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Tea Time

Cast members for the upcoming performances of “Into the Woods” engaged with visitors last week for a Tea Party in the Barnyard Cafe at Alvirne High School. The Character Afternoon Tea Party was presented by the Class Act Theatre group. See more photos page 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

BOS Discuss Updating Bylaws

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen spent part of its most recent meeting discussing potential updates to its bylaws, with members pointing to several areas where the document may no longer reflect current practice or expectations.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby initiated the conversation, noting that some sections of the bylaws contain outdated or unclear language. One example she highlighted was the rule stating that agenda items must be submitted to the Board’s executive assistant by noon on Thursday.

“But there’s really a preference for that to go to the Town Administrator and the chair previous to that,” Jakoby said, explaining that the written process does not match how agenda preparation typically functions.

Jakoby said another issue is the lack of commu- **continued on page 4**

Selectmen Split Over the Board’s Leadership Seats

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HUDSON TIMES

At the Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting earlier this month, the Board of Selectmen handled its reorganization, following the March elections.

Due to the absence of Selectman Bob Guessferd the Board of Selectmen agreed to hold off on its reorganizing items, in order to allow for a full board to be present at the meeting.

The main item of business was selecting the board leadership for the year.

Last year, selectman Bob Guessferd, who served as Chair for the previous year, decided he didn’t want to be the Chair anymore, and then nominated Selectman Dillon Dumont.

At the meeting last year, 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 number of our projects,” she said during the reorganization meeting last year.

She also argued it is important to rotate leadership positions.

“I do also appreciate the chairmanship rotating in the BOS,” she said.

This year, Jakoby was nominated for the Board of Selectmen Chair position by Selectman Xen Vurgaropoulos for the position.

Without any discussion, Guessferd then nominated Dumont for the position

again this year.

The Selectmen voted 3-2 in favor of Dumont being Chair with Jakoby voting for herself along with Vurgaropoulos.

Newly elected Selectman Kimberly Allan voted for Dumont who also voted for himself.

The Board of Selectmen Vice Chair position was also contested again this year after the Selectmen voted 3-2 in favor of Guessferd becoming the Vice Chair of the Board.

Jakoby was once again nominated for the Vice Chair position by Vurgaropoulos.

Just like for the Chairman vote, there was no discussion, and Guessferd was **continued on page 7**

Amidst Noise Concerns, Washville Car Wash Passed at Planning Board

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

A proposal for a new Washville Car Wash on Derry Road returned to the Hudson Planning Board on April 22, where representatives from Jones & Beach Engineers and Washville addressed lingering concerns about noise, traffic, and wetland buffers before ultimately receiving approval.

“We’re here as a continuation of a January hearing,” said Washville associate Frank Doherty. “At that point, we had presented our proposed project off of Derry Road, and there were a few open issues that we had to work through. I’d like to hit those issues.”

Those unresolved items included the distance be-

tween the car wash and nearby residential properties, the absence of a state Alteration of Terrain permit, and questions about traffic flow and noise levels.

Engineer Erik Poulin explained that the design had been modified since January.

“There was a reduction of the footprint, we did do that,” Poulin said. “A number of vacuums were removed, and we were able to pull the building farther away from the residential buffer.”

One of the more complicated issues involved conflicting guidance from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) and Hudson’s Director of Development Services, Elvis Dhima. DOT determined

that a road widening would be sufficient, while Dhima requested a dedicated turn lane.

“We’re sort of stuck in the middle here,” Doherty said. “The DOT says do something and the town says do something else. If we can accommodate you and still do our project, we’re okay.”

Planning Board member James Crowley acknowledged the dilemma but sided with the town’s position.

“I can see that you’re between a rock and a hard place,” Crowley said. “He lives here; NH DOT lives up in Concord.”

Several residents from the nearby Abbies Landing **continued on page 4**

Advisory Committee Hopes to Use Donation for Train Station

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The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on April 16 to review several recent donations and discuss how best to allocate the funds toward ongoing and future projects in the park. While most donations were clearly designated for specific improvements, one sizeable contribution raised questions and required additional investigation before the Committee could move forward.

“I was checking in on donations and I had a meeting with the town representative for the Board of Selectmen, and there had been a donation, I wasn’t sure of the exact date, but there was a donation of

\$10,687.02,” said Committee member Sue Clement. “There was no mark other than it was a Benson Park donation.”

Clement explained that Chair Jack Madden had brought the donation to the Committee’s attention in 2024, but the purpose of the funds was never fully documented. Without clear direction, the Committee could not immediately determine whether the money was intended for a specific project or for general park improvements.

“I think we just need to find out if there are any restrictions on that, and it would be up to this committee to make a recommendation that we spend it in some way,” said Alternate

Harry Schibanoff. “We have to have some idea what we’re spending it on. We can’t just say, ‘We’re going to spend it,’ without direction.”

Committee member Jake Beauchemin noted that Benson Park has no shortage of projects in need of support. Among the most significant are the restoration of the historic Hudson Train Station, repairs to the Old Lady in the Shoe attraction, and the refurbishment of the two Lions Pride statues currently in storage. Each project carries its own cost and timeline, and several have been on the Committee’s radar for years.

“There’s certainly plenty of opportunity to utilize

this donation,” Beauchemin said. He expressed particular support for directing the funds toward the Train Station. “The lead and mold remediation of the Train Station is a pretty expensive bill.”

Because the Committee operates with a limited annual budget, many projects rely heavily on targeted donations. Clement reviewed several of these contributions, noting that some projects already have small but dedicated funding streams.

“Another donation was made for the Lady in the Shoe repairs. There’s \$100 in that donation, and every year we have a gentleman and his wife who come and maintain the Shoe. They’ve done a beautiful job,” she

said. “We also have an interior Train Station renovations donation for \$5,000, and last but not least, we accepted a donation of \$200 for the Lions Pride from the Lions Club.”

After weighing the options, Committee members agreed that the Hudson Train Station stands out as the most pressing need. The structure has long been a priority for Chair Madden, who has advocated for its restoration for more than a decade. The building’s age and condition require extensive remediation before it can be safely used as a museum or public space.

“I’d be happy to send out an email to the Board of Selectmen Liaison, whoever that might be, to try and

figure out how to get that money,” Clement said. “Like I said, I did talk to Jack Madden, and he was trying to get me all of that information.”

Clement added that it may take “another week” to gather the necessary details, as Madden and the Advisory Committee continue working with the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR). The state must ensure that any restoration work preserves the Train Station’s historic character while meeting modern safety standards. Clearing these final regulatory hurdles is essential before the Committee can move forward with major renovations.

