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**SURVEYING JOBS** Alvirne High School freshman Lillian Kilb-Sanders gets a lesson in surveying by Craig Bailey at the school's annual Career Fair on Thursday, April 17. Dozens of businesses were there for questions on a variety of careers. See more photos on page 8. Photo by Chirs Paul

## Plans Begin to Improve the Town's Budgetary Process

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The April meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee saw its members brainstorm new ideas following the recent conclusion of the latest budget season.

"We've come through the other side of the budget cycle, and that's always an interesting feeling to do so.

What I'd like to do while some of this stuff is still fresh in our minds is I would like to solicit from all of the committee members all the ideas and thoughts of things that went well and not well in the preceding budget process," said Chair James Lawrence. "The sooner we jump on some of this stuff, the better result it

will have in the long run."

Members discussed finding ways to improve efficiency by getting an earlier start on the overall process.

"We need to start focusing on the year-end report. Before the budget season starts, we need to really be aware of what was spent where," said Committee

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## Selectmen Choose Town's Newest Finance Director

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen made a number of personnel moves during its most recent non public meeting, according to the draft minutes released last week.

One of the moves was to appoint Laurie C. May to the position of Finance Director, "with effective date and terms of salary to be negotiated by Town Administrator Roy E. Sorenson as outlined in this memorandum albeit the terms and conditions as identified in the Conditional

Offer of Employment."

In October longtime Hudson Finance Director Lisa Labrie announced she would be leaving the position, which prompted the search for her replacement. Her resignation was effective as of Dec. 1 after just over 21 years with the town of Hudson.

Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson confirmed on Tuesday that May accepted the position.

The move to pick a Finance Director, is the second high profile position in the town of Hudson which has been recently filled by the Board of Selectmen with the Board of Selectmen hiring a new Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, at the beginning of the year, following the retire-

ment of former Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Currently, the town is still in the process of picking its next Town Planner, which has been an open position within the Town for over a year.

"The search for the Town Planner started in November of 2023 with resumes accepted including subsequent interviews," Sorenson wrote in a previous memo. "The process continued through 2024 however has been delayed due to the transition of myself as the new Town Administrator. At this time it is appropriate to reopen the process including following the same approach we are currently engaged in

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## Alvirne CTE Proposal Asks Trustees for Robotic Arm

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

Two of the requests made this year by Alvirne High School to the Alvirne Trustees were in relation to CTE programs.

One of the requests was for engineering classes. "This is a Robot Arm and CNC Machine," Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals said during the meeting.

As part of the proposal Beals wrote, "I would like to propose to the trustees to purchase a Cobot Robotic Arm with an ATC for the CNC vertical end mill in the Engineering Program's Innovation Lab."

This combination would

allow for the CNC Machine to have a robot put the work(stock) into the machine, and the machine will run autonomously. The machine will be able to swap tools and run this through multiple jobs and operations," Beals said. "The robot arm is from the same company as the CNC (tormach) and would be able to communicate directly with it. The cost includes delivery and setup/installation and training for it. This is a current trend in industry with a cobot (collaborative robot arm) tending the CNC machine. This could be running 24/7, but I would only suggest students run operations during the day."

The cost of it would be a total of \$40,000.

It was explained by Beals during the meeting that if they were able to obtain it, there wouldn't be much work needed to be done.

"This would require minimal maintenance and upkeep," Beals said. "Many of the companies on my PAC have or are in the process of having a cobot run with a CNC 'lights out.' Meaning it is running 24/7 with sensors to detect if something goes wrong and a live feed for monitoring. There is no better way to prepare students for this."

Another item proposed **continued on page 2**



# Proposed Housing Bills Could Reshape Development in Hudson

MEREDITH KENDRICK  
HUDSON TIMES

A slate of housing-related bills heard this week at the Legislative Office Building in Concord could bring sweeping changes to local zoning laws and development practices across NH, with significant implications for growing communities like Hudson.

Senate Bill 84, sponsored by Senator Keith Murphy (R-District 16), would cap maximum lot sizes for single-family homes based on available infrastructure. Under the

bill, lots with access to public water and sewer would be subject to smaller minimum sizes, encouraging more compact development. The legislation, which passed the Senate in March by a 13-10 vote, could limit Hudson's ability to require larger lot sizes in new subdivisions and increase housing density.

At the hearing, Murphy emphasized the growing financial burden on homebuyers. "We've approached a point where it's almost impossible for someone to find a reasonable-sized house south of Concord for

less than \$400,000," he said. "What I see being built around us are a lot of apartments, and a lot of very big houses - and why are those very big houses being built? It's because it's the only thing that some towns will allow... If you can put, let's say five houses on that ten acres, that savings is now split five ways - that savings is passed onto the end buyer."

Representative Kristine Perez of Londonderry opposed the bill, warning that it could intensify infrastructure challenges. "Right now Londonderry

is in the process of putting 180 units in a 1.2-mile section that empties onto Rt 102...traffic, traffic, traffic." Hudson may soon face similar pressures. A 2023 traffic study by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission highlighted growing congestion on Hudson's main corridors, especially Lowell Road (Route 3A) and Route 111, where additional development could strain road capacity and public services.

Perez also dismissed the idea that SB 84 would lower housing prices. "This bill will not help housing prices...housing prices have skyrocketed all over the East Coast," she said. "What this bill does is it puts an unnecessary burden on towns, for safety, police, fire, schools that they have no say in. This bill raises taxes on the communities."

Another bill, Senate Bill 163, would prohibit towns from enacting temporary moratoria on development - pauses that Hud-

son has used to evaluate infrastructure impacts. "Who benefits from this bill?" Perez asked. "We need to be able to regroup and see what all of this development is going to do to our police, our fire, our DPW, the traffic - don't limit us." The NH Municipal Association also opposes the bill, calling moratoria essential for responsible growth.

Senate Bill 281 could open up Class VI roads - currently unmaintained by the town - for development, possibly expanding residential construction into less accessible parts of Hudson, such as Old Derry Road or Wason Road. Critics say this could lead to higher emergency service demands in areas not designed to handle them.

Senate Bill 282 would allow certain four- to six-story apartment buildings to have only one stairwell, under specific conditions. While intended to reduce construction costs and promote multifamily housing,

fire officials raised safety concerns. "We're concerned about going higher than four stories at this time," said Dave Emanuel of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs. Hudson, which relies on mutual aid for major emergencies, could be particularly impacted.

