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Lock Box Talk

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School Board Vote To Not Recommend Voting Day Change

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

During the Jan. 22 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was deciding on whether or not the School Board would support a warrant article that would change the date of voting in the town moving forward.

The petitioned warrant article reads:

"Shall the Town of Hudson and the School

District change the date of the elections from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April in accordance with RSA 40:14, which would also change the date of the deliberative sessions to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive. This warrant will only take effect if it passes on the both the town and school districts ballots."

Previously the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-1 to recommend the warrant article, with Chair, Marilyn McGrath, abstaining.

Resident, Mike Tranfaglia, who brought the warrant article forward, said he hopes the change in date will increase voter turnout.

In an email he wrote, "Last week I submitted a warrant article to change
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Library Repairs and Upgrades Discussed by Trustee Members

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on January 17 to look into equipment upgrades for their community room.

"Our projector is quite old," said Library Director, Linda Pilla, who hosted a visit from Northeast Digital Integration to give the library's technology an in-depth look. "I asked them to price out a projector for use and getting it installed, and they came back with a bid of just under \$5,000."

According to the Director, the current projector is functioning "poorly." The Board of Trustees was receptive to the request but wanted at least two other price quotes before com-

mitting to the purchase.

A community room projector was not the only thing the library was looking to replace.

"United Service did a full inspection and noticed some microscopic holes in the heat exchanger of unit number three," said Pilla. "The unit is still operational, but tech recommends the full replacement of the heat exchanger to avoid loss of heat or exhaust issues."

If the problem worsens, it could redirect exhaust into the building, and the quoted price for a replacement was \$4,311. Pilla reported that the standard appropriation fund was more than enough to cover the repair cost. The repair

was quickly approved by the board following a concern where waiting would lead to higher expenses.

The Hills Memorial Library's red-tiled roof had several cracked tiles recently replaced as part of a limited repair to stop leaking in the bathroom. The \$2,550 cost drew money from the latest warrant article earmarked for the Hills building fund.

"Did we find what's making the leak?" asked Board member, Erin Henderson.

She was told they had not, due in part to the unorthodox nature of the building's 115-year-old roof, which needs more regular maintenance in the
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Junk Car Warrant Article Tabled, Will Not Be On Ballot This Year

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Planning Board reviewed the last of its warrant articles for the upcoming election at its Jan. 24 meeting, removing the article that would limit residents from storing too many unregistered vehicles.

First one for public hearing was "Warrant Article 34 (Formerly Article 3) Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows? Amend Article III, General Regulations, by amending 334-15.B.1, Parking prohibited, to add the words "and uninspect-

ed" to the following sentence: Outdoor parking or storage of more than one unregistered and uninspected motor vehicle per residential unit." As stated in the distributed packet.

According to Chairman, Tim Malley, the words "and uninspected" were added for the sake of clarity to Article 34. If passed, the law would prohibit anyone from parking or storing more than one unregistered and inspected vehicle in a housing unit. The Board of Selectmen passed the amendment hoping to keep what they called "junk" vehicles off town streets.

"In reading through the notes from Chris Sullivan,

he's trying to avoid having people take a junk vehicle simply registering it and making it allowable," explained Board member, Ed Van der Veen, who was not entirely pleased with the new wording. "By registering a car, you could still have it on the street, I don't think it accomplishes what it's looking to do. I think it'd be better to say 'one registered and/or uninspected vehicle.'"

It was unclear whether the wording would be sufficient to achieve the goals of the warrant article.

"It doesn't seem like this really does anything. Does it change anything currently already in our
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Sustainability Committee Mulls Composting Options

PAUL CONYERS
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A packet from Black Earth Compost and the possibility of a Hudson composting plan were central topics of discussion at the latest meeting of the town's Sustainability Committee. The Committee had

been looking into adding a townwide composting service with several large bins in front of a few high-volume Department of Public Works [DPW] or the schools. Other towns like Tyngsborough have a similar composting system already in place.

"Collections can be once a week, it can be bi-weekly, it's all tailored," said Sustainability Chair, Deb Putnam. "It would be advantageous to invite Black Earth to a future meeting and invite Jay Twardosky as Director of DPW."

The Chair called composting a "long-term project" for the Committee and noted that a formal warrant article likely needs residential approval to make it happen. She hoped the project would "meet the wishes and needs of a significant percentage" of Hudson residents.

more attention.

They also heard from resident, Lisa Weber, of 3 Hilindale Drive, who was at the meeting to speak in favor of a composting program.

"What's in it for me?" asked Weber. She recently signed up for a small private composting company called Grow Nashua and wanted to know if a townwide Hudson service would be similar. "What I'm getting out of it now is a big bag of compost I can put in my garden. The company I'm with also collects fruits and vegetables that are grown and they sell it or donate it."

Depending on the company, composting material can be sold or returned to the town. She asked the Sustainability Committee to consider paid composting options as an alternative.

"If we get any push-

back, we can look at it as a sign-up, the town won't pay for it, you're paying for it," said Weber.

Implementation is not expected until 2025 at the earliest and the Sustainability Committee wanted to do more research to explore all possible options.

Selectmen Liaison, Bob Guessford, called the plan a "great idea," but warned against focusing on a single company like Black Earth and recommended shopping around to get other opinions.

"If we're going to move out on it, great! But let's sure we do it in a sensible way, where people can look at us and say 'they really did their homework,'" said Guessford. "The one thing you don't want the citizens of this town to think is that we're trying to jam something down their throat."

Library

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coming years.

"This isn't our building, it's the town's building," explained Treasurer, Donna Boucher, who touched on the deeper issue of who should take charge of the Hills Library. "We have a meeting here once per month, but we otherwise have nothing to do with this building. We have the Rodgers Memorial Library, which we have our budget for."

Currently, the Hills building is mainly used as a meeting place for a few municipal bodies like the Trustees and the School Board.

"The biggest issue is that it's a historical building, it just needs to be taken care of," said Pilla.

Board members also approved \$425 to keep the Hills building clean for a month. The Trustees had been looking for a new cleaning service for that task.

Trustee, Karen Bohrer, ended the meeting by reminding Hudson resi-

dents that the library was open to all residents with a variety of resources, even in winter.

"Make use of the library, especially during these cold winter months!" said Bohrer. "Check out a book, or download a book or listen to a book or participate in a virtual program or come to the library because it's warm!"

The Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 21, at 6 p.m., in the Hills Memorial Library Building.

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School Board Hear Proposal Regarding Master Schedule

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The School Board was presented with a proposal during its Jan. 22 meeting to create a “master schedule course inclusion procedure,” for the high school.

