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Photo by Samantha Paul

Historic Train Station Will Require Extensive Lead and Mold Abatement

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on April 18 to discuss the report on detailed mold and lead inspection report from March 28 done by American Environmental Testing Services of New England regarding the state of Hudson's old train station.

"I have gone through them at a very high level

and have spoken to the gentleman who actually did the report, and the only good news out of all of this is in the train station, that part of the building that was the freight room with the big sliding door, is no lead whatsoever in there," said Committee Chair, Jack Madden. "But we've got a lot of lead in rest of building. All of the paneling that is over the original plas-

tered wall, that will all have to be taken out and disposed of."

Due to health concerns, such a removal cannot be done by volunteers. The town will need to hire a certified abatement firm.

"Did the inspector say there was already lead in there?" asked Committee member, Mike Catanzaro.

The Chair confirmed **continued on page 7**

Hudson School District Get Positive Review By NEASC

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the April 15 Hudson School Board meeting, the Board was presented with a letter from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Public Schools.

"The Commission on Public Schools, at its March 3-4, 2024, meeting, reviewed the report from the recent Collaborative Conference Visit to Alvirne High School and voted to award the school continued Accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges," the letter stated.

In the letter it outlined some of the successes of the school.

"The Commission was impressed with many of the programs and services and

wishes to commend the following:

- The strong sense of pride in Alvirne High School among the students, staff, and community

- The caring relationships that are present between students and staff

- The dedication to meeting the individual needs of students by all members of the school community.

- The school community's receptiveness to the needs of the school and willingness to make adjustments based on input from stakeholders.

- The variety of academic programs reflecting the manner in which the school and district have worked to meet the needs of diverse learners.

- The vast array of co-

curricular programs that provide students with a voice, an outlet, and opportunities for growth

- The students' and staff members' feelings of emotional, intellectual, and physical safety

- The involvement of educators, students, and families in decision-making that promotes responsibility and ownership and the making of decisions with student learning at the core - the wide range of opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning through common assessments.

- The focus on equity and increased opportunities for students to enroll in heterogeneously leveled courses.

- The efforts to develop a capstone project that fully

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Planning Board Look at Allowing More Public Input

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

On April 10, the Hudson Planning Board discussed how they best implement a more extensive public input session before their meetings in response to the passage of Warrant Article 28 last March. The article directs public meetings to "include time for public input regarding anything that board or committee has control over at the start of each meeting."

Board member, Victor Oates, looked at the town of Ossipee, which incorporated a similar law decades ago, as a possible example of how to proceed.

"They've had no major explosions of problems, I just want to add that it is already being done in the state, Hudson would not be the first," said Oates.

Ossipee limits its public input sessions to topics unrelated to existing cases, and member, James Crowley, recommended adding a similar rule in Hudson. Members of the public already can give feedback on pending matters as they come up.

"I worked in two towns that do have comments for their Planning Board and other things that are typical is that there's no dialogue. People can come and make

statements, but it's not a back and forth between the Board and the individual," explained Interim Town Planner, Jay Minkarah. "It's also very common for there to be a time limit of say five minutes."

He added that the frequency of comments during public input depended on the community, with the time limit in place to keep meetings from dragging on while prioritizing applicants.

"I think we need to make sure that somebody who's going to do a site application in six months doesn't have folks come in

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School Board Moves Forward With Lions Land Transfer

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the April 15 Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board discussed the land transfer conveyance with the Lions Club.

At the previous meeting, the School Board had a request to sign the land transfer conveyance to the Lions Club, after a warrant article was approved by voters in 2022.

One of the questions

raised at that meeting was whether or not there could be any type of condition put on the Deed where if the Lions Club was to decide to sell the land in the future that either the half acre of land goes back to the district or that they have the first right of refusal to buy the property.

The original warrant article from 2022 stated:

"Shall the Hudson School District authorize

the School Board to convey an approximately .511 acre portion of the District's property at the HO Smith Elementary School, Tax Map 182 Lot 109, to the School District's abutter, the Hudson Lions Club, Inc., which is presently using the property for the bleachers and dugout for a ball field on their property, all on such terms and conditions as the School Board shall determine are in the

best interest of the District?"

While the School Board agreed to move forward with the signing of the land conveyance, it was noted that they would look to have School Board member, Gary Gasdia, a member of the Lions Club, who abstained from voting, to go back to the Club to find out if they would consider making a condition that the District be given first right of

refusal to purchase the property if the Lion's Club was to get rid of the land.

Gasdia, during the April 15 School Board meeting, explained that he went back to the Lions Club to see if they would be willing to give the School District first right of refusal if they sell the land, and found out that they aren't able to do so.

"The club doesn't actually have that ability similar to many other places in

town," he told the School Board.

He explained that when they got the land, it was given to the Lions Club with the condition that if it's used for anything other than its current purpose then it would go back to the original heirs.

The School Board ultimately agreed to move forward without the condition of first right of refusal being a condition.

Board of Selectmen Get Update On Adam Drive Culvert

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received a status update regarding the Adam Drive Culvert during its April 9 meeting from Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima.

"We have been monitoring the situation at the location listed above for the past few months due to damage related to the significant 50-year storm event we experi-

enced in late December 2023," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

He explained that the site was inspected in March "by Engineering and Public Works and the situation has continued to deteriorate."

"At this time, part of the headwall on the downstream side has collapsed, there are significant and substantial erosion issues downstream, and the up-

stream headwall is cracked and in need of reinforcement," Dhima said.

Dhima said they were concerned that if it's not looked at right away then there would be "significant erosion control issues" and that they might "lose the road."

"This situation needs to be addressed in the very near future, and significant funds will be required to

address this matter," Dhima said. "Abutters have been notified that the town is monitoring the situation and in the process of evaluating the best and most cost-effective way to address this problem." For this year, he said they were hoping to use funds from the capital reserve fund, in order to pay to have engineer work done, which would become available on

July 1. "As you know Hudson taxpayers were kind enough to approve a Capital Reserve Fund for drainage," Dhima said.

When asked when the culvert was built, Dhima noted it was in the 1970s.

"It served its purpose like anything else," he said.

He said the budget would be \$30,000 and that they would be sending out requests for proposals the

next day if they got approval during the meeting.

Long term, Dhima said they would be looking for a warrant article in 2025, "for the construction phase of this project."

The Board of Selectmen approved Dhima to obtain engineering services for the project.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set to take place on May 14 at 7 p.m.

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School Board Approve FFA National Convention Trip

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was presented with a request to approve the Alvirne High School Future Farmers of America Chapter to attend the 97th annual FFA National Convention next fall, during its April 15 meeting.