Senate Bill 170, a broader reform bill, would preempt local zoning rules on setbacks, frontage, and who can live together in a home. Hudson's planning board could be required to revise neighborhood design standards. "We do have a housing crisis. In 2025, the sale price of a single-family home in NH was \$525,000," said Joanie McIntire, president of the NH Association of Realtors.

The House Housing Committee has not yet scheduled votes on the bills. Residents can follow updates at [www.gencourt.state.nh.us](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us).

We reached out to Sen. Sharon Carson on the bills, but did not get a response.

## Alvirne

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to the Alvirne Trustees was for the new Dental Assisting Clinic & Program for a total of \$41,042. It included things like dental radiography manikins, dentoforms and teeth, and a Lux Creo 3D Printer among other things for the program.

During the meeting, one

of the questions asked was what the enrollment for Health Science was for next year.

Beals explained that if they are able to fill their open vacancy for a teacher, they would want to run two sections of Health Science 1 and Health Science 2. He also explained that during Health Science 2 is when students explore different

specialities including ones like the dental program.

The same question was also asked about the enrollment for the engineering program with Beals explaining that they have three sections scheduled.

A total of \$546,869 worth of proposed requests were sent to the Alvirne Trustees for its consideration.

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# Budget Committee Looks to Take More Proactive Oversight Role

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on April 2 with ambitious plans for the coming year. Committee member Bill Cole wanted to focus on ways to better monitor spending for SAU 81.

"The largest employer in town is the School District," said Cole. "There are probably over 700 personnel. Of that number, two-thirds are administrative support people, only one-third are teachers. I'd like to get a breakdown, which I've gotten in past years into three categories. I'm looking for a breakdown, by

school and districtwide, of all the employees that are on the books as positions. The three categories are admin and support, the paraeducators, and then the teachers."

Members hoped to find new ways to trim unused money from next year's budget if possible.

"This is not a request at this point, but I'd like to put a thought out there. We were able to make some cuts to the budget last year because we identified positions that were not filled, that were vacant, and that had no offers to fill those positions," said Committee

member Bob Wherry. "It would be good for this committee to be aware of currently vacant positions, what positions have been filled since the previous month. And I think it would also be good to know if there were any contracted positions to fill the gaps and what was accrued from not having those positions filled."

Vice-Chair Kim Rice agreed, saying a list of consistent vacancies would at least allow them to "see a pattern" of positions that consistently go unfilled.

He asked School Board Liaison Dan Kilgour to get

that information to the Budget Committee if possible. Committee member Shawn Jasper warned other members not to go beyond their authority or to request information that may not be relevant.

"We have to be mindful of what the RSA says, not what we'd like it to say," said Jasper, referring to town and state laws saying what a Budget Committee is and is not allowed to do. "We have to be mindful of our authority and our duties, not to ask questions of what is going on during the year. It's what happened during that year when it

closes out and how to move forward with that information. We have to stay within the confines of the law."

He suggested asking the Board of Selectmen and the School Board to keep the Budget Committee updated on appropriation statements every month. There was disagreement over what questions the Budget Committee could ask and whether town officials or the members of the School Board had to answer every budget-related question.

"I interpret the RSA that governs this to basically state that as long as this committee is asking a law-

ful question about something pertaining to the budget, that the town, department head, officials, etc., are supposed to comply with our requests," said Chair James Lawrence. "We don't have a lot of teeth, because the remedies, that if they don't comply, are rather draconian and I don't think they've ever been implemented, but there are sanctions in the law for town officials who do not comply with our requests."

The Hudson Budget Committee is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

# Resident Questions Way Selectmen Chose Its Officers

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During public comment at the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, resident Katherine Nardoni addressed the Board regarding concerns she had about how the Board of Selectmen officers were elected at the previous meeting. At the previous meeting, the Board of Selectmen selected Dillon Dumont to serve as the Board of Selectmen Chair and Bob Guessferd, who served as the Chair previously, to serve as the Board of Selectmen Vice Chair for the year.

"I was confused and disappointed with what I saw take place at the meeting on

March 25," Nardoni explained during the meeting. She said, "from what I saw there were several instances where a point of order should've been called."

Nardoni explained that normally they ask for nominations, and then when there aren't any more nominations, the nominations are closed. There may be a discussion, and then a vote is taken. She noted sometimes, if there is only one nominee, then a vote might not be necessary.

During her public comments, Nardoni said the procedure was mostly followed for picking the Chair position, but said there was some confusion if it was a nomination made, or if it

was a motion being made to select Dumont. She said that when Guessferd was nominated it "somehow became a motion," and they decided to vote on it. "It should've been a nomination," Nardoni said.

Nardoni explained that when Selectman Heidi Jakoby nominated herself for Vice Chair "the board completely ignored her," and didn't have a vote on the full slate of nominees. She told the Board of Selectmen that both names should have been put forward and then eventually taken a vote. The concern Nardoni said she had was not only was the procedure violated, but it appeared the board was disrespecting a

duly elected member of the board.

"As a voter in Hudson that makes me feel disrespected as well," she said.

Nardoni said she was asking that the election of the Vice Chair position be redone. Selectman Dave Morin disagreed. "The voting (went) as it should've," Morin said.

He explained that there was a nomination for the Chair position, and it was

passed by the majority of the Board. For the Vice Chair position Morin said that a nomination was made, it was seconded and every Selectmen had the right to "make their opinion and make their vote."

He noted that there was no second for Jakoby's nomination and there was discussion by Jakoby. "So we followed the correct procedure," Morin said, explaining he wasn't sure

what the issue was.

Jakoby said the Chair didn't ask for a second, saying, "I think that was the only error." She said it would've gone the way it did for the vote either way, but said sometimes they ask for a second and sometimes they don't and said the more consistent they can be with procedure the better.

The next Selectmen meeting is for May 13 beginning at 7 p.m.



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# Editorial

## Something To Be Said About A Smile

Kindness. This is probably not a subject I should be writing about, considering I tend to be the type of person who lets things get under my skin, stating "Enough is enough", only to cave in later.

Though despite this mindset, I am the first to help or have a smile, walking through the grocery store.

The people who bother me the most are those who seem to think the world owes them something simply because they exist. Never a smile on them. It's as if they believe they are the only ones who have the right to be where they are when they are.