Alvirne High School Principal, Steven Beals, explained that he wanted to bring forward a concept of a procedure “about how a course gets offered in the master schedule.”

“To create better equity for teaching staff, use resources prudently with declining enrollment, and

still provide a comprehensive program of study offering for inclusion into the master schedule, the following minimum course enrollment procedure is to be followed,” the proposal read.

The procedure would ultimately outline different tiers of how many students are needed before a class is automatically added to the master course schedule or would need to undergo further approval processes.

“If we have a section that’s 15 or more, we’re just doing it,” Beals said.

For courses with enrollment of 15 students, the course will be included in the master schedule “with approval of high school administration.”

Any courses with enrollment of 10-14 students, the course will be offered in the master schedule “with approval of SAU staff in collaboration with the high school administration.”

Courses with five to nine students under the policy, “will only be offered in the master schedule with approval of

the Hudson School Board in collaboration with the SAU/high school administration.”

As part of the policy, any courses with less than five students won’t be offered as part of the master schedule.

“Courses that meet every day (double period) and team-taught courses will have additional review,” the proposed policy reads. “Courses that are designed to meet the individual needs of students through IDEA or 504 plans are not subject to the same review

process.”

School Board member, Ethan Beals, said he didn’t have any interest in being part of the approval process for what courses are included in the schedule saying, “I think that’s overkill.”

He said he doesn’t think there is anything else they could add when it comes to making those decisions outside what the administration has already vetted, but he likes it as an “informal piece” for transparency.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, also agreed.

Superintendent, Dan Moulis, said it wouldn’t be something that is governed in policy, and instead would be a procedure for how they look at class sizes.

“It’s a procedure,” he said.

It was decided to have all the references of “approval” changed to “review” which Beals said he would have revised, and then present it to the school staff.

School Board Chair, Gretchen Whiting, said she wants it to be clear that it’s a “guideline.”

School Board Members Approve Conference Request

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the Jan. 22 Hudson School Board meeting, a request for a conference was heard.

It was explained in a memo by Occupation Therapist, Deidre Shimp, that she was looking to the American Occupational Therapy Association Inspire Conference, which is taking place in Orlando, Florida from March 21 until March 23.

“The conference begins on 3/21 at 8:00 am, so I would have to be there on 3/20, time off request would be 3/20, 3/21, and

3/22/24. (Missed therapy sessions would be made up the previous and following week or covered),” Shimp wrote in a memo.

Shimp said she would be taking workshops during the conference that are related to school-based occupational therapy.

The original proposal would be \$100 per night for hotels, for a total of \$300, and the conference cost would be \$480, for a total of \$780.

One of the questions raised during the meeting was why there weren’t any airfare costs included as part of the proposal.

“Why no cost for airfare,” School Board member, Gary Gasdia, asked.

Director of Special Services, Rachel Borge, said she is using her points, noting that she is from the area and originally was going to stay with family and friends, but ultimately decided to get a hotel.

Gasdia said he wasn’t comfortable with having employees use their own funds to pay for conferences.

“It is a cost,” Gasdia said about the points being used.

He proposed they allo-

cate up to \$400 to be spent for the airfare for the conference.

School Board member, Ethan Beals, also agreed with not having employees use their own funds for conferences.

School Board member, Mike Campbell, said he doesn’t want employees to think they have to make concessions in order to get professional development approved by the School Board.

The School Board unanimously approved the conference request, with the additional \$400 added for airfare.

Also at the meeting, the School Board was presented with two different budget transfer requests.

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, said one was for LNA certifications.

“We did get an invoice in December that covered a number of students who had received the LNA pro-

gram that ran from March to July,” Burk said, noting that the balance was for the remaining invoice they have to pay.

The second request was to cover the purchasing and replacing of World Language books. The School Board approved both requests.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.



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Editorial

Winter All At Once

Winter was treating us so well this year, with those of us wanting snow stuck dealing with disappointment as the weather warmed and the days looked almost like spring.

Since it's New England, things change in a blink of an eye, and all at once snow fell making the skiers, snow boarders, tubers, sledders, and skaters are very happy.

Now, it's time to make snowmen, to try not to slide off the road, to get out the snowshoes and the cross-country skis, and to deal with plowing and shoveling.

Adventure is what winter is all about, and there are events coming up all around the state. There is one right in Londonderry that would like to invite you to venture outdoors to enjoy what the season can offer. It's the 34th annual Musquash Conservation Area Field Day on February 17th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This family friendly event is free, so bring the family by the way leashed friendly dogs are welcome to come learn more about Londonderry's amazing Conservation Area. In all seasons, this is a way to enjoy the conservation area in the winter along with other seasons. Explore trails on sleds, skis, snowshoes or mountain bikes, if we have snow. Learning about our local wildlife, while making new friends who also love nature, while enjoying hot dogs, cookies, cocoa, and coffee around the fire pit at The Land-

ing.

To get to the Musquash, head to Hickory Hill Road in Londonderry, the entrance to the Musquash Conservation Area is off High Range Road - at 12 Hickory Hill Road. Please respect parking restrictions.

Meanwhile, there can often subzero wind chill makes being outside a brisk adventure, but if you dress appropriately along with using traction gear if it's icy or snowshoes, you will have a great time.

Hudson residents also have plenty of outdoor opportunities to take advantage of with a Musquash Conservation Area of their own. Snowshoeing can be enjoyed there as well as at Benson Park. Robinson Pond was recently frozen over and great for ice skating.

There's a theme here, we live in an area replete with opportunities for winter fun where you don't have to spend your money on ski passes to enjoy it.

Plenty of winter outdoor activities can be enjoyed for little to no money right in our own backyard, and you get the benefit of enjoying the stark but striking winter landscape. Just bundle up, pay attention to wind-chill, and be careful where you are out in the elements.

If staying warm indoors is your activity of choice, it's a great time to think about what to grow in a garden. After all, spring has to come sometime.

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Letters

Hudson Boulevard Feasibility Study

To the editor,

Since its conception all segments of the former Circumferential Highway have had a significant Regional Impact as well as environmental one. Article 10 to be voted on March 12, 2024, is for a new Feasibility Study of Hudson Boulevard which is the southern section of the former Circumferential highway alignment between Sagamore Bridge Road and Route 111.

To clarify for everyone a Regional Impact simply means multiple communities have an identifiable interest and will be impacted by the design and possible building of a proposed project.

However, the current funding of the Feasibility Study of Hudson Boulevard is approximately 80% from federal aid and 20% from a single community, namely Hudson. Hudson's funding portion is \$200,075. I went to the Oct. 15, 2023, NHDOT 2025-2035 Ten-year plan public meeting. Please note at the meeting that even now the State is NOT proposing any actual funding for this feasibility study.

