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BON VOYAGE Hudson Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, at left, was given a luau-style farewell party last week as he prepares for his retirement. More photos page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Groundbreaking on State's First Net Zero Development

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Verani Realty announced the groundbreaking of what it claimed was NH's "first net zero development" located at 75 Barretts Hill Road.

"It's a 34-acre site. We took advantage of the state's open space ordinance to put 17 acres in conservation," said Sam Evans-Brown of Clean Energy NH, describ-

ing the hillside behind the main development as open space in a state of "permanent conservation."

He went on to say that leaving open land would be "good for the wildlife, the hiking, the trails" in addition to residents' pocket-books.

"A lot our economic well-being right now stems from the fact that we essentially \$200 per year on ener-

gy all in, and that provides a tremendous amount of certainty going forward," said Brown.

The idea of any net zero project is to build homes that produce as much energy as they use, and every duplex unit will include rooftop solar panels.

Many of the net zero benefits will come in the form of energy savings **continued on page 2**

Report Shows Suspensions Up from Prior Year at HMS

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the correspondence portion of the Aug. 19 Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board discussed the June discipline report for the various different schools across the district.

Hudson Superintendent, Dan Moulis, explained that they had a comparison from June 2023 and June 2024, saying that they specifically have "some increases noted at Hudson Memorial School."

"There's definitely an increase from the prior year," Moulis explained during the meeting.

According to the report, the increases were specifically for suspensions.

In June 2023, they had 10 in school suspensions, while in June 2024 they had 15 total in school suspensions for Memorial School.

For out of school suspensions, they had five out of school suspensions in June 2023 and in June 2024, they had 15 out of school suspensions.

Another school pointed out was Alvirne High School, which had one in school suspensions for both June 2023 and June 2024, according to the report.

For out of school suspensions at Alvirne High School, they had four in both June 2023, and June 2024.

At the Early Learning Center -Library Street, there was one out of school sus-

pension for one day in June of this year, compared to none last year.

Hills Garrison saw a decrease this June with just one out of school suspension compared to two last year during the month of June.

The school had three in school suspensions this June compared to last year when they had zero.

Moulis explained that it is important that they continue to provide the updates to the public to help inform everyone.

"Just so the board and the community can see the updates in live time," he said about the monthly discipline report updates that they give at the meetings.

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Recovery House Gets Rehearing After Getting Cease-and-Desist

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The August meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a request to rehear the recent rejection of a cease-and-desist letter to stop the operation of a boarding house for those recovering from substance abuse at 12-14 Gambia Street.

Property owner, Keystone Estates, LLC, did not send anyone to the August 22 meeting, instead requesting a deferral in what Zoning Administrator, Chris Sullivan, saw as a confusing email.

"The email that they sent stated that we did not grant their accommodation variance which they never

applied for," said Sullivan, who noted that the original meeting with Keystone Estates was to address a cease-and-desist letter, not a variance. Sullivan signed the original letter, with the Zoning Board upholding his decision. "They will be ready to go by the next meeting."

Members of the Zoning Board were equally confused as to what the rehearing would cover.

"Are they going to be ready to go on the rehearing of their appeal on the Administrator's decision?" asked Vice Chair, Norm Martin. "Or are the going to be presenting their variance?"

"What are we voting on

here?" added Board member, Tristen Dion. "This is a request for a rehearing of our decision?"

Legally, there is no downside to deferring as the Town Administrator concluded that any rehearing would need to cover an old decision, meaning the July vote to uphold the cease-and-desist letter.

The rehearing request specifically cited a "lack of accommodation," arguing the Gambia Street sober house should have been allowed under Hudson's Zoning regulations.

As deferments are a commonly approved request for the ZBA, it was equally unclear what would

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School Board Continues to Discuss AHS Farm Updates

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board received a presentation regarding a proposal to allocate funds towards improvements at Alvirne Farm during its Aug. 19 meeting.

It was explained by Alvirne High School Principal, Steve Beals, that they are looking to have a potential collaboration between the school district and the Trustees to replace the machinery barn.

"We are requesting a pending improvement in the

machinery barn," Beals explained during the meeting.

Beals explained that it will help as a longer term solution, which will help them fit all their equipment, and would have electricity along with a new hydrant outside the building.

Right now, he said the new equipment they buy isn't safe in regards to weather, with its current building.

If the proposal moves forward, it would also be in a different location, Beals said., which would allow

them to put something else where the current barn is.

Beals explained that the proposal came from a brainstorm by the Trustees, who came up with the idea of having a funding collaboration.

He said they only received two bids, instead of three which is usually required due to the limited number of companies who do work on farm barns.

"We are pleased we got two bids," Beals said.

As part of the proposal, \$250,000 would be coming from the Trustees, as well

as \$53,500 from the school district's Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve, and the rest from the Farm Revolving account.

Alvirne Trustee, Patty Langlais, said she asked to have a warrant article for a Capital Reserve Fund for these types of projects.

"The trustees can only fund so much," she said.

She said that none of the things part of the master plan for the farm are "wants."

"As a trustee, we just feel the town and school district need to take some

ownership of the farm," Langlais said.

She said they wanted to see if they could move forward with the proposal or not, saying otherwise "we're going to lose the bid we have here."

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said there are a number of items needed to be fixed soon, including to the farm house, and suggested they have the needed public hearing for a larger amount.

Beals explained that they have a maintenance account that they were

expecting to pay for the needed repairs to the farm house, which includes insulation.

Gasdia said they should authorize up to \$100,000 from the capital reserve fund in case it's needed for the farm house.

The School Board unanimously approved having a public hearing on the proposed one being to accept a donation from the Trustees, and the other to approve up to \$100,000 from the reserve fund.

The School Board is set to meet Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Net Zero

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through energy-efficient construction, something Keach-Nordstrom Engineer, Pete Madsen, called a "passive house" approach. Passive house combines on-site electricity generation with better insulation materials to minimize energy loss to limit reliance on the power grid. The new build-

ings will take factors like window placement and airflow into account. Somewhat unusually, the homes will include no gas hookups, relying on induction stoves and heat pumps instead.

In total, construction will include 26 duplex homes, which were seen as more affordable than single-family homes by the developer. Barrett Hill is

considered a "market rate" project, built with direct subsidies.

"We have completed over 100 new builds with John and Elkridge Construction LLC in Southern NH," claimed Gail Nickerson, manager of the Verani New Homes Division, in a press release from the company. "We are excited to be joining forces to bring this Net Zero product and com-

munity to Southern NH through Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Verani Realty New Homes Division."

The developer claimed that success would serve to expand employment opportunities and training for the construction of other net zero projects.

Planning Board endorsed the development last May, following an April site

walk. The Board also called for a traffic study after several abutters expressed concerns the project would aggravate already problematic traffic on Barretts Hill Road. Ultimately, the issue did not prove to be a significant barrier to construction.

Being touted as NH's first net zero development on the market, the groundbreaking ceremony drew a

large crowd, including Senator, Jeanne Shaheen.

"These new energy-efficient units will help address our state's housing shortage while saving homeowners money on their utility bills for years to come," Shaheen said in support of the development on her website.

She hoped for success from the development and to see net zero projects like Barrett Hill across the state.

