the Full-Time HCTV Assistant position with a pay of \$21.50 an hour.

Another vote was unanimously approving promotion of Master Patrol Offi-

cer Robert McNally to the position of Sergeant with a pay of \$41.98 an hour.

The Selectmen also approved the hiring of two full-time police officers with a starting pay of \$27.98. The two hires were Alexander and Cheri Hughes, who were both hired on the condition of a successful pending final background check.

The Board of Selectmen will meet on April 23 at 7 p.m.

School Board Discuss Potential Collaboration With Litchfield

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board discussed potentially having further collaboration with the Litchfield School District during its April 1 Board meeting.

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, explained that the agenda item wasn’t added at the request of the Litchfield School Board and instead came from the Hud-

son School Board.

“This was added specifically by the Hudson School Board to have a conversation this evening,” she said. School Board member, Ethan Beals, explained that in the late 1990s, the School Board voted to cap the enrollment at Alvirne High School at 1,500 students at a time, noting that they had a capacity and enrollment study done, which showed

significant enrollment increases.

He said historically up to that point Litchfield sent its students to attend Alvirne High School, and the decision led to the remainder of those students at the school to finish their high school career at Alvirne and leading to Litchfield building its own high school.

Now, Beals said they have some students that

come to Alvirne for AP classes and some students attend the CTE program.

During the meeting, he was looking for the School Board’s permission for them to write a letter to the Litchfield School Board “to literally start a dialogue with the Litchfield School Board,” Beals said.

For example, Beals said he thinks they should host the Litchfield School Board on a tour of the high school and have discussion about how they can collaborate and work together.

He noted that their

enrollment is a long way away from the 1,500-student capacity, saying next year they will have about 1,000 students at Alvirne High School. Beals also noted that there are a number of classes that have room for Litchfield students.

Beals explained that there is a list of classes that are “right on the line,” in terms of whether or not they can be offered due to small enrollments, and Litchfield may be in a similar situation.

“I just want to start that

dialogue, I want to start that conversation,” he said.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he agreed with having a discussion.

“I think conversations are important,” he said.

Dionne said she thinks any way they can work together should be looked at or at the very least a conversation should be had noting the positive history between the two school districts.

The Board ultimately agreed to begin having a dialogue with the Litchfield School Board.



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School Board Approve Rental of Alvirne Tennis Courts

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board debated a request to allow the use of tennis courts during its April 1 meeting.

"The district has received a request from The Next Champions to use the tennis courts at Alvirne for programming. There are a total of 6 courts available," Business Administrator, Jennifer Burk, wrote in a memo to the School Board.

It was explained by Alvirne High School Varsity Girls Tennis coach, Moe Leclerc, that he was looking to rent the courts periodically throughout the spring, summer, and fall for the organization he owns, The Next Champions Tennis Program.

"We specialize in developing tennis communities, which enhances tennis players from ages 4 years old through seniors," he

wrote in a memo. "I have a vision to develop such community on the Alvirne High school tennis courts."

He explained to the School Board that after his first-year coaching, he realized there was a "big need for a feeder tennis program to promote tennis to youth players and offer cardio clinics to adult players as an alternative to their workout routine."

"I looked at what the Hudson Recreation had to offer; they offer 5, 1-hour and 15-minute clinics for adults and juniors between the hours of 4:30 - 8 p.m.," he wrote. "The summer junior camp offers every sport except tennis."

Leclerc argued since there are at least two months' worth of summer days during the summer vacation, he could offer more than what Hudson Recreation has to offer in terms of times offered.

"My team is available spring, summer, and fall, 7 days a week sunrise to sunset," Leclerc wrote. "We are in a tennis crisis for the high school tennis program, fielding enough players to host a team to compete in the NHIAA."

He explained during the meeting that at least six players are needed and during his first year they had eight players, four of which graduated.

This year the vast majority of the team had never played tennis at all before, and many didn't own a tennis racket.

"With a feeder program this will not be an issue in the future. Last season, I started such feeder program as well as cardio tennis clinics for advanced junior players, I.E, high school players and adults," Leclerc wrote. "I offer high school clinics and junior clinics with players 4-13

years old in, which the high school players are now helping coach."

Leclerc, explained that he feels there are a number of ways his program would help the school district including getting student athletes interested in tennis, but said the "current fees imposed of 100 for half the day and 200 for the full days are not reasonable for the number of participants we coach daily."