This doesn't make sense. Transportation related Regional Impact improvements for new corridors should be joint federal and state funded because multiple communities benefit and are affected. Since the state is not committing direct funding only federally, this should raise a red flag to Hudson voters on Warrant Article 10 in the coming Deliberative Session and March voting. Our town will be the only one to supply direct funding for the Feasibility Study. My concern then is if this is such an important inclusion for a

NHDOT 2025-2035 Ten-year plan Regional Impact improvement to add a corridor, why doesn't the state pick up the 20 percent funding instead of a single community which is Hudson.

Raise that red flag even higher on town funding expenditures due to an outstanding EPA "Intent to Veto" the circumferential highway which included major known concerns with this same southern segment.

I caution Hudson citizens to think hard about committing tax dollars for a Regional Impact related feasibility study with a questionable future to build in the former southern Circumferential segment. Does restudying and a redesigned roadway in that alignment make for sensible expenditure of tax dollars?

Also, I think Hudson taxpayers should worry about how even larger future funding dollars for possible Hudson Boulevard construction will be handled if this is how the State supports funding the preliminary engineering studies of it. Construction dollars will be in the millions. Are only Hudson taxpayers other than the Federal government going to fund that too? Will surrounding community commuters at least wave to us for paying for a direct route for them to pass through Hudson? My property tax has already increased significantly. I want any future increases to go more directly to Hudson Fire, Police and Schools not support of other communities. I do not apologize for that hard position. Whether you support or not the Feasibility Study of Hudson Boulevard please attend the Deliberative Session Feb. 3 and vote on March 12, 2024.

James Crowley
Hudson

Hudson Runways Being Railroaded

To the editor,

We are being railroaded out of town! By who you ask. Our very own Town Engineer!

A Solar Farm is in the works for the Town of Hudson, spear headed by our town engineer. "Location", West road Landfill Cap and lower area.

We, Southern NH Radio Control have been using this site for the last 24 years. Without any notice to us, the Town Engineer was meeting with committees, power companies and Selectmen, moving full steam ahead. He gave zero consideration to a club that has been functioning for almost a quarter of a century!

We have two runways, which we have made major improvements to throughout the years. We have a Heli Pad on one end, and we have a shed for the lawnmower and trimming tools. A lot of money has been spent over the years. We built two shelters, to get out of the rain, and keep our electronics dry.

We also have safety fences. This is considered one of the Best Flying Sites in NH. The field is recognized by the FAA, who gives us permission to fly up to 1000 feet on any given day, and with a phone call to Nashua Airport and Manchester Airport we can fly up to 1500 feet. This is a great site for Police and Fire Rescue to practice and learn to fly drones.

We have taught young radio control pilots to fly and they have moved on to become commercial pilots.

We like to think our club has some value to the town. We have donated over \$16,000 to the Hudson

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Lockbox Program Has Soft Rollout at Hudson Senior Center



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Photo by Chris Paul

Hudson Voters Choose Trump and Biden in Primary Election

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

After nearly a year of New Hampshire residents hearing from dozens of potential presidential vote-getter the First in the Nation Primary elect results are in from Hudson voters.

Much to no one's surprise, President Joe Biden brought in the most votes on the democrat ballot and former president Donald Trump was the top vote get-

ter on the republican ballot.

On the Democratic Ballot, there were 1,568 votes cast with Joe Biden getting 708 write-in votes. There were a total of 933 write-in votes cast on the Democratic ballot.

Dean Phillips, whose name was on the ballot, brought in the second-most votes with 360, one of which was by write-in.

On the Republican ballot, former president Don-

ald J. Trump captured 3,619 votes out of the 5,789 votes received.

Nikki Haley was Trumps closest competitor in Hudson, receiving 2,076 votes.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis had just 27 votes.

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It's the time of year when the sounds of snowplows greet you in the morning after an evening snowfall. You look out at your snowy driveway, put on your winter gear, grab a shovel and a bag of de-icing salt, and head outside to clear the snow and ice.

Unfortunately, de-icing salt is commonly made up of sodium (Na) and chloride (Cl) ions, and ultimately makes its way into nearby streams, rivers, lakes, and ponds. This elevates the chloride concen-

trations, harming plants, fish, and wildlife. There are currently over 50 water bodies in the state of New Hampshire that have chloride impairments with levels exceeding standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Elevated sodium and chloride levels contaminate the drinking water supply of individual homes as well as large drinking water supply systems that serve New Hampshire communities. Contamination in drinking water from NaCl has increased by

150% over the last 30 years. Chloride is a permanent pollutant, and it only takes one teaspoon of de-icing salt to pollute up to five gallons of water.

There are many salt reduction practices that municipalities, the State Department of Transportation, and commercial contractors can implement while maintaining roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks during the winter season. But what about your own driveway and walkways? Here are some

steps that you can take to reduce winter salt usage on your own property. Remember to shovel, scatter, and sweep.

Shovel before applying: Clear snow from the driveway and walkways before applying salt. The more snow that is removed manually, the less salt you will need to use.

Scatter the salt grains: When applying salt after clearing the snow, make sure to scatter and leave space between the grains. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. Remember, only treat the areas that are used regularly. If possible, avoid treating rarely used areas such as side door

walkways.

Sweep up excess salt: After the ice on your driveway and walkways has melted, sweep up leftover salt. This will prevent the excess salt from being washed away into local surface waters and groundwater, preventing contamination as well as damage to vegetation and landscaped areas. The excess salt can be saved to use later and is also a good indicator that you can use less next time.

Hire a Green SnowPro certified professional: If you hire a contractor to manage your property, consider hiring a Green SnowPro certified professional. The NHDES Green SnowPro Program [www.des.nh.gov/land/roads/road-salt-](http://www.des.nh.gov/land/roads/road-salt-reduction/green-snowpro)

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Small actions can have lasting impacts. Simple practices that reduce winter salt use help prevent increasing chloride concentrations, keeping New Hampshire waters healthy for future generations.

Junk Car

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town ordinances if you say and/or? Is it really needed at all?" asked Selectman, Bob Guessferd.

The board eventually voted to table the motion, effectively delaying it to next year's ballot over concerns it would be "unenforceable" if passed.

Several of the remaining warrant articles also spurred some debate among the Planning Board. Article 45, designed to change the zoning designation of a single parcel on 48-50 Friars Drive received criticism from Board member, James Crowley.

"I do not agree with the methods used to change the zoning for this property, they should be the ones requesting a zoning change through the standard petition method to the Zoning

Board," argued Crowley.

