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JUST PEACHY Eli Erikson, left, played the lead role in James and the Giant Peach with Henry Hone, as the Earthworm, at Hudson Memorial over the weekend. The school's Drama Club had two performances on Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5. See more photos pages 8 and 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Man with Gun Arrested During Three-Alarm Fire

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Over 20 residents were displaced from their residence after a fire in an apartment building on Cross Street.

Nearly 40 Emergency Responders arrived on the scene at a Hudson Garden Apartment building on Cross Street at around

10:20 p.m. on Sunday, April 6.

There were 15-unit responding to the three-alarm fire with crews from Nashua, Derry, Londonderry, Pelham, Litchfield, Manchester, Salem, Windham and Dracut providing mutual aid.

No injuries were reported at the fire, but the struc-

ture sustained significant damage, and the Red Cross provided service to the occupants.

Also during the fire, a man was taken into custody after allegedly pointing a firearm at firefighters responding to the fire that were trying to evacuate residents from the building.

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New Town Moderator Vows to Work Hard for Hudson

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

During the Town Elections on March 11, Mark Edgington was elected as Town Moderator, despite an aggressive write-in campaign deployed by Debra Stoddard. Edgington won 1,317 to 1,233.

Prior to the election, a number of questions were raised about Edgington's past, including a second-degree murder conviction and the location of his exact residence.

During the annual "Candidates Night" hosted by the Hudson Women's Club, Edgington submitted a letter to be read by the moderator.

In that letter he addressed the question of his address, saying, "There have been questions about

my residency. I think this is fair. I travel domestically and internationally for work a great deal of the year. I don't own a home in the US and due to a career of some level of celebrity I had my fair share of stalkers. I will only share my residential address, the minimum necessary by law, and will not do so on public access TV. I would appreciate everyone's help and not sharing my residential address unnecessarily. The issue of my residency is far greater than an unpaid and uncontested gig as in Hudson, New Hampshire. The IRS isn't known to staff merciful people and giving them false information can result in fines and imprisonment."

The letter ended with, "While I will remain very

private about where I sleep, and where my family sleeps, I am confident in my residency."

On Monday, March 31, the Hudson Town Clerk, Michelle Brewster, swore in Edgington and following that, he addressed concerns raised through a letter from his attorney, Alberto Rodriguez, Esq.

The letter read, "I'm grateful for the chance to serve this amazing community" Mark Edgington told his friends as he walked out of Hudson Town Hall into a sunny Monday afternoon. Mark had just been officially sworn into office as the Town Moderator and was overcome with emotion.

Mark Edgington: "I'm humbled that so many people

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Proposal Looks to Use Alvirne Trustees Funds for Auditorium

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was briefed on a proposal to raise funds through the Alvirne Trustees for the addition of an auditorium.

"Alvirne High School students deserve a versatile, state-of-the-art auditorium for various purposes, including educational events, concerts, theatrical performances, community gatherings, and more," a memo to the School Board stated. "This auditorium will enhance the cultural richness of the school and community, provide a venue for local talent, and offer a gathering place for diverse groups. The auditorium

will be a space that promotes creativity, fosters community spirit, and enhances the quality of life for all students and residents."

Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals explained that essentially they were looking to come up with a five-year plan to raise a million dollars.

"To make this vision a reality, I am proposing a five-year plan to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for an Alvirne Auditorium," the memo stated. "My goal is to raise \$1,000,000 through a combination of donations and community investment."

In 2018, 2019, and 2020 an Alvirne High School ren-

ovation project just failed to pass on a bond vote, which included the auditorium.

"The auditorium was only a portion of the project, but it proved to be a contentious sticking point for many in the community," the memo stated. "My hope is to be prepared when, and if, a renovation is proposed in the future; to be able to say to the community, 'We need this, we believe in this, and we've worked hard to generate funds to support this project.'"

It was explained that the The Alvirne-HMS Friends of Music, a 501c3 organization, has \$4,062.00 of its cash balance reserved for

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Outgoing Town Moderator Gives BOS Election Recap

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board of Selectmen received a briefing from outgoing Town Moderator Paul Inderbitzen in regards to the recent

March Town Election.

Inderbitzen noted during the meeting that they had a 18.8% turnout for the election, which Inderbitzen said is what they normally have for the March local elections.

"Voting day went

smoothly. We did not see any delays or backups at either voting location," he said during the meeting. "There weren't any issues with the new ID laws at registration. Only a few voters had to retrieve the necessary papers in order to

register to vote."

Inderbitzen explained that they had a number of "spoiled ballots" explaining that there may have been some confusion with having to vote for a different number of people for the Budget Committee versus the Board of Selectmen for example. He also noted that there were a number of pages this year, which likely didn't help when people were filling out their ballots.

"There was some confusion by voters marking the ballot that resulted in 258 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."

Inderbitzen also thanked a number of people who helped out with the election this year.

"I want to thank all those who made the election go smoothly: the DPW workers for the set up and take down of the voting locations, our Election Workers, who performed their duties so well, Town Clerk, Michelle Brewster who has shown herself as an asset to the Town, other members of the Town staff, in particular custodian Wayne Medeiros the GFWC HudsonWomen's Club for the pre-election counting and post-election tabulation of the write-in votes," Inderbitzen said.

Inderbitzen also thanked the election workers for helping out again this year.

"The election workers, I can't say enough about them. They're really, really good," Inderbitzen said.

Ultimately, Inderbitzen said they need a number of people to help out in order to run an election smoothly.