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School Board Approve Funding For Computer Increase

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board heard a proposal during its most recent meeting which would increase the amount of computers for the Dr. H.O. Smith and Library Street Schools.

It was explained by Hudson Superintendent, Dan Moulis, that the "Early Learning Center has integrated technology as part of curriculum, instruction and assessment."

Because of that, Moulis explained that the needs for technology have also increased in recent years including because of the following programs:

- i-Ready instructional lessons and assessment
 - Mystery Science and interactive lessons and exploration science trips
 - Writing skills that support the State writing assessment and keyboarding skills
 - Academic interventions in reading and math
 - Enrichment activities such as computer coding
 - Math in Focus online lessons
 - Digital literacy skills
- It was explained that the technology would help teachers with instruction.
- "The technology will support teacher instruction at the elementary level and

be balanced with teacher's instruction and pedagogy," Moulis wrote in a memo, "Currently each school has computers for 50% of the grade level student population."

It was explained in the memo that they were recommending for the School Board to move forward with the funding.

"The additional computers will benefit students' learning and provide an individualized and differentiated learning experience," Moulis wrote in the memo. "Students will have access to instruction and curriculum without multiple users on the same computer, min-

imizing loss of instructional time. Based upon multiple online assessments throughout the year, this will prepare students for i-Ready assessments and the NH State Assessment (SAS). The increase of technology supports student learning, instruction in the classroom and academic interventions. The increase of technology will not supplant instruction, the technology is to supplement instruction for students, increasing academic success, and technology skills."

As part of the proposal, the cost would be \$105,000 for 300 computers, and an additional \$18,000 for 12 carts for a total of \$123,000.

Moulis also explained that initially the computers would be paid for as part of ESSER III funds, which he noted needed to be allocated by Sept. 30 of this year.

"This new technology will be implemented by Oct. 31, based upon ship-

ment of the computers and computer carts," Moulis wrote in a memo.

Moulis explained that the funds used would be a good portion of the remaining ESSER III funds, which came as federal government relief during the pandemic.

He also noted that they would have some recurring costs moving forward.

"After four years of computer use, the technology replacement cycle replaces the older computers at a particular grade level. Computers purchased in 2024 will be part of the technology replacement cycle in 2028 and allocated

in the budget process by the Director of Technology," Moulis wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Additionally, the district follows a technology replacement cycle with one grade per year being replaced. The approximate computer replacement (1 grade level per yr.) cost per year is \$50,000."

On a unanimous vote, the School Board ultimately approved the proposal.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hills Memorial Library.

Cease-and-Desist

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happen if one was rejected. "If we deny it, I don't know what happens," said Dion.

Board Chair, Gary Daddario, predicted that a denial would push Keystone Estates towards "going to court on the original decision."

"If we upheld the decision, this should go to court," Martin added. "The applicant is appealing a code enforce violation cease-and-desist order and requires a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and, if approved, site plan approval from the Planning Board. Now, we upheld his decision, there

was no request in front of this Board for a variance.

The Vice-Chair was unconvinced by the arguments in the rehearing request and saw no reason to put the decision off another month.

"I think this literally should never have been on our schedule," said Daddario, after going through the details of the deferral request and learning that Keystone Estates made a late rehearing request. According to the Zoning Administrator, the property owner might not have gotten the official, written decision upholding the cease-and-desist letter in time.

Eventually, the ZBA voted to schedule the expected rehearing for their next meeting.

That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room of Town Hall.

OBITUARY

Pauline R. Madigan



Pauline R. Madigan peacefully passed after a brief illness on Aug. 16, 2024, with family by her side at the young age of 92. She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Lena Bois and predeceased by her husband John Madigan whom she was married to for 72 years. She is also predeceased by her brother, Rene Bois, sisters, Gertrude Michaud, Lucille Levesque, Irene Boucher and Doris St. Pierre.

Pauline was born on Sept. 4, 1931, in Nashua, NH. Pauline often spoke of her younger years when she would babysit and save her money to go shopping in downtown Nashua. Pauline met John through mutual friends, and they married at the Laton Hotel on Thanksgiving Day in 1950. They settled and started a family in Nashua where they would reside their entire lives.

Many remember Pauline standing behind the counter of Martha's Sweet Shoppe serving the Nashua regulars. Her most cherished job was being a homemaker. She took much pride in caring for her family and their home. She always made sure visitors were fed and her house be in pristine condition. She looked forward to her weekly card games with the neighborhood ladies as recently as two weeks ago along with Sunday visits to her sister "Flo's" house.

When at home, you would almost always find her doing her word searches on the porch, but only after hanging her laundry outside, polishing her windows and ensuring everything was in its proper place. She loved sharing stories of the younger years and was known to be the shortest, yet the most determined and strong soul of the family. She was the quintessential mother and Grammy.

She will be beyond missed by her children, Sandra Madigan, Kevin (Jen) Madigan, Maureen (Mike) Ordway and grandchildren, Holly (Keith) Hill, Kelly (Peter) Ducharme, Jason and Timothy Madigan along with Sam, Lauren, and Michele Ordway. She also leaves her five great grandchildren, Abigail and Nathan Hill, Ryan, Molly, and Laura Ducharme, her sister Florence Collins, brother-in-law Ed Madigan and sister-in-laws Sandra Madigan and Eileen Stewart as well as many nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, a time of visitation was held on Thursday, Aug. 22 followed by a Service of Remembrance & Prayers in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be held in St. Patrick Cemetery in Hudson. 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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Editorial

Teaching Takes Teamwork

With school back in session, we can't avoid the thought of autumn any longer. The trees are changing, not just in the swamps, and the evenings are getting cooler great for those back yard fires. It may be too hot to think about winter clothing, but the time for scarves hats and boots will be here before we know it. But, even as one season fades, the start of the school year brings with it a sense of everything new once again. The empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, and for the younger set, untouched crayons, convey an excitement about what's ahead. And even for those of us long past worrying about whom we'll sit next to in class, or whether we'll be able to open our lockers, the memories remain.

The opening of school also brings a reminder to pay added attention on the roads children will be walking along, such as streets without sidewalks, not to mention all the crosswalks. That means watching out for reduced speed limit signs, blinking lights in school zones, and school buses signaling their stops. While the opening of school means a change from the endless days of fun and games of summer to the need to buckle down to learning for students, it signals a shift in focus for parents as well.

What parents think of school is

conveyed to their children. And parents who attend open houses, school board meeting, budget meetings, and participate in Parent Teacher Association activities when their work schedules allow, are generally more involved in every regard. They meet their children's teachers and familiarize themselves with the school buildings, and these small things go a long way toward creating a positive school experience for their children. After all, kids learn by example. Just as it's a child's job to attend classes and be open to learning, it's a parent's role to be involved with that educational process. A teacher can only do so much; how parents value education and the learning process goes a long way toward making learning possible.

We hear a lot about team building in schools, but the most important team to build at this time of year is the one involving parents, their children, and their school.

Starting out with plenty of communication and mutual respect, will go a long way to making this school year a good one for each child. There's nothing like the opening of school, like the opening of a new book, to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring.