Despite the concern, Article 45 was approved by the board. Crowley expressed the same objection to every warrant article related to rezoning.

Article 46 was similar, with a broader scope across several plots of land on West Road to be rezoned from business to industrial.

"We had extensive discussion on West Road activity, planning, and the development of it right now," said Vice Chair, Jordan Ulery. "Current property owners made their feelings known, and all they said was 'approved the plan please.'"

The board voted to move Article 46 to the ballot while adding specific addresses of affected properties to the wording.

Article 47 would rezone land near Lowell Road from a general to a

business designation.

"I'm not sure why we would be moving Fox Hollow in business," said David Schaller of 213 Fox Hollow Drive. "If we could move to have Fox Hollow stay at general, then it would be in line with other condo associations in town."

Schaller also complained about a lack of proper notification.

The Chairman reiterated that existing townhouses would continue to be allowed on Fox Hollow regardless of the business designation and that all property owners received notification.

The board voted to move Article 47 to the ballot.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Voting Day

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the date of the school and town election. The purpose of this warrant article is to push the election date past the threat of inclement weather that would postpone the election as it has twice in the past few years.

If the warrant article doesn't pass on both the school and town ballot, then it wouldn't go into effect."

One of the concerns raised by school district officials previously is that by delaying the election, it could lead to delays and or issues with hiring. Superintendent, Dan Moulis, explained that their main concern is how it may impact the hiring of any new positions that are part of the budget, explaining that they wouldn't be able to hire anyone until the budget passes.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said on the surface it's a "no brainer" to change the voting day, but because of staffing concerns it changes his opinion of it.

He said he is also concerned some voters may not realize the challenges related to staffing if they push the voting day back. Vice Chair, Maureen Dionne, also noted that she

has concerns about being able to hire people for different positions if they go with a later voting day.

"I do believe there will be an impact on hiring," she said.

One question raised was whether or not they could change their vote at the Deliberative Session based on what they hear from the public.

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained that generally they would only be able to change their vote if there is a substantive change to the warrant article.

The School Board ultimately voted to not recommend the warrant article.



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Letters

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Recreation. Our Club is proud to say it has assisted some college students with

design input for a model they were building for a nationwide competition. We have taught a lot of young and old to fly at this site. It's a great recreation area that we would hate to lose.

This site is ideal since on three sides we have swamp, Continental Paving, and the Town Transfer Station. Great Neighbors! Very hard to Duplicate! We are not against the

Solar Farm, we would just like to coexist. "We need your help!"

Vote "NO" for the Solar Farm and Save us, SNHRCC from getting the boot!

Vote "YES" on our petition warrant article.

Do your research take a look at the Board of Selectmen meetings and minutes and see the agreement which was passed in 1999 to allow us to have this field for our club.

I have lived in Hudson all my life. Member of SNHRCC over 40 years!

Respectfully Submitted,
Harry Peters
Hudson

Infrastructure Study and Building Moratorium Needed in Hudson

To the editor,

It is time for a short-term building moratorium so a town infrastructure study can be done to create a responsible Master Plan for Hudson.

What does this town want to be when it grows up? What is the vision the residents have vs what the planning board, developers and the state have for us? Clearly our zoning rules are weak and puts us into the crosshairs of predatory developers as we are witnessing with the Friary Distribution Center, Target's massive "Flow Center"

(Green Meadow), high density apartment developments (Friary), and other residential/commercial developments recently opened, under construction, or in the planning phase. It is time this town takes a break and assesses what is happening to insure we have the resources to handle the growth and that it meets the residents' visions.

Over the last 4 years we have seen these mega projects get approved, and frankly when I asked if a total assessment of all the projects impacts combined were considered I was told NO and that each project is reviewed by itself. That is a ludicrous approach to planning.

While developers talk mitigation I not once heard anyone on our planning board or select board question, "What does this mean for our town's emergency services, schools, traffic, environment, and quality of life for residents?" I called out over 3 years ago the impact these developments would have and some are just starting to raise their ugly heads. Heck, the biggest ones haven't even opened yet!

By putting in a short-term moratorium you can then build a real master plan. At the same time, we can review zoning assignments that would be much more responsible to the

town's vision. It is scary what could be built in this town.

Critical questions need to be asked that were never asked by the planning board ... not a single member asked how many more incidents would occur when adding all of this in town.

Key questions this study would ask:

1. Is the fire dept structured and staffed correctly?
 - a. Should we have separate EMT and Firefighters?
 - b. Do we have the right equipment, personnel, training, and station locations?
2. Is DPW prepared, staffed, and equipped?
 - a. All new developments mean:
 - i. More roads to clear in the winter.
 - ii. More roads to maintain.
3. Is the Police dept prepared, staffed, and equipped?
 - a. There will be more accidents.
 - b. There will be more crime as you commercialize and build out.
4. What is the impact to our schools?

It is time to pause and review what has been done before this gets out of hand. We are on the brink. Let's create a real master plan that is responsible and meets our needs and not the developers or the state's.

Jim Dobens
Hudson

OBITUARY

William "Bill" Abbott



William "Bill" Abbott, 86, of Hudson, NH passed away following a brief illness on Jan. 27, 2024. He was born on Oct. 23, 1937 in Nashua, NH, the eldest son of William and Lena Abbott.

Bill grew up in Wilton, NH attending public schools up through his graduation from high school. He was a good athlete, excelling in baseball and basketball.

Bill attended the University of NH in Durham, graduating in 1959. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. During his time at UNH, Bill completed the ROTC program and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force.

Shortly after graduating, Bill began his Air Force service, stationed in Red Bluff, CA. It was also during this time that he married his first wife, Sandra (Sheetz) Abbott, whom he'd met while they were both students at UNH. Bill and Sandra went on to have two children together, a daughter, Pam and a son, Jeff.

After his time in the military, Bill moved his family back to NH where they settled in Nashua. He began a civilian career as an electrical engineer. He was employed by a variety of companies including the family business, Abbott Machine Company, as well as Sanders and Kollsman. For many years, he also taught college courses at Nashua Community College. Bill also received a Master's Degree from Northeastern University during this time in his life.

It was during his time at Kollsman that Bill met his second wife, Diana (Hodge) Abbott. Bill and Diana had caught one another's eye several times in the office, but it was not until they started taking walks together at lunch that their interest in one another truly blossomed. Walks turned into dates, which became a courtship that lasted nearly 10 years before they married in 1991. Diana came with a son from her first marriage, Chris, who Bill always treated like his own. It was Chris who finally encouraged Bill to pop the question when he asked, "Aren't you two ever going to get married?" A beautiful marriage began, which lasted for the last 32 years of Bill's life. Bill and Diana enjoyed traveling throughout the US and abroad, especially their trips to Woods Hole, MA and Nantucket, MA. They enjoyed daily walks together, bicycling, and entertaining family at their home. Bill and Diana were the love of each other's lives and theirs was a truly special bond.