Go to any busy spot, sit quietly and observe; no one seems to care about the person next to them. I talk to anyone who will listen. It's as if no one considers that the other person might be going through similar struggles, and you made their day a tad brighter just by being nice. People only reach out to help others if they think it will benefit them.

Being kind to someone isn't difficult. Kindness isn't a sign of weakness; rather, it is often the opposite. Showing kindness to a friend or family member is easy, but it is more of a challenge with a co-worker, neighbor, or even a stranger, which demonstrates strength and courage.

Getting angry is easy too; it requires no self-control or discipline to lash out or take frustrations out on someone

else. I am guilty of this from time to time. Unfortunately, that seems to be the norm in today's world. It's more about treating others as they treat you, rather than treating others, as you would like to be treated. The golden rule seems to have faded away.

A strong person learns to manage their emotions; I am a work in progress. It takes courage to step out from the shadows and do something different. It requires strength to see the world from another person's perspective.

Just because someone stepped on your foot doesn't mean you have the right to step on someone else's. Just because someone closed a door in your face, doesn't mean you shouldn't hold it open for someone else.

Consider walking out of a restaurant, encountering a stranger who greets you with a smile and says hello, or someone passing by who wishes you a good day. These are not grand gestures; they are simple pleasantries that require minimal time or effort. Yet, such acts of kindness can significantly influence how people feel.

Being kind isn't difficult and it doesn't take much time. When you're out and about, take a moment to say hello, smile, give out a compliment, or wish a stranger a good day. You could change that person's day. Why not share a smile instead of frustration and anger? Be kind to your neighbor-it might just become contagious.

# Select Board Readopt Town's Investment Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the readoption of the Town's investment policy.

It was explained by Town Administrator Roy Sorenson that it was a policy they need to readopt or make changes to each year. He said he was not recommending any changes this year.

"The Town of Hudson's investment policy establishes a framework for the safe and prudent investment of public funds. This policy provides guidance and direction for the Town of Hudson to conduct the daily investing activity in addition to improving consistency, creating and defining accountability, and in ensuring that laws are followed," the policy's preface states.

As part of the scope of the policy it states, "The investment policy applies to all financial assets in the custody of the Treasurer of the Town of Hudson. These funds are accounted for in the Town of Hudson's annual audited financial reports and include the following:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue Funds
- Capital Project Funds
- Agency Funds
- Any new funds created by the Town of Hudson, unless specifically exempted by the governing body, in accordance with the law."

"Furthermore, the investment policy applies to all transactions involving the financial assets and related activity of all the foregoing funds," the policy states.

Under the scope it goes on to state that "Except for cash in certain restricted and special funds, the Town of Hudson will consolidate cash and reserve balances from all funds to maximize investment earnings and to increase efficiencies with regard to investment pricing, safekeeping and administration. Investment income will be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles."

Under objectives it states that the "investment policy objectives are stated below:

- To ensure the preservation of capital and the protection of investment principal.
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements.
- To satisfy all legal requirements.
- To attain market-average rate of return on investments taking into account risk, legal constraints and cash flow considerations.
- To assure assets will only be invested in obligations of the U.S. Government, the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22 (Appendix C), deposits or certificates of deposits in solvent banks incorporated under the laws of the State

of NH or in banks recognized by the State Treasurer (RSA 6.7) (Appendix B)."

"Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective will be to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk," the policy states under objectives.

It goes on to state under objectives that the "Town of Hudson will minimize interest rate risk by Investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity of the portfolio in accordance with this policy."

"The investment policy shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated," the policy states. "The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved readopting the policy.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on May 13 beginning at 7 p.m.

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# Rejected Garage Waiver Request Granted Rehearing by Zoning Board

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on March 27 to discuss a request for rehearing on an unfinished, detached metal garage. Last January the garage was rejected by the ZBA following multiple complaints from abutters on Fairway Drive and concerns from the Board that the garage was installed with-

out a building permit, and that it did not constitute an innocent mistake. The property owner complained that redesigning and moving the garage would be prohibitively expensive.

"Does the request for rehearing contain any new information not presented or available to the Board at the original public hearing?" asked Zoning Chair Norm Martin. "This appli-

cant had the foundation poured, and immediately built the building in violation of the zoning ordinance. It tells you to get a certified plot plan."

Board members received a large packet related to the case with the rehearing request.

"I would argue that the new packet is substantial enough, and there's enough information here that needs

to be further reviewed," said Board member Zachary McDonough.

After flipping through the evidence, Selectman Liaison Dillon Dumont found a "full appraisal report which was not at the first hearing," meaning the packet had new information. Along with a few other additions, the ZBA agreed to give the waiver request another look.

"In this packet, there is a report from a real estate appraiser saying that the garage will not diminish the value of any surrounding properties," said Martin, who added that some of the new material seemed irrelevant. "There's also something about a traffic study. They did a small traffic study, though nothing about the equitable waiver had

anything to do with traffic."

The Chair indicated that even the new evidence regarding property rates would likely not make much of a difference.

"In my opinion, if we sit here and allow a rehearing to go forward, we're probably going to be in the same spot when we go to talk about it where they're going to give us the same thing by saying it's a high correction cost," he said. "That's not our fault; it's the fault of the applicant for not following the process."

Martin worried the ZBA might set a precedent by rehearing and possibly granting the waiver.

I must respectfully disagree," said Dumont. "You guys are allowed to look at this on a case-by-case basis.

It doesn't open things up for everybody to just go and ignore the rules."

"We can sit here and deliberate whether we think the actual packet is justified, or if the content will change the verdict, but if we're going strictly off the rehearing request sheet, I think the packet exists, and I think there is reasonable merits to the contents of it that should be reviewed further," said McDonough. "I think there is merit to the rehearing request."

After some debate, other members agreed that there was enough new material in the packet to reconsider the garage waiver at a later meeting.

The ZBA is set to meet on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Director

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for the Finance Director. First round review of applications and interviews will be conducted with myself as the facilitator and an internal staffing team. Second round will consist of myself, two Selectmen, a Planning Board representative, and current contracted Town Planner, Jay Minkarah. Upon conclusion of

this process a final interview before the full Board could be convened for selection and hiring of the best candidate."

Another personnel move made during the meeting, according to the draft minutes, was to approve the hiring of Evan DeCarteret at the rate of \$36.66 per hour for the IT Technician II position, as recommended by Hudson IT Director, Douglas Bosteels.

