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Boastful Braggart The Hudson Memorial School Drama Club performed *Beauty and the Beast* last weekend with shows on Friday and Saturday. Pictured, Eli Erickson, playing Gaston and Willow Stegall, as Lefou, perform in the first act. See more photos pages 8-9. Photo by Chris Paul

Restaurant Depot Outlines Parking, Traffic Plans for Proposed Location

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on April 8 to hear a detailed presentation from Keith Curran of Bohler Engineering on a proposed Restaurant Depot facility on Lowell Road. The project, which would add a 50,000 square foot

wholesale food service warehouse to the busy corridor, drew questions from both Board members and residents about traffic, parking, and neighborhood impacts.

“It’s a 50,000 square foot building for Restaurant Depot,” Curran said. “The idea is that this is a whole-

sale retail for food service suppliers. They have four loading docks, there’s a driveway coming off Logistics Drive, that’s a 30 foot-wide drive, and there’s parking for employees. We are showing 173 parking spaces.”

Larry Cohen, represent-
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School Board Looks at Laptop Increases, OKs Early Purchases

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The School Board is facing a significant and unexpected challenge as it prepares for the next school year: the cost of student and staff laptops has risen far beyond what the district budgeted just a few months ago. During its recent meeting, the Board heard a detailed explanation from Superintendent Dan Moulis and Business Administrator Jenny Graves about why the district is now seeking to purchase a portion of next year’s devices early - before the end of the current fiscal year - in an effort to stay ahead of rapidly escalating prices.

The district’s technology plan calls for routine replacement of student and

staff computers on a rolling schedule. When the FY27 budget was developed last fall, the district anticipated purchasing 250 student laptops for Hudson Memorial and Alvirne High School, along with 60 devices for each elementary school. At that time, the estimated cost per student device was approximately \$350 - a figure based on market conditions that have since shifted dramatically.

Moulis told the Board that updated quotes show a steep jump in pricing, with the lowest bid coming in at \$531.10 per student laptop, nearly \$200 more per device than originally planned. “A dramatic increase,” he said, emphasizing that the district had not antici-

pated such a sharp rise in such a short period of time.

According to Moulis, one of the biggest drivers of the price spike is the booming artificial intelligence industry. Companies developing AI tools are purchasing massive amounts of memory and storage components, which has tightened supply and pushed up costs across the entire computer hardware market. “That is the key driver that’s causing these quotes to come in much higher,” he explained.

The district is seeing similar increases for staff devices. The budget assumed a cost of roughly \$750 per laptop for teachers and staff, but the updated quote came in at \$1,084.80 - more
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Interim Town Clerk Job Goes to Donna Melanson

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen worked through a full agenda of committee appointments and personnel actions during its most recent meeting, including several re-appointment, staffing changes within the Fire Department, and the appointment of a new Interim Town Clerk.

One of the first items presented to the Board was a request from David Shaw, who sought reappointment to the Municipal Utility Committee. Shaw was seeking to fill a one member vacancy set to expire on April 29. After a brief review, the Board unanimously approved his reap-

pointment, extending his service on the committee through April 2029. Shaw has served on the committee for several years, and his reappointment ensures continuity as the group continues its work on water and sewer related matters.

Another reappointment on the agenda involved the Cable Utility Committee, where longtime volunteer Diane Cannava was up for another term. Cannava took a moment during the meeting to thank voters for their support of HCTV.

“I just want to thank the voters for voting 100% for HCTV. Thank you so much. Now we’re above water,” she said. “It’s real important.”

Selectman Heidi Jakoby praised Cannava’s ongoing commitment to the town’s cable and communications efforts.

“I always appreciate your commitment to HCTV and all that you do publicly for them, and how you share so many things from the community back into their website in so many different ways,” Jakoby said. “Thank you, and I’m honored to reappoint you.”

The Board unanimously approved Cannava’s reappointment, with her new term also set to expire in April 2029.

Personnel matters made up a significant portion of the meeting. The Board
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School Board Approves STEM Trip to Galápagos Islands

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The Hudson School Board gave its enthusiastic approval to a major international learning opportunity during its most recent meeting, voting unanimously to allow the Alvirne High School Science Department to begin planning a STEM focused trip to the Galápagos Islands in April 2028. The request marks the latest in a long line of science driven travel experiences the department has offered to students over the past decade.

In a memo to the Board, Alvirne Principal Steve Beals explained that the trip would be led by science teacher Doug Peckham, who has coordinated four previous international excursions, to Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, and most

recently Iceland. Those trips have become a hallmark of the school's STEM programming, offering students hands on exposure to ecosystems and cultures far beyond New Hampshire.

Beals noted that the school plans to contract with WorldStrides, a well established educational travel company that will serve as both consultant and tour operator. "Currently, we have a commitment of four staff members willing to participate as chaperones with the hope of attracting 24 student participants," Beals wrote. "If the number of students increases, we would secure additional chaperones."

As with past trips, the department sought approval two years in advance. This long runway is essential, Beals said, because it gives

families time to plan and fundraise. "This allows greater time for planning and fundraising to offset the expense of the trip on families," he wrote.

The proposal describes the Galápagos trip as a rare opportunity for students to explore one of the world's most iconic natural laboratories. "The educational purposes of this STEM trip are twofold," the memo stated. "It encompasses both biological and earth science concepts and increases the cultural and global awareness of our students."

Students will visit major ecological and geological sites across the islands, including Los Gemelos (Twin Craters), the Wall of Tears, Flamingo Lake, Sierra Negra Volcano, the Darwin Research

Station, and Las Tintorerías for snorkeling. The itinerary is designed to immerse students in conservation work, ecology principles, and life science concepts such as natural selection, an especially meaningful topic in the birthplace of Darwin's evolutionary research.