Board Reviews Revisions to High School Credit Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed a proposed revision to its policy on awarding high school credit for middle school coursework during its most recent meeting, taking a closer look at how advanced classes taken in grades 7 and 8 may count toward graduation requirements.

The policy, labeled IMBD – High School Cred-

it for Middle School Courses, received its first reading. The proposed revision clarifies when middle school students may earn high school credit and outlines the academic standards that must be met.

According to the draft policy, “Students in 7th or 8th grade may take advanced courses and, upon achieving the competencies consistent with graduation, can apply the credit of those

courses toward high school graduation. In order to count for high school credit, the course must include content standards and competency requirements consistent with the related high school courses or competencies, and the student must achieve satisfactory standards of performance. School Board policies relative to assessment, mastery, and competency shall apply.”

The policy emphasizes

that the intent is to support advanced learners, not to encourage early graduation.

“This policy allows and supports middle school students so they can take advanced coursework for high school credit. It was not designed to increase the number of students applying for early graduation in high school,” the proposal states.

The revised language also requires administrative approval before a student enrolls in a course they hope to count toward high school credit.

“The Dean of Academics or his/her designee shall approve such coursework and credit prior to the student enrolling in the class for such credit to be applied toward high school graduation,” the policy reads.

During the meeting, Board members asked whether students could earn

these credits through online courses or whether the coursework must be taken through the district. Superintendent Dan Moulis clarified that the courses must be offered through the Hudson School District to ensure they meet high school-level competencies and align with graduation standards.

The Board voted to move the proposed policy to a second reading.

Also at the meeting, the School Board reviewed a travel request for students to attend the Skills-USA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

“We are requesting permission for our Skills-USA students to attend the National Skills Conference and Competition in Atlanta, GA from June 1st to 5th, 2026,” a memo to the Board stated.

The memo explained that students will participate

in the six-day, five-night conference alongside Skills-USA members from across the state and nation. Students will arrive on Monday, June 1, and depart on Saturday, June 6. The event, held at the Georgia World Conference Center, includes a wide range of competitive events in skilled trades and technical fields.

“These activities provide students the opportunity to gain perspectives on the abilities of peers in skilled trade competitions,” the memo noted. “Students also have the opportunity to network with other Skills-USA students. Students are eligible for several scholarships through the national Skills-USA organization.”

The cost per student is approximately \$1,500, which will be covered through a combination of fundraising and family contributions.

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Proposal for New Homes Would Extend LeClair Drive

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The Hudson Planning Board met on April 22 to review a proposal that would extend LeClair Drive and create six new residential lots through a subdivision plan. The project, presented by Engineer Sam Foisie of Meridian Land Services, would add a small cluster of new homes while preserving an existing residence already located on the property.

"We are proposing six lots that can support single-family and two-family uses on the property," Foisie explained. "We are required by the zoning ordinance to

have a minimum lot size of an acre, and we're required by ordinance to have a minimum buildable area of an acre, which all of these lots do, exclusive of things like wetlands, steep slopes, and flood plains."

A seventh home already on the parcel will remain as part of the subdivision. The roadway extension required a waiver related to the radius of the road, which Foisie said was necessary to minimize environmental impacts.

"We are requesting to bring the roadway radius down," he said. "We want to cross perpendicular to the wetland crossing, which minimizes the amount of

wetland impact and the amount of buffer impact. We do kind of curve that road back to be able to reserve enough contiguous buildable areas for all of the lots. We do think this makes for a pretty nice plan where you don't have the generic straight roads."

Foisie acknowledged that some wetland impact was unavoidable due to the site's natural constraints. The plan had already undergone staff review, which generated several comments, including the absence of a sidewalk waiver.

"They mentioned sidewalks," one Board member noted. "You're either going

to have to supply it or supply a waiver. Shoreline Drive is nearby, but you're not proposing any, maybe on one side of the road. These people will want to walk down to Shoreline Drive. When I look at the plans, I have no idea about curbing either."

Foisie responded that Shoreline Drive only has sidewalks on one side and serves a much denser neighborhood than what is proposed for LeClair Drive. He argued that the low number of homes and limited traffic did not justify the cost of adding sidewalks.

"It's kind of hard to tell if you've incorporated some

of the comments or not, I don't see any revisions," said Planning Board member James Crowley. "What outstanding things do you have? When we next go around, will we receive revised drawings?"

Foisie said most comments were already being addressed, with only a few technical items remaining, such as securing a sewer permit.

"We really aren't in any disagreement with town staff," he said. "We just have to go back to dot some i's and cross some t's. We're plenty prepared to do so."

The proposal received support from at least one

abutter.

"I live in the neighborhood, I've reviewed the plans, I'm familiar with the builder's build quality, and after reviewing all of this, I feel like it will improve our neighborhood and not detract from it," said resident Steven Bease. "I have zero issues with this."

With several outstanding items still requiring revision, the Planning Board did not take a vote. The project is expected to return for further review once updated plans are submitted.

The next Planning Board meeting is set for Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall

Restaurant Depot Plan Wins Conservation Commission Approval

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on April 13 to review the findings from a recent site walk for the proposed 50,000 square-foot Restaurant Depot on Lowell Road. The walk, conducted in snowy conditions, gave Commissioners a firsthand look at the terrain, wetlands, and buffer areas that would be affected by the development.

"It took a while to get back. We had to do the site walk in the snow, thank you for doing the site walk," said Project Engineer Keith Curran of Bohler Engineering. "Since that time, we also had our first Planning Board hearing last week. It went well. I was hoping to close it, but they're still waiting for your letter. We're just circling back to see what your recommendations are and to see if you

have any follow-up questions."

Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson noted that the plans appeared to have been updated since the Commission last reviewed them.

"That was revised March 24?" he asked.

Curran confirmed the revision, explaining that the updates were made in response to comments from town staff and from Fuss & O'Neill, the third-party engineering firm conducting the peer review. Some of the changes affected the wetland buffer due to adjustments in grading.

"You say the buffer impact increased?" asked Conservation Secretary Chris Cameron. "Is there an update to the conditional use permits?"

Curran said the changes did not alter the fundamental nature of the project and did not require a new permit application. He added that

the applicant was "open" to making additional adjustments to reduce impacts on the buffer, including narrowing the driveway. However, he cautioned that the driveway must remain wide enough to allow emergency vehicles to turn around safely.

With the project involving significant impervious surface, Commissioners raised concerns about runoff, erosion, and long-term maintenance of the buffer area. Dickinson suggested adding trees to the sloped section of the site to improve erosion control.

"We can't do trees, but we could do shrubs," Curran responded. "We usually always try to avoid trees due to the maintenance issues. We'd get the same with shrubs."