The Board also unanimously approved promoting Kyle Cloutier to the position of Traffic Technician effective April 9 with a starting pay of \$30.47.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved retaining the services of former Town Accountant Beth McKee, for up to three months beginning April 9 at the rate of \$65 per hour without benefits.

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# Selectmen Get Briefed on Potential Regional Crash Team

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the potential formation of a regional crash team.

"The regional team will be made up of Hudson, Pelham, and Windham. In this partnership, Pelham Police Department has agreed to research buying a FARO 3D mapping device," Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne wrote in a memo.

During the meeting he explained that a few years back they looked at organizing a regional crash team and explained that it could

help them save on assets and personnel.

A few months ago, Dionne said the Pelham Police Chief asked if people were willing to look at forming it with them.

"Pelham Police Department will be researching possible grant funding and they have agreed to be the fiduciary," Dionne said. "The Hudson Police Department will keep the Board of Selectmen updated on this potential funding and will bring this grant through the proper approval process if it moves forward."

Dionne said currently they are helping Pelham and

others with crash reconstruction when needed, and by forming the regional team, it would establish everyone's roles.

"We would provide that resource anyways," Dionne said.

Also during the meeting the Board of Selectmen readopted its Fund Balance policy.

The policy states: "The policy was adopted to be in compliance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54 which was effective in June 2010. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there are adequate financial resources to safeguard the

Town of Hudson's financial stability against emergencies and economic downturns. The Town targets an unassigned fund balance of 5 to 10% of gross appropriations as adequate to protect the Town. The Fund Balance Policy is readopted on an annual basis by the Board of Selectmen to be in compliance with GASB 54.

Unassigned fund balance benefits the Town in several ways. It's a sign of credit worthiness and it helps reduce the cost of borrowing. Even though the Town has been using the NH Bond Bank for its recent bonding, the Town's

underlying credit rating is taken into account when the interest rate on the bonds are calculated. Unassigned fund balance helps alleviate cash flow concerns. Maintaining some money on the books helps to meet the Town's cash flow demands. It also reduces the impact of an unanticipated revenue shortfall after the tax rate has already been established. For example, if automobile registrations were to drop below the budgeted amount, there would be suf-

ficient funds to make up for the shortfall. Finally, unassigned fund balance could be used to mitigate the impact of an emergency under RSA 32:11. Although the Town is fully insured against most hazards, it is possible that some unusual circumstances could arise that would necessitate the need to use the unassigned fund balance."

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

## Budget

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member Shawn Jasper. "We ought to have a handle on that prior to getting budgets in October."

There was also discussion about ways to improve clarity. Lawrence gave an example from the recent school budget, where he often struggled to tell how special education resources were distributed.

"You kind of get an artificial breakdown of what their budgetary needs really are for what areas," he said.

"It wasn't crystal clear to me that their presentations gave us, at least from first blush, what we need to make a smart decision."

Committee member Bob Wherry agreed, stating that at least some of the confusion likely played a role in the School Board's reluctance to support Budget Committee recommendations last year.

"When the School Board doesn't agree with the Budget Committee, that's something we can improve on," said Wherry. "I think if we can drill down, understand why there was a disconnect, understand that aspect better, and look to improve that, it would be beneficial to our process."

Looking to the rest of

2025, Committee member Kevin Walsh recommended the revival of an exactions subcommittee designed to scrutinize payments from Target to the town as part of their deal to build their Logistic Center at Green Meadow. Bill Cole volunteered to serve as chair of the subcommittee for the rest of the year. Despite several outstanding questions over exaction payments, the Logistic Center continued moving forward.

"The building permit for the main building has been issued. That was actually done back in December," said Committee member Kevin Walsh. "We have a copy of the construction schedule; it's eight pages long, and it's an approximately 440-day project."

A tentative delivery date for a fire department plat-

form truck, the cost of which was covered in the exaction agreement, was set for the first quarter of 2026. The Fire Department expected to have leftover money from the truck purchase.

"I would think one of the goals I would have for the committee this year is to urge the appropriate parties to see if it makes sense from a taxpayer point of view to take those funds and put them into a capital reserve fund for apparatus replacement at some future point," said Walsh. "Right now, there's around \$150,000 left in the account."

The committee agreed to remain in contact with Fire Chief Scott Tice, making it easier to remain up-to-date on the topic as construction moves forward over the next few months.

## OBITUARY

### Raymond Vital Gendron



We mourn our loss and celebrate the life of Raymond Vital Gendron, of Hudson, who passed away on April 15, 2025, after a brief illness.

Ray was born in Sanford, ME, on Jan. 9, 1934. He attended Sanford High School, where he served as class president every year until his graduation in 1951. For more than 70 years

afterwards, Ray was a dedicated organizer and participant in Sanford High School class reunions.

As a young man, Ray built and flew model airplanes. That passion grew, and he became a pilot and later worked for Cessna Aircraft.

He attended the University of Maine at Orono, then transferred to the University of NH to finish his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, and received his MBA from Northeastern University.

Ray met Mary Ann Provencal in Sanford and they wed on May 5, 1956. They eventually settled in Hudson and had seven children, who became the focal point of their lives.

He worked as a mechanical engineer for Sanders Associates, Nashua Corporation, Atlantic Business Forms, BASF, and CTI Cryogenics, among others. Later in his career, Ray became an entrepreneur. He was an avid runner, and that led him to start a home business selling high-visibility running vests. He also started a technical writing firm, Tech Text, Inc., to create user manuals for manufacturing equipment.

In his spare time, Ray and his siblings worked hard to support his parents, to manage the Gendron mill property in Sanford, ME.

Ray and Mary Ann were longtime parishioners of St. John XXIII church in Hudson. They also served as eucharistic ministers.

He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, including running, mountain biking, camping, sailing, playing his keyboard, and tinkering around the house. Ray was a loyal, devoted, and loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and uncle.

Ray's loving family includes his children, Kathy Hogan, Steve Gendron, Rachel Ouellette and her partner Peter Watton, Linda Masucci and her husband Chris Masucci, David Gendron and his partner Kathleen Pierce, Cheryl Gendron and her partner Dale Compton, Jeff Gendron and his wife Kathy Gendron, many grandchildren and one great-grandchild, as well as nieces and nephews, his sisters, Paula St. Amand and Lucille Hesse and her husband Robert Hesse, and his sister-in-law Annette Foisy.

