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## YOUNG ADDAMS

Max Ingram and Olivia Cartagenaas play Gomez and Morticia in the Hudson Memorial musical production of "The Addams Family Young@Part." The shows are scheduled for this weekend in the school's gymnasium. See more on pages 8 and 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Barretts Hill Development Plan Tout Energy-Efficient Condos

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on March 27 and initially expected to hear plans for an extension and subdivision at 36 Campbell Street. However, the property owners requested a deferral to April 24 for their conditional use permit. The related subdivision application was withdrawn.

"They're completely

redoing it I believe," Planning Board Chair, Tim Malley, explained.

The deferral was granted, and no action was needed from the Board for the subdivision withdrawal.

Project Engineer, Pete Madsen, from Keach-Nordstrom Associates was at the meeting with John Ratigan to introduce a development plan at 75 Barretts Hill Road.

"The project that we are proposing includes a residential open space development consisting of one non-buildable open space lot which is approximately 17 acres, and 13 residential lots which are proposed to be developed with duplex condos, also known as a con-dex," said Madsen. "This project is interesting in that the con-dex units are

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## Selectmen Pick Guessferd As New Chair of the Board

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

Following the March election, the Hudson Board of Selectmen was tasked with choosing a new Chair and Vice Chair during its March 25 meeting. "It's time to nominate and select a member as Chair and then to nominate a select member as Vice Chair," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, said.

Selectman, Kara Roy, nominated Bob Guessferd for the position, who was unanimously supported by the rest of the Board.

Picked as Vice Chair was Dillon Dumont, who won his re-election campaign.

During the liaison reports, newly selected Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, thanked the people in town for going out to vote.

"I just want to say thank you to all those who came out and voted and congratulate all those who were elected," she said.

She also thanked outgoing Board of Selectmen Chair, Marilyn McGrath, who ran unsuccessfully for one of two positions against Dumont and Jakoby, for her years of service to the town.

"I'm honored and humbled to be on the Select-board, I really look forward to working with everyone on this Board," Jakoby said.

"My hope is that all the elected officials and appointed individuals, volunteers, and employees of the town can come together as a team. It is with understanding and respect we can serve Hudson to the best of our ability continuing the goal of keeping Hudson a great place to call home."

She also explained that leadership begins with "understanding and teamwork."

"The Board of Selectmen is a team charged with leading this town. My hope is as a team we can set a direction for Hudson that meets the needs and expectations of the town."

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## Senator Carson Talks to Selectmen on Water Issues

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an update from Hudson's State Sen. Sharon Carson during the March 26 meeting in regards to legislation currently being debated in Concord.

"As you may recall, the Board of Selectmen authorized a letter to be sent to State Senator Sharon Carson to add the Town of Hudson to House Bill 1114, which is the bill to extend the commission investigating and analyzing the health impacts related to the release of PFOA and PFAS chemicals in Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, and Litchfield," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

He explained that the

"Committee overseeing the bill voted to add Hudson to the bill."

With Carson at the meeting, was former NH Senate President, Chuck Morse, with Carson noting he is heavily involved with water issues.

"He just has so much experience," Carson said.

She also noted that she sent out emails to all the state representatives saying, "they have been very involved in this issue."

Carson noted that a public hearing on the legislation hasn't been scheduled yet, but she would let them know in case they want to testify by either writing letters or appearing in person.

"I suspect that you do support the legislation," Carson said.

Morse said there are a number of different funding sources that local communities can look at applying for when it comes to addressing PFAS and other water issues.

"There's money in a lot of different buckets," he said, including grants, federal funds, and low interest loans.

Selectman, David Morin, asked if there is any funding to decontaminate their current wells so they can use them.

Morse said he doesn't think that is the best idea moving forward.

"I'm not sure that's the solution for the future," he said.

Ultimately, he said what will be important is to get public input on the issue.

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# School Board OK Employment of Non-Certified Personnel Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board approved its Employment of Non-Certified Personnel policy during its March 11 meeting.

"It is the policy of the School Board to recruit and select for employment the best qualified applicant for each position within the school district in accordance with applicable law and Board policy AC Hiring and other employment decisions shall be made Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity Employment and District Anti-Discrimination Plan," the policy reads.

As part of the policy it states that the district will "employ, as necessary, non-certified personnel to work in non-instructional capacities. Non-Certified personnel are those people whose employment status does not require certification in accordance with rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. Non-certified staff includes, but is not limited to, the following types of positions: administrative support staff, IT technicians, custodial and maintenance staff, food service workers, instructional assistance, etc."

The policy outlines the

process for applications which says that they will be available at the district office, or "through the school district's website and applicant tracking system for those persons seeking employment with the school district. The application will contain information concerning job experience, education, personal references, and other details as may be required. The Superintendent or designee will coordinate the hiring procedures for all job applicants. Hiring will be in accordance with Policy GDF Hiring of Non-Certified Personnel."

As part of the policy, the definition of a salaried employee is "personnel under written contract for a specified period, whose compensation is set and determined on a per-pay-period or annualized salary basis, and whose normal workday coincides with that of the regular school day."

An hourly wage employee is defined as "personnel whose compensation is calculated according to time spent on the job, and whose workday may vary according to specific assignment."

Compensation for "salaried non-certified, non-collective bargaining employees will be determined on an individual basis, and approved by the Superintendent or designee."

For hourly employees "not covered by a collective bargaining agreement," their compensation "will be determined on an individual basis, and approved by the

Superintendent or designee."

All non-certified employee's supervisor will be responsible for establishing the employee's "work schedule, including starting time, break time, lunchtime and ending time, as applicable."

"Non-certified employees working more than 5 consecutive hours per day will be provided one 30-minute break during each regular workday," the policy states.

Appropriate payroll deductions will be made from all employees paychecks, as part of the policy.

"These will include but not limited to, federal income tax and social security," the policy states. "Other deductions may be made on a voluntary basis if permitted under rules of the Department of Labor."

Leave requests for non-certified personnel "will be handled individually by the district Human Resources office, immediate supervi-

sor, and/or the building principal, and may be allowed for reasons such as illness, death of a close relative, parental leave, personal time and vacation."