Several Commissioners disagreed, arguing that a mix of trees and shrubs would better stabilize the

slope and create a more balanced landscape.

"You have all of the tree plantings right around your parking lot," Dickinson said. "It'd be preferred to have a mix of trees and shrubs, don't want to have you just do shrubs."

Cameron added that the applicant should consider replacing any trees removed during construction.

"I feel like returning it

to forest would be preferred over making it something like a meadow," he said. "It's forest now. The only reason why it's not going to be forest is because of the grading, it's not going to be used."

After reviewing the updated plans and discussing potential mitigation measures, Commissioner John Walter moved to recommend the Restaurant Depot

proposal to the Planning Board. The motion passed unanimously, with the Commission attaching eight recommendations aimed at minimizing impacts to the wetland buffer wherever possible.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is set to meet again on Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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Editorial

The Cost of Not Paying Attention

Every week, our towns make decisions that shape the way we live in our community these decisions about development, traffic, schools, public safety, budgets, and long-term planning. These choices influence everything from how long it takes to get across town to how much we pay in taxes. And yet, too often, these decisions are made in rooms that are nearly empty.

People tend to show up when they're upset. They show up when a project affects their neighborhood or when a vote hits their wallet. But the truth is that the most important decisions, the ones that set the stage for everything else, are made long before the public realizes they matter.

We all want good government. We want transparency, accountability, and thoughtful planning. But those things don't happen automatically. They happen when residents stay engaged, ask questions early, and pay attention before the train has already left the station. Our towns are very lucky to have newspaper that gives them that information every week.

In both Londonderry and Hudson, we've seen examples recently where decisions could have benefited from more eyes, more voices, and more community involvement. Whether it's a policy that wasn't clearly explained, a process that was-

n't followed, or a board decision that raised eyebrows, the pattern is the same: when fewer people are watching, the quality of decision making suffers.

This isn't about blaming boards or criticizing volunteers. Serving on a board is hard work, and most people do it with good intentions. But even the best boards make better decisions when the public is present, informed, and engaged. Civic engagement isn't just showing up when something goes wrong. It's showing up to help things go right.

Local government works best when it's a partnership, not a spectator sport. And the cost of not paying attention is always higher than the cost of staying informed. When residents disengage, small problems grow into big ones. Misunderstandings turn into mistrust. And decisions that could have been shaped by community input end up being made without it.

So here's the challenge for all of us: Attend one meeting a month. Read the agendas. Ask questions early. Don't wait until the final vote to get involved.

Our towns are strongest when the people who live here take an active role in shaping their future. Paying attention isn't just a civic duty, it's an investment in the kind of community we want to live in.

Washville

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55 plus community spoke in opposition, citing traffic, environmental impacts, and noise.

"I'm concerned about the increased traffic," said Abbies Landing president Laurie Greer, who submitted documentation of existing congestion on nearby roads. "This company operates as a membership service, and I think there'll be traffic backing up. I'm also concerned about the impact this will have on the environment and the brook that runs through there."

Direct abutter Steve Boufford said the project would dramatically change the character of his backyard.

"When I bought my property, there was no real development on that chunk of land," Boufford said. "Fast forward, the original plan was CVS and a gas/convenience store, then a restaurant, and now I'm being asked to have in my direct backyard a car wash that, on any given Saturday, has 20 to 30 cars stacked up

waiting to get in. I'm looking at that when I'm sitting in my backyard. I really don't want to do that."

Board Chair Tim Malley pressed the applicant on the scope of the noise study.

"Is the noise study based on the vacuums? The vehicles running? Is it taking into account all potential noise that could be generated?" Malley asked.

Doherty said he did not know the full list of variables included but assured the Board that the study followed "industry criteria."

Washville Executive Vice President Jim Waterman pointed to another Washville location in Cranston, Rhode Island, as evidence that the company can operate near residential neighborhoods without exceeding noise limits.

"We operate the stealth dryers right now in Cranston," Waterman said. "We abut a residential neighborhood behind us, and we had opposition when we went in front of their planning board. We've operated these dryers pretty well."

He added that Washville buildings consistently meet

federal noise standards and said the company had "empirical data" to support that claim, though the data was not available at the meeting due to the absence of the noise engineer.

Crowley urged the applicant to strengthen the study.

"Do more, not less," he said, suggesting the addition of a noise barrier.

Alternate member Todd Boyer, however, felt the study was sufficient.

"The fact that it is within the acceptable decibel levels does, to me, meet our criteria and satisfies me," Boyer said. "I have read the report, seen what they're doing, and I believe it's above and beyond what the requirements are."

After extensive discussion, the Planning Board voted to approve the Washville Car Wash with several waivers and conditions intended to address public concerns, particularly regarding noise and traffic.

The project will now move forward to the next stages of permitting and construction planning.

Bylaws

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nication when items are added to an upcoming agenda shortly after a meeting. While the chair is usually informed, she said other Board members often are not.

"There should be some method here to say, at the chair's discretion, please let the Board members know as soon as possible about items coming on," she said. "Sometimes I find I can't get my questions answered by Monday to get on Tuesday. Some items come a long time ahead and other items don't."

Jakoby also raised the possibility of updating terminology throughout the bylaws, shifting from "Selectman" to "Selectboard," a change many New Hampshire communities have adopted in recent years.

"I don't know that we want to spend time doing

this this year, but I at least wanted to bring it up because I think minor corrections we should do," she said.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont agreed that the bylaws are due for a review, noting that the last revision took place on March 7, 2023, and only one Board member was present for that update.

"So, I think it's appropriate to take a look at it," Dumont said.

He encouraged Jakoby and any other members with suggested changes to outline them so the Board can review all proposals together. Dumont acknowledged that last minute agenda additions are sometimes unavoidable but said communication could be improved.

"I try to be as flexible as I can with the staff to make sure that we're not impeding on their business to make sure that they run as smoothly as possible," he

said. "But I think we can definitely take a look."

Vice Chair Bob Guessferd said the bylaws should include language allowing the chair some discretion when timely matters arise.

"If we just state some level of discretion on the chair's part for things that need to be brought forward if they're timely needed or in accordance with a deadline, that would help," he said. "And that way people wouldn't go, 'Well, that wasn't on the agenda,' and avoid some of that."

Board members agreed that the goal is not to overhaul the bylaws but to ensure they reflect current practice, improve communication, and provide clarity for both the Board and the public.

The Board is expected to revisit the topic at a future meeting once members have compiled proposed changes.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for May 12.