Bill was a devoted father to his children, Pam and Jeff. He was recently asked what he was most proud of about his life, and without hesitation he said it was his children. He described Pam as a delightful, moral and intelligent woman, and Jeff as intensely loyal. Bill taught his children a great number of lessons throughout their lives, which they hold dear as wonderful memories. Bill was thrilled when he became a grandfather for the first time in 1986. He would go on to have a total of six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was "Grandpa" to Jonathan, Joshua, and Jennifer and "Peepaw" to Reese, Hayden and Gigi. He relished this role, having a seemingly endless supply of energy to keep up with the kids.

Bill was a man of many hobbies, passions and interests. He enjoyed shooting, bicycling, kayaking, skiing and playing tennis. He was an avid reader. He was a "tinkerer" by nature, always working on a project around the house. In recent years, he'd also developed an interest in ham radio. Bill was very proud of having become a private aircraft pilot, something he enjoyed for over 50 years. He was also a certified flight instructor. Bill was passionate about physical fitness throughout his life. He was a fixture about town, taking his daily three-mile walks where he would engage in friendly conversation with his neighbors. He was known as a gentleman by all, always willing to lend a helping hand to family, friends, and neighbors alike.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, William Abbott and Lena (Wilder) Abbott, and by his brother, David Abbott. He is survived by his wife, Diana Abbott of Hudson, NH; His brother, John Abbott of Travelers Rest, SC; His daughter, Pamela (Abbott) Lamontagne and her husband, Marc Lamontagne of Deerfield, NH; His son, Jeffrey Abbott of Wilton, NH; and his stepson, Christopher Hodge and his wife, Ashlee Hodge of Chatham, NJ. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jonathan Lamontagne and his wife, Katelyn; Joshua Lamontagne and his wife, Jessica; Jennifer (Lamontagne) Kirwin and her husband, Michael; Reese Hodge; Hayden Hodge; and Georgia "Gigi" Hodge. He was also survived by two great grandchildren, Elliot Lamontagne and Vera Lamontagne, as well as several other close extended family members.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in William's memory may be made to The American Heart Association (300 5th Ave, Ste 6, Waltham, MA 02451; TIN 13-5613797) or online at www.heart.org To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Free Tax Preperation Available Across the Granite State

The highly successful Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program was launched on Jan. 26, by Granite United Way, in partnership with Citizens, which generously supports the program with a \$50,000 contribution and volunteer support.

VITA is a free tax preparation program available to individuals and families with household incomes up to \$64,000 annually. Taxes are prepared by IRS-certified volunteers who assist low-to-moderate-income residents to access the greatest amount of refunds.

Last year more than \$5.5 Million was returned in federal tax refunds through this program, including nearly \$1 Million through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to families and individuals struggling throughout our community. The EITC, coupled with the Child Tax Credit, has lifted 16,000 NH residents out of poverty, including 8,000 children, each year, on average.

According to the IRS, about 1-in-5 eligible New Hampshire residents fail to file for the EITC, leaving an estimated \$31 million unclaimed.

“Granite United Way’s VITA program is historically launched on the EITC Awareness Day, which is January 26th this year,” said Patrick Tufts, President and CEO of Granite United Way. “The Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit are both important tax benefits that can provide tax filers a boost in their income. It is one of the primary areas our volunteers are trained to help bring financial stability to families we serve.”

There are two ways to access this program:

1. Visit NHTaxHelp.org to schedule an appointment

with an IRS-certified tax preparer – those without internet access can call 211 NH.

2. Visit MyFreeTaxes.com to prepare your own return for free & online – with guidance available from a toll-free helpline.

“Granite United Way’s VITA program is an important benefit that ensures community members are maximizing their tax returns,” said Joe Carelli, NH State President at Citizens. “Citizens is proud to continue our financial and volunteer support to help families navigate the process with ease and assurance.”

“This program continues to be an important community asset,” said Paula Gay, Asset Building Coordinator for the organization who leads Granite United Way’s VITA program. “Our volunteers are helping individuals and families navigate through complex tax preparation while empowering them to strengthen their financial situation.”

VITA strives to serve underserved people, such as those with disabilities, limited English language proficiency, grandparents raising their grandchildren, and people experiencing homelessness who are working, but not bringing in enough to put a roof over their heads. The VITA volunteers are trained on all of the latest tax preparation changes and they help thousands of individuals and families throughout NH and Windsor County, VT.

Volunteers are still needed. Those interested can reach out to Paula Gay, Asset Building Coordinator, at 603.224.2595 x316

The VITA program is a partnership with United Way, Citizens, the IRS, and AARP Foundation Tax Aide.

Black History Month - Remembering Private George Hazard

JOHN V. MADDEN
SUBMISSION

At the north end of Row 38, in Section A of the old section of Hills Farms Cemetery, stands the headstone of Private George W. Hazzard. Private Hazzard (sometimes spelled Hazard) is the only known African-

American Veteran of the Civil War buried in Hudson.

Private Hazzard was assigned to Company F, 3rd Regiment, United States Colored Infantry, which was a Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers.

He was a Private, who enlisted on Sept. 5, 1864 in

Concord NH and was discharged on Oct. 18, 1865, at the expiration of his term of service. His birth year is shown as about 1824, in Norwich, VT, so he would have been about 40 years old when he enlisted. As per his Death Certificate, he died on July 8, 1891 in the Town of Hudson, Hillsborough County, NH, at the age of 66.

Death Certificate, George W. Hazzard

His father is identified as Oliver Hazzard and his mother is identified as Chloe Colby. Private Hazzard's occupation at his death was listed as a farmer.

The African American Civil War Memorial identifies his Plaque Number: A-9, and Film Number M589 roll 39.



George W. Hazzard Grave Stone.

Courtesy Photo

Private George W Hazzard, Company F, 3rd US Colored Infantry. Born Sept. 4, 1824; Died July 8, 1891.

Ruth Parker of the Hudson Historical Society conducted some research on the

house at 13 Derry Lane. This house belonged to George Hazzard (Hazard). Ruth did a deed trace back through the years from her computer as far as she could go. The earliest deed was Book 517 Page 497 dated 1 Jul 1891 and the property was transferred to Mary Hazard from James Ryan. There was a note that the property had been transferred to James Ryan by George Hazard with the intention that it be transferred to Mary Hazard. This was 7 days before George's death.

