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HAPPY HOPPER Patrick Rourke, 4, of Nashua, was ecstatic about the chance to meet the Easter Bunny on Sunday morning, March 30 at the Hudson Memorial School. The school was hosting the fourth annual Easter Craft Fair in the gymnasium. See more photos page 11.

T-BONES Gets Approval on Relocation to Near Walmart

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

The Hudson Conservation Commission came together on March 10 to continue a hearing for the new T-BONES location at 256 Lowell Rd. Engineer Sam Foisie of Meridian Land Services returned to address several outstanding con-

surrounding water sources.

"There were some areas where I was lacking at our last meeting with the specialties of understanding the functions and values of the wetland and the associated buffer," said Foisie, who revealed that Meridian had a certified wetland scientist cerns about how the mas- and soil scientist working

sive restaurant will impact with them on the project. "These wetlands areas were fed from surface waters and the buffer zones are pretty overpopulated with several invasive species that should be removed and would be removed with this proposal."

Construction of the new restaurant and parking lot would have around 3,900

Race Track License Approved to Operate Hudson Speedway

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a license application for Hudson Speedway.

It was explained during the meeting, how as part of it, there are a number of conditions required.

"Attached please find a Vehicle Race Track for the Hudson Speedway," Town Administrator Roy Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The premises have been inspected and the Inspectional Services Division and the Police Chief have provided a list of conditions that must be met by the applicant. In addition, a second license

for the Hudson Driving are open and strict adher-School has been prepared separate from the regular Speedway license."

Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne, in a memo to the Board of Selectmen, outlined a number of different conditions the police department recommended should be followed in order for the license to be issued.

"The Police Department License to Operate a Motor is requesting the following conditions be met in accordance to Hudson Town Code, Chapter 264 regarding the Hudson Speedway filing for a Motor Vehicle Race Track License to operate in

- I. All race vehicles will be equipped with mufflers or noise reduction devices.
- 2. No night time racing while Hudson Public Schools

ence to concluding afternoon races at 5:45 p.m., and evening races at 10 p.m.

- 3. Owners of the racetrack will ensure that patrons are advised, via signs and announcements, of no parking on Old Derry Road, Robinson Road and Cutler Road. They should urge patrons and race teams to depart the Hudson Speedway via Robinson Road to Route 102 at the conclusion of races.
- 4. A minimum of two police officers will be assigned to the racetrack and paid by the owners of the Hudson Speedway. The officers will be required to work one half-hour prior to beginning the race to insure safeand inspect parking continued on page 4

Zoning Board Denies Gambia Street Sober House Variance

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES**

At their March 20 meeting, the Zoning Board of Adjustment aimed to wrap up their hearing for a controversial variance allowing a sober house at 12-14 Gambia St. Public comments on the Gambia property wrapped up at the last ZBA meeting, although its members wanted legal advice before making a final decision.

"I think the logical place to begin is the notion that part of the request is for a reasonable accommodation due to the disability that's been alleged by the applicant for the occupants of the continued on page 2 house," said Chair Gary

Daddario. "The applicant did confirm this is not a discrimination case; they are not alleging that anyone committed discrimination at this time. What they did confirm is that they're looking for reasonable accommodation under the disability law."

Previously, the applicants cited the Americans with Disabilities Act as an argument in favor of allowing the sober house to remain. The applicant also argued that having seven individuals renting space in the home was necessary for financial viability, although they did not provide financial information to the Zoning Board.

Alternate Zachary Mcquestioned Donough whether reasonable accommodation should apply in this case.

"Based on the testimony that we heard from the applicant, as well as other things from the crowd, there's limited to no criteria that we can reasonably ascertain as to whether the individuals in the house are disabled. There's no staff onsite that appears to be qualified to make that judgment," he said. "It's hard to confirm that all of the residents of this house are, in fact, disabled."

Other members agreed with the sentiment, noting

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School Board Oks Choice for Broncos Football Coach

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to the hiring of its football coach for Alvirne High School.

Superintendent Moulis explained that the proposal is for him to serve as the Athletic Director and also serve as the Head Football Coach. Moulis explained that Justin Hufft has "strong" experience of coaching both at Goffstown

recently at Pelham High School.

"After reviewing all the applications for the Alvirne Head Football Coach, I am recommending Justin Hufft, for the position. Justin brings strong experience to the position from Goffstown High School and most recently. Pelham High School," Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Justin would hire a capable supporting

High School as well as most staff to ensure all his new responsibilities as the Alvirne Athletic Director are handled professionally."

> School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell asked if it would be too much of a demand of being the Athletic Director for the school, while also coaching the largest sport the school

Moulis pointed to Huffit's experience, and also pointed out that he will be able to get help from Beals. "With support from Princican balance those responsibilities," Moulis said during the meeting.

Moulis said he thinks they have a good way of managing it. "We feel comfortable based on our conversation that we can balance that out OK."

The School Board ultimately approved making Huffit the next Alvirne High School football coach.

Another agenda item was a request to use the

be in a good place where we May 24 from 12-5 p.m. for the North East Panther Parked Car Show, School Board Chair Maureen Dionne noted for the new school board members that any time someone wants to use the Hills House Grounds, they are required to approve it, whether it's for someone inside the school district looking to use it or from outside the

> school district. The School Board unanimously approved

pal Beals I feel that we will Hills House Grounds on request during the meeting.