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Hudson Honors Sen. Bob Clegg with Highway Dedication



Friends and family of the late State Senator Bob Clegg gathered with Town and State officials near the Taylor Falls Bridge entering Hudson on Friday, April 24, to take part in a Dedication and Birthday Celebration honoring Clegg. A portion of the state highway will now be known as the "Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway." Clegg's wife, Priscilla, his son, Jeffrey, and grand daughter unveiled the sign that now marks the highway in his honor.

Bob's friend, Matt Mayberry, spoke with a brief prayer, remembering what Clegg had brought to the community. Also speaking were Senator Sharon Carson, Town Administrator, Roy Sorenson and BOS Chairman, Dillon Dumont.

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Trustees Address Unapproved Burials at Sunnyside Cemetery

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A series of unauthorized burials at Hudson's Sunnyside Cemetery dominated discussion at the April 20 meeting of the Cemetery Board of Trustees, prompting concerns about oversight, communication, and the legal status of burial rights at the historic site.

"Twice I've come on situations where I just happened to be there for something else," said Secretary Christina Madden. "So I have no idea if other people were buried when I wasn't there, but people were conducting burials."

Madden described two recent incidents: one involving what she called a "do it yourself" burial in which

individuals dug a hole and placed cremated remains in an urn without notifying the Trustees, and another involving Farwell Funeral Home, which conducted a burial for Frederick Fuller on a Saturday without the Board's knowledge.

"We had no knowledge of these burials, and we still have no proof those two burials were actually authorized, since we have no deeds," Madden said.

Sunnyside Cemetery is officially closed to new burials, except for individuals who already own a deeded plot. The Trustees emphasized that this policy has been in place since the Town of Hudson assumed responsibility for the cemetery.

"That is really the prob-

lem, people coming in and they're not telling the Cemetery Trustees," Madden said. "People are claiming they had no idea the cemetery had been turned over to the town as their defense. What is a troubling problem is that people are saying, 'Fred told me I could go bury here,' with no other authorization. That is a problem."

Chair Daniel Barthelemy reiterated that no new plots are being sold, and only documented, deeded burial rights are valid.

"Just to clarify, we're not selling any further plots. There are no additional plots available," Barthelemy said. "Any plots that have been sold in the past prior to the town taking

over the cemetery would need a deed before they're allowed to be buried. If there were any handshake deals that happened without paperwork in decades past, we don't have any documentation on that."

To prevent further unauthorized burials, Madden recommended a formal notification process.

"We need to have a formal notification, and we need to send a formal letter to all of the local area funeral homes so that they can't say they didn't know," she said. "Maybe we should somehow put a sign up at each entrance basically saying that Sunnyside is a town cemetery and is closed to burials, contact Cemetery Trustees or something like

that. At least then there's something there."

At Barthelemy's suggestion, the Trustees unanimously voted to issue a public notice and send formal letters to surrounding funeral homes. A second vote approved the installation of signage at the cemetery entrances.

While these steps are intended to curb the problem, Trustee Mel Gannon raised questions about enforcement.

"If we run into this issue again where we show up and someone is doing a burial, what should we do about this? What actions should we be able to take?" Gannon asked. "What actions can we take?"

She also expressed con-

cern about potential legal disputes involving old, undocumented burial agreements. Barthelemy acknowledged the possibility but said the Board must rely on clear documentation.

"As far as the other side, them coming after us and saying, 'We have a legal right to bury here' - that's fine," Barthelemy said. "As soon as you provide us that legal right, you can bury here. Until you provide us something that proves your legal right, then we can't allow it."

The Trustees indicated that trespassing charges could be considered in extreme cases, though they hoped the new notification measures would prevent future conflicts.

Alvirne Class of 2027 Hoping to Revive Senior Class Trip

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

After several years without a senior class trip, Alvirne High School may soon revive the tradition. Principal Steve Beals informed the Hudson School Board at its most recent meeting that the current junior class is eager to bring the trip back, and is already preparing to fundraise for it.

Beals said the idea came as something of a surprise.

"The current junior class is looking to do fundraising in order to collect the funds to pay for it," he said. "Nor-

mally we see this type of fundraising for clubs or sports teams."

In a memo to the School Board, Beals wrote that the Class of 2027 is requesting a crowd-sourced fundraiser to build up its class account "in hopes of reinstating a senior class trip during their senior year."

The juniors recently met to brainstorm ideas and reached consensus on a Boston Harbor dinner cruise, a trip that served as Alvirne's traditional senior outing "for many years prior to COVID," according

to Beals.

While he did not detail the reasons the trips stopped, Beals noted that Alvirne had offered a variety of senior trips over the years before the practice faded "for many reasons."

Beals said the push for a trip is coming largely from student-athletes who have participated in crowd-sourced fundraising for their teams and now want to use the same model to support their class.

"The class would like to contract with Vertical Rise in similar capacities as sev-

eral sport teams have done through the year," Beals wrote. "I support their fundraising request, as I always believed a celebratory trip as a cohort was a positive and lasting memory."

During the meeting, Beals added that he has since learned of another fundraising company and plans to review both options on behalf of the class.

Beals emphasized that the viability of the trip will depend on student interest and financial feasibility.

"If a large number of students want to participate

and they have the funds to do so, I would support the trip," he said.

He explained that declining participation was one of the main reasons senior trips eventually stopped. At one time, roughly 75% of seniors attended; later, participation dropped to 50%, and eventually to around 25%.

School Board member Ethan Beals, an Alvirne graduate, said he enjoyed his own senior trip but acknowledged that the school may need to consider alternative options if par-


ticipation remains low.

"The fun in the trip is the trip," he said, suggesting that the experience matters more than the specific destination.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne welcomed the possibility of reviving the tradition.

"I'm happy to see this coming forward," she said.

The School Board unanimously approved the fundraising proposal, allowing the Class of 2027 to begin efforts to bring back a senior class trip for the first time in years.



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Library Accepts March Donations for Summer Reading, Books, and Museum Passes

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Rodgers Memorial Library announced a wave of new donations at the April 15 meeting of its Board of Trustees, giving a welcome boost to several programs and services heading into the spring and summer seasons.

"We had some donations," reported Board Treasurer Margaret St. Onge. "Ali Rafieymehr donated \$100, so thank you very much. The Friends of the Library donated \$175 toward the Stonehenge pass, and also \$1,000 toward the Summer Reading Program,

which we absolutely loved, because that's sort of our shining star. Finally, Patricia Driscoll was very kind in donating \$40 toward a book purchase in memory of Elliot Lang."

The Trustees expressed appreciation for the generosity and voted unanimously to accept all donations.