The policy also outlines that the Superintendent and/or their designee "will notify all educational support staff and non-certified employees by no later than the last day of each school year or fiscal year of the District's intent to continue or not continue their respective employment for the following school or fiscal year. The notification will be in writing."

"The notification may state that the intent to continue or not continue the employee's employment is contingent on special circumstances, including but not limited to fiscal considerations, staffing needs, staff re-organization, student enrollment, etc," the policy states.

## Carson

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lic water, for the long term.

"In the long run it's gonna be public water that you need," he said.

It was also brought up during the meeting that last

year there was a program for homeowners to get relief, if they have PFAS, and other harmful chemicals in their wells, so they can get it remediated.

"As far as I know, it's still available," Carson said.

In another update, Car-

son said there was a hearing on legislation for a portion of route 111 in Hudson, to be named Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway, which earned the support of the Committee and would be going to a full vote by the Senate.

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# Moderator Briefs Board of Selectmen on Town Election

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received a briefing regarding the town's recent election during the March 25 meeting. "The 19.4% voter turnout was disappointing, but in line with past local elections," Town Moderator, Paul Inderbitzen, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. Overall, he said the election went well. "We did have a

pretty smooth day I thought," Inderbitzen said, noting they weren't as busy as they thought they would be since there was a large number of warrant articles on the ballot.

"We did not see any delays or backups at either voting location. The poll pads worked well making check-in very efficient and eliminated a lot of hand counting of statistics post-election," Inderbitzen wrote

in a memo. "We had problems with some tabulators not accepting ballots resulting in a larger than usual number of ballots that had to be hand counted."

Inderbitzen said there was "some confusion" by some voters, when they marked their ballots, which made it so there were 273 "spoiled ballots."

"I believe that the large number of pages to be voted [on] resulted in voter

error in marking their choices and having to request replacement pages," Inderbitzen said. "Since the number of votes for the different offices varied, voters mistakenly over-voted and had to request a new ballot."

He also thanked those who helped out with the day, including Department of Public Works workers, election workers, Town Clerk's staff, and other Town Staff.

He also thanked the Hudson Women's Club "for the pre-election counting and post-election tabulation of the write-in votes."

"The election could not happen without everyone's dedication and integrity," Inderbitzen said.

It was noted by Inderbitzen that there were more write in votes that needed to be tallied on the school district side since there was a write in campaign for the

School Board.

With this being his last year as the Town Moderator, he said he would be giving his support to the newly elected Town Moderator.

"I offered my help in any way necessary," Inderbitzen said.

Selectman, Kara Roy, and others thanked Inderbitzen for his years of service.

"None of this could've happened without you," Roy said.

# Selectmen OK Moving Forward With Crosswalks Project

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen was presented with a proposal to approve allocating funds to install pedestrian walk systems outside of Alvirne High School.

Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, said they received the request in 2022, and one would be by the library entrance, one would be by the main entrance and would be by the newly added cafe.

"The Town of Hudson is planning to install three pedestrian cross walk systems, which will be adjacent to Alvirne High School and along Route 102," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "This project will enhance safety for the pedestrians and increase motorist compliance at the pedestrian crossings." He added the proposal had the support of the Highway Safety Committee.

Dhima said the town staff's biggest concern was the funding, but said that they realized they would be able to use Route 102 Corridor funding. He noted that there have been significant accidents in that area. "It's a feel-good project [and] it's going to be beneficial to everyone," Dhima said.

Dhima noted that the estimate for the project was \$75,000 and that the bids

for the project were below it. "This expenditure was reviewed and approved by the Planning Board at their March 13, 2024, meeting," Dhima wrote in a memo.

Dhima noted they received three bids but only one of those, the bid from Electric Light Co, Inc., met both the town's and the State's specifications.

"This is a state right of way versus a town right of way," Dhima said, noting

that it also had to meet the State's specification as well.

One question raised during the meeting was whether there would be any State funding for the project since it is on a state road.

"There's no money for these, there's no money for traffic lights, there's no money for anything," Dhima said.

He noted that the funds would be coming from the development fees from that

area.

"This is not a direct cost to the taxpayer," Dhima said.

School Board liaison, Gary Gasdia, said that anything to improve the safety in that area is important.

"There is a lot of activity there," he said.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the bid to Electric Light Co. for a contract up to \$64,5000.

# School Board Approve Policy For Hiring Of Non-Certified Personnel

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The School Board approved its hiring of non-certified personnel policy during its March 11 meeting.

As part of the policy, the Superintendent and/or their designee is "directed to oversee the recruitment and hiring process for non-certified personnel, and has the authority to hire non-certified employees."

fied employees."

"All new employees are subject to a criminal background check, as per Policy GBCD. This policy may be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement," the policy states.

The policy makes it the responsibility of the superintendent or their designee to "coordinate activities and training sessions that will

aid non-certified personnel in learning the requirements of their position."

"Prior to assuming his/her duties, each non-certified employee will be advised of local policies relevant to their specific responsibilities," the policy states.

The policy also outlines the probationary period for the employees which states

"a probationary period for non-certified personnel is defined as the first ninety workdays of employment, excluding weekends and any school breaks when an employee would not be scheduled to work, for a new employee or for an employee who has been rehired following a break in service."

"The probationary period

will be used to allow the immediate supervisor time to closely evaluate the employee, and to encourage effective adjustment to the position," the policy states. "Only employees who meet acceptable standards of work during the probationary period will be retained."

It is also the responsibility

of the immediate supervisor to "decide before the completion of the probationary period as to whether the employee has successfully passed the probationary period or should be dismissed prior to the end of the ninety days, subject to the approval of the Superintendent."

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# Editorial

## Doing Our Share

Whether or not there are border guards or high fences they won't make any difference in stopping entry into the U.S., they have no impact and these invaders are amongst us every day.

Now is the time to stop them at the roots because they are working on new growth so their roots are weak, in the fall it is the opposite.

Conservation officials remind us that invasive plants are a problem in our towns, and they're a problem in our waterways as well. According to the state's invasive species coordinator, invasive plants impact endangered or threatened species, reduce diversity and wildlife habitat, impact water quality, damage property, and can lead to the starvation of birds and other wildlife.