Thank you to Ruth Parker of the Hudson Historical Society for her assistance in researching Private George Hazzard.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Broncos Boys' Basketball Playoff Scenarios Looking Slim

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Looking at the Alvirne High School boys' basketball team, the playoff possibilities appear to be very murky.

The Broncos currently are the first team on the outside looking in as the 13th seed at the moment, just

above Merrimack (4-6), Salem (4-6), and Londonderry (4-6) while holding the tiebreaker against Merrimack following their 54-44 victory earlier in the season with a matchup with Londonderry on January 24 and Salem coming up on the schedule on Feb. 16 at home.

Like the Lady Broncos and Admirals, Alvirne's other two major Winter sports teams, it's possible that the Bronco boys can lock up a playoff spot by the end of the night on Feb. 9. The boys have the best numerical chances to clinch by that point in time. Alvirne can afford two games between their schedule and Merrimack's schedule to make the playoffs regardless.

In that short timeframe, Alvirne has games at home against Timberlane (0-10) on January 26 and Keene (5-6) on January 30, at Bishop Guertin (4-7) on Feb. 2, back home against Spaulding (4-7) on Feb. 6, and at Londonderry (4-6) on Feb. 7, and Nashua North (7-4) on Feb. 9. With only one game against an opponent currently over .500, it wouldn't be bizarre for Alvirne to go 5-1 in that stretch, bringing their magic number down to just three at that point.

As for Merrimack, the 4-6 Tomahawks play Londonderry (4-6), Manchester Central (2-7), at Bedford (11-0), and Concord (0-10) in that same span. Their schedule in the next few

games is certainly favorable, but the idea of Manchester Central upsetting them wouldn't be out of the question as their two wins were against Goffstown (5-5) and most recently in their last game against Manchester Memorial (6-5). Bedford is unbeaten and doesn't look to be poised to lose a game for a while as they have had as many wins (3) decided by 30+ points as by single-digit differentials. The only potential loss that appears on the calendar is one-loss Pinkerton in a game that will take place on Feb. 9. Londonderry could easily defeat the Tomahawks, as well, which if that happens coupled with the aforementioned stretch by Alvirne, the Broncos would clinch a spot in the playoffs.

If things don't go perfectly according to plan, the Broncos would still have plenty of time to lock up their spot so long as they don't string together several losses in the next month and a half. They have 4 games after the Feb. 9 date, which seems to be the clinching weekend for Alvirne. Beyond that, the Broncos travel to Dover (5-5) on Feb. 13, host Salem (4-6) on Feb. 16, travel to Bedford (11-0) on Feb. 20, and come



Gabe Conrow passes to Sam Dewitt during the team's 69-50 victory over the Timberlane Owls.

back home for their season finale against Goffstown (5-5) on Feb. 23.

If all of that doesn't pan out, Merrimack has 4 games from that point as well: at Goffstown (5-5) on Feb. 13, at home against Nashua South (8-3) on Feb. 16, Windham (7-3) on Feb. 20, and finishing off their season on the road at Pinkerton (10-1).

If all three teams can lock up spots in their respective NHIAA tournaments, it would be the first time in over a decade that both basketball teams and hockey made the playoffs in a year that didn't include open playoffs the same year, and it is looking increasingly more possible that such a situation arises on the same weekend.



Broncos junior forward goes up for a lay-up against Timberlane on Friday night, Jan. 26. The team won the game 69-50.

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Admirals Fall Just Short in Battle Against DII Leader

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne-Milford Hockey team traveled to Exeter on Saturday to take on the 8-1-0 Winnacunnet Warriors at Phillips Exeter Academy. The Admirals and Warriors facing off is always a date both teams circle on their calendar, as there is no love lost between these two squads, and most games these two teams play end up as instant classics. Saturday was no exception to that rule, as the Warriors topped the Admirals 4-2.

We got to see a new matchup in net between

these two bitter rivals as Trent Scarbro got the nod once again for the Admirals and Owen Helton was tapped in for Winnacunnet in a matchup that was destined to be excellent from the beginning.

Winnacunnet came out firing on all cylinders controlling much of the play early on in the first frame, and eventually going on to out-shoot the Admirals 13-5 in the first frame of action. Fortunately, it appeared for Alvirne-Milford that their senior netminder had shown up to play and was the reason they managed to stay in

the game early, as they went into the first intermission right where the game began: 0-0.

In the second period, just two minutes and 46 seconds in, Brock Emery was able to collect the rebound from a shot by Matthew Clouthier with four seconds left on the powerplay to make it 1-0 in favor of Winnacunnet. Noah Andronaco picked up the secondary assist on that goal.

Alvirne-Milford responded just 14 seconds later as Braydon Atwood evened things up with a

top-shelf wrist shot that beat Helton and made the score 1-1. Just over two and a half minutes later, Brandon Callahan would snap his six-game scoring drought to make it 2-1 in favor of the Admirals in what was shaping up to be another instant classic between the two rivals.

With just over two minutes to play in the second, a turnover in the Admirals' defensive zone would lead to Warriors captain, Brady Thompson, deflecting in what seemed to be a totally harmless shot from Alex Santora to deadlock the

game at 2-2, which is where the game would stand heading into its final frame.

With 11:08 remaining in regulation, and just 6 seconds into a penalty against Alvirne-Milford's Braydon Atwood, Brayden Emery would join his brother on the score sheet, finding the back of the net on a shot that knuckled on Scarbro and ricocheted off his glove and in for what would eventually be the game-winning goal for the Warriors.

Ian McCormick would add an empty netter for good measure to bring the score to 4-2 where it would

finish.

The Admirals battled hard against the top team in Division 2, and several Warriors players mentioned that Alvirne-Milford was the toughest team and their hardest-fought win of the season. While the result didn't come out the way the Admirals hoped, there are a lot of positives to take away from this game, including the continued scoring from the "Killer Bs" line and Trent Scarbro's ability to continually give his team a chance to win hockey games and compete for a title.

Alvirne Girls' Basketball On Course for Playoff Berth

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School girls' basketball team currently sits in the 10th seed out of 21 teams in NHIAA Division I, just after the midway point in the season. Currently sitting at 5-4, Alvirne is in the middle of the pack as far as playoff teams go with 14 teams qualifying for the tournament at the end of the year. The Broncos also sit just a game behind Salem, who is eighth place in the division,

and they are currently even in the loss column with the Blue Devils. A top eight seed would earn them a home game in the first round of the tournament.