"Thank you all," said Board Chair Mimi Guessferd. "Thank you especially to the Friends. That was remarkably wonderful, that's a great chunk of change that will do so much to help the Summer Reading Program."

Several Trustees agreed

to attend the next Friends of the Library meeting to personally thank the group for its continued support.

In addition to the recent donations, Director Linda Pilla highlighted the library's ongoing partnership with TESCO Associates of Tyngsborough, Massachusetts. The company, owned by Chris and Rebecca Thatcher, has once again provided the library with corporate passes to the New England Aquarium, the Museum of Science, and Zoo New England, all at no cost to the library.

"They did it again this

year," Pilla said, noting that the passes have been extremely popular with patrons. "These are not just library passes, they are corporate passes, they are 100% paid for. I would encourage you, if you haven't done so, head over to the library to find out if there are any of those passes left. You have to book the usage before the passes expire, and I think the Museum of Science pass expires on May 31."

Pilla then reviewed the library's monthly circulation report, explaining that a technical issue had caused

inaccurate visitor numbers for March.

"If you look at our circulation report, you'll see that it says we had 1,508 visitors in March," she said. "What happened is that our people counter stopped counting. According to our statistics, it stopped counting on March 8, and we didn't notice until we went to get our numbers for March and realized that 1,500 was not right. Last year, we had 6,000 visitors in March."

She estimated that the true number for March 2026 was likely similar to last year's figure and assur-

ed the Board that the counter issue had been resolved.

Board member Lisa Weber asked for clarification on how attendance is counted during children's programming, which often draws large groups.

"Do you count the parents and the child?" Weber asked.

According to Pilla, everyone present is included.

"It's everybody who participates," she said. "A lot of times, with the children, you've got one parent, sometimes a grandparent, maybe a caretaker, and we work with everyone."

Fire Department to Begin Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an update at its most recent meeting on one of the community's most visible and longstanding charitable traditions: the Hudson Fire Department's annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Boot Drive. The fundraiser, run by members of IAFF

Local 3154, has become a familiar sight at key intersections throughout town each summer, drawing strong support from residents and motorists alike.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson informed the Board that firefighter Elias Brodeur has taken over coordination of the event.

"I have been contacted by Elias Brodeur of the

Hudson Fire Department, IAFF Local 3154, regarding the Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drive. He has since taken over the logistics from Adam Lebor," Sorenson said.

This year's Boot Drive will take place on four dates: May 22; June 23; July 27.; and Aug. 19, all at 2 - 6 p.m.

Brodeur told Selectmen

he hopes to build on the success of past years.

"It will be super similar to last year's proceedings," he said. "We'll be doing it over a course of several months, with the first one being upcoming April 21st, with the rest of the dates and times listed in the package we were given."

The collection effort will again take place at the intersections and medians surrounding the Town Common near Veterans Bridge, a location that has proven both safe and highly visible for volunteers and drivers.

"All the volunteers, like always, will be members of the fire department, or sometimes members of their family," Brodeur said. "All the proceeds, as before, will 100% be going toward

charity. We won't be taking any of the funds ourselves."

Brodeur noted that last year's Boot Drive was one of the most successful in New Hampshire.

"We placed first in the state, and we grossed around \$16,000, which is pretty awesome," he said, adding that the department hopes to match or exceed that total this year.

Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont praised the department for its continued dedication to the cause.

"It's always nice to see you guys out there and do this," Dumont said. "It's a great thing for the community."

During the non-public portion of the meeting, the Board approved several personnel changes across town departments.

• Master Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan DiFranza was promoted to Lieutenant/Paramedic at an hourly rate of \$41.16.

• Heather Celeste was appointed Deputy Tax Collector, effective April 15, following the recommendation of the Tax Collector.

• The Board accepted the resignation of Senior Accountant Clerk Magdalena Whitmore, effective July 10, and voted to begin advertising for her replacement.

Leadership

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nominated to continue in the role by Dumont.

As it went with the Board of Selectmen Chair position, Vurgaropulos voted for Jakoby along with herself, but Allan, and Dumont voted for Guessferd to continue in the role.

Guessferd won the vote 3-2 over Jakoby.

The Selectmen followed

the same process they did for selecting board officers when it came to selecting its ex-officio member to the Planning Board.

For the past year the position was held by Guessferd.

He was nominated to continue in the role again by Allan.

Jakoby then nominated Vurgaropulos to serve in the role this year.

The Selectmen voted 3-

2 in favor of Guessferd continuing in the role with Guessferd voting for himself along with Dumont and Allan.

Vurgaropulos voted for himself along with Jakoby.

Dumont said he would be sending out the liaison list, and that if anyone wanted to add it to the agenda for the next meeting then they would entertain it.



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Pack 21 Hold Pinewood Derby Races at Speedway



Hudson Pack 21 members held Pinewood Derby races at the Hudson Speedway with races in grade brackets (K-Fourth Grade). The top three from each of those moved on to our Grand Finals Races. Then 6 of those scouts become eligible to move on to districts.

Districts are split into two age groupings, so top three who fit each age grouping will be moving on to districts, next week in Manchester.

Moving on to Juniors Division will be Brady E., Bradly K. and John T. The Seniors Division will have Gavin V., Mirin M. and Jackson S moving on.

The overall results for the Webelos racers were: First place, Gavin V., Den 5, with a time of 2.96; second was Mirin M., Den 5, at 3.00; Third was Jackson S., Den 10, at 3.02; fourth was Gideon E., Den 10, at 3.038; fifth was Colton M., Den 10, at 3.039; sixth was Eli S., Den 5, at 3.0615.

Seventh place was Brady E., Lions, at 3.1050; eighth place was Bradly K., Tigers, 3.112; ninth was John T., Tigers, at 3.1195; tenth was Chase D., Tigers, at 3.1600; 11th at 3.2221 was Julian M., Wolves; 12th at 3.4190 was Zachary D., Wolves; and 13th was Gideon O., Lions, at 3.7180.

Since Cub Scouting is meant to be a family activity, the group also held a Sibling Race. This year's top three were Fiona M (1st), Angie M (2nd), Daphne E (3rd). The Adult Race was won for a second consecutive year by our Cubmaster Verrocchio.

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Class Act Theatre Group Holds Character Tea Party



The Alvirne High School Theatre group, Class Act, presented an “Into the Woods” Character Afternoon Tea Party on Thursday, April 23, in the Barnyard Cafe. A number of characters from the upcoming play helped serve and entertain attendees at the event. The play will be taking place starting on Friday, May 15, and running throughout the weekend. The musical features a number of fairy tale favorites like Cinderella, Rapunzel, Red Riding Hood and more. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Track & Field Teams Competed in Two Events

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Track and Field teams competed in two events to finish up the month of April.