"This doesn't work without everybody," Inderbitzen said.

Inderbitzen said he is

also thankful for the Board of Selectmen. "I also appreciate the support of the Board of Selectmen during the election," he said.

With a new Town Moderator in place after winning the election in March, Inderbitzen said he is looking forward to training them and helping out with elections in a different capacity.

"I look forward to participating in future elections and assisting the new Moderator," he said.

During the meeting, Inderbitzen also noted they are going to be buying new tabulators to help keep up with the elections, especially when they get into the state general elections and presidential elections.

"That will be happening before June because that's in this year's budget," Inderbitzen said.

He noted in 2026 there will be three different elections.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for April 22 beginning at 7 p.m.

Benson Park Group to Hold Volunteer Meet and Greet

BILL ZINK
SUBMISSION

The Friends of Benson Park volunteers and the Benson Park Committee members are looking forward to kicking off the 2025 season on Saturday, April 19 at 9 a.m. at the Benson Park Elephant Barn. This will be the first Park Cleanup Day for the 2025 season and will include a 9 a.m. Meet and Greet to share information about what the Friends of Benson Park does and the role the Benson Park Committee plays serving the Town of

Hudson. It's a great opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones.

Park Cleanup Day is the third Saturday of every month during the season with the goal of keeping Benson Park clean and beautiful! Some tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve our town, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors, with the benefit of lunch provided by Benson Park Committee.

The Friends of Benson

Park are busy with a line-up of activities planned for this season. We will open the park store on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m., starting May 3. Opportunities to support us through NH Gives will be posted on Facebook June 10 & 11, or if you are feeling lucky, we will be one of the non-profit's featured at The Nash Casino April 29 - May 5. We have many other fun activities to come so follow us on facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark or check out our website friendsofbensonpark.org.

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BOS Approves Amended Contract For Firefighter Cancer Screenings

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the March 25 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

"As a part of our \$429,527.27 AFG grant, at the Jan. 14, 2025, Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Board authorized the following: 'To add the DNA blood test cancer screening option for an additional cost of \$17,184 to the LifeScan Wellness Centers contract for Occupational Physicals and Screenings' as recom-

mended by the Fire Chief," Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Tice explained that they were looking to change what they approved previously about the contract.

"Upon further discussions with LifeScan, they suggested that we work directly with GRAIL, the provider of the Galleri® test, which is the DNA blood test referred to in the motion above. GRAIL is the only company that provides this specific test," Tice wrote. "Initially, LifeScan was going to facilitate this

process between GRAIL and Hudson Fire as our intent was to work with one vendor to complete the Occupational Physicals and Cancer Screenings. After discussing the logistics, we determined it was in our best interest to conduct this test directly with GRAIL. This will also provide us with a savings of \$76 per member as the price for this test went from \$725 per person with LifeScan to \$649 per person with GRAIL."

It was explained by Tice that the award to LifeScan for Occupational Physicals and Cancer

Screenings which included the Galleri® test totaled \$112,080.00.

"After finalizing the components of the contract with LifeScan and removing the Galleri® test, the contract we signed with LifeScan for two years totals \$75,360 (\$185 per person, per year) based on 48 members participating in the program each year," Tice wrote. "LifeScan is honoring their 2024 pricing through the two years of the program in 2025 and 2026. The addition of the Galleri® test with GRAIL will cost \$31,152 bringing the

total of our Occupational Physicals and Cancer Screening program over the two years to \$106,512, providing a savings of \$5,568. Note, the Galleri® test will only be performed during year one of the two year grant funded program."

Tice said that, if approved, "LifeScan will provide the annual Occupation Physicals and Cancer Screenings included in their program, while GRAIL will provide another layer of cancer screening with the Galleri® test."

"We are currently scheduled to begin the first round

of physicals and screenings in May with the second round occurring in May of 2026," Tice said.

Deputy Fire Chief Francis Enos said they were also looking to waive the procurement process and go with a sole source bid for it, since the test is different from any others.

"There is no one else out there," he said.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the proposal.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for April 8 at 7 p.m.

Moderator

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ple believed in me, and I promise to work hard every day to earn the town's trust

and respect."

Life has not been easy for Mark. More than 36-years ago, then-17-year-old Mark befriended the wrong crowd and wound up a con-

victed felon. For his entire adult life, he has been trying to make up for his terrible mistake. For years Mark served as a volunteer firefighter, helping to save three

lives in the line of duty. He built an orphanage in Uganda, Africa. Then feeling an even bigger purpose, Mark studied and became a minister in a church, himself. But nothing prepared him for the emotions of being accepted as Hudson Town Moderator.

Edgington: "36-years ago when I was 17-years old, I made the worst mistake of my life...and I've

been working hard every day to make up for it...For the people of Hudson to take the time to learn about who I am as a man...I'm just so grateful that they voted for the man I am today, and didn't condemn me based on my mistake as a 17-year old child."

Edgington: "I am so grateful, and I promise to work hard to serve this community.... The Town of

Hudson has a great future that I am proud to be a part of."

The Hudson Town Moderator position serves for one year, oversees town meetings, ensuring they proceed smoothly and efficiently. They regulate the business conducted, decide questions of order, and publicly declare every vote passed."

Fire, Gun

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Daniel Herbert, 30, of Hudson, confronted two firefighters as they attempted to evacuate him from his apartment. According to reports, Herbert removed a firearm from his waistband and Hebert pointed the firearm at the two firefighters and told them he was refusing to leave.