"We are requesting School Board permission to attend the FFA National Convention in October 2024," the advisors for the

FFA Chapter wrote in a memo to the School Board.

It was explained in the memo from the FFA advisors that they are proud to announce that our Veterinary Science team and Extemporaneous Speaker placed FIRST in the state at the NH State FFA Convention on March 29th!

"These impressive placings grant our students the opportunity to represent Alvirne High School and the State of NH at the 97th

Annual FFA National Convention in Indianapolis from Oct. 21- Oct 26," the memo stated.

The advisors in the memo provided the event description from the National Convention website which stated:

"The National FFA Convention & Expo is all about growing the next generation of leaders. No matter where you are in FFA, you'll find inspiration and direction to become a leader and influencer, ready to make an impact. During this

event, find out who you are, who you want to become and how you can change how the world grows."

It was noted in the memo that the cost to attend, which includes airfare/ hotel and competition registration is usually around \$600 to \$800 but the memo to the School Board noted that "through a variety of fundraisers, the cost usually ends up being on the lower side of that range."

Four Vet Science students will be attending, and

one Extemporaneous Speaker will be attending the convention from the FFA Chapter.

Two advisors, Jen Beaudry and Corie Bliss, will be attending.

"We are requesting two advisors attend this year's convention because of the two separate competitions happening simultaneously," the memo to the School Board stated. "One advisor will need to chaperone the vet science team to the fairgrounds, while the other will chaperone the extem-

poraneous speaker to their separate location within the city."

For the educational value of the trip, the advisors noted that students "will be studying during the summer months and after school this fall with their advisors," to prepare for the different components of the competitions.

The School Board unanimously approved the travel request.

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

OBITUARY

Nicoletta Beauregard



A Pillar of Strength and Love for Her Family

Nicoletta "Nicky" (Ricci) Beauregard, 90, of Nashua, NH, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at Summit Place in Mooresville, NC, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Born on Dec. 31, 1933 in Niagara Falls, NY, Nicky was the daughter of an Italian immigrant father, the late Giovanni Ricci and Santa (Dina) Ricci. She was predeceased by her husband Victor who passed away in 2009. Nicky met Vic when he was stationed at a US Air Force base in Niagara Falls. They were married on April 7, 1956 and shared more than 53 years of marriage. Their love and commitment to each other personified the true meaning of marriage for which their children so admired.

Nicky was a devoted homemaker who raised six children in a house filled with warmth, laughter and lots of pasta! She devoted much of her time nurturing and supporting the many talents of her brood, from the Spartans Drum & Bugle Corp competitions and parades, to bowling leagues, art lessons, dance classes, golf lessons and hockey games. Nicky was always there with encouragement and cheers. Once her children were grown, Nicky worked at several local companies including Doehla Greeting Cards and Balzers Process Systems. In her spare time, Nicky also enjoyed bowling and playing golf, especially with her husband Vic and her many grandchildren during the family's annual Father's Day Scrambles.

Nicky is survived by her six children; Sharon Dailey, Sandra Romkey, Susan Zylak, Sheila Soucy, Steven Beauregard and Stacie Holmes.

In addition, Nicky is survived by a brother, Michael Ricci of Auburn, NY and; three son-in-laws, Richard Zylak, Norman Soucy and David Romkey; one daughter-in-law, Pamela (Layart) Beauregard; twelve grandchildren, Eric Dailey, Erin Dailey, Mathew Lavigne, Michael Zylak and his wife Laura, Jamie (Zylak) Josephs and her husband Jonathan, Morgan Soucy, Anthony Layart and his wife Jessica, Charity Layart, Chantel Beauregard, Natalie Beauregard, Brandon Hartford, Tyler Hartford and two predeceased granddaughters; Michelle (Lavigne) Kelley and Aulbani J Beauregard. She is also survived by ten great-grandchildren.

Nicky will be deeply missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who knew her. Her love and devotion will live on in the hearts of her family.

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday April 24 with a Celebration of Life in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Nicoletta's loving memory to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org/cnfl/donate.

To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com, the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Planning

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to talk about their property," suggested Selectmen Liaison, Bob Guessferd, who recommended limiting some discussion on matters not immediately before the Planning Board. "We're a quasi-judicial committee here, we have to be careful with regard to what we're influenced by."

There was some debate on the feasibility of that rule restricting discussion on a case not officially before the Board.

"Let them have their say and move on, as long as it's not around anything before the Board that night," said Oates. "You can't control,

that's not what public input is."

Chair, Tim Malley, complained that the wording of the Warrant Article was too vague and did not add anything to the current testimony process.

"I don't understand why we need additional public input. Everything that's under the jurisdiction of this Planning Board, every action we can take, already requires public input," said Malley.

Other possible restrictions included input disparaging specific people or properties. Minkarah indicated that "speaking in generalities" would be preferable and more productive.

"I'm just worried about

the grey area. We've got the Central Gas Station that is across multiple meetings over months. Who's to say whether someone that's come in on an off day just talking about gas stations is good or bad with the rules?" asked member, Tim Lyko. "Has anybody talked to legal?"

The Chair confirmed he

already talked with Hudson's Legal Division to confirm that Article 28 was advisory.

"The legal opinion was there's nothing in the law that stipulates what you can't do," said Malley.

The exact language for their rules on public input will be addressed at a future workshop.



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Editorial

Still Waiting for the Relief

A number of years ago, Nutfield Publishing came out with an editorial on economic development and growth in our communities. At that time, Officials proudly announced that they believed "rapid development was the magic pill towns need to curb rising tax rates."

Unfortunately, more development wasn't the magic pill back then, and it isn't now. Just as back then, the long-term costs of compensating for this development are continuing to add to the overall tax burdern. Increased salaries of more municipal employees, significant raises and the ever increasing bottom line, all in addition to taxpayer-paid benefits, have led to a situation where costs continue to rise, aging infrastructure may continue to fail, and the demand for "services" remains unchecked.

Now, we understand the hard work required to craft budgets that respect the taxpayers' dire financial straits, and we believe the beacon of economic development, growth, and change can still shine as a goal for the long-term improvement of our communities. However, approving every buddy-buddy developer that comes through for a Public Hearing of the Planning Board may not be the way to go.

Sure, the more businesses that spring up, they may create more jobs, and apartments will bring in more residents who could help stimulate the town's economy. Unfortunately, as the number of residents grows, so too does

the perceived need for increased Town services. The bigger our towns get, the more money it will require to sustain them.