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Letters

Petition Warrant Articles

To the editor,

Summer fun is ending and back to school days are fast approaching. Plus the time to vote is near (I hope you do). The state primary is Sept. 10 and general election Nov. 5. However, do not neglect to vote again in March 2025 for a town election.

Now for the primary reason of writing to the editor. It concerns petition warrant articles voted on each March by the public. I will avoid explaining the process for one because of a 500-word limit and hoping you will keep reading beyond this point. My concern is the petition warrant article process and a serious disconnect in it as to when it is implemented to any degree after approval by a majority public vote. If a petition warrant article is advisory only (no related funding involved or direct amending of zoning ordinance) it can be overlooked for several reasons or outright ignored if a board does not take action to implement "the will of the people". How can that be acceptable? Sometimes implementation takes time and a well-coordinated effort by various town departments. Other times a direct board action to implement an approved article is sufficient. A case in point would be a March 2024 Hudson ballot voter approved article pertaining to all boards and commissions to include public input time during a public hearing on items that board or commission has control over.

In the case of the Planning Board for applications being reviewed there is an allowance of time in the public hearing for interested parties to express their viewpoints and concerns.

However, no well-defined specific procedure is provided for public discussion on other items the Planning Board has RSA authorization to control which are nonspecific to a future or pending land use application. For example, even if you submit a written idea or concern about a land use regulation (subdivision or site plan) there is currently no established procedure to follow for it to be presented, discussed, or even acknowledged by the Planning Board in a public hearing. If you find this unacceptable due to previous public voting, please contact the Hudson Planning Board to request them to review and upgrade their Rules of Procedure. Just so you know I hope to see public correspondence on this subject to the board through proper communication channels. I am a currently elected member of the Hudson Planning Board and want to hear about your opinion on this. Thank you, The Hudson Times, for allowing me to express my thoughts.

James Crowley
Hudson

Running for Representative

To the editor,

My name is Jordan Ulery and I have lived in Hudson for more than 50 years. I purchased a home here, I raised, with my wife of 50+ years, our two boys here. I serve on the Town Planning Board and am very active with the State Council of the Knights of Columbus. By experience I was one of the first Paramedics in the nation graduating from the first class at NHTI; was a fraud investigator and operate a small business doing research and field calls for financial institutes.

I have served the resi-

dents of Hudson in Concord as a State Representative for several years. During that time I have mostly been on Ways & Means working to prevent to ever present attempts to increase taxation on us by certain party affiliates. I have helped defeat tax increases, reduce business taxes, increase taxable reporting threshold (reducing personal business tax liability), reduce some fees. I have been appointed to many Commissions and Committees to study the application of taxes on individuals and businesses.

I also am a member of the Executive Board of Hillsborough County. I earned this position by being elected by bipartisan approval of all Members of the County Delegation. This Committee oversees expenditures and prepares a budget for County operations. I was able to get included, a low additional expense, both additional sex crimes attorneys and develop alternative service for non-violent youthful offenders remanded to County supervision.

I am asking for your vote in the upcoming primary election and hope that you will cast a vote for me on Sept. 10, 2024. Perhaps I will see you at the polls. Please stop by the Hudson GOP tent at Alvirne High School or Hudson Memorial School and discuss the issues facing NH in the upcoming general election.

Please visit: Representative Jordan Ulery - Re-election, NH (jordanulery-4nh.com) and make a modest donation to my 2024 campaign, Thank you for your consideration.

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Library Trustees Look to Secure Finances for Future

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees went through some notable correspondence from the past two months at their Aug. 21 meeting.

"It was a pleasure to participate last night at National Night Out," wrote resident, Ana Luzardo, in an email to the Trustees. "You all did an amazing job; it was as always a great event and I will always try my best to participate and support the library."

Rodgers Library also received a few donations, including \$2,000 from the

Friends of the Library organization to fund the Museum Passes Program. Hudson resident Denise Matthews sent \$50, while resident, Nancy Keith, sent \$10, both for general use.

"Thank you for the donations!" said Treasurer, Karen Bohrer.

The Friends of the Library normally supports the Museum Pass program every year.

Bohrer reported "nothing unusual" regarding library expenses through June or July. However, she did have an update on a certificate-of-deposit the Trustees currently use to grow

some of their unused building funds, which currently stands at just over \$226,000.

"Four months ago, the CD we had matured," she explained. "We rolled it over into a four-month CD to decide what to do with it."

That CD is due to mature in September, and Bohrer advised putting the money in another certificate, rather than a more ambitious investment like a mutual fund.

"What we want to decide is when we anticipate needing those funds," said Bohrer, who suggested

splitting the money to keep a portion available if needed earlier. "Something like putting \$150,000 in a one-year CD, are we really going to need it before one year? And the rest in perhaps a three-year CD."

The Trustees expect to make a final decision at the next meeting.

Library Director, Linda Pilla, reported that Rodgers Memorial Library has "almost 8,000" active library cardholders, with hundreds of renewals every month.

"Most people renew their cards," said Pilla. "An active card is defined by

being accessed in the previous two years."

The net number of cards occasionally fluctuates, typically when the number of renewals falls. Overall, the Director was optimistic about the number of cards in circulation and the percentage of Hudson residents with an active library card.

Pilla reported on an upcoming inspection of the old Hills Memorial Library building. There was some worry that the building's outdated boiler might not pass that inspection.

"We have an old boiler in the basement," she warned. "I believe if we did

need to replace the boiler, we would have sufficient funds."

Looking to avoid late repair penalties, Pilla pledged to get a quote on what it would cost to replace or update the boiler if it cannot pass inspection. The Trustees would probably use part of the building's dedicated capital reserve account if needed.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

School District Business Administrator Leaves Hudson

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, Superintendent, Dan Moulis, announced that the District's Business Administrator, Jen Burk, accepted a different position.

"I would like to thank Ms. Burk for serving as the Business Administrator for the Hudson School District for the past four years," Moulis told the School Board.

Moulis made the announcement during his report to the School Board.

"Ms. Burk has a new opportunity working in the private sector and I wish her nothing but the best as she begins this new career opportunity. For myself personally I've appreciated working with Ms. Burk for the past two years in my tenure here. She has been an outstanding member of our administrative team," Moulis noted that he is going to

miss working with her.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said Burk was a phenomenal business administrator," saying whoever replaced her will have "huge shoes to fill."

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, and others also thanked Burk for her tenure with the school district

"She will be sorely missed," she said.

The School Board also were asked to approve a budget transfer request, which School Board member, Ethan Beals, explained was for the purpose of buying books for woodworking.

The proposal was not on the original agenda for the

meeting.

"They are construction books," Beals said.

He said requests for \$5,241, and \$1,221 would come from the health and human service budget line for books, and the rest would come from a business book budget line that is not needed.

"Again, the purpose of this is construction books and the purpose of this is for the woodworking books at Palmer," Moulis said.

The School Board unanimously approved the budget transfer request.

The School Board also approved a number of nominations, including Elizabeth Davidson as the girls

volleyball coach for Hudson Memorial for a salary of \$1,200, along with for Hudson Memorial School

Athletic Coordinator, Dan Pooler, for a total of \$4,700, and for Intramural Advisor, Patricia Stilphen, for \$2000.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 9.