Herbert was immediately moved to a safe distance and contacted law enforcement. Officers from the Hudson Police Department were notified of the incident and located Hebert walking around the exterior of the building. Hebert was swift-

ly and successfully arrested without further incident.

Hebert, is currently facing charges of two felony counts Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon and two misdemeanor counts of Obstructing Government Administration.

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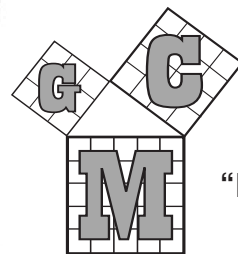
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Editorial

Earth Day Every Day

April 22 is Earth Day, a reminder to think about where we live. The main message of Earth Day is that caring for the only home we have is not something we can do just one day of the year. It is a lifestyle.

Now that the snow is gone, we get to see what has been hidden and left behind, and that's piles of trash that have been buried through the winter. All sorts of things like beer cans, plastic bags, fast food wrappers tossed out the windows of passing vehicles, are glaring visual reminders of just how lazy our fellow citizens can be.

Outdoor celebrations are still partly on hold, due to the chill that is still hanging on, but that should not stop us from doing our share to help clean the environment.

Hopefully, we have all incorporated earth-saving measures into our daily lives like recycling, composting, and planting more bee-friendly plants. Preserving our environment has been in the limelight lately as more homes have contaminated water. Like most things, change does begin at home.

April, Earth Day month is when the town cleanups start, and we encourage our readers to participate. There is plenty of trash to go around whether it lines the border between the street and your yard, or it's down

the road a bit.

If only everyone could remember that trash should not be thrown out the window; keep a litter bag in the car and empty it into your garbage or recycling when you get home. You would not take your garbage and dump it over the fence onto the next-door neighbor's property, so why would you throw it onto the road that you pay taxes to maintain?

We should try to pick up a little all throughout the year so when spring clean comes around, it is not as bad. We can be proud of what an excellent job we do keeping our towns clean all year.

Wherever we live, we should expect our streets and lawns to be clean, not repositories for someone else's garbage. Taking care of the place we call home is not something we can do just one day a year - It is a lifelong habit well worth developing, like planting a garden.

Will you spend a little time picking up litter and keeping our roadsides tidy? Our towns will be more attractive places if we make this small effort.

Earth Day is a reminder of the many things that should already be a part of our daily lives. We cannot depend on the government or others to do it for us. Let us lead by example!

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Letters

National Library Week

To the editor,
April 6-12, 2025 is National Library Week 2025 - a celebration that highlights the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

Here in Hudson, we have a true treasure in the Rodgers Memorial Library! The library offers an extensive calendar of events for all ages starting with children's fun and educational activities. Rooms of varying sizes are available to hold meetings hosted by groups offering residents the opportunity to come together to share information, ideas, work on projects to improve the Town of Hudson - but more importantly to help residents enjoy living in Hudson and beyond through the availability of Museum Passes.

The Rodgers Memorial Library is open to all, giving each resident, regardless

of age, an opportunity to expand their horizons and learn from many forms of media beyond books. But Books are the heart of any library! Books on all topics - fictional and non-fiction. There is no need to buy a book to read. If our library (yes, OUR library) does not have the book you are looking for the staff will do their best to bring it in through the interlibrary loan system.

The concept of National Library Week is to remind us of the importance of the availability of information. Libraries are treasures that need to be supported by their respective communities both through using the varied opportunities they offer and through financial support. If you have never stopped by, then please consider this letter an invitation to explore the Rodgers Memorial Library website: www.rodgerslibrary.org and stop by to see for yourself all the facets of the treasure we have in Hudson, NH.

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Sincerely,
Debbie Putnam,
Hudson Resident
since 1986

Expanding Chess Players

To the editor,
I respond to your article about the chess tournament. Did you know that all of the 100 top rated chess players in the world are men? I suspect there's a girl thing that says it's not ladylike to be good at the royal game. Unlike weightlifting, girls are not at a competitive disadvantage in chess. Boy or girl, you get an army of 15 chessmen and a queen. I would encourage all students at Memorial to read "The Morals of Chess," by Benjamin Franklin. <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Franklin/01-29-02-0608>

Young chess players should know about the post-mortem. It is where the players explain the reasons for their moves, after the game is over, and thereby help each other learn.

Tom Alciere
Hudson

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Auditorium

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the Center for the Arts Advocates at this time.

"In January 2025, the FOM Executive Board approved a motion to contribute a minimum of 30 percent of its annual profit, with additional funds to be donated at the discretion of the Board, toward this fund," a memo to the School Board stated.

Beals said the proposal is for the Alvirne Trustees to donate a large part of the initial fundraising.

"I am seeking the support of the Trustees to help kickstart this funding with a

significant initial donation, followed by annual donations to match community support. I realize that this is a large financial request," the memo stated. "I am concerned that without a sizable investment, the community may not support this initiative when we begin asking for their investment in year two. Further, I fear that word will spread through the community that the school district is trying to put this measure back on the ballot, when in reality, I am advocating for a structured plan in order to be prepared for an undetermined future date. A large initial investment will go a

long way toward garnering support from the community."

The initial request Beals said is for \$250,000.

"By securing this donation, we will be well-positioned to move forward with community outreach to expand our fundraising efforts in the subsequent years," the memo stated.

Beals said ultimately the funds would be reserved for a future potential warrant article, which could state that funds from the community were raised to offset the tax impact.

The board seemed willing to allow Beals to move forward with his proposal.