Also during the reports portion of the meeting, the School Board received an update on the discipline reports from the schools.

Moulis explained that one trend they found for the past month was an increase for the number of detentions at Alvirne High School, which he attributed to the High School working to decrease the number of tardiness at the High School leading to more detentions being issued.

Continued from page 1 square feet of temporary impact on the 100-foot buffer, along with an additional 20,648 square feet of permanent impact. At least some additional impact came from safety concerns raised by other town officials regarding the size, shape, and location of the site's parking lot turn lane.

With a relatively large parking lot, Foisie outlined

how the overall design aimed to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff into the surrounding groundwater.

"What we used here is shrinking the impacts at the backside of the slopes on the stormwater basins," he explained. "We increased the storage area outside of the buffer area to hold that basin closer to the parking."

He was slightly unhappy that the design was not as "efficient" as it could be due to a high water table.

The plan also included replanting the buffer with native landscaping plants and trees after removing invasive species. Erosion control measures would be in place before construction starts, with the acknowledgment that some impact was inevitable owing to the project's scope.

"This is obviously a much larger restaurant than the current Hudson T-BONES," said co-owner Tom Boucher. "This is a \$1.4 million piece of property. I don't care if you're a chain, you can't build a piece of property like that and make a small restaurant work. We can't make the numbers work without a restaurant of this size."

Despite this claim, a few Commissioners were uncomfortable with the impact such a large site plan would have.

"I still have some concerns," said Secretary Chris Cameron. "You're pushing the minimums on many of the buffers."

He warned that there was little room for a design change and no ability to expand the parking lot if the restaurant needed it. Boucher rejected a suggestion to consider reducing the overall footprint by adding underground parking due to the "tremendous" cost.

Much of the final impact on the surrounding wetlands and the buffer will depend on whether the Planning Board pushes for more substantial site plan changes.

Despite a few concerns, Commissioners thanked the pair for reducing wetland and buffer impact where possible and unanimously recommended approving the plan's stormwater basin conditional use application.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is set for Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.



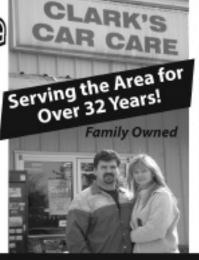


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Board Selects Dumont as Chair, Guessferd Moves to Vice

During the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was reorganizing the Board following the March Town and School elections. As part of the reorganization, one of the main pieces of business was selecting the Board's leadership for the upcoming year, which included picking a Chairperson, along with a Vice

Selectman Bob Guess-

ferd, who served as Chair ber of our projects," she for the past year, and won his re-election in March, decided not make a bid for the Chair again this year. "I would like to nominate someone. I'd like to nominate Selectman (Dillon) Dumont for Chair for the next year," he said during the meeting.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby said she "highly supports Selectman Dumont as Chair. I really appreciate the questions and the clarity that you've given to a numsaid during the meeting.

She also argued it is important to rotate leadership positions. "I do also appreciate the chairmanship rotating in the BOS,"

After unanimously being selected as Selectmen Chair, without any competition, Selectman Dave Morin, then nominated Guessferd to serve as the Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen, for the next

Jakoby would not support that nomination. I really think it's important that we continue the progress of new people being vice chair. I know that I'm very interested in being vice chair. I feel that I've shown my ability to be flexible and supportive of this board, and I would nominate myself for the vice chair," she said.

Guessferd was ultimately voted as Vice Chair on a 4-1 vote.

Later in the meeting,

objected. "I during Board of Selectmen comments, the topic of the Board's leadership was once again brought up. "I want to thank the board for allowing me to be the chair for the last year," Guessferd said during the meeting.

> He said it was a challenging year for a number of different reasons, but said he thinks they did good things. 'I think we had a good year overall," he said.

Jakoby congratulated Guessferd and Dumont for becoming Chair and Vice Chair, and also noted that she reached out via text to each one of the Selectmen and explained her interest in becoming Vice Chair.

"Three out of the four of you did not respond," she

She said in the future, she would appreciate getting a response back to help her make more informed decisions in the future. "I do think it's important to change (the) Chair and Vice Chair every year," Jakoby said.

Letter Against Lobbyists Bill Discussed by Selectmen

HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen discussed a proposed piece of legislation during its most recent meeting.

"At the Jan. 9, 2024, Board of Selectmen meeting, action was approved, 5-0, to send a letter to the Legislative Administrative Committee in opposition to House Bill 1479," Town Administrator Roy Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The bill as proposed would have caused the Town and all of the other member communities in New Hampshire to lose NHMA's legislative advocacy services. In addition to that, many other advocacy services such as

the NH Police Chief's Association, the NH Fire Chief's Association, and the Town Clerk's Association would also lose their legislative voice. The bill failed."

Sorenson said one of the main reasons they are concerned with the proposed legislation is that it will limit their ability to work with NHMA, aside from taking away their local control.

"Now comes HB 456. amended in form, telling municipalities governing bodies what the State thinks municipalities can spend taxpayer dollars on," Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "Further there is no limit in the future to what the State will

governing bodies what they can spend their money on resulting in less local government input in the legislative process, thus limiting organizations that track and speak on legislation thereof."