The wildlife encounters alone are expected to be unforgettable. Students may see giant tortoises, penguins, flamingoes, seals, iguanas, rays, and a wide variety of tropical fish. Teachers noted that these experiences help students connect classroom learning to realworld ecosystems in a way no textbook can replicate.

The second major component of the trip focuses on cultural awareness. "This trip exposes the students to a great number of

historical sites unrelated to scientific discoveries," the proposal explained. Students will visit Ecuadorian and Galápagos cultural landmarks, learn about local history, and experience daily life in a region shaped by both indigenous traditions and global scientific interest.

The nine day tour includes time on the Galápagos Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, giving students a chance to understand how conservation, tourism, and local culture intersect.

In addition to the travel experience, students will gain access to WorldStrides' academic platform, which allows them to design and complete research projects for 0.5 high school credit or free college credit (1 or 3 credits) through

George Washington University.

"This is done individually and does not need to be completed during the trip," the memo stated. "Opportunities like this will create a deeper understanding of scientific concepts."

Teachers emphasized that the platform helps students turn their observations into meaningful academic work, strengthening both scientific thinking and communication skills.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne praised the proposal and the department's continued commitment to experiential learning. "Thank you for continuing to have these trips going forward," she said. "I think they are just remarkable experiences for our students."

Maureen Dionne ReElected as the School Board Chair

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board selected its officers for the coming year during its most recent meeting, following the March elections. In a unanimous vote, the Board chose Maureen Dionne to continue serving as Chair, with Stephen Meyer reelected as Vice Chair.

After being selected,

Dionne used her opening remarks to emphasize the importance of understanding the role of the School Board, both collectively and as individual members. She noted that each board member brings unique experiences and perspectives, but their authority exists only when acting as a body on behalf of the residents who elected them.

"Individually, none of us has any power," Dionne said. "We do not have legal authority to make decisions as individual members. We do not independently make operational decisions."

She stressed that individual board members do not address issues or adopt policies on their own.

"That is the collective School Board," she said,

underscoring that the Board's authority rests in its unified actions, not in the actions of any one member. "Our role is to set policies."

Dionne also clarified the distinction between governance and management, reminding the public that while the School Board oversees the district, it is the superintendent who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Hudson's schools.

Following the officer elections, the Board readopted its Rules of Order policy, which outlines how meetings are conducted. The policy includes the following key provisions:

1. The chair will use general rules of order designed to keep meetings efficient and understandable, without relying on formal Robert's Rules of

Order.

2. By majority vote, the Board may overrule any decision made by the chair.

3. The agenda will be taken in the order presented unless the Board votes to change it.

4. All speakers must be audible.

5. No one may speak without being recognized by the chair, except to raise a "Point of Order."

6. Individuals speaking during public comment must state their name and address, and all comments must be directed to the chair.

7. Only one motion and one amendment may be considered at a time, except when resolving a Point of Order.

8. Negative motions, those requiring a "no" vote to affirm, will not be accept-

ed.

9. All speakers must remain courteous and address issues, not individuals. Personal attacks and inappropriate language are prohibited.

10. Anyone who disrupts the meeting after being warned may be removed by a police officer.

11. Each board member may speak once before any member speaks a second time.

12. Recorded roll-call votes will be taken when required by law, when requested by two or more members, or when called for by the chair.

The reaffirmation of the Rules of Order sets the framework for how the Board will conduct business in the coming year under Dionne's leadership.



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Cemetery Trustees Meet to Continue Gravesite Repair Work

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After a long and snowy winter, Hudson's Cemetery Board of Trustees held its first meeting of 2026, welcoming back a familiar face. Mel Gannon returned to the Board following her recent election, resuming a role she previously held.

"She's our newest member," said Trustee Christina Madden. "Mel's not new to the Board, but she was elected this year after a brief hiatus."

Because it was their first meeting since the town election, the Trustees began by reorganizing leadership. Madden, who had been serving as Chair, offered to step aside and nominated

fellow Trustee Dan Barthelemy to take over the position through March 2027. Barthelemy accepted the nomination and was elected without debate. Madden agreed to continue serving as Secretary. Selectman Heidi Jakoby attended the meeting as the Board of Selectmen's liaison.

Barthelemy's first task as Chair was to review the Trustees' financial status. "Last year we expended \$3,280. We have \$1,260 encumbered, with a balance of \$510," he said. "Out of the \$5,050 total, \$50 of that is allocated to postage, and \$5,000 is allocated to professional services."

He also noted a small but welcome correction.

"We actually saw some cost savings in our stone repairs last year," he said, explaining that the Trustees had negotiated an \$80 discount on contracted repair work. In a year when many municipal costs have risen, even modest savings were appreciated.

Encumbered funds, money set aside for planned work, remain a recurring issue for the Trustees, who oversee six town owned burial grounds. Their responsibilities include routine maintenance, headstone stabilization, and long term preservation of historic markers.

"The remaining stones are listed, and to remind everyone, we have more

money encumbered because we agreed to repair 12 stones," Barthelemy said. "We got eight done in the 2025 calendar year, and we have four remaining to get done in this fiscal year."

With the 2025–2026 fiscal year ending on June 30, the remaining repairs are expected to be completed by early summer.

"Are all of these stones in the same cemetery, or are they dispersed throughout?" Madden asked.

Barthelemy explained that the work is spread across multiple cemeteries. Sunnyside, in particular, will rely heavily on trust fund money to cover most of its repairs, reducing the strain on the Trustees' limit-

ed operating budget.

Beyond the 12 stones already repaired or scheduled for repair, the Trustees identified 11 additional headstones in need of "critical" attention. These were flagged even before accounting for any new damage caused by winter weather.

"We need to prioritize these and get those fixed," Barthelemy said, noting that the Board may need to draw from the 2026–2027 budget to address the next round of repairs. "We can only start repairing those stones when the weather warms up. Those are all of our current plans and current approval for stone repairs, though there are

others we did notice last year."