"In addition, we do not use all 6 courts ever, at most we use 4 courts but usually use 3. Many times, we only use the courts for 90 minutes at a time," he wrote in a memo. "Putting a reasonable court fee is challenging. This is the season program schedule. From April 6 - Nov. 3: Saturdays clinics will run at 9 - 10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. - noon using 1 to 4 courts. Sundays from 9 - 10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. - noon

also using 1 to 4 courts. Tuesdays and Thursday's clinics will also run 6 - 7:30 p.m., when no high school matches are occurring. During the summer from June 24 - Aug. 15: Monday through Thursday clinics will run from 9 - 10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. - noon using 1 to 3 courts."

His proposal was to have a pro rate per hour per court fee of \$5 per hour.

"The \$5 per hour court rate is above the pro-rated half day rental for half day rent (6 courts, 4 hours per court = 24 hours court usage = \$4.16 per hour), \$100 for half day court rental divided by 24 hours of court usage," Leclerc wrote.

School Board member, Ethan Beals, argued the tennis courts aren't available 24 hours a day, and therefore the prorated rate shouldn't be based on 24 hours.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he sees the merit to having a tennis program and they should charge \$15 an hour for the spring program, in order to allow them to begin, and then to look at the proposal further for the summer program.

"I think we need to have a conversation," he said.

He also emphasized that it needs to be made known that the public is allowed to use the other courts that aren't being used.

Leclerc said the public, like last year, would be allowed to use any courts that they aren't using, and he could accommodate using less courts if members from the public are in need of court time.

The School Board ultimately agreed to the \$15 an hour rate for the spring and would revisit a long-term agreement for the future.



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Officials Aim to Start to Next Budget Cycle Earlier

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee had its first meeting since the recent March election to examine what they hoped to accomplish in the coming year.

“One of the requests we’ve had was to put together the list of teachers and staff we’ve had going back a number of years. I do want to pursue

that going forward to see if we can do a historical look back to see where we were and where we are,” said committee member, Shawn Jasper. “I think it would be important to look at that trend.”

School staffing numbers and school salaries were hotly debated items on the most recent budget. Members hoped to answer questions about the student-to-teacher ratio in the

coming months along with how the departure of Litchfield from the district impacted those numbers.”

“I know the last year Litchfield students were at Alvine was in 2003,” answered Clerk, Kevin Walsh.

In a review of the fiscal 2025 budget cycle, the Budget Committee admitted running out of time to answer every question

that came up.

“We started too late in really digging in and asking some of the questions,” said Jasper. “For instance, I think we were all surprised to find that it \$3.8 or \$3.9 million for special ed students and I think we ought to be looking at things like that earlier, finding out our alternatives and asking to look at other districts.”

He believed the Hudson School District might be able to reduce costs in the coming year by working with other districts, pushing to get an earlier start to get a clear picture before the 2026 budget season starts going.

“Numbers just came out from the state and our proficiency in the town of Hudson and the grades are extremely low in my opinion,” He added. “We’re

spending all this money and it’s going up and up. Where were we as compared to pre-pandemic school proficiency? We ought to be looking at those things.”

Jasper hoped that by getting a head start on research likely budget topics, the committee would be prepared to fully answer any questions that might come up.

“I’d love to have more time and more information, though I’m pleased we had time to at least scrutinize these budgets and come up with substantive changes,” said incoming Vice Chair, James Lawrence. “We had two default budgets that were very close to what the operating budgets were being put forward, and I don’t think that we had adequate time, nor ade-

quate information to make a good assessment of that.”

There were calls to get periodic reviews of the budget numbers ahead of the November presentations. Walsh proposed looking at the estimated valuation numbers to get a rough idea of what the tax rate will be before the release of official numbers.

Another call includes a monthly review of the town’s level of spend.

“We need to be keeping track, it’s part of our fiduciary duty as members of the Budget Committee,” said Jasper.

The Hudson Budget Committee is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the lower-level Buxton Community Development Meeting Room at Town Hall.


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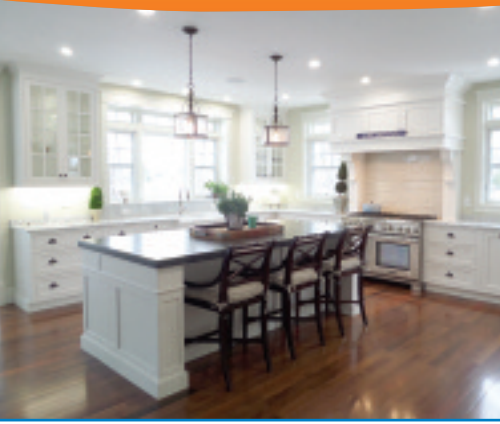


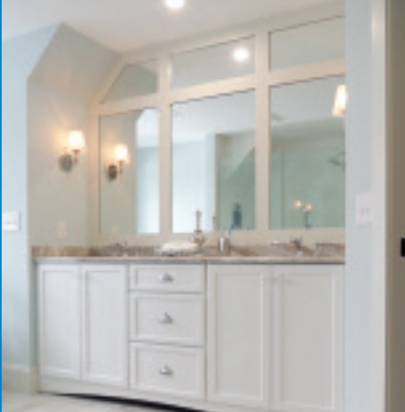
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Spring is in the Air... and so are Allergens!