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Campbello Street Subdivision Rejected for Second Time

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Aug. 21 to discuss a rehearing request from Engineer, David Jordan, of Greenman-Pedersen on a variance for 36 Campbello Street. The proposal to subdivide the land for a new private road and ten single-family homes was narrowly rejected last June following skepticism from multiple abutters and questions about whether the road was wide enough for emergency vehicles. As designed, the new homes did not meet frontage requirements.

“We believe that the majority of the Board erred in determining that granting

the variance would alter the essential character of the area. The character of the neighborhood is single family homes,” Jordan argued. “What is not in character with the neighborhood is what is currently on the lot: one house on a 4.7-acre lot.”

He added that nobody in charge of town safety had anything negative to say about the development, a factor that is supposed to be taken into consideration when debating a variance request.

“The 4.7 acres allow plenty of room for the proposed homes, but we only have 30.37 feet of frontage,” he said. “The development proposed on the property fully complies with all area,

density, and dimensional requirements within the zoning district, and therefore embraces the spirit of the ordinance.”

According to Jordan, denying the variance prevented the property owner from fully utilizing the property, citing a legal precedent where similar variance requests were “presumed to be reasonable.”

Members of the Zoning Board had a few questions about the rehearing request.

“Why is a 4.7-acre family house lot not reason-

able?” asked Vice Chair, Norm Martin.

Jordan referred to a tax map of the area that had the Campbell Street property as the only single-family home of its size in the area.

“Is there new evidence that wasn’t available at the first hearing?” wondered Board member, Dean Sakati. “I haven’t heard anything. And if there was an error in the administration of the law, I haven’t heard anything.”

Other members were generally in agreement, saying there was not

enough new information to reconsider their original decision, saying their initial concerns remained valid, especially regarding the size of the cul-de-sac on the property.

“I don’t feel that circle is wide enough for equipment to get through,” said Martin. “I haven’t heard new evidence.”

Board member, Tim Lanphear, disagreed slightly after hearing there was evidence of similar variance on the land several decades ago and that such a fact might be taken into consideration, even as

such a variance would have long since expired.

Chairman, Gary Daddario, agreed that no new evidence was presented, but argued that it was “argued successfully that this Board made an error in the original decision.”

“There’s enough to warrant a rehearing of the case,” he said. “Good reason has been stated here this evening relative to a motion for rehearing.”

Ultimately, the Zoning Board voted four-to-one not to rehear the Campbello Street proposal.

School Board Table Proposed Policies

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

Two of the agenda items during the Aug. 19 Hudson School Board meeting were in regards to proposed policy changes.

It was explained previously by Superintendent, Dan Moulis, that as part of the federal policy update for the Title IX policy, it requires complete revisions to a number of different policies the school district has in place currently.

One example he pointed to is the need for some new policies, including one regarding the harassment of students and one regarding the harassment of employees, explaining that they used to be part of the same policy.

“It does parse out employees and students,” Moulis told the School Board.

Moulis explained previously that the new and revised policies will go to the Policy Committee first for review, and then will go in front of the School Board for a first reading.

But at the Aug. 19 meeting, the School Board immediately changed the order of the agenda to address the proposed policies, which were expected to be voted on at the meeting.

“I know a lot of you are here for one specific agenda item,” School Board member, Ethan Beals, said, before making a successful motion to move the agenda

item to the beginning of the meeting.

He went on to make a motion for the School Board to table the proposed policies to a later date.

“Based on our current policies and the procedures that we have in place, the high school being named in an ongoing litigation, and based upon community input leading me to anticipate additional schools being added to that litigation, I’ll make a motion to table the policies in tonight’s agenda until a time at which the litigation has been resolved or until a time at which based on the advice from the district’s attorney that we need to implement new policies in order to remain in compliance with applicable federal regulations that are tied

to our federal funding,” Beals said during the meeting.

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, said in light of community input,” and after receiving more advice from its legal counsel, she said that she thinks it makes sense to table it for now.

The School Board approved Beals’ motion to table the proposed policy changes.

Beals asked during the meeting for anyone from the community who was there for public input on the issue to hold their comments until they take up the proposed policy changes so it was more relevant.

The next School Board meeting is set to take place on Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

Tim Beaudin



Tim Beaudin, 63, resident of Hudson, NH, died on Aug. 18, 2024, at the Southern NH medical Center, Nashua, after a period of declining health. He was born on April 27, 1961, in Manchester, NH, a son of Maurice and Priscilla (Ayer) Beaudin

Tim grew up in Hooksett and graduated from Central High School in Manchester. He attended Rivier College in Nashua and graduated with a degree in Computer Science. He began his career at Digital Equipment Corporation which eventually became Hewlett Packard Enterprise. He started in manufacturing and worked his way up to Software Engineer while completing his education. He worked for the company for 45 years.

Tim was a very dedicated worker, husband, and father. He was a lover of all kinds of music from classic rock to jazz, and he acquired quite a collection over the years. He loved muscle cars, most especially Mustangs and always looked forward to car shows. He was an avid reader. He spent his younger years at Lake Winnepesaukee where his family owned a boat. Being on the water gave him great pleasure.

Tim was a kind and gentle soul to everyone he met and very respectful of others. He always listened and gave the best advice and was a great role model. He was a very generous man and wanted to help others less fortunate.

He was a true Christian. He never missed Sunday Mass all the years of his life other than when illnesses made it impossible to attend.

Tim will be sorely missed by his loving family and co-workers. He has left a big hole in our hearts and will forever be loved.

Services: Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Aug. 29, from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Dumont - Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, Aug. 30, at 10 a.m., in the St. Kathryn Catholic Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH. All are invited to meet directly at church the morning of mass. Burial will follow in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Hudson.

In lieu of flowers, we would like to ask that donations be made in memory of Tim to the NH Food Bank, P.O. Box 5000, Manchester, NH 03108-5000. The Dumont - Sullivan Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements. To share a condolence with the family please visit www.dumontsullivan.com for more information.

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Picnic at the Pond Set for Roll Out of New Trail Maps

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Aug. 12 meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission saw a discussion around the upcoming Picnic at the Pond event.

"It's just to introduce everybody to the new maps," stated Commission Chair, William Collins, referring to Hudson's newly released trail map app for smartphones. "I was wondering if no one would mind if I got a meat platter, some water, and some bags of chips for anybody that comes out? We'll do a little

hiking and try out the new software."

He described it as a "quick event" for Hudson residents interested in local hiking. Physical copies of the updated maps from every park will be on display.

The Conservation Commission agreed to provide light food and beverages for the event.

"I'm hoping we get a few people to show up," said Collins.

Picnic at the Pond will happen on Sept. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Musquash Pond, 74 Musquash Road.

The Chair announced that the Commission was in good financial shape a little over a month into the 2024/2025 budget year, with \$791,353.04 in the Conservation fund. Such money is usually earmarked to buy available, environmentally valuable land in town as needed to protect it from possible development. The hope was to spend some of the money by finding a piece of property by the end of 2024.

They also paid \$8,100 from their professional services fund to Full Circle

Forestry for a variety of services like pond treatment and eradicating overgrowth of invasive plants in the parks, especially knotweed.