Ray was predeceased by his loving wife Mary Ann (Provencal) Gendron, his brother Ronald and sister-in-law Beverly Gendron, his brothers-in-law Norman St. Amand and Robert Foisy, and his son-in-law Donald Ouellette and daughter-in-law Candace Gendron.

A time of visitation was held on Thursday, April 24 from 10 a.m. - noon with a Prayer Service beginning at noon in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation in Ray's loving memory to either the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) or the American Stroke Association at [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org). To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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# Sorenson Meets With Planning Board, Discusses Progress on Filling Key Vacancy

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

Still settling into his new role as Hudson's Town Administrator, Roy Sorenson formally introduced himself to the Planning Board during its April 9 meeting.

"I've been in the position for a couple of months now, but this is my first visit to the Planning Board formally," he said. "I know there's been a lot going on."

Before coming to Hudson, Sorenson served in Salem, where he worked with their planning department to construct a mixed-use development called Tus-

can Village.

Board member James Crowley wanted more details about zoning-related issues Sorenson might have dealt with while in Salem.

"Did you see your town struggle with any ordinances or land-use code?" asked Crowley.

Sorenson highlighted the implementation of more mixed-use developments like the Tuscan Village, highlighting how difficult it could be to implement a few more recent zoning ideas like shared-use parking and what infrastructure support infrastructure was needed for any development.

The Planning Board encouraged Sorenson to remain in touch with Hudson Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah.

Sorenson announced that he and the Board of Selectmen recently started their search for a new Planning Director.

"The Board of Selectmen has given me some direction on what needs to be done, and are letting me make some decisions with the process itself and that will hopefully speed things up a little bit, because that's important," said Sorenson. "It's a dynamic approach in that we set up each

sequence with questions, I did this with the Finance Director, and some practical exercises in the second round."

Sorenson outlined a first-round committee and second-round committee to interview any qualifying applicants for the role. He promised to oversee the process with the Director of Public Works, the Board of Selectmen, and other town officials. After just two days, the job listing had at least six applicants.

"That doesn't mean all six are qualified for the position, but it does tell you what kind of response we're

getting. When I get those applications in, I will review them," said Sorenson. "We are seeing people from out of the New England area, and if we have a good candidate from anywhere, we'll certainly interview them. We can do it via Zoom or whatever it might be, and see if they'll relocate to this area."

Crowley wanted to know if it was a good idea to use the Hudson Master Plan as a tool during the application process.

"Should we be bringing out the Master Plan when the applicant comes in and say, 'Here are some of the

visions for this?'" asked Crowley.

The Town Administrator stated that the Master Plan was included in the process, albeit indirectly.

"One of the things that we noticed with some of the Finance Director candidates in the first round is that they did their research. As we asked questions, they could answer those based on what Hudson was experiencing," said Sorenson. "That will be part of the process."

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

# Budget Committee Chooses New Officers and Revives Old Rules for 2025-26

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

On April 2, the Hudson Budget Committee met for the first time since the recent town election, marking the start of the new year for their activities. Dan Kilgour was at his first meeting as School Board Liaison, while former Bill Cole re-joined following his recent election to the position.

"At this point in time, I think it's prudent for us to organize ourselves for the upcoming year," said Budget Chair James Lawrence. "I would entertain nominations for the three positions of this committee: for Chair,

Vice-Chair, as well as Clerk."

Without much debate, Lawrence was nominated and unanimously elected for another term as Chair.

"I hope we have as productive of a year this year as we did last year," he said.

Incumbent Vice-Chair Kim Rice was also unanimously re-elected to another term, with slightly more competition for the role of Clerk.

"I've done this in the past, and I'm a full supporter of rotating this particular position around," said Committee member Rich Weissgarber. "I nominate Mr.

Brownrigg; I think it should be a shared thing."

Following that comment, incumbent Clerk Kevin Walsh agreed to step aside, although as Committee member Randy Brownrigg could not make it to the April meeting, the election of a new Clerk was postponed until May.

"I'd be more than happy to take the minutes for tonight's meeting and until such time as a Clerk is elected or appointed," offered Walsh.

Looking towards the new year, Lawrence announced what the Budget Committee rules would be

moving forward.

"Last year, we made a determination that we would not adopt bylaws for the governance of this committee," he said. "I think that things moved fairly smoothly last year. It would be my recommendation that we adopt the same ruling of the Chair."

Committee member Shawn Jasper moved to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as an alternative to formal bylaws, while Walsh suggested running all information requests and correspondence through the Chair or Vice-Chair, who would speak on behalf of

the Budget Committee to school and town officials.

"I think that's a great idea. One of the things I think we had a great experience with last year, when the Committee is requesting information from the Board of Selectmen, the School Board, and so forth, that perhaps it might be more effective if those requests go through the Chair," he said. "The reason I say that is, according to the municipal budget law, we as individuals can't do anything on our own. So if I send a request to the School Board for information, they can say they don't need to

answer to me."

He argued that such a move would encourage others to "respond to us in a timely manner."

"Gathering information is the lifeblood of this committee," said Cole, who added that getting requested budget statistics on time was not always easy. "The problem is getting the information, correct information, accurate information, and in a timely fashion. This committee can't be slow rolled anymore."

Other members agreed on these suggestions, unanimously voting to approve them for the upcoming year.