Spring is in the air, and so is the pollen. How will you protect yourself this upcoming allergy season? In New England, the pollen season usually starts in April and continues into around September, coming in waves. Tree pollen is especially abundant in the spring, while grass pollen begins in May and continues throughout much of the summer. There is also a weed pollen season that peaks in August and September. The reason allergy sufferers have such a difficult time at the beginning of summer is thanks to the combination of both tree and grass pollen in the air at the same time. To top it all off, environmental changes have begun to lengthen our usual pollen season timeline.

What Happens During Pollen Season?

Pollen season occurs in the spring, summer, and

fall, but most would best recognize this phenomenon during spring. Pollen is a fine to coarse powdery substance that is created by specific plants as part of their reproduction process, usually from grasses, trees, and weeds. The start of this process is initiated by the temperature changes when transitioning between seasons, which trigger these sensitive plants as to when it's time to start releasing pollen.

The Environment and its Effect on Pollen Season

The New England climate is ever-changing. This includes varying precipitation patterns, seasonal air temperatures, and an increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Our constantly changing environment has caused the pollen season to not only become longer but also create more

dense pollen. According to a study published in the scientific journal, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), in 2021, the pollen season has lengthened by 20 days and increased in pollen concentration by 21%. This may explain why some people who aren't normally susceptible to pollen allergies have noticed an increase in allergen sensitivities during this time of year. These changes could lead to some major health impacts like allergic reactions and asthma symptoms. Increased exposure to pollen, increases a person's risk of developing symptoms like nasal congestion, sinus pressure, itchy eyes, runny nose, cough, and sore throat.

How Can I Protect Myself?

With the increased potential of being affected

by allergies this season, consider some of these ways to lessen the severity of symptoms:

Being Cautious Outdoors:

Try to take precautions when you venture outside during peak pollen days. This could be as simple as limiting time spent outside when the forecast calls for high pollen counts, especially in the morning when pollen is most concentrated. When you do go outside, wearing a mask and sunglasses will help reduce particle exposure in the eyes and airway. Be sure to rinse off in the shower after extended periods spent outside to remove all those pesky particles.

Keeping a Home Allergy Trigger-Free:

A great way to maintain an allergy-safe house is by keeping all doors and windows shut during peak pollen periods. Using an air filtration device will help with keeping your air clean and dust-free as well. Be sure to dust off surfaces and vacuum more often than usual to keep pollen particles at bay. You can also invest in (or make your own!) green cleaning products to spray down countertops and tables. Green products also reduce chemical exposures in your home, which can be another trigger for allergic or asthma reactions.

Taking Recommended Medicine:

Sometimes taking medicine for your allergies is a must to function day-to-day during this season. Talk to your healthcare provider about what they would recommend to you specifically. There are over-the-counter medications available at pharmacies and other stores, and prescription-based care can be provided by a healthcare professional.

For more help on how to keep yourself safe this pollen season, check out Seasonal allergies: Nip them in the bud - Mayo Clinic.



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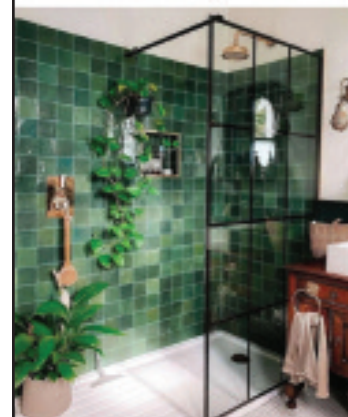
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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Baseball Drop Two In Week One of New Season

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Despite snow falling in April for the first time in recent memory, spring sports are upon us, and Alvirne baseball was the first team to begin action this season, with their first pitch taking place just before 5 p.m. on Monday, April 8, playing as the “visiting” team on their home field, as Pinkerton’s field was deemed unplayable.

Pinkerton is coming off a second place finish in the Division I Championship last year and the Astros and Broncos are two teams that don’t like one another very much. The two battled early, after the Broncos went down without much incident in the first, with only Mikey Bebris reaching in the first, and that coming by way of an error on the Astros’ shortstop.