"They're spraying everything else that we want them to spray," added Secretary, Ken Dickinson, who noted that Full Circle will return to complete knotweed treatment.

NH Fish and Game sent a notice to the Commission regarding a trapping permit request from the University of NH regarding a project to live trap and track fisher cats in the Hudson.

"I did ask them if, when the study is complete, if they could give a presentation," said Collins, referring to the University team after signing off on the permit.

There was no update on the Robinson Pond boat launch and beach improvement project. Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, expected to have a plan for how to move forward soon.

"I'm hoping in the next meeting, you're going to have a memo from me with some recommendations to consider to the Board of

Selectmen," said Dhima. "As you know, we filed an intent for improvements at the residential beach area and the boat launch at Robinson Pond for \$1 million. We expect an official invitation to apply for a grant either this week or next week."

Grant money is expected to cover much of the boat launch project.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is set for Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Board OKs Fund Balance Retention

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the Aug. 19 Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to retaining some of its end of the year fund balance.

"In March 2020, the voters approved a warrant article allowing the school district to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed 2.5% of the current year's net assessment in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II," Hudson Business Administrator, Jen Burk, wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Such fund balance retained may only be used to reduce the tax rate or for emergencies to be approved by the Department of Education under RSA 32:11.

The net assessment is the amount raised locally for the support of schools through property taxes, including the state-wide education property tax. This amount does exclude the State Education Grant (Adequacy Aid)."

It was explained that as part of the process, the School Board needs to "annually reauthorize the retained fund balance amount."

"The Board increased the retained fund balance amount carried forward from fiscal year 2021 into fiscal year 2022 by \$500,000 to retain a total of \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 2022, and then continued with \$1,100,000 for fiscal year 2023 and for fiscal year 2024," Burk wrote in a

memo.

It was explained by Burk that based on the FY 23 Tax Rate and Assessment for FY 24, the maximum amount they could retain would be \$1,235,821.

"The Board can reauthorize this same amount to be retained for fiscal year 2025, the Board could increase or decrease the retained amount (to the maximum noted below), or the Board can release the funds to be used to further reduce the tax rate when that rate is set by the Department of Revenue

Administration this fall," Burk wrote in a memo to the School Board.

It was noted during the meeting by Superintendent, Dan Moulis, that their recommendation was to continue retaining \$1.1 million in the retained fund balance account from fiscal year 2024 for fiscal year 2025.

On a unanimous vote, the School Board ultimately approved the recommendation to retain \$1.1 million in the retained fund balance account.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled Sept. 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

Roger L Gosselin



Dr. Roger L. Gosselin, 61, passed away Aug. 19, 2024, at Community Hospice House in Merrimack after a 5-year battle with cancer. Roger was born on March 7, 1963, in Nashua, NH. He is the son of Helen Gosselin and the late Leon Gosselin.

Roger loved his seven children; they were his greatest gifts and accomplishments in his life. He was very proud of all of them and bragged about them to everyone. He attended just about all their sport events from elementary, high school, and his sons who played college ball. He was always in their corner rooting for them, from when they played sports to their adult careers now. He always let them know they could accomplish anything they wanted with hard work and determination. He loved spending time with all of them, especially his Sunday breakfasts with his sons.

Roger's other love in life was his chiropractic profession, he loved helping others. He opened his practice Aarrow Straight Chiropractic in 1992 and practiced until his last weeks. He helped thousands of patients during his career. He knew he wanted to become a Doctor of Chiropractic at 14 years old, when he was working drywall with other French Canadians and saw their back pain and heard the miraculous work that their chiropractors did to help them. He was the first in his family to attend college. He attended Keene State College on a soccer scholarship and received his Doctorate in Chiropractic from Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic in 1990. Roger grew up speaking French as his family immigrated here from Quebec, but he also taught himself Spanish and Portuguese so he could communicate better with his patients.

His only other love besides his children and Chiropractic was his passion for the Montreal Canadiens, hockey season was his favorite time of year.

Roger is survived by his seven children: John-Leon and his wife Jillian, Angelique, Gabriel, Genevieve, Noah, Isabelle, and Levi Gosselin. His brother Yves Gosselin and sister Lynne Gosselin.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Aug. 31 at 10 a.m., in St. Christophers Church, 62 Manchester St., Nashua, NH. Burial will be private. Following mass, a celebration of life will be held at the Biergarten, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, NH. The family requests that everybody wear his favorite color, blue. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you please consider donations in Roger's loving memory to Home Health & Hospice Care, Attention the Community Hospice House, at www.hhhc.org. To share an online message condolence please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Bon Voyage

Hawaiian shirts and leis were suggested attire at last week's Going Away Party for Hudson Town Administrator, Steve Malizia. Members of Town Staff gave Malizia a luau-style farewell party at the Hudson VFW Hall as he sets to retire this month and plans on traveling after serving the town of Hudson for more than 20-years.

Photos by Chris Paul

School Board

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School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he thinks its important as well, and he appreciates receiving the reports for transparency purposes.

"Last year the big addition was the trending data, which I think is great," he

said.

One thing he said he hopes to see for the upcoming year is more context "for when we have those large numbers, those large spikes."

For example, he said if something happens such as a big fight, they could note

that versus if there are many individual incidents.

"I think what those themes are also talks to the seriousness of it," Gasdia explained during the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hills Memorial Library.

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Selectmen Approves Latest Contract For Line Striping

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the Aug. 20 Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to awarding a contract for line striping.

It was explained during the meeting by Town Administrator Steve Malizia that line striping is something they do on an annual basis.

He explained that it's for the center lines known as fog lines, and they make sure the ones that have faded over time are able to be seen by drivers by re-

striping the lines.

It was noted during the meeting that they were looking to award the contract to a company whose bid was slightly higher than the lowest bid for the project.

"It is my recommendation to award the bid to Industrial Traffic Lines, Inc. Industrial Traffic Lines has been line-stripping our town for almost 10 years," Hudson Public Works Director Jay Twardosky wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "We have built a great working relationship

with them."

Twardosky, who was not present for the meeting, also explained in his memo that the company is knowledgeable about Hudson.

"Their entire crew are extremely knowledgeable about the layout of our town. This allows our department and Industrial Traffic Lines to work together and complete the job in a timelier manner. Industrial Traffic Lines takes two and a half days to stripe the entire town," he wrote in a memo. "They are here from start to finish and

have done an excellent job for the town throughout the years."

One question raised by Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Dillon Dumont was if they thought the company would match the lower bid or not.

Jeremy Faulkner, who attended the meeting on the behalf of the Public Works Department said that he wasn't speaking on their behalf, but said he thinks they may be able to do it for that price.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved award-

ing the contract for up to \$56,410 to the company Industrial Traffic Lines, Inc.

In personnel news one of the agenda items was a request to advertise for a truck driver/ laborer position for the Public Works Department.

It was explained by Town Administrator Steve Malizia during the meeting that they have a vacancy for the position and they needed to have permission to advertise for the position.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the request.

In other personnel news, during the non-public session of the meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved retaining the services of soon to be former Town Administrator Steve Malizia, for up to three months starting Oct. 1, according to the minutes of the meeting.