Sorenson said that the Board of Selectmen should consider sending a letter of opposition to the legislation labeled House Bill 456.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont, who also serves as a state representative for the town of Hudson, said he's not a sponsor or co-sponsor of the bill, but said he supports the legislation.

Dumont said he would agree to recuse himself

tell municipalities' elected from any voting at the meeting if the Board of Selectmen felt it was neces-

> He explained that he doesn't think taxpayer funds should be going towards lobbying efforts, but said he supports the Municipal Association.

> "I've always been an advocate for the municipal association, and I will continue to be," he said.

it wouldn't impact any of the trainings they receive from the Association, and that the only thing it would do is make it so organizations couldn't use taxpayer dollars for third party lobbyists.

He also noted it wouldn't stop anyone from the organization or from the Town from testifying.

Selectmen Dave Morin

Dumont explained that said based on the recommendation from Sorenson and other town staff, he made a motion to send a letter in opposition, however, it died without a second.

> The Board of Selectmen ultimately decided not to take any action on it during the meeting.

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

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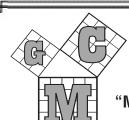
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Editorial Fool Me Once...

April 1st has come and gone, and this mischievous date invokes laughter, clever pranks, and trust issues. That's right, April Fools' Day! It's a holiday that is either loved or hated by people, and that depends on who likes to prank people and who is the receiver of the prank. I have been caught in a few jokes myself.

Every year on this day, people take part in playing harmless tricks, telling tall tales, and engaging in lighthearted tomfoolery, all in the spirit of good fun. But why?

The tradition begins like many other customs rooted deep in history, the origins of April Fools' Day are cloudy, but the spirit of the celebration has always remained the same; laughter, levity, and a reminder not to take ourselves too seriously.

The origins of April Fools' Day according to the Library of Congress states that the first official reference to the devious holiday comes from a 1561 poem by Eduard De Dene, a Flemish poet who writes about how much fun it is to send his servant on a series of unnecessary tasks, which you might recognize as the origin of the term "fool's errands."

Others have traced the holiday's origins back to the late 16th century France when they switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. People, who were slow to adopt the new calendar versus those who

continued celebrating the New Year in late March or early April, were mocked as "April fools".

Others link the day to ancient Roman festivals like Hilaria, celebrated at the end of March, where people dressed up in disguises and mocked figures in town. Regardless of the exact origin, the idea stuck, and April 1st became a day dedicated to tomfoolery.

Today April Fools' Day remains one of the few times in the year where good-hearted pranks are accepted and encouraged as long as they're done in good taste.

In a time when stress runs high, the economy feels tight, and tensions sometimes boil over, April Fools' Day offers a rare and welcome escape. It's a chance to reconnect with our playful side, surprise a friend, share a laugh, and spread a bit of joy, all without spending a dime, and that's something worth preserving.

I hope this encourages you not only to enjoy the day next year but also help keep this tradition alive.

Teach your kids the joy of a clever joke, pulling a harmless prank. Laugh at yourself when you fall for something silly. Just remember: the goal is to make someone smile, not to embarrass or hurt.

Here's to a day filled with laughter, lighthearted lies, and the timeless joy of being just a little bit foolish?

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James and the Giant Peach Jr. Hits the HMS Stage this Week





CHRIS PAUL HUDSON TIMES

There have been 70 Drama Club students at Hudson Memorial School preparing for opening night of the musical "James and the Giant Peach Jr." over the past two months.

On Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, the cast and crew will be performing in front of audiences starting at 6:30 p.m. each night.

The show will be featur-

ing a number of local talents with the leads being played by: Eli Erickson as James; Joanna Beattie as Ladahlord; Grace Richardson playing Ladybug; Clare Garvey as the Grasshopper; Adithi Gundagathi as the Spider; Henry Hone as the Earthworm; Max Ingram as the Centipede; Cora Lessard as Spiker; and Emmy Furtado playing the Sponge.

The Director and Music Director is Becca Crivello;

the Art Director is Brianna Stevens; Choreography is directed by Olivia Gannon; and the Technical Director is Heather Fillmore.

The musical is based on the story by Ronald Dahl which was adapted into a popular animated feature film.

The story involves a boy, James, and his insect friends that journey across the ocean in a giant floating peach.

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issues. If Hudson Police Officers are unable to fill the detail, the Hudson Police will offer the detail to Mutual Aid outside agencies. 5. All laws and ordinances regarding the proper and safe service of alcohol to patrons be followed to the letter."

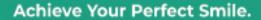
The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the Hudson Speedway License to Operate a Motor Vehicle Race Track for the 2025 racing season and for the Hudson Driving School with the conditions required by the Police Chief and the Inspectional Services Division.

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BOS Approve Moving Forward With Grant Application

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a proposal to apply for grant funds.

"The Town of Hudson plans has an opportunity to apply for up to \$100,000 in ment plans principal forgiveness through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grant program," Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "This funding can be used to support drainage infrastructure projects, including final design, permitting, construction, or meeting federal permit requirements."