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# Career Fair Held for Students at Alvirne High School



The fourth annual Career & Training/Apprenticeship Fair hosted by The Palmer CTE Center at Alvirne High School took place on Thursday, April 17, in the school's gym. Dozens of businesses took part in the event, some came as far as Arizona to offer career paths to the hundreds of students attending. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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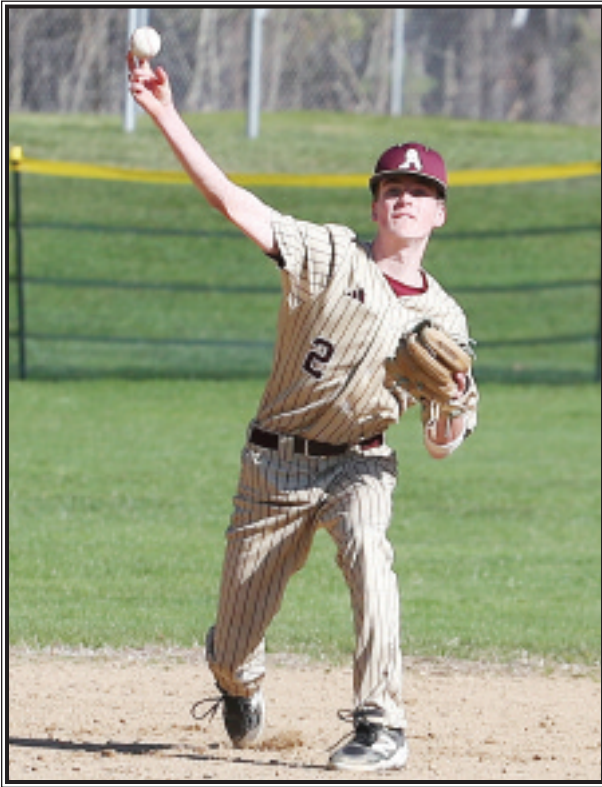
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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Baseball Still Search for Team's First Win



Alex Small makes a play at short stop against the Trinity Pioneers last week. Photo by Chris Paul

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne Broncos Varsity Baseball team started their season off with a 10-inning showdown on Monday against Goffstown. Third Baseman Matty Bebris (#10) led the Broncos for seven innings, giving up two runs, one being earned. Bebris's (3B) two-run home run at the top of the third inning put the Broncos in the lead.

Goffstown tied the game after a home run by Ethan Strand in the sixth inning. The two teams remained tied for three extra innings, but Goffstown's back-to-back home runs in the tenth inning gave them the win in this one.

The Broncos had five pitchers take the mound

with Mikey Bebris battling for most of the game.

Bebris pitched seven innings, gave up two hits and two runs and struck out nine batters.

Overall, AHS pitchers allowed five hits and struck out 12.

Despite the loss, Head Coach Colton Houle had some positive remarks regarding the competitiveness of the Broncos.

"We were one pitch away or one hit away from winning this game. We will win ball games if we keep competing like this," said Houle.

The Broncos played in Concord on Wednesday in a low-scoring game.

Pitcher Brady Mitchell (#8) managed to put on a

strong performance, allowing only three hits all game. Concord was the first to score, going up 1-0 after two innings. Alvirne came back with a score of their own to tie it up 1-1 after the fifth inning. Alvirne took the lead at the top of the seventh, but two walks at the bottom of the seventh secured the 3-2 victory for Concord.

Centerfielder Charlie Crawford had two hits in the game including a triple.

Mitchell was the only other player to get an extra base hit. He doubled in the second inning.

The Broncos ended their week at home against Trinity on Thursday. It didn't take Trinity long to run up the score. The Pioneers

were up 6-0 by the end of the second inning. The Broncos seemed to be getting in their own way during this game, with some mental errors that proved to be costly. This game resulted in a 10-2 loss to Trinity.

One bright spot of Thursday's game was Freshman Jasper Workman (#21). He made his season debut, pitching a scoreless inning and getting his first strikeout.

Brody Buja was the losing pitcher, going four innings, allowing seven hits, eight runs walking four and string out four.

The Broncos now sit at 0-3 on the season. They will take on Windham and Nashua South next week as they look to enter the win column.

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# Alvirne Broncos Softball Squad Get Off to Tough Start

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne Broncos Varsity Softball team is still trying to find their footing after a rough 0-3 start to the season.

They opened up the season on Monday against Goffstown. Girzone got things rolling early for the Grizzlies, spelling trouble for the Broncos. She hit a single and a double in the first inning, leading to 5 total points. Girzone's strong performance continued into the second inning with a single that led to another Goffstown score. Girzone and the Grizzlies continued to pour on the points with another five runs on two hits in the third inning.

Broncos Center Fielder Cori Sevigny (#2) hit a home run at the top of the fourth inning, giving the Broncos their first and only two runs on the day.

Broncos Pitcher Adriana Vallante (#21) took the loss for this one after 14 runs (12 earned) in three innings. Vallante ended the day with one strikeout and 11 walks. The game ended with a final score of 2-18.

Wednesday's game wouldn't be much better for Alvirne as they took on Concord. Crimson Tide's Jaylyn Wessling set the tone with a grand slam at the bottom of the first inning, adding on to a run earlier thanks to a walk drawn by Kiley Taylor. The Grizzlies came out even stronger in the second inning, tacking on eight more runs on just three hits.

Broncos Shortstop Avery Willard (#5) hit a home run in the top of the fifth, giving the Broncos two runs.

Goffstown defeated Alvirne on Wednesday with a final score of 3-17.

The next day would fol-



Adriana Vallante was the starting pitcher against Salem on Thursday.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*



Nyiah Stroming hit the team's only extra-base hit against the Blue Devils, a double in the fourth.

low a similar story as the previous two games when Salem shut out the Broncos 18-0.

After a scoreless first inning, Salem began scoring in rapid succession. A poor stretch of pitching by the Broncos in the second inning led to high scoring for the Blue Devils, who collected eight points. The Blue Devils would add to their lead in the top of the third inning with another

four runs.

Salem gave up just four hits in this game, none of which turned into points for Alvirne. Salem's 11 hits in this game led to their 18-point shutout.

A silver lining to this first week is the two home runs by two different players, Sevigny (CF) and

Willard (SS). With only three upperclassmen, this team is young and still gaining experience playing together. Hopefully, there are brighter days ahead for the Broncos.

The Broncos take on Windham, Nashua South, and Exeter next week.

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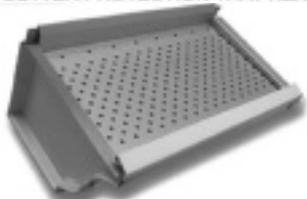
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# Alvirne Boys' Tennis Improves to .500 on the Season

SHANE BALL  
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne Boys' Tennis was rolling against Kennett High School on Monday. They won four out of six singles matches and all three doubles matches.

Sam Hergenbahn (#1) set the tone with an 8-0 victory over his opponent, Noah Hembree. Sean Mendes (#2) continued the momentum with an 8-2 win against Jack Hysler.

Owen Surprenant (#3) got off to a hot start in his singles match, taking a 7-1 lead against his opponent, Jack Calderwood. Surprenant suffered an ankle injury in this game, allowing Calderwood to fight his way back into this match. After a quick ankle taping

from the Athletic Trainer, Surprenant came out on top with a final score of 9-7.