Just to name a few; Japanese knotweed, bittersweet, purple loosestrife, multiflora rose, Russian olive, and burning bushes thrive locally and have a stranglehold on portions of our woodlands and roadsides. We don't have to leave our yards to encounter invasive plants we never put in the ground ourselves. The invasives are many and varied, and some, such as burning bush and loosestrife, are pretty. That attractiveness doesn't make up for the damage they cause.

Oh, let us not forget the invasive bugs like jumping worms and hammer worms that can destroy your yard in a heartbeat.

What invasives do is simple, they take over which then leads to crowding out native plants. Educating yourself is key.

It's a battle we might be losing. This problem can't be left to someone else to deal with, it will take a village because if these

plants or worms are near your yard or by the road, they'll be in your yard soon enough.

Meanwhile, if you think the water is safe from unwelcome visitors, think again. With boating season underway, state officials regularly issue warnings to boaters to pay attention to what they might be putting in the water. When boating at any lake check your boat before they enter the water to make sure you aren't bringing any unwelcome weeds to a lake currently free from these damaging invasives.

NH now demands a new way to look at littering boats, trailers, motors, fishing equipment, bait buckets, and diving gear since they can carry aquatic weeds, leaving an infested lake. With no natural predators, the plants quickly dominate native plants, fish, and aquatic life. That translates into impaired water quality and reduced shorefront property values.

Homeowners can help control these invaders by learning to identify them, joining in volunteer efforts to control them, and carefully disposing of pulled-up roots for plants, any soil for worms, and for water think about shoes, or tires during launching and of boats. Removing them is important, but you can always check with the state's Cooperative Extension Service for advice.

Once an invasive gets a foothold, it's too late. Prevention is key and is the duty of every boater. Back on land, you can contact your local conservation commission, garden group, or the state for advice on getting rid of invasive plants. This battle won't be won unless each of us does our share.

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**THINKING SPRING** Lori Bowen, Naomi Busnach, and Chrissy Peterson hosted a Spring Celebration at the Hudson Senior Center last week bringing food, fun, and warm thoughts to those attending.  
*Courtesy photo*

## Selectmen

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tations of today and well into the future," Jakoby said.

Dumont also thanked McGrath for her years of service, and addressed what happened at the end of a recent meeting when Roy and Selectman, David

Morin, were in a back and forth over transparency on the Board. He said he felt the Board disrespected the public and Town staff.

"We need to be the gold standard. I can't speak for the entire Board, but personally I would like to apologize to our staff and the public who witnessed that,"

Dumont said. "We need to treat everybody with respect. It's that simple."

Guessferd said he would likely make more comments at the next meeting, but was thankful for being chosen as the Chair for the next year.

"I will do everything I can to serve in a respectful manner," he said.

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**Correction:** In the article "Library Trustees Welcome New Members to First Meeting" of the March 28 issue of the Hudson Times Mimi Guessferd's name was incorrectly written "Guessford." We apologize for the oversight.

## Nutfield Publishing Will Not Print a Paper on April 11.

Nutfield Publishing will not be printing newspapers on April 11. The publisher will be taking a one-week break. Newspaper publishing will resume on Thursday, April 18. We thank our readers for their understanding.



# Oak Avenue Home OKd for Expansion by Zoning Board

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The March 28 Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment heard from Nashua attorney, Colin Jean, and Michael Granger from MJ Granger Engineering. They were speaking on behalf of Orrin and Laura Clegg, who requested a variance for an expansion to their property on 16 Oak Avenue.

"Practically speaking, the reason for the proposed extension is for increased living space for the subject property. The footprint on which it sits was erected

around 1926. Back then, there were obviously no front setback limitations," said Jean. "They want to add onto the house no closer to the setback from the existing dwelling. There are no other encroachments, and for those familiar with the property, Oak Avenue is a dead-end street, and the neighbor is a vacant lot."

He added that most other homes on that road failed to meet Hudson's front setback requirement.

"Your next-door neighbor seems to have added on, despite the setbacks," noted

Board member, Tim Lanphear, while looking at a provided aerial photo of the neighborhood.

Neither Jean nor Granger knew anything about add-ons to other homes on Oak Avenue.

"What we just heard is that you are not creating a side setback issue right?" asked ZBA Chair, Gary Daddario, who wanted to know that the addition would not create a new issue from a zoning perspective.

Jean promised that the new room would not create

any new problems and that it was only designed to increase the living space of the house.

Michael Beauchesne of 10 Oak Avenue spoke in support of Clegg's application.

"I'm two houses down on the same side," said Beauchesne. "I'm in total favor of it. In my opinion, it's going to bring up the value of their property, and it's also going to bring up the value of my property being on that street. I know with the whole neighborhood, all the houses are

really old, they were built in the 1920s. I don't see any reason why the Board shouldn't grant this variance."

Nobody on the Board or from the public spoke against the request.

"They just need a little bit more room to live," said Vice Chair, Norm Martin. "It's a dead-end street, I'm sure the only people who go down there are trick-or-treaters."

The Zoning Board unanimously voted to grant the variance.

Zoning Administrator,

Chris Sullivan, asked anyone who might be interested to Save the Date for New Hampshire's spring 2024 Planning and Zoning conference.

"It's all online so you can watch it and go from there," said Sullivan.

The conference will be on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those who want to attend will need to register ahead of time, and the event is free. More details about the meeting will be available in the coming weeks.

# RC Club Members Discuss Warrant Conflicts

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen heard from a number of different members of the Southern New Hampshire RC Club which currently uses space at the old West Road landfill, during the March 25 meeting.

During the Town Elections, voters approved a warrant article to allow the town to enter into a lease agreement for a solar panel farm at the same location, which would allow the town to raise funds from it.

The voters also approved a Citizens Petition Warrant Article to allow the Club to continue on the site.

Southern NH RC Club

President, Cody Wojcik, said he was asked to speak on the behalf of Hudson residents who are part of the Club. He thanked everyone who voted for the citizens petition warrant article, which he said "passed by a wide margin."