Like a teenager going through a perpetual growth spurt, those in power who court developers and their representatives may never be satiated no matter how much we feed them. And so, our taxes will continue to rise to try and compensate for our growing pains.

On the surface, it may seem that all this development is for the benefit of the towns' residents, but as hundreds if not thousands of residents struggle to heat their homes and put food on their tables, we wonder how taxpayer centric it is to pay for municipal employees' cost of living raises year after year, along with covering the cost of development through all of their rising taxes. It makes one have to wonder who really comes out on top!

Change is like fire; it can be the fuel that keeps us going and the source of light to guide us into the future, or if left unchecked, it can really burn us. At some point we need to stop and really consider what flames we as taxpayers are fanning.

As we said before, the wellbeing of our communities in the long run depends on far more than one or two new developments. It will take a lot of longstanding planning, consistent improvements to our existing foundations, and a regard for the taxpayers' billfold.

Nonprofit Volunteer Groups Gather to Share Information



Courtesy Photo

In 2022, there was no Hudson Times. The Hudson Litchfield News was no more. Meanwhile, the many nonprofit volunteer groups in Hudson, who do so much for the community, were left with few avenues to get their message out about what they do, their events and fundraisers, their need for volunteers. In early 2022, fifteen groups came together to form the Hudson Nonprofit Volunteer Group to support each other, collaborate, share ideas for publicity and fundraising and attracting new members. Supporting them was the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce's Brenda Collins, who helped get the group together and come up with shared goals. Their first meeting in May of 2022 was at the Hills

House. During subsequent meetings, the groups talked about ways to help each other and set up an email account where information can be exchanged.

The members of the group are the Hudson Lions, Friends of Benson Park, Friends of the Library, Hudson-Litchfield Rotary, Hudson Community Food Pantry, Hudson Old Home Days Committee, Hudson Historical Society & Hills House, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Wreath Across America Hudson Cemeteries, Knights of Columbus Council 5162, Knights of Columbus Assembly 1506, Gateways Community Services, GFWC Hudson Women's Club, and the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce.

One of the first things the group did was get a table

at the Hudson Old Home Days where they could talk to folks about their organization and staffed it in 2022 & 2023. Most recently, on April 21, the group put on a nonprofit presentation at the Community Center at the Sparkling River Condominium Association for residents of the community. Nine groups attended and shared information about their organization with residents who stopped by. In May, the group will hold its annual meeting to discuss plans for the coming year. In upcoming articles, we'll look at each group individually, what it does for the community and how you can support them. If your nonprofit group would like to join the HNPVG, send an email to hudsonnpvg@gmail.com.

AFSP NH Night of Hope Gala & Silent Auction: Friday, May 3

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), a leading suicide research and prevention organization in the U.S., invites you to join the Night of Hope on Friday, May 3, in Bedford.

The Night of Hope is a very special event recognizing individuals and community partners who have gone above and beyond to collaborate with AFSP to raise

awareness for mental health and suicide prevention in NH.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) leads the fight against suicide. Proceeds from the Night of Hope will allow us to fund scientific research, educate the public, advocate for public policies, and support survivors of suicide loss and those affected by suicide.

The event includes a

plated dinner, live and silent auctions, music and recognition of Outstanding Suicide Prevention Champions in NH. Honorees include the Southern NH University Chandler Center and Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth

Please visit afsp.org/nightofhope for more information about the Night of Hope or to attend this event.

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Rogers Memorial Library to Upgrade Outdated Projector

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Library Board of Trustees met on April 17 to go over ways to open up some space in the main reading room of Rogers Memorial Library.

"I would like to purchase some more shelving for the main reading room, and I'd like to buy mobile shelves," said Director, Linda Pilla. "I think if we put all of the stuff that's at that main big area on

wheels, we could host some pretty neat events in there bigger than the community room even by just wheeling things out of the way and then replacing them afterwards."

Existing, fixed furniture often takes time and effort to move. She was still waiting for a quote on how much mobile shelves could cost and expected to have more solid numbers by the next meeting.

The Director also emphasized the need to replace some of the building's now fifteen-year-old carpeting.

"Some of the carpet is starting to show some distinct wear and tear," said Pilla, highlighting areas around circulation desks as being particularly worn down.

Another item on her list was finding a library projector, which Pilla called "another beast altogether"

after several months without success.

"After another month of trying to get audio visual companies, I've received no further quotes, I've emailed eight companies, I've had three come out to measure the space, and only one, the one that originally came out, is the only quote I've received," she said, looking to move forward with an older bid from Nashua's Northeast Digital Integra-

tors for \$4,949.

The money would allow Rodgers Memorial to replace the projector and install wall mountings. There have been ongoing technical issues with the current projector, which has started showing its age.

"By working with this projector are we still working with a dinosaur? Should we be looking at something else?" asked Trustee, Lisa Weber. "Are we holding onto a technology that is going to fizzle out?"

Pilla answered by saying the hope is to eventually get a large smart television in the long run, although a new projector was the best immediate option to continue serving the needs of ongoing library programs.

"The projectors technology is still functional in many businesses and other libraries, it's not unreasonable to replace what we have currently," added

Library Chair, Mimi Guessferd. "If we wanted to put a smart tv on the wish list at some point in the future, we put it on the wish list, and see what happens."

Installation is only expected to take around a day. The Trustees voted to approve the purchase, paying for the new projector from the computers line of their budget.

No immediate action is expected on a possible pavilion in the library parking lot due to more pressing budgetary concerns. However, the Board allowed Pilla to explore local construction options to at least get an idea of what the process could be like if and when they decide to move forward at a later date.

The Hudson Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

School

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incorporates the learning standards outlined in the portrait of a graduate to allow students to exhibit these standards in a personalized way - the incorporation and growth of a CTE program that utilizes outside stakeholders and provides students with real-world experiences.

- The extensive range of interventions available to support each student's success and well-being.

- The strong relationship between local emergency services and the school

- The generous funding of the Alvirne Trust that supports numerous opportunities at the school.

- The commitment and responsiveness of the district and School Board to

meet the needs of the school.

In the letter, it noted that the Commission "was pleased" to say "that the school has met all of the six Foundational Elements in the Standards for Accreditation."

"The Commission was also pleased to see that the Collaborative Conference visiting team confirmed the following Priority Areas for Growth," the letter stated.

It was explained that Alvirne High School "should use these Priority Areas for Growth as the basis for its School Growth/ Improvement Plan."

Those included the following:

- Examine and revise the school's curriculum documents across all departments to target and assess the transferable skills and

dispositions outlined in the portrait of a graduate (2.2).