To get a clearer picture of the work ahead, the Trustees plan to conduct a spring walkthrough of all cemeteries. The inspection will help confirm the condition of previously identified stones and uncover any new issues, including dirty or leaning headstones, damaged markers, and deteriorating stone fences that surround many of Hudson's historic burial grounds.

The walkthrough will also help the Trustees prioritize repairs for the upcoming fiscal year and determine whether additional funding or trust fund allocations will be needed.

Sustainability Committee Reviews Edits as It Looks to Finalize Charter

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on March 23 to continue refining its proposed committee charter, following a series of edits and recommendations from the Board of Selectmen. The document, which outlines the Committee's purpose, structure, and responsibilities, must be approved by the Selectmen before it can take effect.

Committee Chair Karl Huber opened the discussion by noting that a redlined version of the charter had been posted online for members to review. "As I've shared with Committee members, Craig, our IT expert, will post up the charter, the edited, redline charter," Huber said. "You can review, take a look at it, make your comments, raise

questions, and make suggestions."

Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby worked with Town Administrator Roy Sorenson to prepare the latest round of edits. "There was a section missing about budget, and that's the main section that was added," Jakoby explained. "Some of the other edits were abbreviations and things like that. You're all at a point where you can figure out what is the purpose of this committee, what is your commitment to it, what you would like to see moving forward."

Jakoby added that the Board of Selectmen had little debate about the sub-

stance of the charter beyond the technical edits.

Alternate member Craig Putnam said he expected the Committee to move through the revisions efficiently. "I think we'll be able to rip through the red lines very quickly here," he said. "See if there's any changes to any of the verbiage we want to make."

One of the most significant additions was a new "Budget" section, which outlines how the Committee will handle financial matters. The language clarifies that the Board of Selectmen retains oversight of all financial activity and that the Committee Chair is responsible for

communicating budget needs and updates to the Selectmen. Members generally accepted the changes without objection.

A more substantive discussion emerged around whether the Committee should formally include a Vice Chair position. The current structure includes only a Chair and a Secretary.

"Do we want to have a Vice Chair?" Huber asked. "I say we leave it as the status quo."

While several members initially agreed, Jakoby urged the Committee to reconsider. "This charter is about the future," she said. "Every other board and

committee in Hudson has a backup officer. I think you need to have a Vice Chair listed. If you can't fill it, that's a different problem, but this is the charter. That's regular Robert's Rules of Order, that's regular structure."

After discussion, the Committee agreed to add the Vice Chair position, with Putnam noting they would "try to fill" the role once the charter is finalized.

Most remaining edits were minor, including a wording change flagged by member Kate Messner. "I found it odd where, under 'Purpose' toward the bottom of the first paragraph, it

says 'state senators and representatives are a key resource in this work,'" Messner said. "I would've changed the wording. It should say 'be helpful resources,' plural."

Members thanked Messner for catching the oversight.

All edits were approved by the Sustainability Committee and will now return to the Board of Selectmen for final review and approval.

The next meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Editorial

Planning Only Matters When Communities Can See the Full Picture

Every community, large or small, depends on planning and zoning. We plan for growth, for roads, for water, for recreation, for emergencies, and for the services residents rely on every day. Londonderry and Hudson are no different. Both towns are working through major decisions that will shape the next decade, from development pressures to infrastructure needs to long term budgeting. And both towns are now talking more about “strategic planning,” “master planning,” and “operational planning.”

But planning only matters when the public can see the full picture.

Over the past several months, I’ve reviewed the early stages of Londonderry’s Strategic Plan and watched Hudson navigate its own long term challenges. The themes are strikingly similar: residents want clarity, predictability, and honesty about what their towns are doing, why they’re doing it, and how decisions will affect taxpayers. People don’t expect perfection, but they do expect transparency.

Many of the goals outlined in Londonderry’s draft Strategic Plan are strong and long overdue: improving digital services, standardizing workflows, strengthening financial planning, and modernizing communication. Hudson residents have been asking for the same things, clearer information, better access, and more consistent processes. These are real needs, and acknowledging them is a step in the right direction.

But a plan is only as strong as its details. And that’s where both communities deserve more clarity.

A Strategic Plan should explain not just

what the town hopes to accomplish, but what it will cost, who will be responsible, and how progress will be measured. It should show the baseline: What is working today? What isn’t? What gaps are we trying to fix? Without that context, residents are left guessing whether a plan is solving real problems or simply creating new layers of process.

And here’s the part that matters most: residents are showing up. They’re attending meetings, asking questions, submitting comments, and trying to understand how decisions today will shape their neighborhoods tomorrow. That participation is not an inconvenience, it’s a strength. When people take the time to get involved, they deserve clear answers, not vague promises. Their input should shape the plan, not be treated as an afterthought.

A Strategic Plan should not be a glossy document that sits on a shelf. It should be a living roadmap that residents can follow, question, and hold their government accountable to. That means clear metrics, regular reporting, and open communication. It means explaining not just the goals, but the trade offs, the costs, and the expected outcomes.

Londonderry and Hudson are communities that care deeply about their future. People want responsible growth, strong services, and a government that listens. Planning can help us get there, but only if it is transparent, grounded in data, and shaped by the people it is meant to serve.

Planning is important. But trust is essential. And trust is built when residents can see the whole picture, not just the headlines.

Restaurant Depot

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ing Restaurant Depot, said the parking count is typical for a facility of this size. Because the business serves only restaurant owners, caterers, and food service professionals, not the general public, he argued that the parking demand is predictable and based on established patterns at other locations.

To address anticipated concerns about traffic, the presentation included a traffic impact analysis prepared by Shaun Kelly of Chappell Engineering.

“Today, the corridor at Route 3A/Lowell Road carries about 23,000 vehicles per day, between 2,300 to 2,500 during peak hours,” Kelly said. “We accounted for growth in traffic.”