Dhima noted during the

jects, pending approval must follow the standard from the NH Department of Environmental Services. may include:

- Stormwater Capital Improvement Plans
- Long-term control
- Stormwater manage-
- Source Water Protection Plans
- Nitrogen or Phosphorus Load Reduction Plans
- Winter Maintenance Plans
- Planning activities supporting the NH Cyanobacteria Program Plan
- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plans
 - Equipment purchases "Engineering services

CWSRF Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process." Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "This grant provides 100% principal forgiveness. If awarded, the grant acceptance process will require a public hearing and approval by the Board of Selectmen."

The Board unanimously approved moving forward with the grant application.

Also during the meeting, Town Administrator Roy Sorenson briefed the Board of Selectmen on what is taking place at the Assessing Department.

"The Assessing Department is responsible for ensuring that those tax exemptions and property tax credits are qualified to receive them. State law, RSA 72:33 VI, allows municipalities to requalify those receiving these property tax exemptions and tax credits periodically, but no more frequently than annually. We are in the process of requalifying those owners who receive the exemptions and credits listed below over the course of a multi-year time period," a memo stat-

He explained that the "statutory authority for the municipality to request this data is contained, at minimum, within RSA's 72:23m, 72:33, 72:34 as well as 72:33 VI. In addition, this

meeting that eligible pro- for grant-funded projects who are receiving property is being conducted in or- the recipients as well as der to meet NH DRA's Assessment Review process requirements, which requires a periodic review once per Assessment Review period for a review of

- Veteran's Tax Credit RSA 72:28
- All Veterans Credit RSA 72:28-b
- · Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total
 - Disability RSA 72:35
- Certain Disabled Veterans Exemption RSA 72:36-a • Blind Exemption RSA 72:37
- Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b
- Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a, b, et al"

"The requalification process is a very labor/time intensive process for both

the department, requesting their applicable financial data, residency data etc. There are some municipalities that requalify their recipients every year. The department believes that to maintain the credibility of the exemptions and credits allowed, it is reasonable and expected to go through the requalification process in this manner, as is done by all other NH municipalities," Sorenson wrote in a memo.

Sorenson said he wanted the Board of Selectmen to review, and if anyone has any questions or concerns, they could address it internally.

"No action required," he said.

Approve Police Windows, IT Director Hire

HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during a previous Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, was in regards to a request from the Police Department.

"The Police Department would like to meet at the Selectmen meeting on Tuesday 11th February 2025 to request approval to accept

ite State Glass in the amount of \$32,440 for replacement of energy efficient exterior windows and doors at the Kirby Building, 4 Constitution Dr," Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by next scheduled Board of Dionne as part of the memo that the Hudson Police Department "is requesting the release of \$16,000 from the bid proposal from Gran- the Hudson Energy Effi-

ciency Capital Reserve Fund to help offset costs related with this project."

"Notably, all materials quoted to be used in this project meet energy efficiency standards, significantly enhancing the overall energy efficiency of the Kirby Building," he wrote in the memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was noted during the meeting that any subsequent costs that are associated with the project will be funded through the Hudson Police Department's Facility Maintenance line.

meeting that they went out to bid and only received one bid.

When asked why they only received one bid, it was noted by Hudson Police Capt. Steven McElhinney, that the feedback they received from one company, is that the project was essentially too small for them for it to be worth bidding on.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously ultimately approved accepting the bid proposal from Granite State Glass for a total of \$32,440

It was noted during the for replacement of energy efficient exterior windows and doors at the Kirby Building.

The Board of Selectmen also unanimously approved releasing \$16,000 from the Hudson Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund to help pay for the project.

Also during the meeting, during a nonpublic session, the Board of Selectmen took a number of votes related to personnel.

One of the agenda items was to appoint IT Specialist Douglas Bosteels to the position of IT Director, effective Feb. 16, which

was unanimously approved. will be He \$117,916 per year.

With the opening, the Board of Selectmen approved posting for the position of IT Specialist for the IT department.

The Board of Selectmen also unanimously approved accepting the resignation of Scott Stevens from the Public Works department effective immediately.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved posting and advertising for an open truck driver/laborer position for the department of public works.



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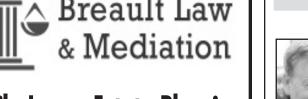
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Ron Blyseth

Ron Blyseth of Hudson NH, passed away on March 26, 2025 at Community Hospice House in Merrimack NH.

Ron was born in San Bernardino California. Ron spent six years in the U.S. Navy. He then pursued a career in technology working and traveling all over the world.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, and his brother Dan in Georgia. He is survived by two sons on the West Coast, Other relatives include Jenni and Pete, Rachel and Ariel, Jon. Tori, In Florida, there is Tammy Davis, Michael and Andrea. Stepchildren are Melissa Parker, Katie and Jen Scalise Mullett, Tabitha and Roger Colby; Deb and Ryan Hanlon, and Jen and Dave Wellman; and 17 grandchildren.

OBITUARY

Calling hours will be Friday April 4, from 9 - 10 am. Funeral will immediately follow at 10 a.m., at the Peabody Funeral Home 290 Mammoth Rd. Londonderry NH. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society in Ron's name.

Hudson Library Trustees Welcome New Member, Elect Officers for 2025

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees opened its March meeting with an election of new officers for the coming year. Incumbent Chair Mimi Guessferd had to step down due to term limits. Trustee Karen Bohrer was nominated for the role.

"I can't run again. I've had it two years in a row," said Guessferd.