- Develop and implement practices in student management, counseling, intervention, advisory, and co-curricular programming to ensure a positive, respectful school climate and culture that supports student attainment of the transferable skills and dispositions outlined in the portrait of a graduate (1.2 and 2.1).

- Foster and deepen the school's shared understanding of learning through the development of competency-based assessment practices that promote active learning and consistently measure the depth of understanding, inquiry, and problem-solving (2.5, 2.7, and 3.3).

"The Commission congratulates the school administration and faculty for completing the first phases

of the Accreditation program: the Self-Reflection and the Collaborative Conference Visit," the letter stated. "The next step will be the development, submission, and implementation of the School Growth/Improvement Plan."

In a brief discussion, School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he was happy with the results in the letter.

"That letter is fantastic," he said.

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Derry Road Could Host Private Gym on Empty Church Property

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on April 10 to discuss a change of use site plan for 321 Derry Road. Bridget Souza of Keach-Nordstrom Associates was before the Board to make a presentation on behalf of the property owner.

"They'd like to propose a change of use. The property was previously used as a church, which has since moved locations and combined with a Baptist church in Derry," said Souza. "They'd like to propose an

8,000 square foot gym, that's a 6,000 square foot footprint, with a mezzanine that's around 2,000, and it would be constructed on the existing foundation."

There is no building currently on the property. Construction plans would rebuild the septic system while utilizing the water and electricity services already on-site.

The Planning Board had a few questions about the proposal.

"Why'd they say gym, do you mean a private club type gym?" asked Vice

Chair, Jordan Ulery.

It was confirmed the gym would be small, private, and intended to be more of a weight-lifting club.

"Was this planning to be 24/7?" asked member, Victor Oates.

According to the plan, the hours are set to be between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. The start time has not been decided and could change, although Souza promised the gym would not remain open past nine, even agreeing to a stipulation on the matter.

As the old church site had no landscaping beyond

grass, a Waiver for Landscaping Requirements was part of the overall request.

"The waiver request is for the shrub count," she said.

As the waiver was made using a financial hardship request, Oates suggested a gradual introduction of new plants as an alternative.

"I'm proposing a phasing-in of the landscape requirement over three to five years, allowing the property owner time to plan, budget, and implement the changes gradually, reducing financial strain,

and any logistical challenges that they might face," said Oates. "I think that way we would be able to keep our town regulations in place and we wouldn't be burdening the applicant financially by having to put all that money out all at once."

Souza admitted that financial hardship was not the main reason for the waiver request and that lot dimensions made it difficult to meet town landscaping requirements while maintaining a wetland buffer and keeping to existing parking regula-

tions. She agreed to withdraw the waiver request to have it revised and resubmitted.

According to the original plan, Hudson's landscaping requirements would dictate several dozen shrubs on the property, although the exact number was debated. Chair, Tim Malley, agreed that was an "extreme request."

The Hudson Planning Board voted to continue the site plan to Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m., when the Board is scheduled to hold a regular meeting in Town Hall's Buxton Room.

School Board Approve Bids For Science Lab Furniture

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was presented with two different bid proposals during its April 15 meeting.

"Now that the budget process is completed, we're starting to look at the different warrant articles that we have to put out for bid," Director of Facilities, John Pratte, told the School Board.

He said they were looking to get the "ball rolling" in order to get furniture ordered for the two science labs, which will be getting renovated, following voter

approval, noting that last week they didn't get the furniture delivered until a week before school started due to delays which caused issues.

"Hertz Furniture has provided government procurement pricing to renovate two science labs at Hudson Memorial School for FY25," Pratte wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Hertz Furniture is a local Hudson business and is affiliated with the Keystone Purchasing Network, or KPN, of which the Hudson School District is a member. Hertz Furniture provided furniture materials and installation for

the two science lab renovations in FY24."

He explained that the furniture quote for the two rooms is \$139,506.45, which "includes the furniture, installation, and shipping costs."

"The School District will be responsible for additional renovations including demolition, painting, ceiling work, plumbing, and electrical work," Pratte wrote in a memo. "The quotes for both rooms were received on 3/26/24 and expire after 15 days. We recommend the School Board award this project to

Hertz Furniture in the amount of \$139,507."

He said the total budget for FY 25 for both science labs is \$200,000.

The School Board ultimately approved the request.

Pratte also presented the School Board with a request to approve a bid for the HVAC upgrades at the schools.

"Trane U.S. Inc. has provided government procurement pricing to upgrade the HVAC Direct Digital Controls at 5 buildings for FY25," Pratte wrote in a memo. "HOS, LSS, NWS, HGS, & AHS (main building) currently have outdated controls that were installed

by Honeywell in 2006. Trane U.S. Inc. is affiliated with the Omnia Partners Purchasing Network of which the Hudson School District is a member."

He said they provided HVAC controls upgrades at HMS in FY23.

"Integrating the Trane platform at all buildings will provide a district wide web portal for all buildings with the exception of the CTE wing at AHS. The CTE will be presented for an upgrade in the FY26 budget process," Pratte wrote in a memo.

He noted that the "total base quote for the five buildings is \$172,000 and

will integrate into our existing unit level devices to provide a web based graphical user interface for the buildings HVAC systems."

"The Facilities Department will work with Trane U.S. Inc. to resolve any digital communication or hardware replacements as required throughout the project duration as needed," Pratte wrote in a memo. "We recommend the School Board award this project to Trane U.S. Inc. in the base amount of \$172,000."

It was ultimately approved by the School Board to award the contract to Trane U.S. Inc.

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School Board Approve Amendment To Natural Resources Position

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was presented with a request to have a full-time Natural Resources/Forestry teaching position once again for the upcoming school year.

“The passage of the FY25 budget reverted the previously approved full-time Natural Resources/Forestry position back to two part time positions,” a

memo to the School Board read. “We are requesting that the two part time positions become a full-time teaching position. Additional funds would be reallocated from the part time computer science and part time pet care positions.”

CTE Director, Eric Frauwirth, explained that they had two open positions previously for part-time positions but after having trouble filling the

positions they went to the School Board and received permission to make it a full-time position.

“We posted the position. We had some great candidates,” he said, but explained they wanted to have someone to be able to start in the spring, but weren’t able to get anyone for it.

Now, he said they have some candidates that they want to go through the

final interview process with, but they don’t have the full-time position in the budget.

It was explained in a memo to the School Board that when they submitted the FY 25 budget “we requested the computer science and pet care positions be included based on past and current student course requests.”

“With the course request process completed,

we are comfortable with the class coverage for those courses with our current staffing level,” the memo stated. “The student course requests within the Natural Resources/Forestry area show a demonstrated need for the full-time position.”