At home, on April 14, the boys' took second place with 51-points, behind Windham (68), and ahead of Hollis-Brookline with 49-points.

The girls' team had a first place finish with 71-points. Hollis-Brookline was second with 49 and Windham had 36-points.

Results

Girls 400-Run: First went to freshman Taelyn Downey (1:08.54); second was senior Natalie Cloutier (1:10.47); and third was freshman Celia Smalley (1:11.270).

Boys 400-Run: Junior Ameer Salman first (55.73); and senior Evan Harmen was second (56.53).

Girls 800 Run: First went to senior Olivia Cartagena (2:28.42) and in fourth was sophomore Mae Guiraud (2:44.10).

In the girls 1,600 Run, freshman Makenna Simpson took first with a time of 5:35.87.

In the Boys 1,600 Run, junior Ashton Rowe had a time of 4:59.65 for first,

freshman Aiden O'Leary finished fourth (5:08.01) and senior Sam Matson was fifth (5:08.57).

In the Girls 4x400 Relay, Alvirne teams finished in first, third and fifth.

In Girls Long Jump, freshman Reese Wanamaker got first at 16'31/4", fourth went to Celia Smalley at 14' 53/4", and Ella Marcotte was fifth at 14' 11/4".

In Boys Long Jump, senior Marcus Hebert had a jump of 19'6" for first.

In Girls Triple Jump, senior Lisa Amadi finished at 30'6" for first.

Junior Charles Barrett was first in the Boys Discus Throw at 150'7" and senior Kyle Suppenant was fourth with 113'11".

Barrett also took first in Boys Shot Put with a throw of 48'1".

In the Girls Javelin Throw, sophomore Ava Tardif threw 87'7" for first, senior Samantha DaSilva was second (78'6") and freshman Taliah Kraus was third (72'6").

First place in the Boys 3,200 Run went to Sam Matson at 12:14.08.

In the Boys 110 Hurdles senior Jack Zakos finished second at 17.56 and junior Zev Young was fifth (21.03).



Joey Marcotte finished in third in the Long Jump, with a distance of 20'11" on Saturday.

In the Boys 100 Dash, senior Jaden Taylor was second at 11.58 and sophomore Elijah Hurley was third at 11.86.

In the Girls 200 Dash, freshman Reese Wanamaker placed second (28.17) and freshman Lilianna Jackson was fourth (28.90).

In Boys 200 Dash, Jaden Taylor placed second

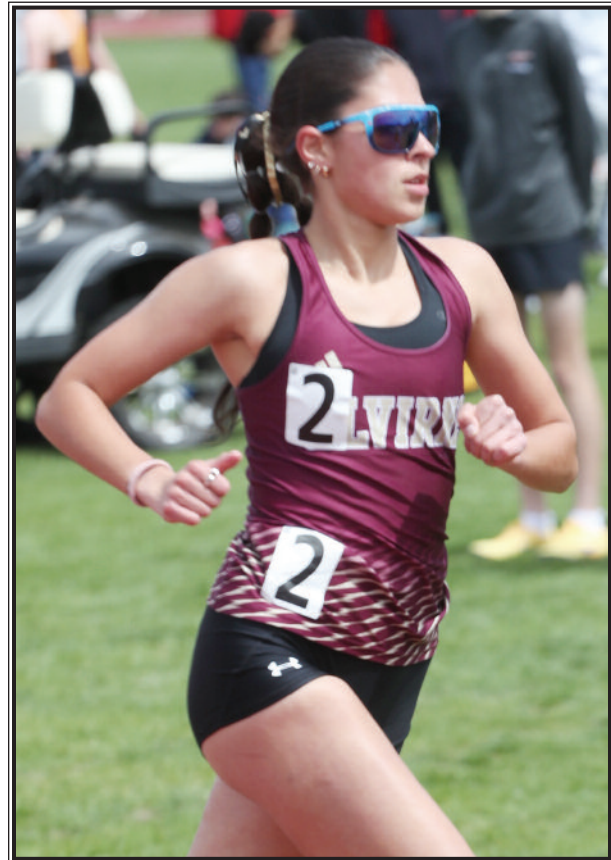
(23.07) and senior Evan Harmen was fifth (25.09).

The Alvirne Girls 4x100 Relay team took first at 54.01.

In the Girls Discus Throw sophomore Lilyana Dale was second at 77'1".

In Girls Shot Put, junior Bella Hatcher placed second at 28'5", sophomore Isabelle Haven-Tate was fourth (24'9 1/2") and sophomore Adrianna Ciannetta was fifth (22' 6 1/2").

In the Girls 100 Hurdles, sophomore Ella Marcotte was third (18.43); junior Jane Makoviy was



Olivia Cartagena place second in the One-Mile race at Nashua North. Photos by Chris Paul

fourth (19.110 and freshman Amelia Hone was fifth (20.81).

Reese Wanamaker was third in the Girls 100-meter Dash at 13.87.

In the Girls 300 Hurdles, Jane Makoviy paced third (52.72) and freshman Amelia Hone was fifth at 55.90.

In Boys 300 Hurdles, third place went to Jack Zakos (46.41) and Joseph Anderson took fifth (54.97).

In the Boys 4x100 Relay, Alvirne placed third at 51.91.

In the Boys 4x400

Relay, Alvirne also placed third at 4:06.22.

In the Girls High Jump, Sophie Sargent, Celia Smalley and Dani Wimmer had a height of 4'4" for third, fourth and fifth.

In Boys Triple Jump, junior Devon Arsenault placed third at 33'5".

In the Boys 800 Run, Sam Matson was fourth at 2:22.13 and Joshua Sullivan was fifth at 2:24.45.

In Boys High Jump, junior Alexander Henderson placed fifth at 4'6".

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Local High Schools Explore Girls Hockey CoOp Plan

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

A proposal to expand opportunities for female student-athletes in the region moved forward this month, as both the Hudson and Londonderry School Boards reviewed requests to join a cooperative girls hockey program beginning in the 2026–2027 winter season.

At the Hudson School Board meeting, Alvirne High School Athletic Director Justin Hufft outlined a plan for Alvirne to join an existing girls hockey coop led by Salem High School. Salem currently operates a girls program but has struggled with low participation

numbers in recent years.

“Alvirne may join the Salem girls’ hockey team as part of a cooperative arrangement starting in the 2026–2027 winter season,” Hufft wrote in a memo to the Board. “Salem’s girls’ hockey team is an existing program that has struggled to maintain adequate participation numbers for the past couple of years. They would like to have Alvirne and Londonderry join their team to strengthen their program participation. In discussions with our families, we project that Alvirne would send 3 students per season.”