Alvirne Spanish Club Hosts Annual Quinceañera Ball



The third annual Quinceañera Ball took place at Alvirne High School on Friday night, April 4, sponsored by the school's Spanish Club and the Spanish National Honor Society. The Alvirne cafeteria was lavishly decorated with tables, lighting and hundreds of balloons. The Quinceañera is a celebration of Latina Womanhood and a rite of passage for 15-year-old Latina girls. Five young Hudson ladies took part in the event along with their escorts.

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Industrial Drive Property Proposal Reviewed By BOS

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the March 25 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the 9 Industrial Drive property.

"The Board of Selectmen recently discussed the potential for improving the property listed above for future recreational use," Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo. "Staff has updated plans for a Master Recreation Use Area, which will include a parking area, four pickleball courts, two tennis courts, one basketball court, community garden,

splash pad, playground, cornhole courts."

Dhima explained that the overall plan would be over the course of a few years. "This is basically a master plan if the town wants to pursue this five or 10 years down the road," Dhima said.

It was explained by Dhima that the first phase of the project would be focused on the four pickleball courts.

Dhima explained during the meeting that they expect phase one to cost just over \$100,000. "The project looks to be about \$104,000," he said during the meeting.

It was also explained by Dhima that they have received pre-commitments in terms of donations. "To finance this project, we have reached out to local businesses for potential donations of materials, equipment, and labor," Dhima wrote in a memo. "As of March 12, 2025, we have received preliminary commitments totaling \$101,000. Additionally, we have approximately \$13,000 available in the town's recreational account, which could be used for this project."

It was also noted by Dhima that they would use

the Public Works Department for some of the work when they have time.

"To minimize costs the project will leverage town staff and the Public Works Department as their schedules allow. The goal is to begin work this year," Dhima wrote. "The project will be completed in phases. Phase I will focus on parking spaces, site preparation, and construction of four pickleball courts. Our current cost estimate for phase 1 is approximately \$104,000."

Dhima said they were looking for permission to move forward with coordi-

nating the donations and to start on some of the work.

"I think this is a great idea working with the community," Selectman Xen Vurgaropoulos said.

One question raised was what the timeline would be. Dhima explained that the timeline will be dependent on the Public Works schedule saying they will do site work when they have time.

He said their goal is to have it usable by this fall.

Director of Public Works Jay Twardosky said during the meeting that they wouldn't use any overtime hours for the project.

"Road and safety al-

ways takes precedence," Twardosky said.

Dhima said the timeline will be dependent on the public works schedule. He said they would like to have it usable by the fall.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont said he didn't want to see any overtime spent on the project. "I don't want to see any overtime on this," Dumont said.

The Board of Selectmen approved moving forward.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is set for April 8 at 7 p.m.

Contractor Selected for Train Building Lead Remediation

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on March 20 to discuss the status of Hudson's old train station, which has gone through a lengthy inspection process for mold and lead paint in an effort to make the old building safe for public entry.

"We did get it inspected," said Committee Chair Jack Madden, who explained that the town contacted five bidders off a list of approved NH companies,

with New England Restorations as the preferred option. "There's one door inside that has a little panel above and below that goes into what was the store-room, and there's two exterior doors. Those three doors, particularly the two exterior doors, because of the number of panels involved, are architecturally significant. We want to preserve and reutilize them."

The quote for mold and lead remediation included preserving the doors as much as possible. The

building's exterior needed far less treatment than the interior, which was found to have extensive lead contamination.

"My thoughts are that we should recommend New England Restorations as the low bidder," said Madden. "All the non-standard circa 1986 partitions that were put in, and the tub that was put in that wasn't historically accurate to 1916 will be taken out and disposed of."

The Committee and the Friends eventually planned to ask for volunteers to help them remove non-standard, post-1916 material from inside the building following the completion of lead remediation.

Natalie Newell, who was with the Friends of Benson Park, praised the success of the recent Card-board Sled Race event, despite "very cold and windy conditions."

"We had about six or seven volunteers in the Elephant Barn, handing out hot cocoa, doing the registration. Luckily we had heat in there so families could come in and warm up," she said. "Thank you to everyone who helped."

Despite the cold conditions, keeping snow on the track proved to be a challenge due to a brief snowmelt in the days leading up to the event.

"It melted more than we thought," said Committee

member Sue Clement.

All told, 11 children participated, and around 50 people showed up.

Newell announced that the long-discussed memorial benches for the dog park had officially been ordered.

"They were ordered this week, and they're going to take around three to four weeks to arrive here. They come from Iowa where they're manufactured," said Friends of Benson Park representative Natalie Newell. "We ordered six benches, four of which are spoken for. There's two left. If anyone is interested in having a memorial bench with your

loved one's name on the plaque, these will be placed at the dog park. We have two left that are available, and the cost is \$1,100."

The Friends of Benson Park also ordered four picnic tables made from the same recycled plastic as the benches. Two picnic tables are available for those interested in a memorial plaque for \$1,895. Unlike the benches, picnic tables will not be limited to the dog park.

Benson Park's memorial bench program has proven to be extremely popular in recent years.

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OBITUARY

Alice Ruiter (Boucher)



Alice Ruiter (Boucher) of Manchester, NH passed away, Tuesday, April 1, 2025, with her family by her side. Alice was born on Sept. 19, 1955, to the late Roger and Yevette Boucher. Alice was one of 5 children with brothers Henry and Andre and sisters Jeanne and Jeanine.