Christian Figueiredo (#6) capped off the singles matches with an 8-1 victory over Gavin Parker.

In the two singles matches they did lose, it was only by two points each.

Sam Kudikala (#5) stepped in for Surprenant in the #1 doubles match of the day, where he and Hergenbahn took down Hembree and Hysler with ease in an 8-3 win. Cole Fitzpatrick (#4) and Mendes put on a solid performance of their own, defeating Calderwood and Cole Fournier 8-4. Alejandro Valenzuela Luna got his first play of the season alongside Figueiredo to end

the day with an 8-6 win over Parker and Turner Viger.

The Broncos faced a tougher opponent in Souhegan High School on Wednesday. Kudikala and Figueiredo were the only winners on the day for the Broncos, winning their singles matches and doubles together. It was a solid outing by Souhegan, but the Broncos got to practice the next day with some corrective measures implemented.

The Broncos ended their week in dominant fashion against Kingswood on Friday, taking all six singles matches. Hergenbahn, Mendes, and Fitzpatrick all held their opponents scoreless. Surprenant and

Figueiredo put on some solid performances as well, winning their matches 8-1 respectively.

It was a game of runs for Kudikala in his match against Ben Baca. Kudikala started the match going up 4-1. Baca fought back with five unanswered points. Kudikala closed the game off with a final score of 9-7.

After 8-1 and 8-0 wins by the Broncos in the first two doubles matches, Brian Bartone and Demetri Asikis made their season debut in the final doubles match together.

The Broncos are now sitting at a respectable 3-3 record on the season thus far, with Winnacunnet, Goffstown, and Bow up next.



Owen Surprenant worked through an injury to beat his Kennett opponent 9-7. Photo by Chris Paul

# Dumont Makes Recommendations on Liaison Positions

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during a recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the various liaison positions for the year. Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont said he made the different liaison assignments recommendations based on all of their skill sets, saying he thinks that everyone has good skill sets and that they should be honed in. "I took into consideration what everybody sent me. I

appreciate the feedback," Dumont explained during the meeting.

For boards and committees, Selectman Heidi Jakoby would be the liaison for the Benson Park Committee, LEPC, Sustainability Committee, and the Highway Safety Committee. Newly elected Selectman Xen Vurgaropulos would be the liaison for the Budget Committee, Cable Committee, HAZMAT, and the Municipality Utility Committee.

Selectman Dave Morin

would serve as the liaison for the Conservation Commission, Emergency Preparedness, School Board, and State Liason. Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd is recommended to serve as the liaison for the Library Trustees, CTAP, and as the liaison for the Recreation Committee. Dumont would be serving as the liaison this year for the year including CIP, Chamber of Commerce, Nashua Regional Planning Commission, Nominations and

Appointments, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Board also has various liaison assignments for the different Town departments. Dumont would be the liaison for the Assessing Department and the Police Department. Morin would be the liaison for the Fire, Inspectional Services and Health Department, for Hudson Cable Television, and for the Public Works Department. Vurgaropulos would be the liaison for

Finance and Water and for the Library. For this year, Jakoby would be the liaison for the Information Technology Department and for Sewer Utility.

Guessferd would be the Board of Selectmen liaison for the Land Use departments this year, along with the Recreation Department and for the Tax Clerk/Tax Collector.

During the meeting Dumont also noted that he wanted to look at changing

the seating assignments for the upcoming year.

"While fresh committees I think are good, I think seating is also important, too," Dumont explained during the meeting. "I think it changes up the room and changes up the flow a little bit which can kind of keep everybody, I think a little bit more impactful as far as the meeting goes."

The Board of Selectmen was expected to have liaison assignments once again on its April 22 agenda.



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Rachel Guill and Brenden Mazur, GHCC Board Members with Citizen of the Year award recipient: Margaret St. Onge



Rachel and Brenden of GHCC with Small Business of the Year recipient, The Bar owner Judy Mank

What a night to remember! The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala, 'Casino Royale' was a high-stakes evening of celebration, strategy, and success as we honored some of the most dedicated businesses, individuals, and organizations making a difference in our community. In true Bond fashion, the Greater Hudson

Chamber of Commerce Casino Royal Gala brought together the heart of our community for a night of elegance, rewards, and a celebration of those who have made their mark in our community.

### Congratulations to our 2025 Honorees:

- Large Business of the Year: Erickson Foundation

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- Small Business of the Year: The Bar
- Citizen of the Year: Margaret St. Onge
- Community Award Recipient: Diane Cannava
- Junior Citizen of the Year: Avery Willard
- Outstanding Community Nonprofit Partner: GFWC NH Hudson Women's Club

Brenda Collins, President of the Chamber shared, "I could not be prouder of the energy in the room and the stories we shared. Congratulations to all our award recipients - your dedication and contributions make Hudson such a special place to live and work." She also noted, "A huge thank you to our attendees, sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who helped make the night a success. Here is to another

year of growth, collaboration, and community spirit!"

The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce was also privileged to have Governor Kelly Ayotte join us in recognizing these outstanding honorees for their excellence in business, leadership, and community impact. Each of them has demonstrated skill, strategy, and unwavering commitment, overcome challenges and making Hudson a stronger, bolder, and better place!

Emcee for the evening was Rachel Guill of BAE Systems and Immediate Past Chairman of the Gr. Hudson Chamber of Com-

merce Board of Directors along with Brenden Mazur, of Bnice Detailing and Executive Vice President of the Gr. Hudson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

From 'Operation Dominate' to 'Operation Sweet Victory', with over 185 attendees, embraced each mission of the evening - testing their skills, strategy, and luck for a night of high-stakes fun at our gaming tables, participating in our extremely competitive dessert auction, and celebrated our community! We couldn't have asked for a better night of celebrating excellence, leadership, and community!

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**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. The deadline for a submission is each Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to [hudsontimes@nutpub.net](mailto:hudsontimes@nutpub.net).

## Loyalty Day

The Hudson VFW Post 5791 will hold its Loyalty Day Ceremony at the Post, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson on May 2, the social starts at 6:30 p.m., with the ceremony at 7 p.m. The Ceremony is to honor those in the community who go above and beyond in serve it. This will include first responders, teachers, employees, and Patriots Pen winners from Hudson and Litchfield.