He said they "made our case to continue to use the town land we have cared for, improved and enjoyed for nearly a quarter century," noting that they were humbled by the support that they have received from people online, in person and at the polls.

It was also explained by Wojcik that they had little interaction with the town in order to not be viewed as a

"nuisance," which he said they regret.

"To our detriment we have operated this way for a long time," he said, noting that they didn't want to bother anyone or let anything happen to the land.

"People are interested, and they want us here," Wojcik said.

He said moving forward, they will have more programs and events in order to be more visible to the public and will look at what they can do at the schools to get people interested at a younger age.

It was also noted by Wojcik that they want to be included in future conversations and to help put a

more formal agreement in place between the Club and the town.

"I hope we can continue to be part of what makes Hudson a great town," he said.

Wade Wagner, a member of the Club, explained that the voters approved the solar farm warrant article by about 360 votes and approved the RC Club warrant article by 965 votes, "which is an almost 600 vote margin," Wagner said.

Wagner said.

"I believe the numbers speak for themselves," he said.

He stated that based on the numbers, he thinks that the "voters have decided."

While he thinks solar is a good idea, he said they need to conserve green spaces and thinks that they have alternate spaces that they can look at for a solar farm.

Selectman, Kara Roy,

said she thought the issue should be brought up on the next agenda, which others on the Board agreed with.

"We have to resolve it," Roy said.

Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, noted that they would have an agenda item on their next meeting in order to get a briefing from the Town Attorney about the issue of the conflicting warrant articles.

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# Plans for Spring Maintenance at Park Move Forward

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on March 21 to discuss the recently approved procedures for the use of their new golf cart. Committee Chair, Jack Madden, wanted to ensure everyone would be familiar with those procedures before using the cart. "I think it would be useful to have at least a few people trained and signed off to have us operate the thing before our first clean-up day," said Madden.

The clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. With better weather, the Committee talked about several routine maintenance tasks they would need to accomplish in the coming months. "About every two to three years, we paint the black railings around the park, they peel naturally and rust a bit," said John Leone. "These are at the overlooks and the fence that goes part-way around the Elephant Barn. It might be time to look at them again and throw on a fresh coat of

paint." A related issue was poison ivy near park entrances. While park maintenance occasionally cuts it back, this has proven to be a short-term fix. The Chair was unsure whether using herbicides was a good idea and wanted to look for non-toxic, long-term solutions. "In the railroad industry when we're trying to kill weeds growing up on the railroad tracks, what we used was a steam generator, we basically steamed them to death, and it lasted a long time. It's hot water, no pes-

ticides or anything like that," claimed Madden. "I'm going to be talking with the Town Engineer, I'll ask him about that and whether we have anything that's an acceptable treatment to kill off poison ivy." One suggestion involved bringing in goats, although it was unclear how feasible that might be. Other maintenance plans involved replacing a bridge near the alligator pond. However, structural engineering will need to give their stamp of approval for a new bridge.

"It has to be a structural engineer, although the plans are from the US Forest Service," said Madden. The Chair already had a "cookie cutter" design for a new wooden bridge already used for other trails. He did not expect much trouble getting approval after finding the right type of engineer. Hudson Civil Engineer, Don Kirkland, suggested inviting a representative from the Department of Historical Resources to visit Benson Park for the first time in at least five years.

"It would be a chance for them to see what we've accomplished in the park collectively," said Madden. "Basically, it would get them on our side if you will, an understanding of what we want to do." He singled out the refurbishment of Hudson's Train Station as a project Historical Resources would likely want to see. The Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

# Zoning Board Green Light Home Office After Site Walk

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on March 28 to hear a continuation from Greg McAdams of 7 Saint John Street, who had been pushing for a Home Occupation Special Exception to run his party event business from home. A request to temporarily store trailers on the property initially sparked backlash from abutters. The ZBA

wanted to conduct a site walk before making their decision. "As of our site walk, the food trailer has been removed from the property and will not be returning," said Zoning Administrator, Chris Sullivan. McAdams confirmed the food trailer had been moved to "a different location" in response to concerns from the last meeting. "I felt like the site walk

was very revealing. It is a tight space," said ZBA member, Dean Sakati, referring to the problem of parking trailers on a narrow road. Screening was another concern. McAdams' trailer contains the logo of his business, leading to discussions as to whether it would be appropriate to request to cover the trailer. Vice Chair, Norm Martin, was also worried that the party business would regularly have employees over at the home property. "You can't have employees with a home occupation special exception," noted ZBA. "The home

occupation shall be conducted only by residents of the dwelling." "There'll be no employees coming to my house for any reason," stated McAdams in response to the concern. "And I can put up screening if necessary." The ZBA voted to grant in a four-to-one vote, with requests to limit dust, noise, and parking of no more than two vehicles. A screening stipulation to cover the logo was dropped after neighbors indicated they did not want a new fence put up in the area. The Board also heard an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirement presen-

tation from Thomas O'Dowd of 11 Jackson Drive. O'Dowd wanted to keep a shed already located in a designated setback where it is. "I bought a house that had a shed in the setback, it's a concrete foundation, and I reached out to the original builder who told me it was built in the mid-90s," said O'Dowd. "Google photos show that it's been there since at least 2010, there's no previous enforcement, and the shed falls within ten feet of the property line." He noted that any shed built with concrete blocks would be extremely difficult and costly to move.

Board members did not have any questions and there were no comments from abutting residents. "There's no nuisance where this seems to be on the property, and the high correction cost would be just too much money," said Board Member, Tim Lanphear. The ZBA unanimously voted to approve O'Dowd's waiver. The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet again at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, in the Community Development Paul Buxton Meeting Room in the basement of Hudson Town Hall.

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# BOS Approve New Contract With Nashua Transit System

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the March 25 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the new contract between the town and Nashua Transit System.

"As most of you are aware we fund Nashua Transit through a community grant," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, said.

He explained that they were provided with an

updated contract for the fiscal year which begins on July 1.