Alice married the love of her life Miles Ruiter, who preceded her in death, on April 24, 1979. She is survived by her four children; Erica Baxter, Erin Ruiter, Nicole Ruiter, and Nathan Ruiter and 15 grandchildren; Brad, Brent, Brian, Heather, Shayla, Paisley, Isaiah, Josiah, Able, Lacey, Nathan, Logan, Milee, Lila and Aria.

Alice worked at C&M Precision Tech for approximately 20 years where she built a lot of close friendships. When not working she spent her time with family and friends where she enjoyed activities at the Alpine Club where she was a member and President of the Women's Auxiliary Club.

The family received friends on Monday April 7, at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A private cemetery service will be held at a later date. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson, NH is in charge of arrangements.

Alvirne Sustainability Club Pitches Plan to Hudson Sustainability Committee

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Sustainability Club wanted to share its goals with the town during a presentation before the Hudson Sustainability Committee on March 24. Freshmen students Phoenix, Kayana, Kaylin, Airiana, and Vivi were at the meeting to represent their club.

"First up, we mainly want to implement recycling into the school, because that one will definitely be the easiest one to get everyone on-board with, because we've already gotten so much support just talking about it," explained Phoenix, who raised the idea of composting in addition to recycling. "We also want to have more of a reusable lunch system, if

you want to call it that."

Part of her plan included the purchase of cheaper lunch trays as a way to save money and redirect it to a recycling program. According to Kayana, the recycling program would install recycling bins in every classroom.

"We are also trying to implement a recycling club at our school," she said. "For recycling, we potentially have a grant of \$3,000 from people that want to help us implement that."

Additionally, members laid out a strategy to spread awareness of their club using posters, social media, and possibly a booth at Old Home Days. According to the club, composting was a longer-term goal, one unlikely to happen until the next school year. As fresh-

men, the five members of the Alvirne Sustainability Club hoped to build on the results of their work as they moved on to higher grades. The club was formed in early December 2024.

"We have a farm at our school, a working farm, and if we implemented composting next year, we could end up using it for our farm because they're using just cow waste as the fertilizer, and composting can add way more benefits on top of it," added Phoenix.

Committee members universally expressed interest in the club's goals for Alvirne.

"I think trays are an interesting idea. Have you looked at the cost of the trays from an operational standpoint from the school system?" asked Committee

member Chris Thatcher. "Those trays would have to be cleaned."

Phoenix claimed the supplies needed to clean new trays were at the school already. She was unable to say what the cost of water, labor, and electricity for a new set of trays might be.

"Have you worked with any other towns to see what they're doing?" asked Committee member Kate Messner. "Are you aware of other schools making efforts?"

None of the five girls were in contact with other towns or school districts, although they were aware other schools were trying similar programs.

Sustainability Chair Deb Putnam encouraged the girls to remain aware of any possible logistical issues that might come up with the

club's recycling proposal, pointing out that other groups had trouble with a pre-COVID effort to collect and recycle plastic bags.

"There needs to be adult supervision of a container you're using for recycling or whatever. They can't just be out in a hallway, because people might use them as trash bins," said Putnam. "When you talk about recycling, it gets a lot more complicated."

She warned them to watch out for hidden costs and stated that work related to recycling "wasn't easy." Committee members reacted positively to the club and hoped to work with them in the future, especially with any future composting effort at school.

"I would just urge you to consider the future of

what you're doing here," advised Committee member Jake Keller. "As you're getting busier with school, as you're getting busier with life, it's going to be harder to manage."

"It sounds like you're very informed, and you're doing a lot of your homework, which is very, very important," said Committee member Karl Huber. "You're keen on some major topics of concern, and it's refreshing to see the energy you're putting into it. Congratulations, you're doing a great job!"

He encouraged the club to stay up to date on topics related to sustainability.

The Sustainability Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Library Trustees Praise Success of Tax Assistance Service

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The March meet for the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees had its members review a few more popular library programs, including hosting tax professionals from the free IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which is designed to help residents complete their taxes. The program has proven to be extremely popular.

"It has been very busy," said Library Director Linda Pilla. "The VITA coordinator made each appointment slightly longer. What has been happening is that when an appointment runs long, the next person who showed up in time for their appointment got pushed back. They decided to go

with a one-hour time slot this year and they are staying absolutely within their time slots. Unfortunately, it's cut down on the number of appointments they can manage, so we are fully booked. If you haven't had your taxes done yet and you were thinking about going to the library, you'll have to call and see if there's been any cancellations."

Alternatively, she advised residents to call 211 if they needed assistance with their income tax.

"It's a wonderful service. I'm glad we can provide that," said Trustee Chair Karen May Bohrer. "I'm grateful to the volunteers working."

The Board of Trustees also confirmed they intend to move forward with

another National Night Out for 2025. Although the event was not scheduled until August, planning is already underway.

"The bungee jumping machine and the climbing wall will be back this year, the balloon lady will be back this year, and the water balloon fight will take place again," said Pilla. "We partner with the Hudson Police Department, and it's just a delight to work with them."

Between the success of recent programming and future plans, the Trustees were optimistic through the rest of 2025.

"I'm looking forward to the next year," said Trustee Mimi Guessferd. "What we do really does affect the town and the people here.

Keep reading, keep participating in the events, enjoy whatever it is that we can provide to you for almost nothing."

As it was their first meeting since the recent March election, the Trustees conducted a review of their by-laws, along with a new mailbox and email address for the board. Beyond that, not many changes were made.