Without debate, Bohrer accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected as the new Chair. Lisa Weber was elected Vice-Chair, and Trustee Margaret St. Onge was elected Treasurer, both unanimously.

With the recent election,

the Trustees also had a new member, with Ali Rafieymehr replacing Erin Henderson, who chose not to run for another term as Library Trustee. Incumbent St. Onge was also elected to her full term after serving a

reduced one-year term in

2024.

"I want to say congratulations to Ali and Margaret. Thank you for running and thank you for being willing to give your time to do this worthwhile task," said Library Director Linda Pilla. And I want to say thank you to all of the folks who supported the work of the town. You showed up to vote, and there were 3,449 of you. It's really important to vote!"

The new Treasurer had a

question about one unusual line item in the budget.

"I'm looking at a line item that says 'six out-oftown patrons.' What were they paying for?" asked St. Onge, who was informed that all six out-of-town patrons were part of Hudson's non-residential card program.

"They pay for their membership to the library. There's a non-residential fee of \$50 per year," explained Pilla. "It allows for checking out our collection, making use of the library of things, having access to the museum passes, and coming to all of our programs. It's an excellent deal, and we haven't changed the price since I

joined the library in 2013."

The \$50 fee also covers the family of the cardhold-

Annual dues for membership to the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association (NHLTA) came

"Those come due right around this time every year right around elections, and it's something the library normally takes care of," explained Pilla. "The NHLTA also has a conference on May 1, and

Trustees are urged to attend. There are some great workshops. It's just a really good opportunity as you get to meet trustees from around the state of New Hampshire. I always go, and there's always something useful for me."

Pilla also invited the Trustees and Hudson residents to Hudson's Chamber of Commerce Chamber Awards Celebration and Dinner on April 1 at 5:30 p.m.

"It's going to be over at The Castleton Banquet and Conference Center as our very own Margaret St. Onge is being recognized as the citizen of the year in Hudson," Pilla announced. "Margaret is being honored this year, and this is something folks can go to. Anyone who is interested should reach out to the library for a link."

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

Update Given on Finance Director, Town Planner Positions Status

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an update on where the Town is in the process of hiring two key staff members during its most recent meeting.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson said they have completed the first round of interviews for their open Finance Director position.

"As you know, I have assembled a first round interview committee to help guide the search and selection of the next Finance Director," he wrote in a memo. "This process is being conducted internally as I have been working with staff in my office setting up

related processes."

field of candidates following the first round of interviews.

"We did get a good amount of candidates," he told the Selectmen.

He said the plan was to have interviews next week for finalists, and also bring in their subcommittee, which also includes Selectman Heidi Jakoby and Selectman Dave Morin.

"We have scheduled and/or interviewed several candidates with the intent of bringing the selected final-

procedures that will help ists to the second round guide with future hiring before the Finance Director and/or human resource Interview Committee which was established at the Feb. Sorenson explained that 25, 2025, Board of Selectthey narrowed down the men Meeting," Sorenson wrote. "I have prepared a visual attached here which provides more information on the process and which will be discussed further."

> Jakoby said that she thinks the process and outline he created will be helpful for future searches as well as for top level positions within the Town.

> Selectmen received a brief update regarding the open town planner position, but It was unclear at this time when a Town Planner is expected to be hired.

Sober House

Continued from page 1 there seemed to be little treatment structure at the sober house.

"There doesn't seem to be much in the form of procedures," added Board member Dean Sakati. "Even when it was discussed, it seemed like it was a very casual application."

Daddario stated that the applicant had been "very clear that no services are being provided" as part of the weekly rental agreement residents signed, and that there was no process to ensure the residents stayed sober beyond self-reporting. Abutter's comments implied the house had a high turnover rate.

"That same quick turnover exposes the house to many more than seven individuals, maybe not simultaneously, but in direct succession," said Daddario. "Here is a prohibited use

that was started without approvals, and it hasn't ended despite the issuance of a cease-and-desist notice and so, as a result, we have this track record now. Instead of speaking hypothetically about what we think the harms might be to the neighborhood, we've heard from the residents."

Between that and the weekly leases, several Board members argued the arrangement was closer to a business than a residence. Gambia Street is located in a residential zone.

"It is contrary to the public interest; it does conflict with the explicit and implicit purpose of the ordinance; it does alter the essential character of the neighborhood; it does threaten health, safety, and welfare," argued Vice-Chair Norm Martin, as he went through the standard checklist for when a waiver is and is not granted by the

ZBA. "There's been no evidence from the applicant that this proposed use will not reduce the values of surrounding properties, and in my opinion it will diminish the values of surrounding properties."

Tristan Dion agreed, saving the sober house did not fit into the neighborhood, and that it had no real justification for being in that part of town under Hudson's current regulations, even before taking safety concerns into account.

Finding no arguments in favor of the waiver, the Zoning Board unanimously rejected the accommodation argument, denying the variance application.

Despite the decision and an earlier cease-and-desist order, the Gambia sober house was unlikely to immediately close due to an ongoing appeal in the superior court. It was unclear residents when expect a final decision.







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Hudson Memorial Hosts State Chess Championships





CHRIS PAUL **HUDSON TIMES**

Members of the Hudson Memorial School Chess Club took part in and hosted the 2025 New Hampshire Scholastic Chess Championships at the school on Saturday, March 29, where Interventionist at the school

they finished with a second took up the task of becomplace trophy.