The course requests are the following, according to the memo:

Natural Resources I and II: 15 students (1 double period section) Forestry:

18 students (two sections, record number of signups) Retail Floristry: 20 students (above capacity)

Superintendent, Dan Moulis, told the School Board that he thought the request made sense.

“I support the restructuring of this as well,” he said.

The School Board ultimately approved the request.

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extensive lead and mold in the building to the point where he was advised not to enter. Anyone doing work will need to have a respirator.

“It’s not quite as bad on the moisture side of the house as the lead side, but there’s also some remediation require there,” said Madden. “The inspector

provided a list of the lead abatement performance contractors, and there’s also some of them who does mold as well. He said it’s a good idea to have someone who does both.”

Madden expressed an interest in going with one of the listed contractors and signed off on the \$2,475 invoice for the inspector. This was around what the Committee was expecting and the fee will

come out of the Benson Park Capital Reserve Fund. It was unclear what the final cost would be to make the building safe to enter.

“This is getting to the point where we’re going to have to start ripping stuff off the walls,” said Madden, referring to the unavoidable reconstruction that will need to happen at the train station. “Some stuff will eventually have to be redone, the old lath

and plaster is full of lead and I don’t know if we’ll have to take it off to put new lath and plaster on it.”

With the extent of wall removal needed to make the building safe, Madden wanted to invite a representative from the Department of Historic Resources for a visit to the train station.

Catanzaro presented seven completed Adopt-a-Spot signs, which were completed with the help of

Vice Chair, Judy Brouillette, her sister, and volunteers from the VFW.

“I think the signs look great! They did a wonderful job, we greatly appreciate them,” said Secretary, Sarah Petkiewicz.

The Committee hoped

to get more people interested in the Adopt-a-Spot program in the coming months.

The Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center

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Sustainability Committe Celebrate Earth Day with Clean Up



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The Hudson Sustainability Committee and their many volunteers went out this past weekend to clean up along Musquash Road in honor of Earth Day. The Hudson Police provided a safety patrol during the cleanup and the Hudson Fire Department allowed the use of the Burns Hill Fire Station as a Central gathering point. After the work was done, the Hudson Department of Public Works picked up the trash bags after the clean up and also offered signage prior to the clean up.

Overall, the clean up was a sucess with: 24 Volunteers who donated their time, 30 blue bags of recyclables and 24 large black bags of trash were gathered, 1 Car Battery, and multiple other large items were pulled off the roadside and leading to roughly two miles of Musquash Road cleaned.

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EPA Finds Decreases in Toxic Chemical in Several New England States

GABRIELE CROGNALE
SUBMISSION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released its 2022 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI), in which the EPA Analysis shows that in 2022, there was a documented decrease of toxic chemical releases in NH. Of particular note, toxic chemical releases have declined 21% nationally in 10 years according to this new Toxics Release Inventory data.

In greater detail, the US EPA released its 2022 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis on March 26, 2024 in a Press Release that described how environmental releases of TRI chemicals from facilities covered by the program were 21% lower in 2022 compared to 2013, which also includes a 26% decrease in air releases. During this period, releases

from manufacturing facilities decreased by 9%, but that decrease in releases did not have a detrimental effect on manufacturing, which actually added about 14% of added value to the U.S. economy. The only uptick during this period was that overall releases increased by 1% from 2021 to 2022, which was offset by a 6.5% increase in the number of pollution prevention activities reported under the TRI program compared to 2021.

In NH, the reporting data showed that total on-and-offsite releases and disposal of toxic pollutants to the air, land, and water decreased to 400,800 lbs from 406,900 lbs during 2021, and if viewed over the last 10-year span, NH industries have reduced these releases and disposal from 763,800 pounds, which is over 360,000 lbs, or about 180 tons of airborne emissions

and releases. In addition, overall emissions decreased by 71% over the last 10 years, as a result of significant reductions of certain TRI chemicals at several manufacturing facilities and significant reductions from power plants.

The 2022 TRI National Analysis provides additional detail into these releases and summarizes the releases of TRI chemicals, as well how facilities managed their related wastes. In 2022, facilities reported managing 88.5% of their TRI chemical waste through preferred practices such as recycling, energy recovery and treatment, while releasing 11.5% of their TRI chemical waste into the environment. For NH, more detail on specific values can be found here: https://enviro.epa.gov/triexplorer/tri_factsheet.factsheet_forstate?pYear=2022&pstate=NH&p

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For NH, the following data was made available:

1. Released on and offsite

During 2022, 121 facilities reported that approximately 181,500 lbs were released onsite to the air, water, and land, compared to 143,800 pounds released in 2021 (an increase of 47,700 pounds). Of note, significantly more (608,000 pounds) was released ten years ago in 2013. Approximately 176,800 lbs were released to the air and, 452 lbs were released to surface water. The major pollutants released to the air were sulfuric acid at 32% and toluene at 17% of all air releases in the state. The

major pollutant released to the water, although small was ammonia (at 64% of all releases to water).

2. Total Production Related Waste

During 2022, 121 facilities reported approximately 20.5 million lbs of total production related waste was managed compared to 124 facilities and 22.3 million lbs managed in 2021 (a decrease of 1.8 million lbs). Total production related waste includes chemicals released directly to the environment, waste recycled offsite, waste sent offsite for treatment (such as to an incinerator or wastewater treatment system), and waste sent to landfills.

3. Top Five Companies

The companies in NH with the greatest releases included various industries including fabricated metals, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and electric utilities. These 5 facilities produced 42% of the releases in the state of NH in 2022. Over the last ten years, total disposal and releases decreased from 763,800 lbs in 2012 to 400,800 lbs in 2022.

In his statement from his Press Release, EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash, "A big part of how we do our part of protecting the environment and serving our communities is the gather-

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HUDSON SPORTS

Bronco Baseball Swept Despite Opportunities for First Victory

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne baseball has had a rough go of things to start the season, entering last week at 0-2 and not managing to improve their record, dropping all three contests last week with losses 8-0 to Portsmouth, 9-5 to Bishop Guertin, and 5-4 to Winnacunnet.

Their matchup with Portsmouth started out rough with a 1-0 deficit after the top of the first and the Bronco bats continued to struggle. Mikey Bebris looked excellent in his first start for Alvirne, allowing one run in his first three innings on the mound.

The fifth was not as clean of an inning for Bebris, as he allowed the Clippers to push across three more runs to make it 4-0 Portsmouth through five innings.