Kelly said the analysis incorporated other major developments in the area, including the Target Logistics Center. The plan proposes a dedicated right turn lane and upgraded signal controls at a nearby intersection. Trip generation estimates were based on Restaurant Depot locations in Andover and Avon, Massachusetts.

Board member James Crowley asked about the size of those comparison sites and whether the vegetation buffer between the project and nearby homes would be sufficient. Kelly

said both Massachusetts buildings were approximately 80,000 square feet, significantly larger than the Hudson proposal, and generated more traffic than expected locally.

“The industry bases trip generation out of square feet,” Kelly said, adding that nearly all customer traffic consists of standard passenger vehicles. “Almost all of the activity here, 99% of it, is passenger vehicles. You might have a van that’s lettered with a business name, but it’s not a commercial vehicle per se.”

Some Board members suggested reducing the number of parking spaces to better meet zoning and environmental requirements. Cohen acknowledged the request but stressed the importance of adequate parking for Restaurant Depot’s business model.

“It’s a big thing in the restaurant mentality, where people say, ‘I love that place, it’s great, but I can never park and I don’t go there,’” Cohen said. “We typically will need 80 to 100 spots, but if we have a short week where we’re closed on a Monday, it all gets compressed. If we have a sale, people, instead of spending the average 45 minutes, spend an hour and a half.” He agreed to remove a limited number of spaces if necessary.

Several residents raised concerns about the scale of the project and its cumulative impact on Lowell Road.

“It’s just hard for me to believe that we’re looking for another large project on the same road, using the same large entrance as the Target Flow Center, and the traffic from the Target Flow Center hasn’t even been realized,” said resident Edward Thompson. He also noted that Restaurant Depot’s parent company, Jetro, had been purchased by Sysco the previous day. Sysco announced the acquisition on March 30.

Noise was another concern. “With a 100 foot setback, I think it’s about 150 feet to my son’s window,” said resident Mark Tempeta. “Is there going to be anything to mitigate the noise?”

Kelly said the project meets all noise requirements and that the 100 foot setback would remain vegetated to serve as a natural buffer. The plan also includes an “acoustic fence” to further reduce noise impacts.

The Planning Board did not take a vote, opting instead to wait for additional input from the Conservation Commission before making a decision.

The next meeting of the Hudson Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Community Development Conference Room.

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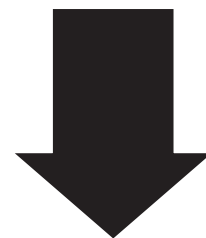
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Alvirne's Annual World Fest Set for Friday, April 17



Members of the Alvirne High School Student Voice and Multicultural Club will be hosting the annual "World Festival" again this year and are inviting the community to attend. Students will provide music performances, food, culture, and tables as a gateway to explore the diversity of the Alvirne student body while also bringing the community together. Those wanting to attend the fourth annual

festival can head over to the school on April 17, starting at 5 p.m. in the Alvirne gymnasium. Renamed in September, the Student Voices Club is a student-led organization founded in 2022. Its members have been dedicating their efforts into making the World Fest an Alvirne tradition due to its strong sense of connection and pride it fosters among attendants, students, and staff.

School Board

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than \$300 higher per unit. The district had planned to purchase 50 staff devices, but at current pricing, that number would not be feasible within the approved budget.

Because of these increases, Moulis said the district is proposing to shift part of next year's planned purchases into FY26. Specifically, the district would buy 30 staff laptops and 250

student laptops now, using savings from various IT line items in the current budget. The goal is to secure as many devices as possible before prices climb even further.

Business Administrator Jenny Graves told the Board that the request was essentially a proactive move to avoid a major shortfall next year. Even with the early purchases, the district would still end up with the same total number of devices planned for FY 27 -

the timing would simply shift. "He still needs the same number of devices," Graves said, referring to the technology department's replacement schedule.

Without adjusting the purchasing timeline, the district would face a significant deficit. Based on current pricing, Graves explained, the FY27 budget would only allow the district to purchase 35 staff devices and would leave them 215 student devices

short across the schools. That kind of shortfall would disrupt the district's replacement cycle and potentially leave classrooms without adequate technology.

Graves also noted that deferring the issue until FY27 would not solve the problem unless the district allocated additional funds - something that is not currently planned. "Unless more

funds are added, they would be short devices based on current pricing," she said.

Both Graves and Moulis emphasized that the district has identified savings in the IT budget this year that can be used to cover the early purchases without affecting other departments or programs. Those savings, they said, make it possible to absorb the higher costs now

rather than face a larger problem later.

After hearing the presentation and discussing the implications, the School Board voted to approve the early purchase plan. The decision allows the district to move forward immediately with ordering the laptops, securing the devices needed for students and staff before prices rise again.

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Fire Department to Receive Platform Truck, State Bill Could Change Budget

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The Budget Committee revisited one of its longest running topics on April 1: the status of exaction funds from the Target Logistics Center and the equipment those funds were intended to support. Committee member Kevin Walsh opened the discussion by asking for an update on the purchases tied to the exaction agreement, particularly the long anticipated platform truck for the Hudson Fire Department.

“It’s been a while since we’ve had an update status for the various exactions from the Target project,” Walsh said. “I know the platform truck, the last I knew, was going to probably be delivered some-

time in the May timeframe, but there was a small change order that was requested to add some capability on the truck. I think it’s good to get an update status.”

Town officials did not have a delivery update available during the meeting. The lack of information renewed criticism from several Budget Committee members who have questioned the legality and appropriateness of the exaction arrangement. Member Bill Cole reiterated his view that the exaction payouts were “illegal” and raised concerns about how the Fire Department plans to staff and operate the new apparatus.

“The voters approved four new firefighters,” Cole

said. “When this platform truck comes in, is the Fire Department going to come in with a new crew or something? I have no idea what the manning of this piece of equipment, which we currently don’t need in Hudson, is going to be.”