"We've had to word-

smith this thing every year for the last five or six years. I think it's in really good shape right now," said Vice-Chair Lisa Weber.

There was some uncertainty as to whether the library would continue with the position of Assistant Library Director after 2025. The current Assistant Director is expected to retire this year. It was unclear whether this would involve removing that position from the

by-laws entirely.

"Should we need to change that, we can always come back and adjust the by-laws," said Guessferd. "We are not beholden to this for the next year if we make a change."

Trustees agreed to continue discussing the issue at future meetings.

The Board of Trustees is set to meet on Wednesday, April 16, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.



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Memorial Students Perform James and The Giant Peach



The Hudson Memorial School Drama Club performed the musical “James and the Giant Peach Jr.” over the weekend on Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5. The show featured the talents of: Eli Erickson as James; Joanna Beattie as Lada Lord; Grace Richardson playing Ladybug; Clare Garvey as the Grasshopper; Adithi Gundagathi as the Spider; Henry Hone as the Earthworm; Max Ingram as the Centipede; Cora Lessard as Spiker; and Emmy Furtado playing the Sponge. The Director and Music Director was Becca Crivello; the Art Director was Brianna Stevens; Choreography by Olivia Gannon; and the Technical Director is Heather Fillmore. More photos on next page.

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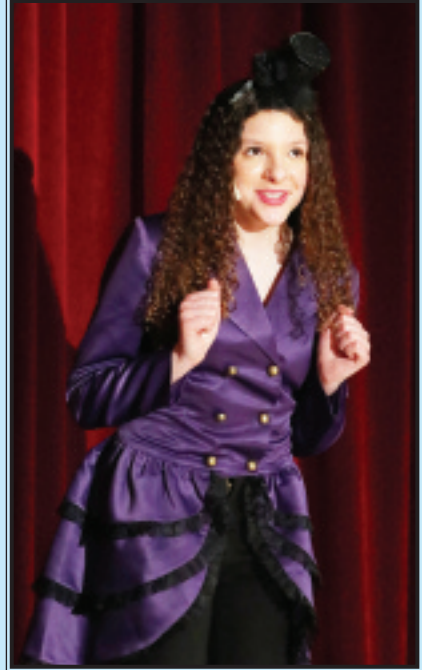
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Sustainability Committee Finalizes Plans for Community Roadside Clean-Up

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee met on March 24 to hear from member Karl Huber and his final preparations for the upcoming Community Roadside Cleanup Day.

"The road identified was Webster, and as you can see, we're focusing the stage for the pre and post events to be RDF. It's right behind the CVS drugstore, so it'll be a nice place to meet, get instructions for the day, pick up all the equipment, and then also a good place to convene back up after to

collect and gather everybody's thoughts," said Huber. "One of the things we have to consider is that RDF doesn't have a building for us to use. We're going to be tailgating essentially, and we'll have to see how the weather is."

He offered to contact the Department of Public Works (DPW) to find a pop-up for the event.

One area the Sustainability Committee needed to plan was the expected thank you lunch scheduled to follow the clean-up.

"I went ahead and contacted Market Basket cater-

ing in Hudson and, extremely long story short, I think we can keep it simple. They actually will make small sandwiches," said Chair Deb Putnam. "I did cross-check on pricing, and we'll need a vote to authorize expenditures not exceeding \$200 on food, beverages, and maybe a tray of cookies."

The Committee unanimously voted to approve funding for the thank you lunch.

"Looking at a map of Webster Street, are we doing the full run of it?" asked Committee member

Chris Thatcher.

According to Huber, the goal was to clean the road down to the intersection at Taylor Falls Bridge. There were a few limitations to which roads the volunteers could safely clean.

"We have vests; we have bags; we have pokers. So once we get the head-count everything is going to be at the staging area," explained Huber, who added that the committee would need to have everything ready to set up at least a day in advance. "All you have to do is show up, get your vest, we'll talk with

the team. The police department is going to join us. They have a cruiser, and I'm working with DPW to get signage up. It's very well covered and managed by all of the key departments, in addition to all the residents participating."

Putnam asked other committee members if they would be willing to bring items like folding tables, coolers, and ice to the event. Outreach was another issue, as members discussed ways to encourage more people to register for the event. While there was some interest, especially from return-

ing volunteers from the 2024 clean-up, Huber offered to come up with a more comprehensive advertising strategy. The Chair also expected at least a few walk-in volunteers.

"We're going to have the roster, but we're also going to have the people who just appear," said Putnam, who organized a sign-up sheet to keep track of every volunteer. "Be sure to bring your good shoes!"

The Hudson Community Roadside Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, starting at 9 a.m.

Benson Park Clean Up Day Set to Return for New Season

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on March 20 to announce the resumption of park volunteer Clean Up Days with the end of winter. The first Benson Park Clean Up Day of 2025 is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"That morning, we're going to offer a volunteer meet-and-greet at the elephant barn. We're going to have free coffee, tea, and pastries," explained Friends of Benson Park representative Natalie Newell. "If anybody out there is interested in volunteering at Benson

Park, maybe you haven't in the past, please come over!"

The event is weather-dependent.

"For this year's Clean Up dates we have April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, and for the September Clean Up, because of Family Fun Day, we changed it to Sept. 13 so we can get all the grounds looking great," said Committee member Sue Clement, who had been active in planning 2025 volunteer events with Newell. "The last one of the year will be Oct. 18."

The Benson Park Committee unanimously voted to approve all dates, along

with \$121.11 from the park's operating budget for two durable four-by-six signs displaying important volunteer dates at the dog park and the main park entrance.