His rate as part of the agreement will be \$75 an hour without any benefits.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. at Hudson Town Hall.

Summer Reading Program Ends After Popular Six Weeks

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

At the August meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Library Director Linda Pilla gave a lengthy report on what she saw as a successful summer reading program. The program started with the library's quinceanera in June and continued to the National Night Out event in early August.

"Our number for programming this year were stupendous, just amazing," said Pilla. "July was a fantastic month. We went from 700 people registering last

year, to over 800. We hit 700 in a blink this year, like at week three."

The summer reading program has fewer total programs compared to 2023 following feedback from library employees.

"There was some feedback from the staff that the more relaxed atmosphere, just from them not having to prepare so many programs, maybe that would encourage more people to participate when there was a program available," she said. "The children loved the water play days; the adults enjoyed all the adult pro-

gramming."

Linda Pilla outlined an update on an ongoing, partial carpet replacement project in the Rodgers Memorial building.

"What we're looking for in that area in front of the circulation desk and behind the circulation desk," she said. "This is an 'in-between' fix. We're not going to carpet the whole library, but there are areas in the library that are really showing their age."

Carpeting around the children's desks and other high traffic will also be replaced due to excessive

wear and tear.

"How long do you think that the carpeting in the whole library will last before it needs to be replaced?" asked Treasurer Karen Bohrer. "Should we be thinking about re-carpeting the whole library?"

Pilla guessed that a full re-carpeting would not be needed for another decade, but was open to an earlier, full-scale replacement if the Board of Selectmen agreed.

"Eventually, it's all going to have to be replaced, so rather than piecemeal it, maybe just get it all rolled out," argued

Trustee Lisa Weber.

Noticing that carpeting behind the desks wore down faster compared to the rest of the building, Trustee Margaret St. Onge wondered if it might be possible to install a "thicker pad or something" to reduce wear while making it easier on the staff working at the desk.

"They stand that whole time," said St. Onge. "I'm concerned for the people who work there."

It was unclear how feasible such padding would be and the Trustees agreed to look into the matter.

The Director officially

moved an expected Staff Training from August to September, citing higher vacation rates among library employees throughout mid-to-late August.

"Once we get done with the summer reading program, we try to use a smaller number of staff if we possibly can to let people go on vacation," Pilla explained. "They work all the way through the summer."

The new staff training date was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13, when the Rodgers Memorial Library will be closed to the public all day.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Football Seeks Second Straight Playoff Appearance

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Coming off their first playoff appearance since Alvirne spent a pair of seasons playing down in Division II, and a 5-4 regular season (4-4 conf.) record, the Broncos are looking to build on last season and potentially make a slightly deeper playoff run and perhaps host a playoff game.

While the Broncos graduated a lot of talent, especially at skill positions on offense, a healthy Charlie Crawford returning to the helm of the offense, along with returning tight end Ryan Rocheleau, who will be a prime target for Crawford and the Broncos, at this point, the running back position is somewhat up for grabs with Mikey Landmesser having the upper hand at the moment. We may see the likes of players like Shawn "Do-It-All"

Boudreau and Cam Steed at running back throughout the season, as no clear RB1 has emerged yet. At wideout, Alvirne is a younger group with Jeremiah Yi being a returning varsity receiver whose name was called many times throughout the 2023 season and will have a chance to be the team's WR1 this year. Gabe Conrow and Quintin Tetreault will likely round out the starters at receiver.

Defensively, Alvirne is far more experienced with Gabe Conrow joining Brody Orr as starting safeties while Jeremiah Yi and Mikey Landmesser are set to be the corners in Alvirne's base formations. Alvirne appears to intend to run a 3-4-4 defense with Quintin Tetreault and Ryan Rocheleau inside linebacker and Caiden Cox and Shayne Mackey outside. The defensive line appears to be simi-



Shawn "Do-It-All" Boudreau will still be playing a major role this season. Photo by Chris Paul

lar to how it was composed a year ago with Andrew Deely at nose tackle with Shawn Beaudreau and Cam Steed on the edges.

Taking a look at the Broncos' schedule, they will play nine divisional games this season, five at home and four on the road, with no interdivisional

games on the 2024 docket, with their first game being slated for Friday, Sept. 6 at Gill Stadium against the Manchester Central Little Green and their last taking place on Friday, Nov. 1 at home against the Pinkerton Astros.

Week one, Alvirne will return to Gill Stadium for

their season opener for the second season in a row with the last matchup between the two teams ending in a 44-7 Alvirne win back on Sept. 2 of last year. Alvirne comes in as the favorites in this matchup once again for many as the Broncos look to contend again in 2024.

Following their trip to Manchester, Alvirne will return home for back-to-back home games beginning with their home opener on Sept. 13 when they will host the Salem Blue Devils, who will return to Alvirne for the second year in a row. This matchup should be a close battle to the finish as Alvirne fell 21-10 to Salem on a muddy night a year ago. If Alvirne can keep the Blue Devil offense at bay, they may be able to come away with the win.

The latter half of the back-to-back will be against a team that Alvirne doesn't see very often in football, the Timberlane Owls. The two teams haven't faced off since Oct. 27, 2017 when the Owls beat the Broncos 21-7 in their final game of the 2017 regular season. Alvirne has since gone down to Division II for two years, then returned to Division I, and been back for four full seasons since their last meeting. Alvirne should be the favorite going into that game, as Timberlane was just 4-4 in divisional play a year ago, with significantly worse outcomes against common opponents.

Looking ahead to week 4, Alvirne will begin a three-game road trip on the road against Windham, a team that also graduated a significant amount of talent and should be a competitive game for the Broncos and Jaguars. Windham may be a slight favorite, but this is far from a game that an Alvirne upset is out of the question, especially if they stay healthy.

Week five is going to be a tall task for Alvirne as the Londonderry Lancers are next up. Alvirne has traditionally struggled with the powerhouse Lancers, as do many other teams in the state not named Bedford and on occasion, Pinkerton. The Lancers are a heavy favorite at this point in this game, but even with this game being put in the hypothetical loss column, it is entirely possible that the Broncos may sit at 3-2 or 4-1 after this game as a best-case scenario.

Alvirne will play their final road game of the season in week six as they travel to Spaulding High School to take on the Red Raiders. Spaulding was 5-4 in the regular season overall a year ago, but only two of their five wins were against New Hampshire Division I teams, with their wins coming 49-28 over Manchester Memorial and 41-14 over Nashua South. Spaulding's other three wins came against a pair of teams from

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Alvirne Volleyball Seeking First Playoff Berth Since 2020-21

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Taking a look at Alvirne's volleyball team, the girls are looking for their first playoff appearance since making a run to the quarterfinals in 2020 with a 7-5 regular season record. Since that season, the Broncos have gone 6-12 twice in 2021 and 2022 before falling back to 4-14 in 2023, their worst season since 2018-19 when Alvirne went 3-15. Alvirne's 4-14 record put them four games back of Exeter in the final playoff spot with an 8-10 record.