As it currently sits, Nashua North is the first team on the outside looking. They are currently tied with both Manchester Memorial sitting at 5-7. Nashua North does control their own destiny, however, as they have one more game remaining on their schedule, as well as a head-to-head game

against Manchester Memorial in mid-February.

Alvirne's magic number, or combined number of wins and opponent's losses needed, to clinch a spot in the tournament is down to six after factoring in their tiebreaker over Manchester Memorial via their head-to-head win on January 22.

Like the Admirals, Alvirne's co-op hockey team that they share with Milford, the Lady Broncos have a legitimate chance to clinch their spot by the time Hudson has finished their deliberative sessions with the Broncos playing four games between now and

Feb. 9, and the Crusaders playing in 5 contests in that time. The Broncos' other closest opponent from eliminating them from the playoffs, the Spaulding Red Raiders, sit at 2-8 currently, making the magic number over them six. Spaulding plays in four games between now and Feb. 9, with all of them being against teams in the playoffs except their matchup with the Crusaders. That includes an opportunity to host the Broncos in a critical matchup on Feb. 6.

Alvirne's upcoming schedule isn't unfavorable in that timeframe, either

with matchups at Keene on Jan. 30, home against Londonderry on Feb. 1, at Spaulding on Feb. 6, and back home against Nashua North on Feb. 9. All Alvirne would need to do assuming neither Manchester Memorial nor Spaulding upset any of the teams they face would be to win three of the four games, meaning their matchup against 7-2 Londonderry could be a moot point as far as clinching a playoff spot goes. An upset would only solidify their chances.

Again, like the Admirals, in the event things don't go perfectly for the Lady Broncos, there will still be time for them to lock up a spot in the playoffs,

with the team still having five games to play after Feb. 9 with their magic number hopefully at the very least a small number then. Their remaining matchups from that point are at home on Feb. 13 against Dover, on the road on Feb. 15 and 16 against Manchester Central-West and Salem, respectively, their final regular season game at home against Bedford on Feb. 20, and their season finale on February 23 at Goffstown.

The odds of Alvirne's girls' basketball team making their third straight tournament are very high after the team has rattled off five straight victories. Can they keep it up and lock up a spot? Only time will tell.

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Alvirne-Milford Admirals Look to Make Playoff Run

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

It's hard to believe it, but the Admirals have now passed the halfway point in their season and currently sit at 4-5-1 and making the playoffs is a very real possibility for this squad. Especially considering nine of the thirteen teams in Division II will make the tournament and the Admirals have upcoming games against the current 10th, 11th, and 13th seeds with matchups on Jan. 31 at St. Thomas Aquinas, Feb. 7 at Portsmouth-Newmarket, and Jan. 10 against Timberlane at Skate 3 respectively.

If the Admirals can take care of business against those three squads, they will certainly move closer to a playoff spot. Their current magic number stands at 7. If they just win those three games, however, it would drop to just 3 assuming all teams that sit behind them win all of their other games through Feb. 10. The fortunate thing for the Admirals is that this scenario is not possible, as Portsmouth-Newmarket and Timberlane on Feb. 3 in Salem, NH. That means that one of those teams is bound to lose unless the game ends in a tie, and as long as there is a winner in that matchup, it will help Alvirne-Milford regardless. While the ideal scenario is that Timberlane comes away with that win, it is unlikely that they can win that one, as Portsmouth-Newmarket is the

projected victor according to the Admirals broadcast team at Anchor Down Sports.

Looking at some of the notable games between now and Feb. 10 for the Admirals' clinching scenarios, first with the 13th-seeded Timberlane Owls, they've got their backs against the wall. Timberlane hasn't won a game since Feb. 13, 2019, when they beat Pembroke Academy. Since then, the Owls are 0-39 with a 0-15 season in 2021-22, 0-17 last season, and they're currently 0-7. The Owls host the 5th-seeded Spaulding, then they travel to play at 6th-seeded Dover before their aforementioned home game against Portsmouth-Newmarket. They also play host to Division 2's current leader the Winnacunnet Warriors before travelling to Skate 3 to play the Admirals. Assuming they lose all of those games, which, while bizarre to expect a team to lose another six games consecutively, is a very rough stretch, with everyone they have between now and Feb. 10 scheduled being seemingly far better than them, it's possible. That would eliminate Timberlane from being able to top the Admirals regardless of anything else.

Moving on to the current 12th seed in Monadnock-Fall Mountain-ConVal, they have just three games between now and Feb. 10 with trips to Winnacunnet, and Dover before a

home game against Goffstown on Feb. 10. If the Huskies lose all three of those games, which is a real possibility, the Admirals wouldn't even need to win another game to guarantee themselves to be better than the Huskies.

The current 11th-seeded Portsmouth-Newmarket Clippermules, are the team that is the peskiest for Alvirne-Milford. They have four games between now and Feb. 10th: along with the aforementioned trip to Salem to take on the Owls, which they are projected to win, the Clippermules play at home against Lebanon-Stevens-Mascoma, and Alvirne-Milford, wrapping up this stretch on the road against Winnacunnet. Assuming the Clippermules lose out minus Timberlane, it is possible that the Admirals can clinch having a better record than the Clippermules in that scenario via the tiebreaker of having the head-to-head win.

Finally, it's the St. Thomas Aquinas Saints. A team that, until the Admirals beat them last season, hadn't lost a game in two and a half seasons. This is a team that if Alvirne Milford wins their three games against non-playoff teams remaining, will have a near-zero chance of not being eliminated by Feb. 10. Even though they have an extra point after beating Bishop Brady-Merrimack Valley-Concord Christian



Admirals scorer Brandon Callahan celebrates his seventh goal of the season at Winnacunnet on Saturday, Sat. 27.
Photo courtesy Luca DeRosa.

Academy, they currently sit at 4-7, making their best possible record 11-7. If Alvirne-Milford wins the aforementioned three games, they'd lower St. Thomas' best possible record to 10-8 while making their worst possible record 7-10-1. Then when St. Thomas' upcoming schedule includes games at Windham (Division 1), Lebanon-Stevens-Mascoma, and Somersworth-Coe-Brown as well as at home against Spaulding excluding their matchup with Alvirne-Milford, you can't help but figure they'll prob-

ably lose to Windham, Merimack, Lebanon-Stevens-Mascoma, and Somersworth-Coe-Brown, they would be unable to finish better than 7-11 which the Admirals would clinch a better record assuming they beat the Saints, Clippermules, and Owls.

Essentially, if everything goes exactly the way it should with no upsets, Alvirne-Milford's path to the playoffs is not only in their own hands but fairly straightforward. Alvirne-Milford could very well, for the first time since their inaugural season, find their

way into Division 2's playoffs guaranteed by Feb. 10.