From there, the Astros

jumped out to a 1-0 lead thanks to a bases-loaded sacrifice fly from Eujah Sharpe, but they were unable to add on after a double play just two batters later.

In the bottom of the third, with the Astros still holding their 1-0 lead, Jackson Marshall launched a baseball that traveled well over 450 feet to left center, with one measurement coming in at 488 feet on the homer. The Astros went on to score four more times with the benefit of three hits and two walks, as well as a wild pitch in the inning. Through three innings, Alvirne had dug themselves into a 6-0 hole.

Alvirne managed to get a run back in the top of the fourth after Devin Smith was hit by a pitch and Antonio Vallante walked, setting up Max Francisco for an RBI double to left field, making it a 6-1 ballgame.

Unfortunately for the Broncos, that was as close as things would get, as Pinkerton tacked on two more runs, this time without the benefit of a hit, to make it 8-1 where the ballgame would finish.

Things weren’t all doom and gloom for the Broncos, though, as without the big five-run third inning, it was just a 3-1 ballgame otherwise. The

bats struggled, only providing 3 hits, but the defense was solid behind Logan Casey and Dylan Page, who came on in relief of Casey, the latter only allowing one hit and the two inherited runners to score while not allowing any runs of his own to cross the plate.

The Broncos weren’t given much time to dwell on the loss, however, as it was right back to the field, this time for their first “home” game, still at home, against the Concord Crimson Tide. Craig Pederson got the ball this time against Alex Turant. Both teams entered play on Wednesday 0-1 after Concord lost to Windham on Tuesday 5-0.

Alvirne’s offensive woes continued on Wednesday, being shut out 10-0 by Concord on the back of Alex Turant’s 6.1-inning, 4-hit outing, only throwing 89 pitches before being pulled in favor of Dawson Fancher, who was one of the team leaders

offensively, as well, hitting a home run and driving in two runs. Only Josh Turant had more RBI on the night for Concord with three.

Craig Pederson was solid on the mound for Alvirne, despite taking the loss, going four innings, just allowing two runs—both earned—on three hits only walking one batter and striking out one. Devin Smith continued that pattern, going two innings, just allowing two runs on three hits while striking out and walking one batter. Antonio Vallante struggled in the seventh, allowing six runs—two earned—on three hits while committing the lone error of the night and walking two batters, striking out three.

Mikey Bebris was supposed to get the ball on Friday to start against Goffstown, but the weather did not allow for an opening for the game, so his first start since returning from Tommy John will have to wait just a bit longer, as he will start on Monday.

OBITUARY

Alice Marie (Tobin) Prieto



On Monday March 25, 2024 Alice Marie (Tobin) Prieto, beloved mother of ten children passed away peacefully after a brief illness. Alice’s remarkable journey through life was exhibited by her unwavering devotion to family and faith. She found solace in life by embracing its joys and challenges with humor and grace.

Alice was born Jan. 24, 1935 in Pittsburgh, PA to Thomas J. Tobin Sr. and Marie (Ainor) Tobin. Although Alice lost her parents at an early age she was raised by her wonderful Aunt Rosalie and Uncle Joe Ainor and always spoke fondly of her childhood with her three brothers and neighborhood friends. In September of 1954 Alice married Gilbert D. Prieto and they went on to raise their 10 children. Alice was a full time homemaker, while later working as a real estate agent, tax preparer and small business owner. Alice always demonstrated the importance of putting family first, by providing sound advice when her family faced challenges, and always being present when they needed her most.

Her maternal wisdom was only rivaled by her knack for finding divine solutions to everyday problems - from lost homework to missing socks, Alice taught her family the importance of trust in God and the novel power of “Jesus lost and found” as she helped them navigate their way in this world. Guided by faith, Alice’s rosary beads were her constant companion, and she credited them with keeping her youthful spirit alive despite the rigors of raising a lively brood. She also found a lovely community of support and faith with her lengthy association with The Catholic Daughters of America. A long-lasting resident of Nashua, she lived in the same house for 63 years and was a long time member of St. Christopher Catholic Church.

Alice leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and laughter that will continue to guide and inspire her children, 18 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and her many nieces and nephews. As we celebrate her life, let us remember her as the woman who showed us that even in life’s most challenging moments, a little laughter and a lot of faith can carry us through. Along with her lifelong friends, her family misses her dearly.

Funeral arrangements are with the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home where flowers can be sent if so desired. Most especially Alice and her family request that Catholic masses be said for her by contacting your local Catholic church or contacting St. Meinrad’s Archabbey at www.saintmeinrad.org/mass-intentions.