In the sixth, the wheels fell off for the Broncos' pitching staff as Dylan Page allowed four runs to cross the plate, bringing the game to its final score of 8-0 Portsmouth.

On Wednesday, Alvirne played host to Bishop Guertin in a game that the Broncos jumped out to an early lead and controlled play through much of the game. Alvirne took a 1-0 lead into the second and a 4-

0 lead into the third with Devin Smith dealing and being extremely efficient on the mound for Alvirne, throwing just 21 pitches in the first two innings.

The Cardinals did pick up a run in the third, but the Broncos responded with one of their own to make it 5-1 through three innings.

Bishop Guertin picked up a run in the fifth to make it 5-2, but with Smith continuing to deal into the sixth, things looked great for the Broncos. Devin had just 89 pitches through six innings, and coming out for the seventh, he hit the lead-off batter with a pitch and walked the second batter of

the inning before Brandon Ganas came on to close things out for Alvirne. That's where things went awry as Ganas walked the bases loaded and then proceeded to walk in the third Cardinal run, then committed a costly error that brought the Cardinals with one in with nobody out.

A steal of home tied the ballgame up for Bishop Guertin before Ganas allowed another walk, again loading the bases. That brought Mikey McGowan in to pitch for Alvirne, and he allowed all three inherited runners to score, as well as one of his own to give the Cardinals a 9-5 lead, which

is where the game would end.

On Friday, Alvirne was looking to turn things around against the Winnacunnet Warriors. Winnacunnet took an early 1-0 lead, but Alvirne immediately responded with two runs of their own to make it 2-1 through one inning in a game that would be a battle til the final pitch.

Alvirne clung to the 2-1 lead until they tacked on another in the fourth to make it 3-1. Winnacunnet responded in the fifth making it 3-2 in favor of the home team, but things were getting a little too close for comfort. Then, the Warriors

tied the game in the top of the sixth at 3-3 before taking a 4-3 lead in the top of the seventh.

Alvirne battled back to tie the game and send it to extra innings, but it was for naught, as the Warriors scored in the top of the eighth and put on their lefty closer who shut the Broncos down in the eighth, sending Alvirne to an 0-5 record on the heels of back-to-back rough losses.

Alvirne will play three games in three days this week, all on the road against Exeter, Goffstown, and Nashua North on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Girls' Lacrosse Loses 19-2 to Kingswood in Third Loss of the Season

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's Lady Lax struggles continued last week when they played host to the Kingswood Knights, as the Knights took down Alvirne 19-2, opening the

scoring just 18 seconds into the contest, and ending the game by way of the running-clock mercy rule with 3:32 to play in the second quarter.

By the end of the first quarter, it was evident that

the Knights' defense was going to be suffocating, especially with the rain and wind being a factor. The Knights scored early and often, putting up seven goals in the opening quarter and approaching running-

clock in the first twelve minutes of action.

The second quarter was better for Alvirne, as they picked up their two goals of the night in the frame. After the Knights got the quarter's opening goal, Alvirne's Rachel Stevens picked up the first marker for Alvirne to make it 8-1 in favor of the visitors on a penalty shot that found the back of the net.

The teams traded goals

again to make it 9-2 in the middle stages of the second quarter after Alanna Tardif netted a goal of her own to bring things back to within seven goals.

From there, Kingswood ran away with the game quickly, and considering the Broncos only had three substitutes. In contrast, Kingswood had a full bench to work with, and fatigue became a factor, once again for Alvirne, as

things got out of hand and they allowed ten unanswered goals in the final 32 minutes of play, falling 19-2 in their lone matchup last week.

Alvirne will play host to Manchester Memorial-West and travel to Keene-Monadnock this week with Memorial-West coming to town on Monday and the trip to Keene-Monadnock being on Thursday.

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Alvirne Softball Struggles Continue as Broncos Drop Three

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

The Lady Broncos are in a rather unfamiliar position this season at the Varsity level, as they have struggled out of the gate, dropping their first four contests in the first two weeks while having two games be postponed due to rain, Concord being postponed twice. Alvirne was able to get games in against Portsmouth, Bishop Guertin, and Winnacunnet last week, dropping all three on the road, 9-1, 12-2, and 9-0, respec-

tively.

Ashleigh Ducharme got the ball against the Clippers on Monday, and after her team failed to score in the top half of the first, three Portsmouth singles helped drive in a pair of runs, giving Portsmouth a 2-0 lead early.

The wheels fell off a bit in the bottom of the second, as a leadoff infield single set the tone for Portsmouth, and they were able to put up six runs on four hits, a walk, and an error on the third baseman Avery Willard. Heading

into the middle part of the game, it was 8-0 Portsmouth and things didn't look great for Alvirne.

Portsmouth picked up their ninth and final run of the ballgame in the third after getting a pair of singles to start the inning before allowing the Broncos to get an out via a fielder's choice. The Clippers loaded the bases before a sac fly got the run in.

Alvirne scored their lone run of the game after Cory Seigny led off the

top of the 6th with a triple and was brought home with a Kenzy Pooler RBI ground out.

Alvirne's next test was on Wednesday against former manager Dakota Bilo-deau and the Bishop Guertin Cardinals. Early on, it seemed to be a pitcher's duel with both teams being held scoreless in the first inning and a half, but the Cardinals picked up a pair of runs in the bottom of the second to take a 2-0 lead on a two-out RBI single.

Alvirne was able to

respond with a run in the top of the third to make it 2-1 before the Cardinals responded with a run of their own to make it 3-1 Bishop Guertin.

The Broncos, once again, cut the lead to a single run going into the bottom of the fifth with the score 3-2 before BG responded with four in the fifth and five in the sixth to take the game 12-2 after the Broncos were retired with relative ease by the Cardinals' closer.

On Friday, the Broncos travelled to Hampton to

play the Winnacunnet Warriors, and quickly fell behind 3-0 in the first, and then 5-0 through two frames.

The two teams remained quiet in the third inning, and then the Warriors put the game on ice in the fifth, adding four more runs to push the game to its 9-0 final.

Alvirne will play three home games this week—Monday against Goffstown, Wednesday against Exeter, and Friday against the Nashua North Titans.

Boys' Lacrosse Splits Week, Moves to 3-1 on the Season

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's boys' lacrosse team has been excellent to begin the season with Jonovan Santana, Caddy Beaulieu, Ryan Tobin, and others leading the team to a hot 2-0 start and DII's second seed coming into last week.

The boys opened the week on Monday with a 10-3 beating of traditional contender Souhegan on the back of Beaulieu's hat-trick, Santana and Tobin each adding two goals of their own, and Preston Ball, Logan Reynolds, and Ryan Harrell each adding one.