Hufft noted that the NHIAA has established procedures for cooperative

teams, particularly in ice hockey, where roster sizes and ice-time costs often make coops necessary.

Under the proposed arrangement, Alvirne would be a “sending school” to Salem. Practices would be held at the Salem IceCenter, with families responsible for transporting students to practices and games. Salem, as the lead school, would provide transportation to away games.

Program expenses include ice-time, transportation, coaching stipends, officials’ fees, and NHIAA registration. Salem has proposed a flat fee of \$1,500 per student from each sending school.

“This is in line with our expenses per player for our cooperative team,” Hufft said. He added that Alvirne would collect the same fee families pay for the boys hockey program, currently \$1,000, with the remaining \$500 per player covered through the athletic department’s budget for officials, transportation, and fees.

One distinction, Hufft said, is that the boys program’s fee is collected by the Friends of Admirals Hockey booster club, which pays for ice time. For the girls program, the fee would need to be collected directly by the Alvirne athletic department.

Hufft also noted that

interest in a girls hockey option is not new. Families had previously approached the former athletic director about forming a coop, but the school was unable to find suitable partners at the time.

“Providing female student-athletes the opportunity to play with their gender peers has always been our goal in hockey, due to the physicality of the sport,” Hufft said.

The Hudson School Board voted to move forward with the coop.

The proposal was also discussed at the Londonderry School Board meeting, where Business Administrator Amity Small explained

that Londonderry previously participated in a girls hockey coop but discontinued it when participation numbers dropped.

Small said the athletic director has identified several current eighth grade girls who are interested in playing if the coop is reestablished. Like Alvirne, Londonderry would be responsible for a \$1,500 per-player fee.

She noted that future costs would be incorporated into the district’s annual budgeting process based on the number of participating students.

The Londonderry Board also approved joining the coop for the 2026–27 season.

Track and Field

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Throw, Kyle Suppenant placed fifth at 107’9”.

At Nashua North

At the 20th Annual Nashua North Invitational on Saturday, April 25 Alvirne had a number of athletes finish in the top five.

Girls Results

In the One-Mile race, sophomore, Olivia Cartagena, and freshman Makenna Simpson took second and third place with times of 5:20.26 and 5:34.59. The winner had a time of

5:14.35.

In the Girls Two-Mile Run senior Zoe Burt had a time of 14:36.65 for ninth-place.

Girls 300-Meter Hurdles, Jane Makoviy had a time of 51.82 for fourth-place. The winner came in at 47.45.

In the 4x400 the Broncos team of Jane Makoviy, Taelyn Downey, Celia Smalley and Olivia Cartagena had a time of 4:34.78 and place fifth. The winning time had a time of 4:05.84.

In the High Jump, Broncos freshman Sophie Sar-

gent had a fifth-place finish at 4’7”.

In Shot Put sophomore Isabelle Haven-Tate finished in sixth-place at 29’2.25”

In Javelin, sophomore Ava Tardif had a throw of 90’1” and placed third.

Boys Results

In the 100-Meter Dash, Alvirne had two runners finish in the top four. Junior Sam Oquist finished in third with a time of 11.56. Jeremi Caraballo-Sophos finished in fourth at 11.62. The winner had a time of 11.17.

Caraballo-Sophos also had a fifth-place finish in the 200-Meter Dash with a

time of 23.01. The winner had a time of 22.56.

In the 300-Meter Hurdles, senior Joey Marcotte finished in first with a time of 39.66.

In the 4x100 Relay the team of Oquist, Marcotte, Jaden Taylor and Caraballo-Sophos had a second place finish at 43.69, just a half-second behind the winners.

In the Long Jump, Marcotte finished in third with a distance of 20’11”.

Alvirne junior Charles Barrett took first in Shot Put with his throw of 47’1.5”

Barrett also had a first place finish in discus with a throw of 148’10”.



Sam Oquist hands off to Joey Marcotte in the 4x100.

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101 Dalmatians Kids Being Performed Next Weekend

Ovation Theatre Company's production of 101 Dalmatians Kids hits the Ovation Studios stage next weekend. This colorful musical features a talented cast of young performers.

Pet owners, Roger and Anita, live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, stalwart dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Everything is quiet until Anita's former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal the puppies for her new fur coat. The Dalmatians rally all the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen.

Ryan Kaplan, who was recently honored by the New Hampshire Theatre Alliance with an award for Recognition of Special Achievement in Youth Theatre, is directing and choreographing the show. He has enjoyed the challenge of

directing children in the round. "It is a very unique and challenging experience. The kids definitely take some time to adjust. It is always in the front of our minds when we're teaching - that they're performing to four different sides." Assistant Director Raylyn Paul adds, "I think it's also been really special, because we've seen a lot of their confidence grow, because they're aware of the audience a lot more."

Regarding the adaptation of the movie to the play, Paul likes how they took the song "Cruella de Vil" from the movie and made it a big part of the musical. It comes up several times with different lyrics and at different points of the show." Kaplan notes that taking a 90-minute movie and making a shorter musical means "it has to move a lot faster. There are some very creative adjustments

that helps it flow really nicely. There's never a dull moment in the show!"

Liliana Perry plays one of the narrators, as well as a dog of London. She is familiar with the movie. Regarding the play adaptation, she notes "both are really fun. They both have their own styles and they have things that are similar, so it stays consistent." Perry is excited to perform in the round. "It's really fun. It's something I've never done before. It's a little tricky sometimes, because you have to make sure that you are always acting, because there's somebody all around you, that can always see you and what you're doing. A lot of people have to wait until they're much older to do it, but it's fun because we get to do it at such young ages."

101 Dalmatians Kids production team is led by Director and Choreograph-



The cast of Ovation Theatre Company's 101 Dalmatians Kids

er Ryan Kaplan, with Music Direction by Chloe Ferraro and support from Assistant Director Raylyn Paul and Stage Manager Maddy Buchanan. The youth cast is drawn from all over southern New Hampshire: Har-

er Cantella, Delaney Grimshaw, Alice Kevorkian, Liliana Perry and Rosie Snow of Londonderry; Kyle Daly, Isabella Frati and Morgan Haverty of Derry; Levi Freilich, Hailey Ryan and Mackenzie Ryan of Hampstead; C.C. O'Brien, Ian O'Brien, Adeline Tengstrand and Erik Tengstrand of Auburn; Annaliese McCauley of Windham; Juliana Holden and Colin Napoli of Goffstown; and

Madelyn Fredette of Nottingham.