Selectman Xen Vurgaropulos said he did not have staffing details but noted that existing firefighters would receive “advanced training” to operate the new truck once it arrives.

In addition to equipment concerns, the Committee turned its attention to developments in Concord that could reshape how Hudson calculates its default budget.

Committee member Shawn Jasper briefed the group on

two bills under consideration at the State House.

“There are two bills that I have been tracking relative to the Budget Committee,” Jasper said. “One that was heard had to do with whether the Selectmen and School Board reps should be voting members. That was heard, there was some discussion on that, and it’s in the Senate. The other one, which is right on point, which has passed the House, would turn the default budget calculations over to the Budget Committee.”

The second bill, HB 1575, is the one Jasper said he intends to testify in favor of. The proposal would shift responsibility for determining the default budget from

the Selectmen to the Budget Committee, a significant procedural change for Hudson.

Committee member Bill Cole asked how quickly the change would take effect if the bill becomes law. According to the bill text, HB 1575 would take effect 60 days after passage, meaning it could apply to Hudson’s upcoming budget cycle.

“As long as the Senate gets on it right away and it gets to the governor’s desk, that’s going to be in effect right away,” said Vice Chair Kim Rice. “We better be ready, because I think it’s going to pass.”

Cole used the discussion to reiterate his broader concerns about Hudson’s budget process, arguing that

the default budget should function as a clear rejection of the proposed budget. “We still have this problem with the default budget that I think we’re going to have to deal with,” he said, noting that the proposed and default budgets often end up too similar. “If the bill passes, and I want it to, but it really doesn’t matter because we’ll still have that elephant in the room.”

To prepare for changes, the Committee voted to establish a “default subcommittee” tasked with researching components of both the town and school district default budgets. Members said the goal is to ensure the Committee is ready if HB 1575 becomes law.

Property Taxes: Why They’re High, How They Work, and What It Means for Local Communities

A recent NHPFI report, *Property Taxes in NH: How They Work and How They Compare*, highlights what many Granite Staters already feel in their wallets, that our state relies more heavily on local property taxes than almost anywhere else in the country. While the full report is password protected, NHPFI’s summary makes one thing clear: NH’s tax structure places a

disproportionate burden on local communities and lower income households.

Unlike most states, NH does not collect broad based income or sales taxes to fund state services. Instead, the state leans heavily on municipalities to raise revenue through property taxes. That means towns, not the state, are responsible for funding the bulk of essential services, including:

- Public schools
- Police and fire departments
- Roads and infrastructure
- Libraries and recreation
- Local government operations

This structure gives communities a high degree of control, but it also creates significant disparities. Wealthier towns with strong commercial tax bases can keep rates lower, while resi-

dential communities with fewer businesses shoulder a heavier burden.

According to the NH Fiscal Policy Institute, several factors drive NH’s unusually high property tax burden:

- Limited state funding: With few statewide revenue sources, the state contributes less to education and municipal services.
- Heavy reliance on local taxes: Municipalities must raise what they need, and property taxes are the only major tool available.
- Uneven property values: Communities with lower property values must set higher tax rates to raise the same amount of money as wealthier towns.
- Disproportionate im-

pact on lower income households: Property taxes don’t adjust based on income, meaning families with fewer resources pay a larger share of their earnings.

NHPFI notes that NH consistently ranks near the top for property tax burden. While some states offset local taxes with strong state funding, NH’s model pushes more responsibility downward. The result is a system where:

- Property taxes fund a large share of public services
- Local budgets become more complex and contentious
- Taxpayers feel the pressure more acutely
- Communities with fewer resources struggle to keep up

As NHPFI’s report suggests, NH’s property tax structure is not just a financial issue, it’s a policy choice. It’s one that affects everything from housing affordability to school quality to municipal planning.

For towns, the question becomes: How do we maintain services, manage growth, and protect taxpayers in a system that relies so heavily on property taxes?

It’s a conversation that will continue in budget meetings, public hearings, and State House debates. And for residents, understanding how the system works is the first step in shaping what comes next.

Article by: The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute

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School Board Reviews Student Fundraising Activities Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board took its first look at a proposed update to the district's Student Fundraising Activities policy during its most recent meeting, beginning what is expected to be a multi-step review of how fundraising is conducted, supervised, and accounted for across all schools.

The policy, which ties together several existing rules and clarifies expectations for both school sponsored and independent fundraising efforts, is intended to modernize procedures and strengthen oversight.

The proposed update begins by outlining the three district policies that collectively govern fundraising:

- Policy JJE – Student fundraising activities
- Policy DFGA – Online

crowdfunding campaigns

- Policy JJF – Accounting and management of student activity funds

By linking these policies explicitly, district officials say the goal is to ensure consistency and clarity for staff, students, and community organizations.

The draft policy emphasizes that the Hudson School District supports fundraising opportunities that enhance students' educational experiences through co-curricular activities. At the same time, it stresses the need for careful financial oversight.

According to the proposed language, the district "believes in providing opportunities for students to participate through co-curricular activities in fundraising projects, which contribute to their educational growth and which do not conflict with the instruc-

tional program."

To meet that standard, all student fundraising activities must follow a set of guidelines designed to ensure safety, appropriateness, and accountability.

Under the proposed update, all district sponsored student fundraising must be:

1. Approved by the building principal or designee.
2. Conducted by a district approved student group with a clear educational purpose.
3. Appropriate for the age or grade level and an activity in which schools may reasonably engage.
4. Supervised by teachers, advisors, coaches, or administrators.
5. Scheduled so they do not interfere with instructional time or disrupt regular school activities.
6. Evaluated annually

by teachers, advisors, administrators, and students.

7. Limited in number to avoid burdening the community.

8. Sensitive to competition with fundraising efforts by recognized community groups.

The draft also notes that activities such as raffles may be permitted when appropriate.