This was first time the team had competed in the event and it was the first year the club has been established.

Jay Palmieri, a Math

ing a Chess Club Advisor after getting the green light by the principal to move foward with the program.

Seven students from Hudson Memorial took part in the 2025 Championships, with the school hosting 78 chess players from throughout the Granite State ranging from kindergarten to grade-12.

The Hudson students competed in the Junior High division, where they captured second-place team title. In that division nearly 25 players faced off through four rounds of games where tallied team points against other players of varied experience. About a dozen of the players where given a rating of between 2,119 to 206,

which was scored from participation in past tournaments. The Hudson crew where all new-comers this year and given a novice rat-

One winner from each division of the State Championship moved onto the national championship.

The winner of the Junior-High division was Hrishikesh Vedula, who had a 2,119-point rating and will move onto the Dewain Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions in Wisconsin in July.

Hudson students competing in the tournament were: Grayson Tuton, Ryan Collins, Ben Drown, Brad Gonthier, Zach Patmos, and Logan Caiazzo and Max Burgess.



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Easter Bunny Visits Hudson Memorial During Annual Craft Fair







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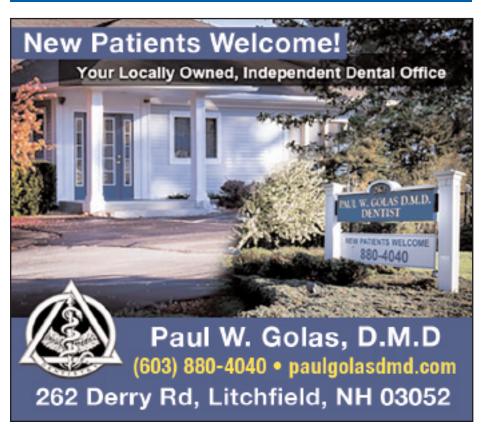


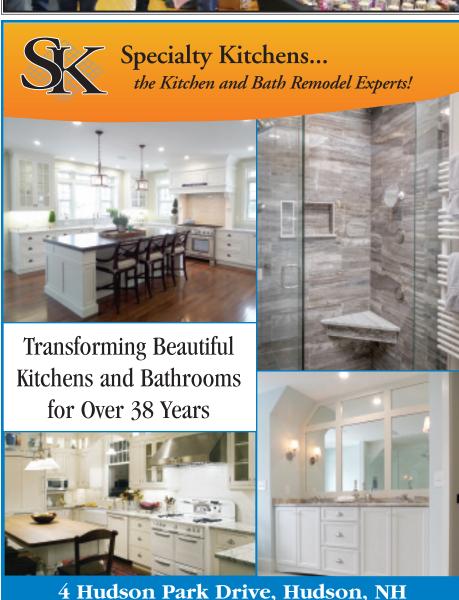
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HUDSON SPORTS

New Football Coach Introduces Himself to the Broncos

SHANE BALL HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne High School's new athletic director and football head coach, Justin Hufft, held a meeting at the school on Thursday, March 27, for students and parents alike to get a glimpse into what the upcoming football season will look like under his leadership.

The introduction took place in the music room, with the coaching staff and players filling the room.

With over 27-years of football experience, including ten as a head coach in New Hampshire, Hufft has a decorated resume for Broncos fans to be excited about. In nine seasons as a head coach in Goffstown, Hufft led his teams to two playoff appearances in Division III and five appearances in Division I. This includes a Division I title in 2015. He also helped to take championship game last



Alvirne's new athletic director and football head coach, Justin Hufft, addresses the team at a Meet and Greet last week. Photos by Chris Paul

After a brief introduc- the importance of the unit Pelham to the Division II tion, Hufft shone the spot- that makes a football team. light on each of his fellow Selflessness is a standard staff members to harness expected to be held by

everyone on the team.

"As the head coach, I'll get all the attention, all the glory, all the blame, and that's fine," said Hufft, "but this is not a me thing, it's an us thing."

Hufft emphasised the importance of this collective mindset to succeed as a team. Everyone should be crediting each other. Not only will the spotlight be used to praise each other, but to hold each other accountable.

"You will get told that what you're doing is not good enough, usually in an uplifting way... That's how you get to that next level," said Hufft. "But at the same time, we are going to care about you."

Whether on the field or in the hallways, student athletes will be held to a higher standard according to Hufft. This leaves the door open for all communication from teachers about their student athletes. Hufft wants the best of his athletes brought out through all aspects of their lives, even if that comes across as tough



Bronco's new athletic director and football coach, Justin Hufft, introduced himself to the players after a brief discussion on his early plans for next season.

ning just under 25 minutes. This get in, do your job, and all ages interested in joining get out mindset is one that's expected to continue under

"When it's time to work, work hard," said

Parents with students of a football team should know that there are plans for voluntary football once a week starting in May mostly consisting of flag football with drills mixed in for the older players.



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Art Sale at Rodgers Memorial Library to Benefit Alvirne Scholarships

CARRIE LORING SUBMISSION

John Allan Kendall was born on leap day, Feb. 29, 1944, in Nashua, NH and grew up in Litchfield. He graduated from Alvirne High School in 1962 and earned a degree in Art Education from UNH four years later. After teaching art in Sunapee and New London for three years, he moved to the San Francisco Bay area to pursue a master's degree in Creative Arts. John has traveled extensively over the years, spending time in Spain, France, Germany, now owns his own gallery in Georges Mills, NH.