## 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](http://friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

## 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.

## 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.

## Legion Meeting

The next Monthly General Membership Meeting for Post 48 will be May 5 begin-

ning at 6 p.m.

## Cookbook Club

This Rodgers Memorial 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

This Rodgers Memorial Library group is meeting on Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m., this month at Soho. This month's book is "Recursion" by Blake Crouch.

## Marble Run

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

## Tween Minecraft Party

On Tuesday, April 29 at 2 p.m., join the Rogers Memorial Library for Minecraft-

themed activities and crafts. Snacks provided.

## Family Storytime

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

## 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 Rodgers Memorial Library. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch will be available. There will be a different theme each week.

## Casino Fund Raiser

The Nash Casino, located within the Pheasant Lane Mall, will be donating a portion of every dollar earned from April 29 - May 5 to the Friends of Benson Park. This is a great opportunity for a fun night out combining dining, entertainment and gaming while helping to raise money for the planned Benson's Museum and Discovery Center. Get out and have some fun while supporting the Friends of Benson Park and the Nash Casino! For more information about the Friends of Benson Park, check out our website [friendsofbensonpark.org](http://friendsofbensonpark.org) or [facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark](https://facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark).

## Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For ages 3-5.

## 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 Memorial Library.

## 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.

## Teen Hangout

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

## Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Memorial 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.

## 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.

## Clean Water Survey

Clean water is more than a resource; it's the lifeline of our community. Your voice holds the power to shape a healthier water future for you and for generations to come. Survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024). As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

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# Drug Investigation By Hudson and Nashua Police Lead to Four Arrests

The Hudson Police Department, in conjunction with the Nashua Police Department, made four arrests related to the sale of fentanyl and crack cocaine following an extensive investigation.

According to a press release: Craig Riley, 52, of Hudson, was arrested and charged with Drug Enterprise Leader, Sale of a Controlled Drug (x4), Possession with Intent to Distribute Prescription Narcotics and Felon in Posses-

sion of a Dangerous Weapon.

Candice Riley, 49, of Hudson was charged with Possession of a Controlled Drug - Crack Cocaine.

Michelle Laroche, 50, of Nashua was arrested and charged with Sale of a Controlled Drug - Crack Cocaine.

Daniel Wayne, 47, of Hudson was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Drug - Fentanyl.

A joint investigation by the Hudson and Nashua Nar-



Craig Riley

cotics Units led to these arrests. Based on this investigation, officers executed a



Candice Riley

search warrant at a Hudson residence, uncovering a substantial quantity of fentanyl



Michelle Laroche

and crack cocaine.

Craig Riley was arraigned at the Nashua District Court



Daniel Wayne

and held on preventative detention. The three other suspects were released on bail.

## State Agency Warns: Don't Throw Your Chemicals Away

In the average home, you're likely to see an array of hazardous products in everyday household items. When used, stored and disposed of correctly, these products can help keep your home clean and your household running smoothly. When not, they can cause damage to one's health and the environment. Some of the leading causes of poisoning in the U.S. are from personal care products and cleaning substances.

The average household throws away around 15.5 pounds of hazardous materials into the trash each year. Household hazardous materials become Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) when they are not needed nor wanted anymore. Some examples of HHW are:

- Oil-based paints, paint thinners, stains, varnishes.
- Solvents and cleaning agents.
- Bleach.
- Drain and oven cleaners.
- Polishes and waxes.
- Pesticides and herbicides.
- Lead fishing weights.
- Automotive products (antifreeze, car batteries, motor oil, gasoline/diesel fuel).
- Rechargeable batteries.

By being stored, used or thrown away incorrectly, disposal of these chemicals as solid waste could allow them to leak into the environment. Not only can this threaten our air quality and drinking water, but product vapors in one product may react with the chemicals in a different product, creat-

ing toxic gases, poisonings and even fires.

If a product has hazardous properties in it, the label should indicate as such. These properties can be divided into four categories:

- Flammable. Easily sets on fire or ignited.
- Corrosive/caustic. Burns and destroys living tissue on contact.
- Explosive/reactive. Detonates or explodes by exposure to heat, sudden shock or pressure.
- Toxic/poison. Capable of causing injury or death through ingestion, inhalation or absorption through skin.

The labels will also indicate the toxicity of the product with three different signal words: "Danger" (most toxic), "Warning" (most toxic), "Caution" (least toxic).

Different kinds of products have different impacts on the environment. Dumping solvents into septic systems or landfills can contaminate the ground and surface waters surrounding it, resulting in loss of fish and wildlife and ruining drinking water. Similarly, pesticides that are improperly disposed of can harm wildlife, while also damaging sewage treatment plants. Used motor oil that goes down storm drains can flow directly into different kinds of bodies of water.

Not only do these acts negatively affect local ecosystems, but they can directly harm humans and our communities as a whole. Chemicals spilling or interacting with each other in the garbage (whether at home or at a solid waste facility) can result in

fires, explosions and toxic gases. Exposure to some pesticides, paints and solvents can cause weakness, confusion, dizziness, irritability, headaches, nausea, sweating, tremors and convulsions.

A great way to safely dispose of hazardous materials is to bring them to a local hazardous waste collection event. Most NH communities offer these events once or twice per year. When in doubt, you can always reach out to your local solid waste facility for guidance on how to properly dispose of certain items. In addition, the NHDES HHW program provides resources and education on purchasing, identifying, using and disposing of these products. Check out the Managing My Waste page to learn

about how to dispose of all kinds of items, whether they are hazardous or not.

Don't forget, there are ways to reduce chemicals in your home, too! By choosing alternative products – or even making your own – you can limit the hazardous materials sitting in your house or garage. Check out EPA's Reducing HHW in Your Home for product substitutions and recipes for common household cleaners and polishes. You can also check out our Green Cleaner videos to learn how to DIY your own furniture polish and glass cleaner.

Taking the proper measures to safely dispose of HHW can help protect the environment in big ways, and protect everyone in your home, too.

## Around Town

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### 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 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.

### Drop In Stitchers

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

### 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](http://rodgerslibrary.org)

### 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.

### PFOA Water Test

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form

Survey ([surveymonkey.com](http://surveymonkey.com)) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: [Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov](mailto:Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov), Phone: 603.271.8801

### Laptop Donation Program

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