Assuming a couple of these games do not go according to projections, Alvirne-Milford will have three remaining games on their calendar, St. Thomas Aquinas will have two, and Portsmouth-Newmarket, Monadnock-Fall Mountain-ConVal, and Portsmouth-Newmarket will all have four after Feb. 10, so it seems to be a fairly safe bet that the Admirals will be headed to the playoffs in one way or another this season.



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'The Flying Ace,' recently named to the U.S. National Film Registry, will be screened in honor of

Black History Month.

The screening will feature live music by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based silent film accompanist and the museum's executive director.

Films such as 'The Flying Ace' were shown specifically to African-American audiences in areas of the U.S. where theaters were segregated.

Norman Studios was among the nation's top film production companies mak-

ing feature length and short films for this market from the 1920s to the 1940s.

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Songs & Snuggles

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'The Flying Ace'

Aviation Museum of NH to screen rare vintage aviation thriller on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. 'The Flying Ace' (1926), recently added to US National Film Registry, features an all-Black cast and will feature live music by Jeff Rapsis, a NH-based silent film accompanist and the museum's executive director. Tickets are \$10 per person at the door. Member discounts

do not apply. Advance tickets are available by phone at (603) 669-4877. For more information, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

Teen Hangout

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Thursday in Feb. at 2:30 p.m. for Teens only hang out time, this event is for 13+.

Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday in Feb. 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

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Adventurers Storytime

Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For ages 3-5. We will do a dragon craft. Caretaker participates with their child or children. Children should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome. Registration required. Please indicate the number in your party when you register including adults and infants.

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday in Feb at 2:30 p.m., come meet Dino,

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Kindness Creations

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m., & Wednesday, Feb. 7, at

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connection and brighten someone's day through the simple gesture of a handmade gift.

Dungeons & Donuts

Are you looking for people to play Dungeons & Dragons with? Are you new **continued on page 15**

Town of Hudson Open Elected Positions

The town of Hudson recently released the Open Elected Positions that will be voted on in the March Elections.

The filing period for Town/School Election starts on Wednesday, Jan. 24 until Friday, Feb. 2, 2024

Anyone interested in declaring

candidacy for these positions shall file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Interested candidates must be registered voters in Hudson.

On Feb. 2, the last day of the filing period, the Town Clerk's office will be open until 5 p.m., per RSA 652:20.

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Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday in Feb. at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 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.

Paper Bouquets

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m., make a bouquet of paper flowers to give to someone special at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For elementary students in grades K-5.

Access Wisdom Book Club

On Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library Certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a club highlighting books that help us gain more access to our wisdom. We'll discuss a range of books from self-help to memoir to creative nonfiction that give us insight into our own minds and help us take action and live out our values. This month's book is "The Comfort Crisis" by Michael Easter.

Curious Kids

On Friday, Feb. 9, at 10 a.m., join the Rodgers Memorial Library and explore learning centers with your

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Genealogy Club

On Friday, Feb. 9, at 1:30 p.m. As New England marks this year the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower, join the Rodgers Memorial Library for a workshop on William Bradford's journal "Of Plimoth Plantation."

Stitchers Circle

On Saturday, Feb. 10, at 9:30 a.m., come and Stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft etc. at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Secondhand Prose Sale

Come Sunday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. for a Book Sale Sponsored by the Friends of the Library at Hills Memorial Library at 18 Library St. (downstairs). Books, CDs, DVDs, for all ages. \$2 or less

Cookbook Club

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 11:30 a.m., join the Rodgers Memorial Library to sample and discuss recipes from popular cookbooks and food themes! Prepare a recipe from this month's topic, Pho, then engage with others about your recipe adventures.

Blood Drive

American Red Cross will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m., at Rodgers Memorial Library. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

Afternoon Book Group

Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 1:30 p.m., join the Rodgers Memorial Library the third

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Crime & Cookies Podcast Club

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., join the Rodgers Memorial Library as to discuss this month's listen while enjoying a tasty dessert. This month will discuss select episodes from Wondery's "The Generation Why" podcast.

Candy Poker

On Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m., join Rodgers Memorial Library for a monthly game of Texas Hold' Em poker! Play for candy and take your winnings home. Beginners welcome. If you haven't played before, you may wish to do a little online research first on how to play though the staff will help you.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

You know you love it - murder, mystery and mayhem all in one place. You will also laugh....a lot! On Monday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m., at Rodgers Memorial Library. This month's book pick is "Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice

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Tween 3D Printing Lab

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial Library to learn to use Tinkercad to create a keychain, and print it on the Library's 3D printer.

Read 'Em and Eat at T-Bones

On Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m., come to T-Bones to discuss books over good food and drinks! You can pick up a copy of the book from the Rodgers Memorial Library. February's book is "Part Of Your World" by Abby Jimenez T-Bones is located at 77 Lowell Rd., Hudson. Individuals are responsible for their own food and drink

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.

Coffee With The Cops

On Feb. 27 The Hudson Police Department joins the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, for presentations on different subjects involving Community Policing. Coffee Will Be Served at 10 a.m. in the Function Room.

Fire Outreach

Hudson Fire Department will be at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, on Feb. 6 & March 5 for the Fire Departments Community Outreach with Steve Dube at 10 a.m., in the Function

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Laptop Donation Program

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Five Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will be awarding four general individual \$1,000 scholarships to graduating High School Seniors and one individual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Senior who is a member of the Alvirne Leo's Club. Applicants must be a Hudson NH resident. Applications may be obtained at the Alvirne Guidance Office or email: DGRoger@comcast.net. Applications are due by April 12.

Book Donation Dates

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will hold a book donation day each month at Rogers Memorial Library. It's the Thursday immediately following Second Hand Prose (SHP). Upcoming dates are: Feb. 15. All day (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.). Books are dropped off in the library to a study room. Do not use the donation bin in the

parking lot - the bin donations do not go to the friends.

Valentines Breakfast

There will be a Valentines Day Breakfast on Feb. 13, \$5 per person, at 10 a.m., in the Senior Center Function Room, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson. Don't forget to wear Red. RSVP required by Feb. 1.

Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will hold the Second Hand Prose (SHP) Book Sale at Hills Memorial Library (Basement) the second Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Upcoming dates are: Feb. 11.

Penguin Plunge

The Special Olympics of NH Penguin Plunge will take place on Feb. 10. The Alvirne team has already started to form and over the next two months will continue to grow. If you are interested in joining the team, apply online at <https://fundraising.sonh.org/.Alvirne.../hs-penguin-plunge>. Donations to the team or an individual plunger can also be made on the page.

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