Alvirne will open their regular season on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at home against the aforementioned Exeter Blue Hawks in an early season "show me" game for the Broncos. If they can hold their own and compete, that will go a long way towards giving Alvirne some momentum going into the 2024 season towards a potential playoff push. If things do not go as well as Alvirne hopes, they will have to have a short memory, as they turn around and travel to Salem High to take on the Blue Devils on Thursday 24 hours later.

Salem finished last year at 11-7, which was good for the tenth seed in Division I. The Blue Devils ultimately finished eighth in Division I last year following a preliminary-round upset 3-2 over Goffstown. Two important tests for the Broncos in their first week. The Broncos' second week will be spent at home in its entirety as the Broncos will host Winnacunnet on Monday, Sept. 9 and Merrimack on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Winnacunnet missed the playoffs a year ago but beat Alvirne three games to none, so that will

be another game the Broncos will need to give their all in. Merrimack is another team that failed to make the playoffs in 2023, but still managed to come away with a victory over Alvirne, winning 3-1 last season. The following week will see Alvirne finish up their three-game homestand with a game against Timberlane, a team that Alvirne beat a year ago, so if all goes well, should be a win for the young Bronco squad. Alvirne will then take on Pinkerton on the road. The Astros finished seventh in Division I in

2023. To wrap up the week, last year's third-seeded Windham Jaguars will come to town on the 20th. Wrapping up September, the Broncos will play a pair of Monday road games on the 23rd and 30th of Sept. with their game on the 23rd being in Goffstown against the Grizzlies and their game on the 30th being at the Dover Green Wave. The Grizzlies made the playoffs and were upset in prelims by Salem last season and Dover finished third in NH after losing to the eventual champion Bedford Bulldogs in the

semifinals. Alvirne's Oct. schedule will begin on the second when Spaulding comes to town. The Red Raiders were one of the four teams the Broncos beat last season. Alvirne will also hit the road to take on the Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers on Oct. 4. The Cavaliers are Division I's runners-up in 2023. Alvirne will spend the entirety of the next week on the road as they travel to Nashua South on Monday, Oct. 7 and Bedford on Thursday, Oct. 10.

Football

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Maine and a Wallenpaupack Buckhorns team from Harley, PA. Alvirne could very well win this matchup as well, which could, in a best-case scenario, put the Broncos at 5-1, a realistic worst-case through six weeks would be 3-3.

In week seven, Alvirne returns home to take on the Concord Crimson Tide, who the Broncos upset 19-12 in the State Capitol last season. Some would be sur-

prised if the Broncos can do it again, but it wouldn't be a total shock for this game to come down to the wire, and if that is the case, an Alvirne win is not out of the question.

Their penultimate game will be at home as well, as Alvirne will play host to the Keene Blackbirds, another team Alvirne has not seen since 2021 and 2017 before that. Alvirne lost the 2021 matchup 26-7 at home in their first year back in Division I and won in Keene in 2017 14-7. The Blackbirds were a 4-4 regular season

team last season, finishing 12th in Division I, two spots behind the Broncos, who were without their starting QB for much of the season. Alvirne could very well come away with the win in week eight, pushing their projected record to somewhere between 4-4 and 7-1.

In their final regular season game, Alvirne will be up against a wall as they take on the Pinkerton Astros on Nov. 1 to wrap up the regular season. This Pinkerton game is one of two that can almost definitely be put into the hypothetical loss column,

along with the game at Londonderry, as the Astros, like the Lancers, are perennial title contenders, with Pinkerton coming off a third-place finish in Division I last year after Londonderry got revenge on the Astros for a regular season loss, beating Pinkerton 42-7 in the semifinals. That loss could send

Alvirne anywhere between 4-5 and 7-2 in the hypothetical predictions. This season could certainly be a step in the right direction for Alvirne, as the Broncos look to get back to the playoffs for the second straight year. Alvirne is likely to break the regular season .500 barrier in NH

play for the first time since returning to Division I, with a good chance at a 5-4 record as one of the worst-case scenarios. With a winning record would likely come a home playoff game for the first time since Alvirne hosted Milford in 2018 in the first round of the Division II playoffs



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Local Grad Goes For Gold at Paris Paralympic Games

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After graduating next door, at Londonderry High School, back in 2015, Noelle Lambert has been quite busy in the world of sports and in helping those around her with overcoming adversity.

Two years after graduating, while playing Division I lacrosse at UMass Lowell, Lambert suffered a life-threatening injury during a moped crash on Martha's Vineyard in which she lost a leg.

Since then, she has excelled in a great many things and this week, Lambert will be competing in

her second Paralympic Games.

Lambert, who now lives in Manchester, is scheduled to compete in two events at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris, France for team USA. She will be running in the 100-Meter T63, scheduled to start at 5:20 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7.

She will also be competing in the Women's Long Jump starting at 1 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 5.

The T-63 Division is an athlete competing with a single leg amputation above the knee who is running with a prosthesis.

In Tokyo of 2021, she placed sixth in the 100-

Meter and also broke her own American record.

She is also hoping to compete in snowboarding at the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in Milan-Cortina.

Lambert represented the United States in Para snowboard at the 2022 World Championships in Lillehammer, Norway.

Noelle has stated that her accident has been the best thing that has ever happened to her, she's been able to help others by sharing her experience and is determined to spread the message of hope, determination and perseverance through "The Born to Run

Foundation" she started and through speaking engagements.

Noelle is a recipient of the Myra Kraft Community MVP Award, the Wilma Rudolph Student Athlete Achievement Award, the New England Women's Leadership Award by the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, Mass., and was honored by the Boston Celtics as a "Hero Among Us" for her commitment to helping others and received the L'Oreal Women of Worth Award for her charitable work in her community.

Lambert graduated cum laude from UMass Lowell in 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Noelle was determined to continue using her athletic abilities and tried out for the U.S. Paralympic team to compete in the 100-meter in Track and Field, a sport in which she had never competed. In the fall of 2019, Noelle made the team and broke the U.S. women's



Londonderry's Noelle Lambert will be competing in the 2024 Paralympic Games. She is pictured speaking to middle school students in Londonderry.

Photo by Chris Paul

record at the World Para Athletics Championship in Dubai.

She took up Para athletics in May 2017 at Fortitude Health and Training in Manchester, after she was fitted with her first running

prosthesis in April of 2017, she began running with coach, Kirstin Kochanek, as a form of rehabilitation, in order to return to playing lacrosse for her college, and soon went on to her Paralympic pursuits.