Before any fundraising activity begins, advisors must receive approval from the building principal or designee and sign the district's "Responsibilities of Faculty Advisors/Sponsor of Student Group" form.

The policy outlines several expectations for advisors, including:

- Turning in student activity money daily in the same form it was received.
- Completing a reconciliation report at the end of the fundraiser and submit-

ting it to the principal for approval.

Oversight of these procedures is shared between building principals and the district's Business Office, which ensures compliance with audit requirements.

The proposed policy also addresses fundraising conducted by outside groups such as parent teacher organizations, booster clubs, and 501(c)(3) organizations. While these groups often raise money to support district programs, the policy clarifies that the Hudson School District does not sponsor or assume fiduciary responsibility for their fundraising activities.

To help prevent over solicitation, the policy allows building principals to establish an annual fundraising calendar.

Independent groups may request that the district distribute marketing materials, such as flyers, through normal communication channels, but such requests must meet district guidelines.

Any donations made payable to the Hudson School District must be accepted under Policy KCD: Public Gifts/Donations. The district assumes fiduciary responsibility for donations only after they are formally accepted under that policy.

After reviewing the proposed changes, the School Board voted to move the updated Student Fundraising Activities policy to a second reading, where further discussion and potential revisions may occur before final adoption.

Interim Town Clerk

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accepted the resignation notices of part-time provisional call firefighters Alex Bergeron and Caleb Lambert, both effective March 25, 2026, as recommended by the Fire Chief. The Board also approved the termination of two other part-time provisional call firefighters, Haley LaPlante and Jeremy Zelanis, effective the same date. No additional details were discussed publicly regarding

the terminations.

In addition to separations, the Board approved two new hires within the Fire Department. Brittany Dionne was hired as an Administrative Aide II at a contracted rate of \$24.48 per hour. The Board also approved the hiring of James Caron as a Building Inspector at a contracted rate of \$29 per hour. Both positions are expected to support ongoing administrative and inspection needs

within the department.

A major staffing change came with the resignation of Town Clerk Michelle Brewster, who recently accepted the newly created Human Resources Generalist position with the Town. Her resignation as Town Clerk was accepted effective immediately.

To ensure continuity of operations, the Board unanimously appointed Donna Melanson as Interim Town Clerk, also effective immediately. Melanson will

receive a 5% hourly rate increase while serving in the interim role and will remain in the position until a new Town Clerk is appointed or elected.

The Board also authorized the Town Administrator to begin the posting and recruitment process for the Town Clerk position and to take any necessary administrative steps to support the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office during the transition.

OBITUARY

John J. Slusarczyk



John J. Slusarczyk, born May 6, 1936 in Avoca, PA, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2026 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years Anita Slusarczyk (Maliza/Losinski), his three children, Steven Slusarczyk of OH, David Slusarczyk of NH, and Marie Gibeley and her husband Robert of NH; a step-son Steve Malizia and his wife Deanne of NH; his ten grandchildren and his three great-grandchildren; his sister Loraine LoKuta of PA, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his step-children Carole Malizia-Jordan and Diane Malizia.

John proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 through 1959 and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He would later transfer to the Air National Guard in NH for two years, where he would call home and raise his family. In later years, he and his wife moved to Maine to enjoy the outdoors and quiet life.

John was an avid reader and seeker of knowledge. He was a dedicated photographer, which allowed him to compose a lifetime legacy for his family. John and his wife enjoyed getting to know small places throughout their many travels discovering historic landmarks, engaging friendly locals, scenic surroundings and warm hospitality. He was a man of science and discipline. John's many talents ranged from electronic repair and woodworking to automobile restoration and model building. A gifted freehand artist and conceptual designer, John's custom cabinet work graced many kitchens in NH and Maine. A lifelong boater and fisherman, John could often be found enjoying the salmon fishery on Lake Winnepesaukee or casting his hand-tied flies on the Androscoggin River.

A knowledgeable electronics engineer his entire vocational career, John's talents contributed to the cockpit design of the C-130J aircraft during his tenure at Lockheed Martin, an employer he would retire from. John was a credible amateur aviation historian and frequently attended air shows throughout New England and New York, one of his favorite pastimes. Above all, John harbored a quiet, loving passion for design and creation.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends leaving behind countless memories. Following cremation, a private gathering will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to be made in John's loving memory to Hospice Health & Hospice Care at www.hhhc.org 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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HMS Drama Club Performs Beauty and the Beast



The Hudson Middle School Drama Club performed Beauty and the Beast Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 drawing a crowd in the school's gym. Adithi Gundagathi played Belle with Gavin Burke was the Beast. Other characters include: Gaston - Eli Erickson; Lefou - Willow Stegall; Lumiere - Juliette Wade; Mrs. Potts - Joanna Beattie; Maurice - Scarlet Adkins; Cogsworth - Genna

Weaver; Silly Girls are played by Ivory Olson, Elyse Goulet, Audriana Gaudet; Babette - Evelyn Henderson; and Madame de la Grande Bouche - Julianna Martson. The play was directed by: Becca Crivello - Director & Music Director; Olivia Gannon - Choreographer; Brianna Stevens - Art Director; Heather Fillmore - Tech Director; and Karen O'Brien is the Costume Designer.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Broncos Show Strong Effort in Early-Season Track Meet

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School track and field teams turned in a series of solid performances in a recent early-season meet, showcasing depth across sprinting, distance and field events as the spring season gets underway.

Competing against a strong field, the Broncos saw multiple athletes place near the top of their respective events at the Pelham High School Invitational on Saturday, April 11, an encouraging sign for both the boys and girls squads as they begin the season.

On the boys side,

Alvirne demonstrated strength in throwing, jumping and sprint events to secure a second-place finish among more than 20 teams.

The Broncos amassed 72 points and were edged out by Nashua South with 74, while finishing ahead of Bedford, which took third with 45.

The girls team finished in the middle of the pack but delivered impressive efforts, particularly in hurdle and middle-distance events.