John's breathtaking artwork reflects his journey from the vibrant streets of San Francisco to the rugged coastline of Maine. Even more remarkable, he has created much of his work while enduring severe vision problems in his right eye. Having undergone sixteen major eye surgeries, including five cornea transplants, John has now lost sight in his right eve - but that hasn't slowed his artistic pursuits. His latest project, relying on the strength and beyond. He's lived in a of his left eye, is bringing VW van, a houseboat, and new life to his earlier works

by adding color with ultrafine pens, colored pencil, and watercolor.

On April 25 and 26, Rodgers Memorial Library will be hosting a special exhibit and sale of John Kendall's work. This is a unique opportunity to meet John, hear his incredible stories, and take home a piece of his stunning collection. He will be at the library on Friday, April 25, from 1 -5 p.m., and Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

When purchasing one of John's prints, you will not only be supporting a talented local artist, but also contributing to the future of Alvirne students. Half of all proceeds will be used by the Alvirne High School Class of '62 to contribute to two scholarships in honor of their friends and classmates, Dr. Russell Messier and Clare Mans-

Russell Messier was a brilliant and creative engineer, college professor at Penn State, and advisor to the local robotics club in his retirement. He and his wife, Linda, had travelled to many countries in their retirement, but he always loved his roots in Hudson, and especially his time at Alvirne. He was persistent be members, but Clare's

in keeping his classmates connected with each other, keeping an updated contact list and taking the lead on organizing their reunions -50th, 55th, 60th and the 62nd last October. The Russell Messier Memorial Scholarship will be available to students pursuing a STEM-related degree.

Clare Mansfield, better known as Aggie Maggie, was especially known among her classmates as the only female to take agricultural courses at Alvirne. In those days, the FFA (Future Farmers of America) did not allow young women to mom convinced then principal Chet Steckevicz to allow her to participate. The Aggie Maggie Scholarship contributes to the education of students involved in agriculture or veterinary studies.

Through the art exhibit and sale, the Class of '62 hopes to fund these scholarships for at least the next two years.

Don't miss this event! Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and help support both a local artist and a worthy cause.

John's art can be previewed on his website www.kendallink.com.

Benson Park Committee Finds New Members, Plan Events for the Year

HUDSON TIMES

The March meeting of the Benson Park Committee opened with the news of the sudden resignation of their Vice-Chair, Judy Brouillette.

"She has done an outstanding job as my deputy during this last year when I've been very ill," said Committee Chair Jack Madden. "She's brought a lot of stuff forward, got things done, and I will miss her for her work. I will miss her for her sense of humor. But she's not gone far, and she expects to stay around volunteering."

One new member of the

Committee was still waiting for formal approval from the Board of Selectmen before starting his first full term. With the departure of the Vice-Chair, the members also had to elect new officers, with Madden offering to run for another term as Chair, despite some trouble making it to meetings in 2024.

'I've recovered enough to function," said Madden. "Do we have any volunteers who want to serve as Vice-

Nobody immediately volunteered, with Committee member Sue Clement agree-

Vice-Chair until someone else agreed to take over. Sarah Petkiewicz was offered the job of Secretary, although she was unsure whether she had the time, leaving the matter open until at least the next meeting.

The recent election saw Hudson voters approve a warrant article adding a \$10,000 contribution to the Benson Park Capital Reserve Fund. The money will reach the reserve fund with the start of the park's 2025-2026 budget on July 1.

"The ending market value of the funds in the ing to serve as an interim Benson Capital Reserve

fund is \$100,817.62, and that's up from about \$84,000 about 15 months ago," said Madden, not including the \$10,000 set to come in. "Apparently they've invested, because we've got investment gains."

The fund would likely go to projects like the ongoing train station restoration.

Rehabilitation and drainage work on the dog park got ready to move forward with spring weather and help from Public Works Director Jay Twardosky, who believed the cause of a major erosion issue originated from beyond the bounds of the

dog park. Committee member Gary Williams took the lead in coordinating the rehabilitation effort, taking over for Brouillette.

"If Judy wants to make me the liaison with Jay, that works for me," said Williams, who agreed to get more details about the project from Brouillette and Twardosky.

Planning for the rest of the year was already underway, as Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park announced that the 2025 Family Fun Day had a date and a time.

Sept. 20, and that will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.," she announced. "We're looking for some entertainment as far as music. So if you're in a band or you know anyone out there who's in a band and is willing to participate for \$300-\$400, let us know."

Committee member Gary Williams suggested either a dancing event or asking a local dance studio if they were interested in participating.

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







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4th Annual Career & Training/Apprenticeship Expo

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

Sustainability Series: Your Sustainable Kitchen

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

Cookbook Club

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

Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

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

Food Pantry Collection

The Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club members will be at the Hudson Community Food Pantry to help collect and sort food items brought in by individuals and organizations on Saturday, April 5 between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Club members will be there to help unload items from your car and carry them in. The pantry needs: Jello/pudding cups or pkgs; instant ramen noodle pkgs; Nutri-grain bars; cake mix & frosting; flour; cereal; soup of all kinds; corned beef hash cans; sugar; hamburger helper; sugar; brownie mix; diapers sizes 4,5, & 6; baby wipes, tissues; toilet paper. Please check the expiration date of any items donated as the pantry cannot use expired items. All items must be unopened.