Ayden Kelly was also exceptional in goal again,

stopping all but three shots he faced, lowering his Goals Against Average (GAA) to 5.67 on the season, which for lacrosse is over a goal per game under what is considered a good GAA. Kelly is borderline on the category of excellence in net, and with his team being able to score almost at will at times, he has certainly done his job to keep the Broncos in games and ultimately win them for Alvirne.

A 10-3 victory over a team that was expected to battle Alvirne to the final whistle had the team oozing with confidence going into a highly anticipated matchup with Oyster River-Newmarket, a team

that only beat Alvirne by a single goal on their home field last season. Unfortunately, things did not work out well for the Broncos, as they fell to the Bobcats 14-2, giving them their first loss of the season.

The Bobcats were ultimately too much for the Broncos to handle, but Cole Norris was fantastic in net, stopping all but two shots he faced, with Jonovan Santana and Ryan Tobin picking up goals for the Broncos.

This loss, while it stings for some of the players, including Caddy Beaulieu, who is currently second on the team in scoring, as they were a part of the Alvirne-Milford squad that was eliminated by the likes of

Sawyer and Cole Levesque, both of whom were excellent against the Broncos after playing the Admirals hard in both matchups this winter.

The Alvirne boys will play a pair of road games this week, as they head to Hollis-Brookline to take on the 3-1 Cavaliers on Tuesday in what may be a

late-round playoff preview and a trip to play 2-1 St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday in what could also be a playoff preview.

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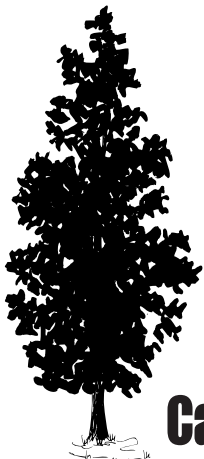
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ing and analysis of crucial scientific data, which we use to inform and guide our processes moving forward. TRI reporting is one of many ways we do this, and it provides more insight into where pollution may be harming communities and the environment.” Cash continued, “We know that that transparency is key, especially for those locations that have been overburdened by environmental issues and concerns. By releasing this information out to the public, we can empower our communities and give guidance on how to proceed with being equipped with this latest environmental data.”

Overall, EPA, the states, and Tribes receive TRI data from facilities in various sectors, including manufacturing, mining, hazardous

waste management and electric utilities. More than 21,000 facilities submitted reports on 522 of the 827 chemicals and chemical categories for which TRI reporting is required on a yearly basis, and listed on EPA Form R. Further information on TRI reporting can be found at: www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/basics-tri-reporting. The remaining 305 chemicals either were not manufactured, processed, or used by facilities required to report to TRI or were not manufactured, processed or used in amounts large enough to trigger reporting.

The 2022 TRI National Analysis features various user-friendly visualizations and analytical tools to make data more useful and accessible to communities. Readers can view data by state, Tribe, metropolitan area, EPA region and watershed using the “Where You Live”

mapping tool, for which a link to the TRI National Analysis was listed previously. This tool also allows readers to view facility locations overlain with demographic data to identify potential exposure to TRI chemical releases in communities, including overburdened communities. Community groups, policymakers and other stakeholders can use this information, along with other environmental data, to better understand which communities may be experiencing a disproportionate pollution burden and take action at the local level.

Additionally, the 2022 TRI National Analysis highlights trends and changes in waste management practices for specific sectors and chemicals in the Sector Profile and Chemical Profile sections.

Of local interest to our readers, is PFAS Reporting, which is now part of the

TRI National Analysis, reporting on per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as required by the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). A provision of the NDAA outlines criteria for additional PFAS to be automatically added for TRI reporting. For reporting year 2022, four PFAS met the criteria and were added to the reporting requirements for a total of 180 PFAS tracked by the TRI program. During 2022, 50 facilities managed 1.2 million pounds of these chemicals as waste, which represents an 8% decrease compared to 2021.

For reporting year 2024, TRI will no longer have a reporting exemption for facilities that use PFAS in small, concentrations as a result of EPA’s recently published final rule. This rule will improve the quality and quantity of publicly available data on PFAS, as many materials used at facilities contain PFAS in low concentrations. Facilities that make or use these products will no longer be able to rely on exemption to avoid their responsibility to disclose PFAS releases and other waste management of

these chemicals.

Rounding out the topics covered in EPA’s Press Release were:

Pollution Prevention
Facilities implemented 3,589 total pollution prevention activities in 2022 with the most common being process and equipment modifications, followed by changes to operating practices and training. Through both existing programs and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA offers grant opportunities to state and Tribal technical assistance providers to help prevent pollution.

Industry professionals can view TRI reporting on pollution prevention to learn about best practices implemented at other facilities.

Key Expansions to TRI Reporting

Important expansions to TRI reporting went into effect for reporting year 2022. Some contract sterilization facilities, which are contracted to sterilize products or equipment for hospitals and other facilities, were required to report to TRI for the first time on their management of ethylene oxide and ethylene glycol as waste. These facilities

managed 6.3 million pounds of ethylene oxide waste, nearly all of which was treated.

Reporting year 2022 was also the first year of expanded reporting for the natural gas processing sector. The 305 facilities in this sector that reported to TRI managed 115 million pounds of TRI chemicals in waste and disposed of 81% of TRI chemicals in underground injection wells.

For additional information and comments, contact Jo Anne Kittrell, kittrell.joanne@epa.gov, (617) 918-1822; EPA Region 1 Press Office (R1_Press@epa.gov)

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Night of Hope Gala & Silent Auction

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), a leading suicide research and prevention organization in the U.S., invites you to join the Night of Hope on Friday, May 3, in Bedford. Please visit afsp.org/nightof-hope for more information about the Night of Hope or to attend this event.

Library Scholarship

The Friends of the

Library sponsors an annual scholarship to a graduating High School Senior. Must be a Hudson resident. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website, Friends of the Library option. The scholarship is for \$1000, entries must be submitted by May 1, to rodgerslibrary.org/leonard-a-smith-memorial-scholarship.

Library Fundraiser.

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone. Details are available at

the Rodgers Memorial Library website <https://rodgerslibrary.org/buy-a-brick>

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 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 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.

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.

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 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

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.

Read 'Em and Eat at T-Bones

Come to T-Bones to discuss books over good food and drinks on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. April's Book is The Ocean At "The End Of **continued on page 15**

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Around Town

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The Lane" by Neil Gaiman.

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.

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.

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.

Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their

Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are A) low-income, and B) living in our Greater Nashua catchment area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30

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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.