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37th Fall Artisan Craft Fair

Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. At St. Peter's Church, Mammoth Rd., at 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Visit over 70 skilled craftspeople as they showcase their creativity in areas such as jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, multiple types of artworks, hats, hair accessories, soaps, essential oils, candles, pet accessories, windchimes, and a host of many others. While there, satisfy your appetite with apple crisp or at food trucks including B's Tacos on Saturday. A selection of homemade baked goods will be available for purchase and a candy sale will be held to benefit the Nashua NH Crop

Hunger Walk. Try your luck with raffles or look for bargains at the great-deals tag sale. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

Fire Prevention Open House

On Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Hudson Fire Department will host a Fire Prevention Open House at Leonard A. Smith Central Fire Station, 15 Library St., Hudson, NH. Come and learn about this year's Fire Prevention Week Campaign "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!". There will be loads of family friendly events including Touch a Truck, EMS Exhibits, Station Tours, Live Demos, Meet Smokey the Bear, and much more. Ques-

tions? Please contact Erika LaRiviere at 603-816-3248 or elariviere@hudsonnh.gov

Explore Girl Scouts

New friends. New adventures. Shine bright with Girl Scouts and discover a whole new world of possibilities. Come explore Girl Scouts on Wednesday, Sept. 4, or Wednesday, Sept. 18, both from 6 - 7 p.m. at Hudson Memorial School, 1 Memorial Dr., Hudson. RSVP to 888-474-9686 or customer-care@girlscoutsgwm.org - or just drop in. Girls in grades K-3 and a caregiver are invited to learn about opportunities to get involved in your community. Try out sample activities and see the many ways to get involved in Girl Scouts while having a fun

family evening. Walk-ins are welcome. Join Girl Scouts. See www.girlscoutsgwm.org

Benson's Family Fun Day

The "Friends of Benson's Family Fun Day!" is set for Saturday, Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Benson Park. Fun for all ages! Music, free games and prizes, face painting, balloon twisting, petting zoo, sidewalk magic, and a nursery rhymes book walk at The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe attraction, and more! Any questions? Go to friendsofbensonpark.org or facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark. Or, if you are in the park on Saturday or Sunday between the hours of noon - 4 p.m. visit the park store to chat with the Friends of Benson Park volunteers.

Food Pantry fundraiser

Hudson Lions Club fundraiser to benefit The Hudson Food Pantry, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, at The White Birch, 222 Central St., Hudson. The event will feature Country duo Ayal Brown and Rob Bellamy. Doors open 6:30

and runs to 10 p.m. It will be a fun evening of entertainment & dancing, there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$35 per person. For additional information: Barbara, 603-305-5193.

Retiree Day Luncheon

The NH Army National Guard (NHARNG) will hold its 15th Annual Retiree Day Luncheon on for Thursday, Sept. 19. Retirees who have not attended prior luncheons or have relocated are urged to contact Command Sergeant Major (Ret) David Follansbee via e-mail: dave_follansbee@comcast.net or (603) 623-7757. Please RSVP no later than Sept. 13. This year's luncheon will be at the Joint Force Headquarters building on the State Military Reservation in Concord and will feature a briefing on the current status of the NHARNG as well as exhibits and displays of interest to retirees. A group photo is also planned. The luncheon fee is \$5 at the door.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players?

Come and grab a donut at Rogers Library on Saturday, Sept 7 and 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Renaissance Tile Zentangle Class

On Wednesday, Sept 11 at 1 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m., join Diane MacKinnon, Certified Zentangle Teacher, and create a beautiful tile together at Rogers Library.

Veterans Picnic

Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 will host its 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic for All NH veterans and their families at the Hudson VFW, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m - 3 p.m. The event is open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military. Veterans don't have to be a member of the VFW, American Legion, or any other veterans' organization to attend. This is just a recognition of service and an opportunity to meet fellow Veterans. Vets are encouraged to bring their spouses, kids, and grandkids. There is a **continued on page 15**

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large fenced-in picnic area (weather permitting) and a large hall if the weather is bad. There will be horse-shoes, bocce, and corn hole games, plus games and activities for the kids. New this year, at noon there will be a Cornhole Tournament with a prize for the winner. Veterans are automatically entered in a drawing for free door prizes! Various Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) will be on hand to distribute information and speak with Veterans about the services they offer.

Teen Hangout

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., Teens are invited to relax the Rogers Library teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available.

Postpartum Support Group

On Thursday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m., gather with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about how you're healing and feeling at the Rogers Library.

Rodgers Readers

On Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to discuss "Isaac's Storm : a Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History" by Erik Larson.

Galaxy Jar Art

On Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m., students in grades K-4 are invited to Rogers Library to create their own galaxy in a jar.

Library Donation Event

On Thursday, Sept 12, bring your gently used books, all day to Rogers Library. Conditions and exceptions apply; see events.rogerslibrary.org for details.

Access Wisdom Book Club

On Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a discussion of "I Thought it Was Just Me: Women Reclaiming Power and Courage in a Culture of Shame" by Brene Brown, at Rogers Library.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m., come and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams at the Rogers Library.

Outdoor Storytime

On Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m., come to Rogers Library for stories, songs, and bubbles on the library lawn.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

On Monday, Sept 16 at 1 p.m., come to this Rogers Library Book Club. This month's book pick is "The Other Woman" by Hank Phillippi Ryan.

Planning Disney Vacation

On Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m., join Katie Midgley to learn some tips and tricks to help you navigate your Disney vacation at the Rogers Library.

Apple Boats

Can you use an apple to make a boat that will float? Find out on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m., at the Rogers Library. For grades K-4 and their grown ups.

Crime & Cookies

True Crime Podcast Club at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. This month will discuss "BOOTH" from Infamous America.

Teen Splatter Paint

On Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m., help the Rogers Library Decorate Paper Mache Letters for the Teen Area! Whip, Throw, and Splatter Paint.

Characters & Cocoa

On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m., Rogers Library will hold its is a monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshopping.

Tween Disney Trivia

On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m., Grades 4-8 are invited to join Ms. Maggie at

the Rogers Library to test their knowledge of Disney songs, characters, and movies. Prizes awarded. Snacks served.

Apple Party

On Sept. 20 and 21 at 10 a.m., explore apple themed learning centers with your preschooler at Rogers Library. For ages 2-6. This is a drop in event.

Tween Escape Room

On Monday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for an Escape Room.

Pajama Storytime

On Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rogers Library in your pajamas and enjoy songs and stories for the whole family with Miss Tanya.

Family Pokemon Go

On Thursday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m., join Ms. Maggie to locate and capture Pokemon in Benson Park.

Cookbook Club

Prepare a recipe from this month's topic, then engage with others about your recipe adventures on Monday, Sept. 30 at 11:30 a.m., at Rogers Library. This month's cookbook is "Modern Comfort Food: a Barefoot Contessa" Cookbook by Ina Garten .

Read 'Em & Eat

On Monday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m., come to T-Bones to discuss books over good food and drinks. September's book is "The Maid" by Nita Prose.

Watercolor Frog Painting

On Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., students in grades K-4 are invited to join Ms. Marissa at Rogers Library for a guided paint-along of a frog.

Preschool Parade on Wheels

On Friday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m., bring your bike, scooter, wagon, or stroller for a parade at the Rogers Library. Helmets required for bikes and scooters.

Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about

books you love or hate at Rogers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

Book Sale

On Sunday, Sept. 8 at 11 a.m., sponsored by the Friends of the Library. At Hills Memorial Library (downstairs), 18 Library St., Hudson. There will be Books, CDs, DVDs, for all ages. \$2 or less.

Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rogers library lawn.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park on the third Saturday of each month to make the beautiful park even more beautiful! Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. Great people. Great fun. Great exercise. Lunch provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

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 rogerslibrary.org

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.

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.

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.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

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 use by low-income individuals and

families. The client recipients are A) low-income, and B) living in our Greater Nashua catchment area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment. Please email info@unitedway-nashua.org if you have any questions.

Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (except Sept. 4) there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

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

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.

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