"The Nashua Transit System has been providing handicap accessible rides to medical appointments and to adult day care programs to residents of Hudson," Malizia wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Malizia stated that the contract would reflect the level of service they are currently providing to Hudson.

"It appears that the

Nashua Transit will no longer be providing service to adult day programs and will not be available to bring Hudson residents to Merrimack," Malizia wrote in a memo. "It also appears that qualified riders will be limited to three days per week."

When asked about the changes in service, Malizia said, "I don't think they had the demand for it."

Malizia noted that he had the Town Attorney

review the proposed contract and he had a recommendation regarding language for early termination "to ensure that the Town of Hudson receives a refund if the Nashua Transit System terminates the contract before the end of the fiscal year."

As part of the contract, the town would be responsible for paying the Provider \$57.87 per hour for Demand Response service, which is half of the actual

cost of service per hour "due to the 50% federal subsidy and passenger fare-box payments."

The town, as part of the contract, will agree to a total of 612 hours of available service, with an estimated Farebox Revenue of \$3,260 for a total billable cost to the town of \$32,156.

One question raised was whether or not they usually use all of the 612 hours that they pay for.

Malizia explained that

they usually use at least that amount if not more. He added that they have the option of adding more hours, and that they get notified once they get close to the maximum number of hours.

The Hudson Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the updated contract.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on April 9 at 7 p.m.

## Condos

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designed to achieve net-zero emissions by using what is called a 'passive house' approach."

He explained a passive house as minimizing heat loss and maximizing heat gain to reduce energy demand. The units would have more insulations, triple-paned windows, and solar panels, calling it a "unique project." The plan will include sidewalks, a recent goal of the Planning Board.

"Has the applicant had any discussion with DPW [Department of Public Works] concerning sidewalks at the Barrets Hill subdivision and whether they can realistically maintain them with current budget, manpower, and equipment?" asked Board member, James Crowley.

According to Madsen, he already talked with DPW, and the issue of sidewalks had not been raised. Crowley also proposed having the applicant include all easement information on the requested subdivision

permit. This proposal was approved by the Planning Board, as was a second request for a traffic plan.

Board member, Victor Oates, wanted to see sprinkler systems included in the condos. The current plan uses a water cistern. Madsen stated he would be willing to add sprinklers, but only with the recommendation of the Hudson Fire Department. So far, the Fire Department has only requested a cistern with an alternate option for a sprinkler system instead of the cistern.

"To buy a single-family house, a mistake you impact yourself. To buy a duplex without a sprinkler system installed on both sides, a mistake on one side impacts the other," said Oates. "A cistern in my professional opinion, puts the fire out but does not prevent families from losing their entire house."

There were several questions from abutting residents during public input.

"There's a spillway that looks like it's aimed directly at my well, I'd like to know if there's anything to

think about to protect my property if there's an overflow," said abutter, William Shea, of 65 Barretts Hill Road.

David Silva of 70 Barretts Hill Road was concerned with traffic flow.

"When I pull out of my driveway, it's already hit or miss whether someone is going to be coming around that corner at 45 miles per hour. Increasing the amount of traffic coming through just broadens the risk," said Silva. "I don't think the town of Hudson has done a real good job of trying to figure out that road."

Madsen did not have much to say about the traffic beyond saying the proposed roadway to connect the condos met town requirements regarding site distance.

"Everything that's now flowing onto Barrets Hill will flow to this roadway and be collected in a series of closed drainage networks and flow to the drainage pond," said Madsen, reassuring abutters there would be no flooding of their properties. "We have an emergency spillway, it's

pretty standard practice. If this were to overflow, any runoff would flow down to a catch basin."

No vote was taken on

the subdivision plan as Board members wanted to take a site walk and to hear back from DPW before taking further action.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



**MANY THANKS** A big thank you to The American Legion Hudson N.H. Post 48 and Women's Auxiliary for the generous checks they provided to Alvirne FFA to help offset costs for the State FFA Convention at the end of March. In return for their generous support, Alvirne FFA will be helping at their next Meat Bingo fundraiser in May. Please keep an eye out for more information on how you can participate in this fun event.

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# Addams Family Visits Hudson Memorial School's Stage



CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

Students at Hudson Memorial School will be performing the musical, “The Addams Family Young@Part”, in the school gym on April 5 and 6.

About 40 students will be performing in the musical, with nearly 20 more helping behind the scenes with the production.

The premise of the musical is based on Wednesday Addams falling in love with a ‘normal’ boy and the boy’s family has

been invited to dinner at the Addams Family mansion. Gomez, Wednesday’s father, is sworn to secrecy about this new boyfriend. He has never kept a secret from his wife, Morticia, and everything will change on one fateful night when the families have dinner together. It’s a kooky, spooky, and all together ooky show!”

HMS Music Director, Becca Crivello, is directing the production with help from: Brianna Stevens, Art Director; Heather Fillmore, Crew Manager; and Joy

Whitaker, Costume Designer.

Lead roles in the musical are: Max Ingram as Gomez; Olivia Cartagena as Morticia; Emma Melo as Wednesday; Mel Caples as Pugsley; Brianna Lajoie as Fester; Henry Hone as Lurch; Scarlet Adkins as Alice Beineke; Gavin Burke as Mal Beineke; Eli Erickson as Lucas Beineke; and Mia Papageorgiou as Thing.

Shows are April 5 and 6 starting at 6:30 p.m. ticket information can be found at <https://hmsdramaclub.ludus.com>

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Alvirne Boys' Lax Set Sights on Fourth Straight Playoff Berth

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's boys' lacrosse team, like softball, has made the playoffs in four consecutive seasons. After finishing 8-8 last season, the Broncos are looking to take yet another step forward after last season being an improvement over 6-10 the year prior, and that 6-10 mark being a leap from 1-11 in the COVID season back in 2021. Alvirne's lax team has built their way from the ground up when the current group of seniors were just freshmen, and they look to win their first playoff game in over a decade and finish over .500 in the regular season for the first time in that same span.