Free Kids Vision Screening

This screening will be hosted by the Hudson Lions Club on April 22 & 23 at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd0, Hudson, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., for Ages 6 months & older. No appointment or health insurance is needed. The vision screening procedure is safe and non-invasive. No device comes in contact with your child. No eyedrops and no puffs or air used. Children under five cannot reliably read an eye chart. Screening helps to identify children at risk for vision problems, particularly amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (misaligned eyes), and other vision issues.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Alvirne's Vet Science program will be hosting a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. - Noon at the Palmer CTE Center. The event is being sponsored by the GFWC NH Hudson Women's Club and vaccines will be administered by

the Hudson Animal Hospital. In addition The Hudson Town Clerk will be on premises this year issuing dog licenses. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship for the vet science students.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rogers Library on Saturday, April 5, and 19, at 9:30 a.m., to play and grab a donut.

Teen Hangout

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

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday, April 10, 17, and 24 at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to

learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rogers Library.

Hexbug Play

On Friday, April 4 at 10 a.m., families with children are invited to play with the Rogers Library's hexbugs.

Rally 'Round the Flag

On the 160th anniversary of General Lee's surrender, Marek Bennett presents an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

VITA Tax Assistance

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Access Wisdom Book Group

This Rogers Library will meet on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Bird by Bird" by Anne Lamott.

Stitchers' Circle

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

Crime & Cookies: True Crime Podcast Club

This Rogers Library group will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. This months; podcast will be "The Clearing." Listen to all episodes for free on Spotify, Amazon Music or Apple Podcasts, or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Liberty or Death! Revolutionary Spy Escape Room

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

Teen: Spring Wreath

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

Spring Storytime

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

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This Rogers library group will meet on Monday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. This month's book is "How to Solve Your Own Murder" by Kristen Per-

Afternoon Book Group

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

Mason Jar Aquarium

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

Fly Swatter Painting

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

Hexbug Mazes

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

Pokemon Trivia

On Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m., families are invited to

the Rogers Library for 5 information. rounds of Pokemon Trivia.

Marble Run

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

Tween Minecraft Party

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

Adventurers Storytime: Ice Cream

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

Legion Meeting

The next Monthly General Membership Meeting for American Legion Post 48 will begin at 6 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m., for Squadron 48 on April 7. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more

Family Storytime

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

Lions Club Scholarships

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

Adventurers Storytime

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

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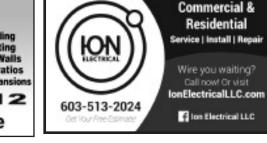
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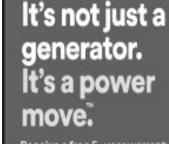
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school success. Visit High School Guidance Departments, Rodgers Memorial Library and Friends of the Library webpage for applications and guidelines.

Movers & Shakers

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

Teen Hangout

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

Clean Water Survey

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. 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.

Brunch Bunch

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

Rodgers Library. For students p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

Dino the Therapy Dog

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

Overeaters Anonymous

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

A Good Yarn

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

BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards registered at the Senior Center to play.

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

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.

PFOA Water Test

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau-@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for will start being sold at 1:15 use by low-income individu-

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Family Pizza Dinner & Erev **Shabbat Services**

On Friday, April 4, from, 5:30 - 7 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. At 6:15 p.m., Book Bubbe, Leslie Kirshman, will read a story. By 6:30 p.m., a family Shabbat service will start. All are welcome. Please RSVP to office@etzhayim.org by March 31. Many thanks to the anonymous donors for covering the cost of the pizza.

Sunday Family Camp

This Etz Hayim Synagogue will meet on Sunday, April 6, from, 10 a.m. to Noon. This month learn about Passover. This free monthly program is for ages

4-6. The teacher uses a mix of music, crafts and games to introduce students to the Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew. The program is free, and no membership is required. Please RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by Friday, April 4 to ensure enough materials for the proj-

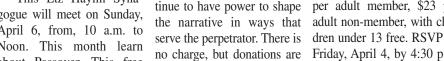
The Camera As A Weapon

On Thursday, April 10, from 7 - 8 p.m., Tom White, Coordinator of Educational Outreach, Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, will discuss how photojournalism, not just print journalism, became a respected arbiter of "fact" with the liberation of the camps. A potential pitfall in teaching about the Holocaust is using Holocaust imagery without ever teaching students how to evaluate and decode those images. Nazi photographers were designated as "weapons" of the Nazi effort, and their images continue to have power to shape encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Syna-

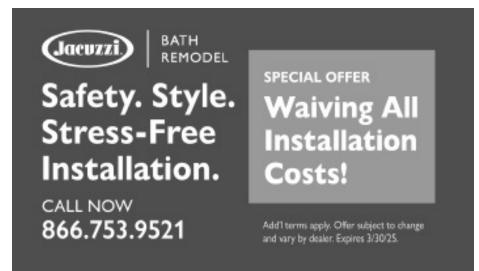
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2nd Night Community Passover Seder

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











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