"I think the sign is a very good idea. You can hang it on the fence where people park and walk in. They'll see it every time," said Committee Chair Jack Madden.

Newell emphasized the importance of volunteer work at Benson Park, adding that they always needed more help with the announcement that the Benson Park Store, located

at the front of the Elephant Barn, was set to open for the season on Saturday, May 3.

"This year we're only open on Saturdays due to a lack of volunteers, unfortunately," she explained. "Just Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. this year."

Last year, the store was open every Saturday and Sunday from April to October.

Another issue was the currently empty shed at the dog park, which nobody on the Benson Park Committee knew what to do with.

"Does anybody have any idea what we're going to do with it?" asked Com-

mittee member Gary Williams. "My thought was putting in rakes and shovels that people can use if they're down there. We can have racks back up to keep them."

Clement agreed, saying the shed was well-suited as a location for volunteers working in or near the dog park and that it was a convenient spot to store tools. The door of the shed was also damaged, something Clement promised to address.

"I don't really want to keep the shed open for anyone to go in there at any time," she said.

Progress on a recently donated memorial tree remained stalled, with no decision made on what type of tree might work or where in the park it would be located.

"That comes from the DPW. They have to show us or tell us what trees are appropriate for the park, non-invasive and so forth," said Clement.

She hoped to have a tree planted within the next few months.

The Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.



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Meet Rep Goodlander

Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander will be at the Hudson Democrats meeting, Thursday April 17 at 7 p.m., at Rodgers Memorial Library.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring

your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website friendsofbensonpark.org and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

Karaoke

On April 25, from 6 - 10 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music. This event is open to American Legion members

and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton Street.

Meat Raffle

On April 26, starting at 2 p.m., The American Legion Post 48 will be hosting a Meat Raffle to benefit the American Legion Activities Committee. You must be 16+ to play. The Post is located at 37 Central Street, pre-buys are available call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

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al Membership Meeting for Post 48 will be May 5 beginning at 6 p.m.

Trivia Night

On April 19, from 5 - 7 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting Trivia Night. This event is open to American

Legion members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

4th Annual Career & Training/Apprenticeship Expo

The Palmer CTE Center welcomes high school Juniors & Seniors from Hud-

son as well as Londonderry, for the 4th Annual Career & Training/Apprenticeship Expo on Thursday, April 17, from 8 - 11 a.m., at Alvirne High School, 200 Derry Rd., Hudson. Questions? Please contact jobfair@nhes.nh.gov

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Around Town

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Sustainability Series: Your Sustainable Kitchen

On Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m., join Dana Benner for a look at how you can make your kitchen more sustainable at Rogers Library.

Cookbook Club

This Rogers Library group will meet on Monday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "PlantYou: Scrappy Cooking: 140+ Plant-Based Zero-Waste Recipes That Are Good for You, Your Wallet, and the Planet" by Carleigh Bodrug.

Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

Meeting on Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m., this month at Soho. This month's book is "Recursion" by Blake Crouch

Free Kids Vision Screening

This screening will be hosted by the Hudson Lions Club on April 22 & 23 at the Rodgers Memorial Library,

194 Derry Rd0, Hudson, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., for Ages 6 months & older. No appointment or health insurance is needed. The vision screening procedure is safe and non-invasive. No device comes in contact with your child. No eyedrops and no puffs or air used. Children under five cannot reliably read an eye chart. Screening helps to identify children at risk for vision problems, particularly amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (misaligned eyes), and other vision issues.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rogers Library on Saturday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m., to play and grab a donut.

Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., (except April 28, and 29) Teens are invited to relax in a teens only space at Rogers Library. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch

will be available. There will be a different theme each week.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Alvirne's Vet Science program will be hosting a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. - Noon at the Palmer CTE Center. The event is being sponsored by the GFWC NH Hudson Women's Club and vaccines will be administered by the Hudson Animal Hospital. In addition The Hudson Town Clerk will be on premises this year issuing dog licenses. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship for the vet science students.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday, April 17, and 24 at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rogers Library.

Rally 'Round the Flag

On the 160th anniversary

of General Lee's surrender, Marek Bennett presents an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

VITA Tax Assistance

Mondays and Saturdays VITA provides free tax preparation. Call the Rogers library or visit www.events.rodgerslibrary.org to schedule an appointment.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m., come and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft at the Rogers Library with Oonagh Williams.

Crime & Cookies: True Crime Podcast Club

This Rogers Library group will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. This month's podcast will be "The Clearing." Listen to all episodes for free on Spotify, Amazon Music or Apple Pod-

casts, or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Liberty or Death! Revolutionary Spy Escape Room

Can you recover the general's letter, destroy the enemy's ammunition supply and escape before dawn arrives in an hour and exposes you as a spy? Come to the Rogers Library to try and make it through the escape room on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen: Spring Wreath

On Friday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m., High school students can create their own spring wreath with ribbon and flowers at Rogers Library.

Spring Storytime

On Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m., families are invited to Rogers Library for stories, songs, and bubbles.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This Rogers library group will meet on Monday, April

14 at 12:30 p.m. This month's book is "How to Solve Your Own Murder" by Kristen Perlin.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rogers Library group will meet on Tuesday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean.

Mason Jar Aquarium

On Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m., families are invited to the Rogers Library to make a mason jar aquarium for a toy fish.

Fly Swatter Painting

On Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m., families are invited to make their own fly swatter splatter painting at the Rogers Library.