Some familiar faces for the Broncos include Cedrik Beaulieu, Sam Fortin, and James Nemeth who will be the headline names as seniors. Other names to keep an eye on will be Ryan Ricard and Gavin Darrigo among others for an Alvirne squad that's beginning to come of age and will likely be one of the sleeper teams to host a playoff game in the first

round and perhaps snap their playoff losing skid. As many players on this team saw over the winter, it only takes a couple of bounces to go in Alvirne's favor for the Broncos to be contenders to make a playoff run.

With 17 games on their calendar, Alvirne has a full slate of games this season and will look to break through the .500 ceiling that has kept the squad under its roof for the past several seasons. Alvirne will open their season with a pair of road games on April 9 and 10 against Goffstown and Nashua South, respectively. The Broncos' first home game is on Friday, April 12 against Merrimack Valley (Penacook). The Pride will be coming to Alvirne looking to bounce back this season from a 4-10 record a year ago. Alvirne has a real chance at starting out 3-0 in their first three games, and having an extra point for a victory over Nashua South, should the cards line up in the Broncos' favor, as Goffstown-Alvirne is always a fun battle and Nashua South struggled mightily in Divi-

sion I last season.

Souhegan will be the first major test for Alvirne this season as the Broncos will host the Sabres on April 15 before the Broncos will play host to the Oyster River Bobcats on April 19. Many of Alvirne's players will want revenge on the Bobcats for the loss this winter in the hockey semifinals. After only beating the Broncos by a single tally a year ago at home, it's not out of the question that the Broncos pull off the upset and get their revenge.

After the Bobcats, Alvirne will spend their April vacation week away from home, playing at Hollis-Brookline on April 23 and St. Thomas Aquinas on April 26. Hollis-Brookline finished eighth in Division II last season, falling 17-3 to the eventual runners-up in the Portsmouth Clippers while St. Thomas finished fourth after handing Alvirne a 21-1 preliminary-round loss, ultimately falling to Derryfield, the eventual champions.

Week four brings Windham and Keene-Monadnock to town before sending the Broncos to play John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering on the road. If Alvirne can keep things competitive



The Boys Lax Squad was running drills on Monday afternoon as they prepare for the upcoming Division I spring season.  
Photo by Chris Paul

against Windham and beat Keene-Monadnock and Stark-Hillsboro-Deering, they could easily enter the first full week of May somewhere around 6-4 or 5-5. That could be enough to earn them a playoff spot by itself.

The following week, Alvirne will come home for a date with Division III's runners-up from a year ago, the Campbell Cougars, followed by road dates with Hanover, who finished 14th in Division II last year, and Nashua North. The Titans were unable to make the Division I playoffs a year ago, so that may prove to be a favorable piece for the

Broncos.

In the regular season's penultimate week, Alvirne will have their final two home games, taking on the ConVal Cougars and the Portsmouth Clippers, both of whom finished higher than Alvirne a year ago—ConVal in tenth and Portsmouth in second.

Alvirne's final two regular season games will take place against Pembroke, who finished 13th a year ago, and Winnacunnet, who would eventually finish sixth.

For the Broncos, anywhere between 9-8 and 7-10 feel realistic, and should be more than enough to

earn them a playoff berth. If the Broncos can get a few bounces to fall their way, Alvirne could potentially find themselves winning 10 or 11 games and perhaps playing the first round of the playoffs at Veterans Memorial Field at Alvirne. Ideally, Alvirne finishes over .500 this season and breaks through come the end of May and is able to play meaningful lacrosse in the month of June. Anything less, and it will be a major step back for the Broncos next year with the level of talent set to graduate just a week or two after the season comes to a close.

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# Alvirne Lady Lacrosse Team Look for a Winning Season

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's 2024 lacrosse season will consist of 14 games, beginning on April 8 and ending on May 23. Like hockey, lacrosse has a different divisional alignment than most sports, thanks to having more co-op programs. Alvirne falls into Division II in lacrosse, which primarily houses teams with scholastic populations of 700-1149, losing Portsmouth, Bishop Guertin, and Souhegan to Division I and Milford to Division III by petition and gaining Manchester Memorial-West, Keene-Monad-

nock, Manchester Central, and Spaulding from Division I and Hanover from Division III by petition.

The Broncos play six home and eight away games this season, leaving them with an unbalanced schedule. They'll open the year with a home matchup against the Windham Jaguars on April 8 and then hit the road to take on Merrimack Valley on April 11. The Broncos will follow the Monday/Thursday schedule for the first few weeks of the season, playing at ConVal (Peterborough) on April 15 and then at home against Kingswood on April 18.

April 22 will bring Manchester Memorial-West to Alvirne before the Broncos return to the road on April 25 at Keene-Monadnock Regional. Goffstown will come to town on April 29, and Alvirne will travel to Oyster River to take the Oyster River-Newmarket Mulecats. Hollis-Brookline comes to town on May 6 for the Broncos lone game that week before Alvirne goes on the road for three games the following week, at Winnacunnet on May 13, at Memorial-West on May 15, and at Pembroke on May 17. They'll then head home one last time, hosting

Timberlane on May 20 before going to John Stark Regional to take on John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering on May 23 to wrap up the regular season.

Alvirne will be looking for their first win since May 12, 2022 against Spaulding. Since then, the Lady Broncos are 0-21, with their closest loss since that Spaulding win being a 12-8 loss to Nashua North that immediately followed. Alvirne has lost all but three games in that span by double digits.

A playoff run is somewhat hard to imagine for Alvirne's Lady Lax team,

but the same has been said about several Alvirne squads this season. All of Alvirne's teams, except girls' soccer and volleyball, have made the playoffs, so anything is possible for the Maroon and Gold, especially if they are able to get some momentum early on in the season. Not even necessarily in the form of wins, but close games. Competitive losses can sometimes generate just as much momentum as wins, which is what the Broncos will be hoping to do this season: be competitive.

Having a goal of steering things in the right direc-

tion this year in preparation for 2025 is not necessarily a bad thing. The key is being able to win at least one game, and possibly at least compete in a few more. Even for the Broncos to earn themselves a 3-11 or 4-10 record, based on last year's standings, would leave them just three games out of a playoff spot. If the Broncos are able to keep themselves alive mathematically into early-to-mid May, that would be a great step forward for the program and possibly put them into a spot to make the playoffs, or at least make a serious run at a spot, next year.