A time of visitation was held Wednesday, April 3 at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, April in St. Christopher Church. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Nashua. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com.

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Alvirne Boys' Lax Goes 2-0 in Opening Week Before Friday Rainout

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Coming into the season with possibly the highest expectations of any of the major spring sports, Alvirne's boys' lacrosse team started with a somewhat favorable schedule, and they capitalized on those opportunities, beating Goffstown 12-8 on the road to open the season, and then traveling to Stellos Stadium in Nashua and beating the Division I Nashua South Purple Panthers 7-6, earning themselves an extra point for a total of nine

points in two games, good for a 4.500 rating through the first week of action.

One of the heroes for the Broncos last week was Jonovan Santana, who put up five goals against Goffstown in the season opener, helping lead Alvirne to a victory away from the confines of The Barn. Jonovan opened the scoring for the Broncos with just about five minutes left in the first, and then Ryan Tobin picked up his first tally of the spring with 21 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Goffstown managed to

pick up the next tally, beating goalie Aiden

Kelley for the first time on the season to make it 2-1 Alvirne before Beaulieu responded with his first of the spring to make it 3-1 Alvirne.

Goffstown managed to tie things up at 3-3 with 3:30 left in the first half after some excellent ball movement left a man open in point-blank range for Goffstown.

After the Grizzlies took a 4-3 lead, Jonovan Santana picked up his second goal of the night to tie

things up at 4-4. The Grizzlies picked up another goal after the second Santana goal, but that sent Alvirne into a scoring frenzy with Jonovan picking up the hat-trick on a goal that he did a summersault after the shot. He then scored again on a breakaway to make it 6-5 in favor of the visiting Broncos. Ryan Tobin picked up the seventh Bronco goal with his second of the game, and then it was Jonovan Santana for the fifth time to make it 8-5 Alvirne.

Goffstown managed to

score with seven seconds left in the third quarter to make it 8-6 heading into the game's final frame, but Caddy Beaulieu would score the game-winner with 10:44 remaining to make it 9-6 Alvirne.

Preston Ball picked up the tenth Bronco goal to make it 10-6 before Santana picked up his sixth marker of the night to make it 11-6.

Goffstown would get a goal back before Tobin picked up a hat-trick of his own to make it 12-7. The Grizzlies scored with 22

seconds left, but it was a moot point, as the Broncos picked up the 12-8 victory on opening night.

The Broncos then traveled to Stellos to take on the Purple Panthers of Nashua South on Wednesday, picking up a 7-6 victory, earning the extra point. Jonovan Santana picked up another three goals, extending his season total to a whopping nine goals already. Brandon LaVarnway also had three goals in the victory while Ryan Tobin added another to increase his season total to 4.

Alvirne Girls' Lacrosse Drop Both Opening Week Games

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne High School's girls' lacrosse team did not fare as well as the boys did last week, dropping both games they played. On Monday, it was a 18-1 loss against the Windham Jaguars, and then on Friday, the girls lost 13-2 to Merrimack Valley in a cold, rainy contest that was moved from Pennacook to Alvirne because the Merrimack Val-

ley field was not playable, but Alvirne's was.

On Monday, the Broncos got off to a rough start, quickly falling behind Windham with the first goal coming under a minute into the contest. Things quickly got out of hand for Alvirne as the Jaguars scored seemingly at will at times throughout the first quarter, running the score to 8-0 with 3:18 left in the first and 11-1 through 12 min-

utes of play, sending the game into running clock for the final three quarters, and for all intents and purposes, ending the game.

By the end of the half, it was 15-1 Windham. The Jaguars would add on three goals in the final 24 minutes, letting their foot off the gas significantly not wanting to run the score up too much, but still adding on. The Broncos' lone goal scorer was Audriena Chip-

perini on a penalty shot. Alvirne knew they were going to have to up their

game on Friday against Merrimack Valley, especially with the defacto home

game.

Alvirne, unfortunately, **continued on page 12**

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Alvirne Softball Falls 9-0 to Pinkerton in Season Opener

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Alvirne softball played their first game on Monday, playing host to the Pinkerton Astros in a true home game, unlike baseball which was “at” Pinkerton but playing just a couple hundred feet away.

Kenzie Pooler was in the circle for the Broncos, and coming off a year that Pooler helped lead Alvirne to a quarterfinal appearance, expectations were high for her coming in. She didn’t look terrible in the loss,

either, although there was very clearly some rust that needed to be shaken off. Granted, Pinkerton already came in having played several scrimmages while all four of Alvirne’s were canceled due to rain or snow.