Alvirne athletes recorded top finishes in races such as the 100-meter hurdles and 1,600 meters, highlighting the team's versatility.

The meet served as an



Joey Marcotte



Bella Hatcher

important benchmark for the program, giving athletes a chance to measure their progress against other Division I competitors. For many, it was also an opportunity to qualify for larger invitational meets later in the season.

Beyond individual performances, team depth remains a key strength. The Broncos scored across a wide range of events, from distance races to jumps and

throws - a factor that could prove crucial in dual and tri-meet formats throughout the season.

AHS Boys Results

In the 100 meters, junior Jeremiah Caraballo-Sophos finished third in 11.58 seconds, while junior Sam Oquist placed fifth in 11.64.

In the 110-meter hurdles, senior Joey Marcotte won in 15.55, edging Brogan Grzybowski of Coe-Brown (15.64). Marcotte

also captured first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 40.47.

In the 200 meters, Caraballo-Sophos placed second in 23.92, just ahead of senior teammate Jaden Taylor, who finished fifth in 24.15.

In the 400 meters, junior Ameer Salman was the top Bronco finisher at 56.78.

In the 1,600 meters, junior Ashton Rowe placed eighth in 5:04.34.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Oquist, Marcotte, Taylor and Caraballo-Sophos took first in 44.29, finishing nearly a second ahead of Pelham (45.17). Lebanon placed third at 45.65.

Junior Charles Barrett placed second in the discus with a throw of 142 feet, five inches, just over four feet behind the winner from

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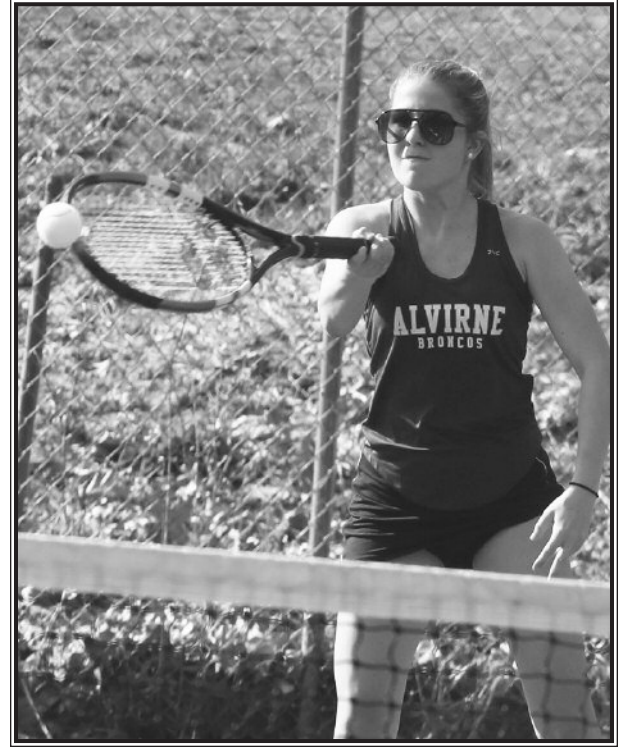
Broncos Girls Tennis Team Opens Season with Two Wins



Lilliana Belmore (#1)



Ella Proulx (#2)



Samantha Schiller (#3)

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School girls tennis team opened its Division II season with a solid week, winning two of three matches to start 2-1 and showing depth

across both singles and doubles play.

The Broncos began the season on the road April 4, dropping a 6-3 decision to a strong Hollis-Brookline team.

Junior Ariana Giroux,

playing at No. 4, turned in Alvirne's most decisive performance of the match with a straight-set shutout in singles. Junior Ava Gagnon (No. 6) added another point, grinding out a 9-8 win in an extended

match.

In doubles, the No. 2 team of Samantha Schiller and Giroux secured an 8-3 victory to account for the Broncos' third point.

Alvirne quickly bounced back April 6 with a dominant 9-0 sweep of Milford in its home opener.

The Broncos controlled play from the start, with Schiller and Gagnon each posting 8-0 shutouts in singles. Junior Ella Proulx (#2) followed with an 8-1 win, while senior Nora Lesmerises (No. 5) earned an 8-2 victory. Senior Lilliana Belmore (#1) added an 8-3

win, and Giroux capped singles action with a hard-fought 9-7 decision.

The momentum carried into doubles, where all three Alvirne teams won by identical 8-2 scores. The pairings of Belmore and Proulx, Schiller and Giroux, and Lesmerises and Gagnon dominated with an 8-0 shutout.

Schiller and Giroux followed with an 8-3 win, while Belmore and Proulx dropped a closely contested 9-7 match.

Through three matches, the Broncos have shown a balanced lineup and the ability to rebound quickly, positioning themselves well early in the season.

added an 8-2 win. Belmore contributed an 8-3 decision, and Proulx battled through the longest singles match of the afternoon, earning an 8-6 win.

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John Stark.

In the javelin, senior Kyle Suprenant led Alvirne with a throw of 113'9".

Marcotte added another first-place finish in the long jump with a leap of 21'1.75". Pelham's Osinachi Nwabueze was second at 20'10.5", while Alvirne senior Marcus Hebert placed seventh at 18'5.5".

In the shot put, Barrett earned a first-place finish with a throw of 45'4", edging the runner-up by one inch.

AHS Girls Results

The girls team did not match the boys' overall finish but excelled in several events.

Senior Olivia Cartagena placed second in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:28.39, finishing behind Bedford's Makita Barry (4:55.05).

Sophomore Ava Tardif

placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 90-8.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Jane Makoviy, Taelyn Downey, Mae Guiraud and Cartagena finished fourth in 4:31.46. Bedford won the event in 4:03.34.

Makoviy also placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 53.20.

As the schedule progresses, the Broncos will look to build on these early results, focusing on improving times, distances and overall team scoring.