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.

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.

OBITUARY

Alice Marie (Perry) LeBlanc



Alice Marie (Perry) LeBlanc passed away on April 22, 2024 at the age of 70 years young. Alice was born March 25, 1954 in Attleboro, MA. She was the third daughter born to Ernest and Jean Perry. Alice spent her younger years in Attleboro and Cape Cod, then most of her teenage

years were spent on the island of Guam.

After graduating from Nashua High School (Elm St.) in 1972, she worked for Centronics in Hudson, beginning as a quality control inspector and working her way up to production manager. After Centronics, she worked for the former Nashua Trust Bank in the savings department, bookkeeping, and reconciliation department.

Shortly after arriving back in the Nashua area from Guam, Alice met Bill while playing softball for the Benson's Wild Animal Farm in Hudson. Soon after that, they were married and raised two sons.

Along with her husband Bill, they were puppy raisers for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Together, they raised 19 puppies and worked endless hours educating and informing others about the great work of these special dogs. Alice and Bill were named Citizens of the Year by the Hudson Grange for their work with Guiding Eyes. They also enjoyed camping and cruising in their spare time.

Alice always said that her best work was done at her church. As a long time member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Alice served in many capacities: asst. collector, collector, asst. treasurer, treasurer, missions board, diaconate board, board of directors, cabinet, fair committee, supper and hospitality committee, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and she worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm for the Pilgrim Church thrift shop.

Alice is survived by her best friend, life partner, and husband of 50 years Bill LeBlanc. She is also survived by her sons Scott LeBlanc and Amy of Hudson, and Eric LeBlanc of Austin, TX. The sunshine of her life were her grandchildren Hannah Alice, Ethan Tiberius William, Caleb Owen George, and Mary Autumn. "Whatever happened at grandma's never happened!"

Alice believed that your first bonds of friendship are with your siblings and she had four: Barbara Willis of Epping, Bj Morgan of Nashua, Bill (and Samara) of Litchfield. She was predeceased by her sister Patricia. She was also "Aunt Snoop" to countless nieces and nephews, and doggy mom to Scooby Ruby Doo'.

A very heartfelt thank you is sent to home, health, and hospice services.

At her request, there will be no calling hours. A happy and joyous Celebration of Life will be held at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 4 Watson St., Nashua, NH 03064, on Saturday May 11, 2024, at noon, followed by a simple fellowship and coffee hour.

Donations may be made to New Hampshire Special Olympics in honor of all those living and flourishing with autism.

"Without glitter there would be no sparkle in life".

OBITUARY

William F. Spencer



It is with a heavy & saddened heart that we share the news of the passing of William F. Spencer, affectionately known as "Bill," on April 16, 2024, due to complications from surgery for pancreatic cancer.

Born in Boston, MA, on March 11, 1936, to Sarah (Long) & Walter Spencer, Bill spent his early years in Quincy, MA, where he actively participated in scouting & achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from North Quincy High School in 1953 & earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University in 1958. Following graduation, he served in the Army Reserve from 1959 to 1961.

Bill embarked on his 34-year career with New England Telephone as a Northeastern University co-op student. After working in various locations, he settled in NH.

Bill valued community and actively contributed as a member & chairperson of the Litchfield Budget Committee for 25 years, advocating for fiscal responsibility for the town's improvement and its residents' welfare.

Bill could often be found behind the lens of a camera, as he chronicled his family's life events. His commitment to family inspired him to delve deep into his genealogical past, spending countless hours tracing family lines and connections. Bill had hoped to find his direct connection to the Mayflower but had to settle for connections through his children's spouses much to his chagrin.

His children fondly remember his love of the outdoors, taking them camping, skiing, ice skating, swimming, & hiking.

Bill's passion for competitive running began during high school & college, where he excelled as a member & captain of the cross country & track teams. Although he took a break from running for many years, he returned to the roads in 1991 after his retirement.

In his own professional running journey, he achieved 38 individual age records in NH, spanning distances from 5k to half marathon. Transitioning to Masters Track & Field in 1997, he secured an impressive tally of 22 National Championships across distances ranging from 800 meters to 10k, along with 3 National Cross Country Championships. In 2011, he showcased his talent on the global stage at the World Masters Championship, earning 3rd place in the 800 meters & 5th place in the 1500 meters. His accomplishments led to inductions into multiple halls of fame, including the Gate City Striders in 2012, the New England 65+ Runners Club in 2007 & the Millennium Mile in 2010. Remarkably, at the time of his passing, he held the 9th rank worldwide in the 800 meters for his age group (85-89).

Bill is well known in the cross country & track community; in 1999, he began his coaching career with a group of 11 - 12 year-olds eager to compete each December in the National Junior Olympics Cross Country Championships & never looked back. "Coach Bill" continued until his passing as he remained dedicated to all his teams, with close to 15 years of coaching at Bishop Guertin High School.

One parent shared, "My daughter ran for PAL for four years & had Bill Spencer as her coach for two. Bill was unquestionably her favorite coach. He trains his runners to compete & is particularly good at recognizing & developing talented girls. For the benefit of those who don't know Bill, he is a very accomplished runner with many years of training experience. He tailors each athlete's training according to their capabilities & goals. While direct & sometimes gruff, he sincerely loves to see the girls succeed, & cares about them long after they've left the PAL program."

Bill's dedication to the running community extended beyond coaching. He began tracking & recording NH road race results in the late 1990s & began posting records in 1999. To accomplish this, Bill had to cull through many file drawers of NH races going back to the early 1980s & went through literally every race result to find the best individual age times for NH residents, as well as the best all-time in the state.

Bill leaves behind his loving family: Pat (Maciolek), to whom he was married for 46 years; daughter, Michele Geesaman (William); son, Chris Spencer (Amy); daughter, Debby Spencer (Peter Parodi); grandchildren Sarah, Michael, Aidan, Daniel, Ella, Simon, and Samuel; many nieces and nephews; and grand-pups Leila, Samson, and Murphy. He was predeceased by his parents, Walter and Sarah Spencer, and siblings, Walter Spencer, Katherine Downey, and Marie Hagelston.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua, on Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. A Graveside Service will be held on after at 2:30 p.m., in St. Hedwig Cemetery, 71 Old Bedford Rd., Bedford, NH. All may meet at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor can be made to an organization he supported both physically and financially: Bishop Guertin High School. For a complete obituary and to share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

"Clearly winning individual championships, as I have, is fulfilling but it is nowhere near as satisfying as seeing a kid that you have worked with for a few years succeed." - Coach Bill

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