Throwing 139 pitches, Pooler ultimately allowed nine runs on nine hits while walking three and striking out five in the complete game loss, but the numbers don’t tell the full story for Pooler, as the strike zone was squeezed at times, forcing her to throw more pitches than necessary, and often times leading to hits and ultimately runs. She missed some spots at times, but her stat line doesn’t throw up as many red flags as it initially suggests. Especially when the runs of eight and five batters retired consecutively are factored in.

Seven of the nine Astros to hit managed to earn themselves a base hit, with four going for extra bases. The headliner for the Astros was Jenny Hiscox’s line-drive home run that seemed to hang up in the

air and carry a lot further than initially anticipated off the bat.

Conversely, the Broncos struggled offensively against Astro hurler Madi Cunha, who picked up the complete game shutout, scattering two hits and two walks with the benefit of nine punchouts while not crossing the 100-pitch mark. Only one of those hits came after the first out was recorded, as Alyssa Abbot laced a double to left field to lead off the home half of the first, and the Broncos wouldn’t earn themselves another hit until a Cory Sevigny single in the fourth.

Alvirne was then slated to face off against perennial contenders in the Concord Crimson Tide up in Concord, but that game was postponed to Thursday, April 18 due to heavy rain in Concord.

The team’s Friday game against Goffstown was also rained out. That to a date to be determined. The pair of rainouts means that Alvirne will have to wait just a bit longer before seeing Ashley Ducharme’s first start in the circle since returning to the team. She pitched for JV her freshman year and has returned to the squad, this time at the Varsity level and is awaiting her first opportunity. That will likely come against either Portsmouth or Bishop Guertin in the early half of a four-game, five-day road stretch for the Broncos.

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Girls' Lax

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did not do much better against Merrimack Valley, falling 13-2 in that contest with Chipperini and Addy Lemire both tallying goals for the Broncos.

Despite the tough start, Alvirne is remaining hopeful to being competitive, as their schedule is a brutal one to begin the season.

Plus, the team knew coming in that this was not going to be a season where the team is a title contender, but just one where they hope to try to stay in games, possibly steal a couple wins, and get some experience for the future, as the current team is a young and relatively inexperienced bunch.

The Lady Broncos' game against ConVal that was slated for Monday, April 15, was postponed due to ConVal's field conditions and will be made up on Tuesday. The Lady Broncos will also take on Kingswood at home on Thursday evening.



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Putting for Patients

Alvirne High School will be hosting it's Annual "Putting for Patients" in honor of Monique Braccio and Tyler Blanchette, two Alvirne students who lost their lives to pediatric cancer. This event supports the Jimmy Fund, which raises money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This family friendly 18 hole mini-golf will take place in the Alvirne Cafeteria on Thursday, April 18 from 4 - 7 p.m. Cost is

\$10/person, Children under 12 are \$5 with a max of \$40 for a family. There will be a 50 foot putting green, face painting and raffles.

Book Donation

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will hold a book donation day each month at Rodgers Memorial Library from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. It's the Thursday immediately following Second Hand Prose (SHP). Upcoming dates are 4/18, 5/16, and 6/13. Books are dropped off at Rodgers in

a study room. Do not use the donation bin in the parking lot, the bin donations do not go to the friends. In April, they will also accept puzzles. In May we they will accept games. No missing pieces and good condition please.

Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will be holding their monthly book sale - Second Hand Prose (SHP) the second Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Hills Memorial

Library location. Upcoming dates are 4/14, 5/12, and 6/9. Your purchases support the friends to help the library - summer reading program prizes, museum passes, and also our annual High School scholarship awarded to a graduating senior living in Hudson.

Library Meeting

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will be holding an extra business meeting on April 16, please register using the Rodger's Memorial Library event calendar to get the link to the ZOOM meeting. They will be discussing Summer Events and the Library's 15th birthday party in June.

Coffee and Causes

United Way's next "Coffee and Causes" will take place at St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua, on

Friday, May 3 from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This event will be focusing on the NH State Plan on Ageing and St. Joe's will speak about their Behavioral Health Unit. Register at tinyurl.com/May-Coffee. For more information contact United Way at info@united-waynashua.org or call 603-882-4011.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for people to play Dungeons & Dragons with? Come play and grab a donut on Saturday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Psychic & Craft Fair

The Hudson Lions Club will host a Psychic & Craft Fair on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Hudson Community Center, Lions Ave. Hudson. Psychics will be available for readings, cash only. Check out the

many vendors who will be selling their wares. For information contact Jeri 603-320-3614, or Sholeh.sexton4@gmail.com. Proceeds benefit of Hudson Lions Club Charities.