101 Dalmatians Kids will be presented on Friday, May 8 at 6:00 and 8:00 pm, Saturday, May 9 at 1:00, 3:00 and 6:00 pm and Sunday, May 10 at 1:00 pm at Ovation Studios (61 Harvey Road, Londonderry). Pre-sale discounted tickets are available through April 30 for \$14 and then go to \$17. Tickets are on sale at OvationTC.com.



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On Saturday, May 16, on the grounds of St. Peter's Episcopal Church located on Mammoth Road at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry. Admission and parking are free. More than 65 vendors are expected, along with raffles, a tag sale and snacks from St. Peter's Bistro. The fair will be held rain or shine and will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

VLAP Workshop

The 2026 annual Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) Workshop

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

Hudson Safe

Join the Rodgers Library for this five-part series covering first aid, fire safety, disaster preparedness, trauma medicine and more. Part three will talk about in-home safety, on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. In part four learn how to

prepare for, survive, and recover from life altering events, including emotional and financial recovery on Saturday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. Part 5 on trauma medicine to give you the tools, techniques and confidence you need to stop the bleed and save a life on Saturday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m.

Robinson Pond Volunteers

Did you know there is a dedicated group of Hudson volunteers who sample Robinson Pond and its six tributaries every summer? These volunteers are part of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) and they are looking for volunteers to join their group. Samples

are taken in the morning, once per month, from May to September. These samples are tested by the state for chemicals, nutrients, pollutants and bacteria. Lab fees are covered by the Hudson Conservation Commission. Won't you join these volunteers and help keep Robinson Pond safe for you and your family during the summer? If interested please contact: RobinsonPondNH@hotmail.com

Historical Society Meeting

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

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

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

Movers & Shakers

Join your friends for a storytime full of music, movement, and bubbles for ages 1-3 and their caregivers at Rodgers library on Wednesday, May 6 at 10 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

Baby Lapsit and Playtime

Join the Rodgers Library on Thursday, May 7 and 14 at 10 a.m. for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

Electronics Recycling

Come to the Alvirne High School Parking Lot on Saturday May 16, from 8 a.m. - noon and drop off unused or

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Explorers Storytime

The Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers on Friday, May 1 and 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Donuts

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at Rodgers Library on Saturday, May 2 and 16 at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome.

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the Zentangle method to create a 5" square Zentangle tile on Tuesday, May 5 at noon and Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

CollabLab Science Storytime

Read stories about eggs, then create a vehicle to protect an egg from a drop off a ladder on Wednesday, May 6 at 4:30 p.m. Ages 5-9 only.

Rodgers Readers Book Club

This Rodgers Library book club will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m., to discuss this month's book "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn.

Curious Kids: Bluey Play Day

Explore learning centers with your preschooler at the Rodgers Library on Friday, May 8 & Saturday May 9, at 10 a.m.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

The book group will meet on Monday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m., to discuss "Assassins Anonymous" by Rob Hart.

Kindermusik with Let's Play Music and Make Art

Families with children ages 0-3 are invited to experience the joys of music and learning while having fun together on Wednesday, May 13 at 10 a.m., at Rodgers Library.

Environmental Landscape Gardening

Join Dana Benner at Rodgers Library on Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m., for a talk about how to landscape

your property in a way that benefits the environment around us.

Nonfiction Book Group

This book group will meet on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Curse of the Narrows" by Laura MacDonald.

Calligraphy That Inspired a Nation

Learn to write like America's founders. Participants will get the opportunity to write in script, use a dip nib and ink and scribe a line from the Declaration of Independence at Rodgers Library on Friday, May 15, at 6 p.m.

Cookbook Club

This group will meet at Rodgers Library on Monday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "Spiced: Unlock the Power of Spices to Transform Your Cooking" by America's Test Kitchen.

Afternoon Book Group

This group will meet at Rodgers Library on Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book pick is "Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kirsten Miller.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold its meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m., at Rodgers Library, which is open to everyone.

Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rodgers Library's teen space after school, most Weekdays at

2:30 p.m. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. Connect the Library with any questions.

Crime & Cookies

Monthly meeting of the Rodgers Library true crime podcast club will be on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

Explorers Storytime

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

Adventurers Storytime

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

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.

Buy-a-Brick and Show Gratitude

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tainment venue passes, and scholarships. FOL will engrave your purchased bricks with two lines (\$55) or three lines (\$80) with your special message. The order form is on Rodgers Memorial Library website click on the Friends page. The bricks are placed in the RML Walkway twice a year and will become an enduring legacy. For an inanimate object, each brick can speak volumes.

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.

Laptop Donation Program

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nashua.org if you have any questions.

Inhouse Secondhand Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rogers Memorial Library, running during normal library Hours. The book selection offers something for everyone, is restocked frequently and offered at the same bargain price as the big sale. Stationary featuring work of local artists, adorable tote bags, and handmade gifts are also available. The prices are extremely reasonable.

Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making

or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

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)

OBITUARY

Brian Wisnosky



Brian Wisnosky, 58, passed away peacefully on April 24, 2026, after a long illness that began in 2024.

Born on Nov. 2, 1967, in Nashua, NH, Brian was the son of Karen R. Wisnosky and the late William A. Wisnosky.

He grew up surrounded by family and remained deeply connected to his roots throughout his life.

Brian is survived by his loving mother, Karen R. Wisnosky of Hudson; his brother, Kevin R. Wisnosky of Hudson; his cherished niece and nephew, Brooke and Derek Wisnosky; and his great-niece and great-nephew, Brynlie and Landon Wisnosky. He also leaves behind his son, Jacob Wisnosky of Texas. He is also survived by his cherished dog, Oliver. In addition to his father, Brian was predeceased by his grandparents, John P. and Ruth Lawrence.

Brian spent much of his working life in construction, where he was known for his strong work ethic and willingness to lend a helping hand. For many years, he also served as the dedicated caretaker at Good Shepherd Church in Nashua, a role he took great pride in and through which he formed many lasting connections.

He had a deep love for the outdoors and found happiness in simple, active pleasures. Brian enjoyed downhill skiing, riding his electric bike and motorcycle, and kayaking during summers spent at camp in Hollis. These moments reflected his adventurous spirit and appreciation for nature.

Brian will be remembered for his resilience, his quiet kindness, and the love he held for his family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Family and friends are invited to attend a time of visitation on Wednesday, April 29, from 4 - 6 p.m., at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, April 30, at 11 a.m., at St. Patrick Cemetery, 102 Derry Rd., Hudson. All are kindly asked to meet directly at the cemetery. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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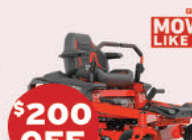
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