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Bring Back The Trades Skills Expo

The second annual Bring Back The Trades Skills Expo will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Londonderry High School. Various trade and industry professionals will be available for attendees to explore and learn about potential career opportunities. Go to BBTT.org for more information.

Friends of the Library Meeting

The April meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held April 21 at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodger's Memorial Library. Come join to help plan future support activities for the

library to raise funds for free passes to area museums, educational venues, and other library activities, as well as a scholarship.

Retirement Open House

The Hudson Fire Department will host a public open house to honor Fire Prevention Officer Steve Dube, who is retiring after an extraordinary 45 year career of service to the community. The celebration will take place on Friday, April 24, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Central Fire Station, 15 Library St., Hudson. A brief presentation recognizing Dube's decades of dedication will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by coffee and celebratory cake. The open house will be held in the apparatus bay.

Library Seeds

On Earth Day, April 22, Rodger's Memorial Library will help celebrate by giving out seed packets created by members the Friends of the Library.

Rabies Clinic

The GFWC NH Hudson Women's Club's annual Rabies Clinic will be held at the Wilbur Palmer CTE Center at Alvirne High School, 200 Derry Rd., on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$20 (CASH) per Dog or Cat Vaccination. No credit cards. Residents must provide prior rabies certificate for a three-year vaccination. The Hudson Town Clerk's office from Town Hall will be also onsite for dog licenses. All

dogs must be leashed and all cats in carriers.

Historical Society Meeting

The Hudson Historical Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m., at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., Hudson. All are invited! After the meeting they will host a fun Hudson Trivia Game!

VLAP Workshop

The 2026 annual Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) Workshop will be held at the NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, on Friday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The workshop offers volunteers and any lake residents a chance to review lake water sampling techniques, learn about shoreland protection, algae blooms, and aquatic invasive species. Register for in-person or Virtual attendance at: <https://forms.office.com/g/RF6KBbdZPS>

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join for Park Cleanup Day the third Satur-

day 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, make new friends and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online if possible on the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) or simply come to the Elephant Barn at the top of the hill to sign in.

Spring Tea

The Hudson Historical Society will hold an Afternoon Tea on Sunday, April 26, from 1 - 3 p.m., inside the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., Hudson. The event is free but registration is required, as seating is limited. Email Hudsonhistorical@live.com with your name and name of all attendees.

Psychic & Craft Fair

On Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Hudson Community Center,

12 Lions Ave., Hudson, there will be a Psychic & Craft Fair. There will be personalized Readings, Crafters & Artisans, Food & Refreshments. Sponsored by the Hudson Lions Club. All Proceeds benefit Lions Club Charities. For further information visit us at: www.hudsonlions.org/psychicfair

Dungeons & Donuts

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome.

Curious Kids: Bugs/Springs

On April 17 & 18 at 10 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library to explore learning centers with your preschooler.

Hudson Safe

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Around Town

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Denial, Deliberation, Decision, on Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m.

Cookbook Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Monday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m., this month's cookbook is "The Roasted Vegetable: How to Roast Everything from Artichokes to Zucchini..." by Andrea Chesman.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m., to discuss this month's book pick is "The Road to Tender Hearts" by Annie Hartnett.

LEGO Party with C3Brix

On Monday, April 27 at 1:30 p.m., Grades K-6 ONLY are invited to the Rodgers library where Cody from C3Brix brings us thousands of LEGO pieces and will lead party-goers through games, challenges, and other LEGO fun.

Read 'Em & Eat @ Friendly Red's

The book group will meet on Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m., to discuss April's book is "The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches" by Sangu Mandanna.

Lorax: Interactive Movie

Come celebrate the Earth and join the Rodgers Library on Thursday, April 30 at 5 p.m., for the Lorax interactive movie.

Live Free and Hike

Join Linda Magoon at the Rodgers library on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m., as she shares her story of courage and self-discovery from her book "Live Free and Hike: Finding Grace on 48 Summits - A Journey of Healing and Self-Discovery Atop New Hampshire's White Mountains."

Electronics Recycling

Come to the Alvirne High School Parking Lot on Satur-

day May 16, from 8 a.m. - noon and drop off unused or broken electronics. Open to residents of NH, MA, or ME. Items vary in price. Cash, Venmo, or checks payable to: "HUDSON-LITCHFIELD Rotary Club" Proceeds support: College and Vocational Scholarships; Local Service Needs; Housing, and Food Pantry Agencies; as well as Other Community Service Projects. For more information 603-882-5289, visit the groups Facebook page or website <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2931>.

Mah Jongg Tournament

On Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a fun-filled day of tiles, prizes and friendship! Entry fee is \$30. There will be 4 rounds of game play, 4 games per 1-hour round. There will be prizes for placement, a 50/50 raffle and additional raffles, and sandwiches, desserts and refreshments. Sign up by April 12. Doors open and check-in 9:30 - 10 a.m. Pre-register and pay at www.etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament. Rules and scoring provided after payment receipt. Questions? Contact Jean Lisien at jbortz@comcast.net or Deb Eisner at rlc800@aol.com.

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Legion Meat Raffle

American Legion Hudson Post 48's Meat Raffle will be held at Post 48, located at 37 Central St. On Saturday, April 18, beginning at 2 p.m. This event is open to the public. You must be 16+ to play. The proceeds from this event are to benefit the Alvirne HS CTE Honor Society. Pre-buys are available in the Foxhole. For more information please call 603-889-9777.

Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., the Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Adventurers Storytime

Come to the Rodgers Library for songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rodgers Library's teen space after school, most Weekdays at 2:30 p.m. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. Connect the Library with any questions.

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.

Legion Karaoke

American Legion Hudson Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, April 17, from 6 - 10 p.m. In the Foxhole located at 1 Fulton St for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. For more information please call 603-889-9777.

A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial 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.

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Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial 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.

Inhouse Secondhand Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rogers Memorial Library, running during normal library Hours.

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