Comedy Night

A Live Comedy Night Fundraiser held by the Hudson Lions Club will happen on Thursday April 18, at 7 p.m., at Chunky's Cinema Pub Pelham. Tickets are \$20 each. Doors open at 6 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact: Susan Flynn, Email: Flynn-family60@gmail.com. Sponsored by Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Nashua, Salem Windham Lions Club. Proceeds benefit of CHAD, children with cancer.

Read 'Em and Eat at T-Bones

Come to T-Bones to discuss books over good food and drinks on Monday, April

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OBITUARY

Ann Theresa (Hansberry) Bergeron



Ann Theresa (Hansberry) Bergeron, 94, a long-time resident of Hudson died on March 29, 2024 at The Inn at Fairview after a long period of declining health.

She was born Ann Theresa Hansberry on Aug. 13, 1929, in Nashua, NH, the daughter of Martin J. Hansberry and Mary Catherine (O'Neil) Hansberry. She married Robert P. Bergeron of Nashua on Jan. 8, 1949, and they celebrated 47 wonderful years of marriage together before his passing in 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Martin J. of South Bend, IN; a daughter, Catherine E. of Hancock, NH; three brothers, Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry, Martin J. Hansberry Jr., and Owen F. Hansberry; and three sisters, Mary C. Amelio, Patricia A. Bernier, and Jane M. Caldwell.

Ann is survived by 6 children: Paul R. (Meghan Brady) of Nashua; Stephen A. (Linda Ripley) of Norton Shores, Michigan; Thomas M. (Mary) of West Olive, Michigan; Mary Menna (Raymond) of Newtown, PA; Philip E. (Leane) of Zebulon, NC; and John G. (Suzanne) of Bedford, NH. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Ann attended the former Sacred Heart parochial school and graduated from Nashua High School, Class of 1947. Following her graduation and prior to the birth of her first child, Ann was employed by the Nashua Trust Company. Ann and Robert were both natives of Nashua and after their marriage, resided in the city for seven years. In 1957, they bought a house in Hudson which would be the family's home for the next 64 years. Home and family were the centers of Ann's life. She remained a stay-at-home Mom until the youngest of eight children began high school, at which time she began working in the office at Bergeron's Inc. in Nashua, the family-owned menswear business. Ann was active in programs and volunteer activities sponsored by her church, St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hudson, including the Women's Guild and the Rainbow Seekers, and assisted with many parish-sponsored luncheons. Ann spent many hours in the kitchen providing baked goods for school and church fundraisers. She served the school communities through her involvement in the Bishop Guertin and Mount St. Mary High School Mother's Clubs. She had endless energy to help out in any way she could.

Ann most enjoyed spending time with family during the holidays and family celebrations; family vacations at Hampton and Rye beaches; drive-in movies; school or scouting events; bowling, basketball, baseball and softball tournaments; watching the Trojans and Spartans perform in field competitions and parades, and taking long road trips to visit family with picnic lunches to enjoy along the way at roadside picnic tables. The kitchen and a large backyard were always at the center of family gatherings. All her life Ann enjoyed being surrounded by children and holding the little ones. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren enjoyed and will always remember the love, joy, and smiles that she shared with them.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. John the Evangelist Church/Saint John XXIII Parish at 25 Library St., Hudson, NH on Friday, April 5. Arrangements were entrusted to the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home of Hudson, NH. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in her memory to Shriners Children's Hospital - New England, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or online at www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/locations/new-england. Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.dumontsullivan.com.

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Around Town

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29, at 7 p.m. April's Book is The Ocean At "The End Of The Lane" by Neil Gaiman.

Characters & Cocoa

Characters & Cocoa is a new monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshopping. Hot chocolate will be served. This will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m., at Rodgers Memorial Library.

Elementary Craft

On Thursday, April 18, at 6 p.m., Grades 1-5 are invited to join Miss Marissa once a month to do a craft/art project at Rodgers Memorial Library. This month's project is Llama Painting.

Friends of the Library Donation Event

On Thursday, April 18, all day. Do you have gently used books in excellent condition you wish to donate to the library? Bring them to All-Day Book Donation Event! Conditions and exceptions apply, see events.rodgerslibrary.org for details.

Trivia Night

On Friday, April 19, at 6 p.m. Trivia Master Darryl Brazee joins the Rodgers Memorial Library for an after-hours round of Trivia: American History Edition.

Family Storytime

On Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m., come for a Special Saturday family storytime at Rodgers Memorial Library! There will be songs, stories, bubbles, and dancing that will keep everyone moving and grooving.

Candy Poker

On Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m., join in on this monthly game of Texas Hold' Em poker, at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Play for candy and take your winnings home! Beginners welcome.