Hexbug Mazes

On Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m., families with children are invited to build a maze for a hexbug at the Rogers Library.

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Around Town

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Pokemon Trivia

On Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m., families are invited to the Rogers Library for 5 rounds of Pokemon Trivia.

Marble Run

On Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m., come play with the Rogers Library's marble run!

Tween Minecraft Party

On Tuesday, April 29 at 2 p.m., join the Rogers Library for Minecraft-themed activities and crafts. Snacks provided.

Adventurers Storytime: Ice Cream

On Tuesday, April 22 at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rogers Library. This program is for ages 3-5.

Family Storytime

Come to the Rogers Library on Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m., for Songs, stories, and bubbles for families with children.

Lions Club Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will award multiple scholarships consisting of four individual \$1,500 scholarships, two \$1,500 memorial scholarships, honoring Lion Al Rodgers and Lion George Philip Rodgers, a \$2,000 memorial scholarship in memory of Lion Joe Kasper, and a single \$1,500 scholarship for an Alvirne Leo's Club Member. Applicants must be a Hudson resident, graduating from any high school and have been accepted at a school of higher learning. Applications are available at Alvirne High School Guidance Department or by email: dgroger@comcast.net or online at: www.NHLions/Hudson. Application deadline April 11, 2025

Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities

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Digital Navigators

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers Library.

Library Scholarship

The Friends of the Library are eager to assist area high school seniors in their quest for higher education by offering the \$1,000 Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship. High school seniors must be Hudson residents for at least six months and plan to attend a college, university, or vocational/technical school. Applications need to be submitted by May 1, with an essay explaining how participation in the library community aided their high school success. Visit High School Guidance Departments, Rodgers Memorial Library and Friends of the Library webpage for applications and guidelines.

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m. (except last week of month) at the Rodgers Library Teens are invited to relax in our teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available. A different theme each week.

Clean Water Survey

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bution to clean water even more rewarding.

Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodger Library to Share tips, tricks, and stories while you work on your latest project and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts. Bring your own supplies and stitch the evening away.

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 brush-

ing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website rodgerslibrary.org

PFOA Water Test

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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.

2nd Night Community Passover Seder

On Sunday, April 13, from, 6 - 8 p.m., join Etz Hayim Synagogue to recount the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. There will be a catered vegetarian Seder consisting of appetizers, including gefilte fish with horseradish, vegetable matzo ball soup, stuffed peppers with farfel & vegetables, vegetarian carrot tzimmes, potato kugel and Passover desserts. This second night Seder has been an Etz Hayim tradition for over 30 years! Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the charge is only \$18 per adult member, \$23 per adult non-member, with children under 13 free. RSVP by Friday, April 4, by 4:30 p.m. To RSVP and pre-pay, please

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OBITUARY

Albert "Al" Joseph Harrington



Albert "Al" Joseph Harrington, a beloved figure in the Nashua athletic community, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2025, at the age of 83, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous 12-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Al was born on July 6, 1941, in Cambridge, MA, to the late Albert Harrington and Mildred "Millie" Harrington (Legg). From a young age, his passion for sports and mentorship was clear. He graduated from Boston Latin School, where he developed the foundation of his lifelong commitment to athletics. He went on to earn both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in education and physical education from Boston University, further preparing him for a distinguished career dedicated to youth, education, and athletics.

Al began his professional journey as an assistant athletic director at Bentley College (now Bentley University), where he also served as an assistant basketball coach. In recognition of his contributions, he was inducted into the Bentley University Hall of Fame in 1992.

In the late 1970s, Al accepted the position of athletic director for the Nashua School District, a role he held with distinction until his retirement in 2001. During his tenure, he presided over one of the most celebrated eras in Nashua athletics. Among his many accomplishments were the establishment of the school's first weight room, the founding of the Friends of NHS Athletics, and the development of summer programs in collaboration with Parks and Recreation.

Al's impact extended well beyond administration. He was also a beloved teacher and coach at Fairgrounds Junior High, where he inspired generations of students and athletes with his knowledge, encouragement, and care. His unwavering dedication to the community earned him numerous honors, including induction into the Boston Latin School Hall of Fame and the Holman Stadium Sports Legends Hall of Fame in 2022. He was posthumously inducted into the Nashua Athletics Hall of Fame in the spring of 2025, an honor announced shortly before his passing.

Outside of his professional life, Al was a passionate golfer and a longtime member of the Nashua Country Club, where he spent countless joyful hours on the course with friends and family.

Al will be remembered not only for his tireless work in education and sports but also for his kindness, humility, and the countless lives he touched along the way. His legacy is one of service, mentorship, and a deep commitment to the betterment of his community.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Kathleen Moran Harrington; his son, Joseph Harrington; his daughter, Christine Rynne; son-in-law, Joe Rynne; and his cherished granddaughter, Kaileigh, of whom he was incredibly proud. Al also leaves behind his brothers, David Harrington and his wife Jeanne, Edward Harrington and his wife Jeannette; his sister, Barbara Hourihan and her husband Johnnie; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A time of visitation will be held on Friday, April 11 from 4 - 7 p.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m., in St. Patrick Church, 29 Spring St., Nashua. All are asked to please meet at church. Burial will be held in St. Patrick Cemetery in Hudson. Following the burial service in the cemetery, a celebration of life will be held to honor his memory and the lasting impact he made on the city of Nashua. Please join the family at Odd Fellows Brewing Co, 124 Main St., Nashua. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Al's memory, to support ongoing research and assistance for those affected by the disease: www.alz.org/manh. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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