# HMS Sixth Grader Makes History as First Girl on Baseball Team

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

For the first time in school history, Hudson Memorial will have a girl on its roster for the 2024 season. Sixth grader Gabbie Nichols has officially made the Colts roster for this season and will serve as a team manager this year, getting reps when she can.

As a team manager, Gabbie will not find herself into the HMS lineup just yet, but very seldom does any sixth grader sniff legitimate playing time. While she will not play in games this season, Nichols will be able to gain valuable experience on the 90' diamond for the first time in practice scenarios, which is more than many sixth graders can say at all, and is more than any girl has ever been able to say at HMS.

A defensive specialist,

Gabbie has been a solid defender at first base for a long time in her time with the Merrimack Valley Prospects, as well as playing rec baseball in Hudson. She was graded third out of 25 players to try out defensively with the coaching staff viewing her fundamentals to be the best on the squad, particularly in the outfield. It seems that in the future, she will spend time at first base primarily, as well as the corner outfield spots.

Offensively, for a sixth grader to truly excel is rare, as many of them are playing on the big field for the first time in their lives, as their rec games all take place on the smaller 70' diamond, which for those who see that as a small difference, it's very different trying to succeed offensively when a home run turns into a rou-



Gabbie Nichols

tine fly out and a base hit becomes a play that is an easy out as it does between the two levels. Nichols defied that, however, as she was the lone player in sixth grade to get the ball out of the infield in hitting drills.

Her now teammates were hesitant to the idea at first, but seem to be warming up to the idea of having a girl on their team. Many

of the players in sixth grade and the younger seventh graders play on teams with or against Nichols regularly anyway. The girls on the softball team are amazed at the willpower Nichols has to stick with baseball, which is something many girls who play baseball through elementary school don't choose to do. Many will make the switch to softball. But not Nichols. When the Colts take the field on April 9 against Windham, Gabbie will be there, and not just as a fan or a student at HMS, but as the first girl to ever be ros-

tered on the Colts baseball team.

Gabbie has said she's just excited to get the chance to stay on the field and that playing time doesn't matter for the time being. She is just happy to be gaining experience from being on the roster and seeing what middle school baseball on the big field is all about. The time for her to get consistent playing time will come if she continues to work hard and prove her worth. She's already won over her teammates, and now, it's a matter of proving to the new Colts'

coaching staff that she can hang around on the big diamond. If she can do that, she'll be able to make more HMS history and continue her baseball journey, likely proving many doubters wrong in the process and proving to herself, her teammates, her coaches, and her community that it's not a bad thing to "play like a girl" because girls can play baseball too.

Hudson Memorial will open its ten-game schedule on April 9 at home against the Windham Wildcats at 3:30 p.m.

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# Alvirne Softball Look to Make Fourth Straight Postseason

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

With Opening Day just four days away, Alvirne's softball team is gearing up to put together another push for a playoff berth, the ultimate goal of which being a trip to Plymouth State University and a Division I State Championship. In that span, Alvirne will have a new head coach for the first time, as Dakota Bilodeau decided to coach at Bishop Guertin per the Cardinals' policy of having staff members coach at different schools. Dakota leaves the Broncos after putting up a 27-28 record as the Bronco head coach, including back-to-back 11-7 seasons, with one ending in a preliminary round loss to Bishop Guertin at home in 2022 and last season ending in a quarterfinals loss to Exeter in Exeter.

As the Broncos turn the page, they do so with new head coach Becky Radziewicz and without some key players. Skye Merrow, Jaelyn Green, and Maddy Bradish all graduated last year, all of whom played significant roles in the team's success. The Broncos may miss Merrow the most, as she was able to limit freshman Kenzy Pool-

er's workload in the circle. This year, all signs point to Pooler being Alvirne's only pitching option.

Offensively, the Broncos still have Alyssa Abbott and Cory Sevigny, who made significant contributions last season. The Broncos also have players like Avery Willard and Shayleigh Neilson, who will likely impact the lineup on both sides of the ball this season, with Willard anchoring third base and Neilson likely in a corner outfield spot.

The main storyline for Alvirne this year might just be their new faces. Seven new players line the roster of Alvirne's varsity squad of the fifteen players rostered. Ashleigh Ducharme, Korra Ascolillo, Ryleigh Dressel, Keira Flaherty, Lyla Smalley, Nyiah Stroming, and Aubrey Taylor will all be in their first year of varsity action, and they hope to help the returning Broncos will their team into the playoffs.

Looking at Alvirne's schedule, not much has changed from last season regarding who the Broncos will face, short of flipping home and away as they do every year. Opening Day for Alvirne is tentatively scheduled for April 8 against

Pinkerton at home. The rest of their first week sees a road game at Concord on Wednesday, April 10, and a home game against the Goffstown Grizzlies on Friday, April 12. They'll then hit the road for the entire second week of their season for games at Portsmouth, Bishop Guertin, and Winnacunnet. The week of April Vacation brings the Broncos back home for Exeter and Nashua North. After Nashua North, the Broncos will play at Windham, home against Dover, and then at Manchester West-Trinity. The following week, the Broncos play just one game: an away game at Salem on Monday, May 6. Bedford, Nashua South, and Manchester Central-Memorial follow the Blue Devils; Bedford and Manchester Central-Memorial at home, and Nashua South takes place across the Mer-



The Lady Broncos were able to get on the field this week to work on drills.

rimack River in Nashua. The final week of the season brings the Broncos home for Keene and Londonderry before they hit the road for their final regular season game against the Merrimack Tomahawks.

Regarding a potential playoff push, 6-12 was enough to make a playoff spot last season. If the

Broncos can beat Nashua North, West-Trinity, Dover, Merrimack, Central-Memorial, and Bedford, there are the six needed wins to make the playoffs. Couple the wins that the Broncos should easily pick up with some potential upsets, and Alvirne might be making another push for a home playoff game in the first

round. While the first-round home game would be great, it's not necessarily an indicator of much for Alvirne, though, as the last two years, the road team in the Broncos' preliminary round games both fell-Alvirne at home against the Cardinals in 2022 and Pinkerton against Alvirne in 2023.