Family Candy Bingo

On Monday, April 22, at 1 p.m., come Play BINGO with the family and win candy at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sing-Along, Laught-a-Lot

On Tuesday, April 23, at 10 a.m., Steve Blunt will share a concert full of fun, upbeat songs that tickle the funny bone, warm the heart, and delight the imagination, and with lots of audience participation, at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Tween Taylor Swift Party

On Wednesday, April 24, at 2 p.m., Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to listen to Taylor Swift while having a snack and making bracelets at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays in April at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. This event is for ages 3-5. There will be a different theme each week. Caretaker participates with their child or children. Children should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome.

Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their

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Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

PFOA Water Test

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

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.

Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

Teen Hangout

On Tuesdays in April at 2:30 p.m., the Rodgers Memorial Library will have a Teens only time for snacking, playing board games and video games, doing crafts after school, and just hanging out. Ages 13-18 only.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Author Discussion

Author Heather Wolf Discusses "Find More Birds: 111 Surprising Ways to Spot Birds Wherever You Are" virtually through the Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. It will be a fascinating conversation about being in the moment and noticing the wonderful and varied birds

around us.

Listening Party

On Friday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m., come to the

Rodgers Memorial Library to listen to Taylor Swift's new album, Tortured Poets Department. Enjoy a snack and make friendship bracelets.

OBITUARY

Paul Stanley Yarmo



Paul Stanley Yarmo, 70, a lifelong resident of Hudson, NH, passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully in his sleep on March 22, 2024. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, colleague, and friend, and leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, creativity and faith.

Paul was born on Aug. 19, 1953, to John and Jacqueline (Malhoit) Yarmo. As the eldest of four children, Paul was playful and comedic and had a gift in sharing his humor through telling his stories with a witty light hearted banter.

Paul loved Hudson where he was raised and where he raised his own family. He took pride in being an Alvirne High School graduate, was a talented high school athlete and had a love for playing and watching sports, especially the Patriots, and the Akron Zips where his youngest (and favorite) son played football. Paul's love of sports instilled in him a sense of leadership and dedication that launched his future success as an educator and real estate entrepreneur. After graduating high school in 1971, Paul received his B.S. in Elementary Education from Keene State College, and later attended graduate school at Brigham Young University.

Paul's love for his hometown was evident in his numerous contributions to the community. One of his proudest achievements was the introduction of the Snoopy decoration in Hudson Town Square in 2013. Ok, that's not exactly his proudest, but he truly loved that this whimsical addition quickly became a beloved part of the town's Christmas display which epitomized the man that he was, a man that desired to bring joy to as many people as possible! Paul's creative vision and dedication to spreading happiness in any way possible will be remembered fondly by generations to come.

After college Paul embarked on a spiritual journey to find his purpose on this earth. He explored many faiths which ultimately led him to find his purpose in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where Paul met his soulmate and wife of 45 years, Debra Jean Yarmo. Paul's unwavering faith and commitment to his beliefs were evident in the way he lived and loved his family.

Paul's ingenuity drove his professional transition from education to the field of real estate, where he started a small appraisal business. His quick wit and charm endeared him to many in the real estate industry and propelled his small appraisal company into a thriving network, establishing himself as a prominent broker in the industry. His ability to connect with others and build relationships made a positive impact by helping many individuals along their own real estate journey.

Paul's greatest joy in life came from his family. He cherished his partnership with his wife, Deb, and together they created a beautiful family of 7 children and 26 grandchildren. With a tender heart and a compassionate spirit, Paul was a beacon of love and support for his family and his community, always putting their needs above his own and always ready to offer comfort and understanding. He will be greatly missed and may he rest in eternal peace.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, John S. Yarmo and Jacqueline L. Yarmo. Paul is survived by his wife, Debra Jean Yarmo; His children: Jennifer (Matthew) Mortenson of Goshen, KY, Danielle (Kasey) Erickson of Longmont, CO, Brandon Yarmo of Hollis, NH, Andrea Yarmo of Hudson, NH, Logan Yarmo of Temple, NH, Kaitlyn (Alex) Muirbrook of Aubrey, TX, and Brycen Yarmo of Hudson, NH, as well as his beloved twenty-six grandchildren. Paul is also survived by his brothers Robert (Mary Sanford) Yarmo, John (Barbara Michaud) Yarmo, and his sister, Jackie (Charlie Gray) Yarmo, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service to celebrate Paul's life was held on March 29, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 110 Concord St., Nashua, NH. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to contribute to a memorial headstone may do so directly to the family or via Venmo @Paul-Yarmo.

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