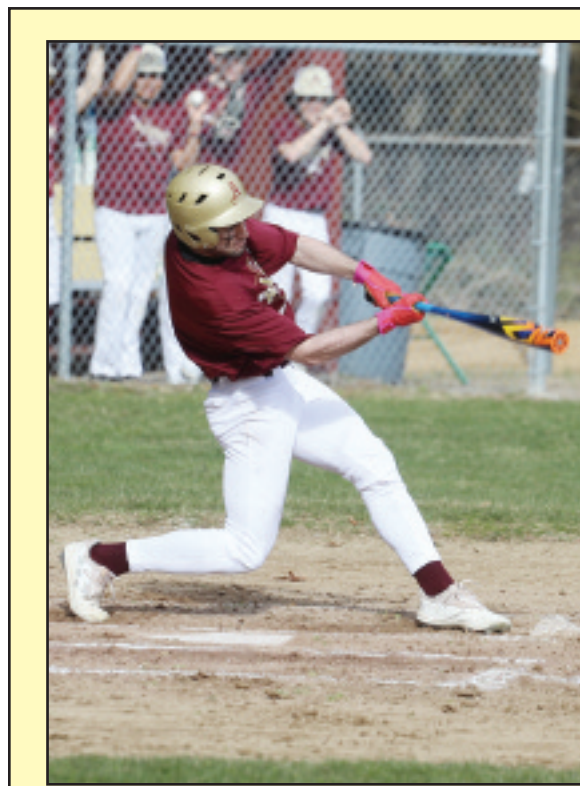
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## Prostate Cancer Support

The Prostate Cancer Support Group of NH announces its monthly meeting via Zoom for April 10, from 6 - 8 p.m. This meeting will feature two ZeroProstateCancer.net webinar replays especially focused on the early identification and diagnosis of prostate cancer. "Early information for Newly Diagnosed with Early Prostate Cancer" shows actual microscopic slides of prostate cancer cells, the meaning and use

of the "Gleason Score" and decisions to be made early on in the prostate cancer journey. The second webinar, "The Pathology of Prostate Cancer," is presented by a pathologist from Johns Hopkins University who explains how a pathologist examines the tissue from biopsies and from surgically removed prostates and makes the critical determination of grading and staging of the actual tumor to develop the Gleason score. The second hour of the meeting will have group sharing of

current life issues in peer-to-peer support and discussion. Send an email to [dbraiterman@outlook.com](mailto:dbraiterman@outlook.com) or look on the group's Facebook page for a link to this Zoom meeting. There is no cost to attend.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Flynn-family60@gmail.com). Sponsored by Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Nashua, Salem Windham Lions Club. Proceeds benefit of CHAD, children with cancer.

## Lions Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will be awarding four general individual \$1,000 scholarships to graduating High

School Seniors and one individual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Senior who is a member of the Alvirne Leo's Club. Applicants must be a Hudson NH resident. Applications may be obtained at the Alvirne Guidance Office or email: [DGRoger@comcast.net](mailto:DGRoger@comcast.net). Applications are due by April 12.

## Solar Eclipse Party

On Monday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m., come watch the eclipse and celebrate this special event with a science explanation and eat a fun snack at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

## Cookbook Club

On Tuesday, April 9, at 11:30 a.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial Library and prepare a recipe from this month's topic, Vegan Recipes, then engage with others about your recipe adventures.

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for people to play Dungeons & Dragons with? Come play and grab a donut on Saturday, April 6, and 20, at 9:30 a.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

## Honk Musical

Class Act and the Alvirne High School Music department are getting ready to present Honk, a musical tale of the Ugly Duckling. Show times: April 12 at 6:30 p.m., April 13 at 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Students \$10, Adults \$15. To purchase tickets go to <https://alvirneclassact.ludus.com>

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### 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 The Lane" by Neil Gaiman.

### Access Wisdom Book Club

On Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a book club highlighting books that helps individuals gain more access to our own wisdom at the Rodgers memorial Library. This month's book is "The Alchemist" by Paolo Coelho.

### Genealogy Club

Seeking Rogers Roots-the Maine, Canada, Ireland Connection on Friday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m., with the Rodgers memorial Library. This enlightening case takes the listener through the extensive search for the supposed Scottish roots and parentage of James C. Rogers of Brewer, Maine. This is a virtual program via Zoom.

### Mystery Lovers Book Club

You know you love it - murder, mystery and mayhem all in one place on Monday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at Rodger Memorial Library. This month's book pick is "Killers of a Certain Age" by Deanna Raybourn.

### Crime and Cookies

A True Crime Podcast Club, will be held on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., at the Memorial Library. Discuss this month's listen while enjoying a tasty dessert.

### 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 months project is Llama Painting.

### Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial Library for an in-depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and nonfiction books including biographies. This month's book: How to be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question by Michael Schur.

### 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.

### Curious Kids

On Fridays in April at 10 a.m., explore learning centers with your preschooler with a different theme each week 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.

### Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Come and Stitch/cross stitch, black-work, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft, etc. lead by Oonagh Williams. Not a formal class, but people are willing to help.

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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.

### 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.

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### 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 Memeorial 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.

### Backyard Planting

On Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m., come join Rodgers memorial Library Circulation Librarian and "Outdoor Guy" Dana Benner to learn how to plant in a way to attract those birds, bees and butterflies.

### Book Sale

On Sunday, April 14, at 11 a.m., a Secondhand Prose Book Sale Sponsored by the Friends of the Library will be

held at Hills Memorial Library (downstairs). 18 Library St. There will be Books, CDs, DVDs, for all ages available for \$2 or less.

### Coast Guard History

A Brief History of the Coast Guard with Captain Greg Ketchen (Retired) will be held virtually through the Rodgers Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 16, at 1 p.m. Greg Ketchen is a retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain living in Osterville, MA. He is a frequent lecturer on a variety of topics related to Coast Guard missions and history. Please register for this event and you'll receive the link in the confirmation and reminder emails.

### 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.

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