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Alvirne High School Palmer CTE Center Construction Instructor, Matt Somers and student Dante Trombley work to restore one of Hudson's 12-foot toy soldiers at the school's shop. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Toys Soldiers Getting a Makeover by CTE Students

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Students at the Alvirne High School Palmer CTE Center have been working to recently to give the town's five large Toy Soldiers a bit of a much-needed makeover.

Since the display was taken down after the holidays it was determined that the group of soldiers needed some touch-ups before making their return next season.

The restoration project was then

given to the students at the Palmer Center Construction Program.

According to the Construction Instructor, Matt Somers, this isn't the first time the high school was asked to work on the soldiers. It happens periodically, when the town needs help.

Back when Somers attended Alvirne High School, between 1990 and 1994, he was actually one of the students to help give the figures a brush-up.

The 12-foot high soldiers have
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Planning Board Presentations Held Due to Procedural Issues

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Feb. 12 meeting of the Hudson Planning Board had its members unexpectedly address a procedural issue when its members received important information before a meeting.

Board member Victor Oates complained he did not have enough time to review the details of the upcoming presentation before the meeting, making it impossible to make an informed decision.

"According to our Hudson Planning Board rules of procedure section 68b, all Board members are required to receive meeting packets containing agendas and supporting documents seven days prior to a meeting. Unfortunately, nobody

on this board received these materials within the required time frame, with most of them coming within the last 24 hours, some coming in within the last 48 hours," said Oates. "When digging into a little bit more of it I discovered one of the packages was over 500 pages in length. I have a full-time job; I do not have the ability to review 500 pages in 24 hours."

With several presentations scheduled for the night, he worried there was not enough time to prepare and suggested moving two key presentations to a later meeting.

Not every member agreed this was a problem.

"It's not very specific in our bylaws," noted Chair Tim Maley. "We do receive

electronic copies seven days prior, though it's absolutely this Board's decision as to whether electronic copies are sufficient under our bylaws, or if it's the paper copies."

Oates alleged that even his digital meeting packet for the Feb. 12 meeting came in later than the bylaws dictated.

"I received my electronic copy via email with a link less than five days, or roughly five days prior to this meeting," he said.

Board member James Crowley got his electronic agenda well in advance of the meeting, with a notable delay with other documents and physical copies.

"It was posted way back on Jan. 31 with the agenda,

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T-BONES Plans to Remain in Hudson with Relocation

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on Feb. 10 to hear a presentation for a conditional use permit for T-BONES. The restaurant plans to relocate to a more expansive location several miles down Lowell Road.

"They are proposing a 9,500-foot restaurant. The site is located at 256 Lowell Rd., it is zoned business, and it is also subject to the wetland conservation district, hence why we're here," explained Sam Foisie, a Professional Engineer with Meridian Land Services. "The ultimate goal of this project is for T-

BONES to stay in town. They're located currently at 77 Lowell Rd. They've found that the existing site is small and the parking lot is pretty tight."

The relocation was originally motivated by flooding caused by a failing culvert pipe under the T-BONES parking lot.

Foisie outlined a design plan aimed at protecting the wetlands while connecting utilities to the new building without seriously disrupting Lowell Road. As was often the case, wetland impact, along with the size of the site plan, was a big concern for the Conservation Commission.

"I'm just wondering

what can be done to reduce the overall site plan, I think it's huge, it's way too big for the size of the building," said Commissioner Chris Cameron. "We've got to look at the overall impacts to the forest, to the hillside, to completely regrading the whole site."

Foisie argued that T-BONES intended to use all of the space while recognizing the difficulties that would come with sharing an entrance driveway with Walmart, which will provide access to the T-BONE parking lot.

"Technically, we need two driveways permits. We need to modify Walmart's

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Selectmen Addresses Citizens Petition Warrant Article

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the liaison reports portion of the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the topics raised came from the Planning Board.

Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Guessferd who is the Planning Board liaison, explained that they had a proposed zoning amendment, which came from a citizens petition warrant article, which would rezone part of the Town from Residential-2 to Business.

The warrant article states:

"Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning from Residential-2 (R-2) to Business (B) the following parcels of land, Tax Map 168, Lot 118-000 (7 Greeley St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 119-000 (5 Greeley St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 120-000 (6 A & B Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 121-000 (238 Central St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 122-000 (4 Wind-

ham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 123-000 (6 C & D Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 124-000 (6 E, F & W Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 125-000 (8 Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 125-001 (9 A & B Benson Ln.), Tax Map 168, Lot 126-000 (10 Windham Rd.)."

It was explained by Guessferd that when asked if the abutters were given notice that there had been a citizen petition for a change in zoning, the Board was told that they were.

"We were told that it was," Guessferd said, explaining that they took that information and voted on a recommendation for the warrant article.

Guessferd explained that since it's a citizens petition warrant article, it automatically goes to the ballot, however, he said the one thing the Board is able to do is make recommendations on the warrant articles related to zoning.

Once the signatures are accepted and verified "at

that point it has to move forward to the ballot."

Guessferd explained that once they found out about the mistake in procedure for the warrant article it was asked if they could change it or pull the warrant article back.

He said they were told that they couldn't by their Town Attorney, despite not all owners being properly notified of the proposed change.

"It's in violation of the RSA but it still has to move

forward to the ballot," Guessferd said.

Guessferd explained he would likely have changed his recommendation on the warrant article if he had all the information for it beforehand.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Dillon Dumont said he wanted to see if there was a way to rectify it somehow before the election.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for Feb. 25 beginning at 7 p.m.

School Board Approves 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was regarding the board's proposed school board calendar for the 2025-2026 year.

Hudson School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained that they have their meeting schedule for up to March of this year, for their current board calendar.

are scheduled up until March of 2025," Dionne said during the meeting.

Dionne explained that the proposed calendar they were reviewing was for the calendar which begins in April and goes until March of 2026.

During the meeting, Dionne explained that the proposed school board calendar was for the meetings to be on the first and third Mondays of each month

with some exceptions.

For April the meetings would be on April 7, and 21.

In May the meetings are set for May 5, and 19, while in June the meetings are slated to take place on June 2, and on June 16.

Dionne noted during the meeting, that for the month of July they typically only meet once per month. This year, the meeting in July is set for

Monday, July 14.

Twice a month meetings return in August, with meetings slated to take place on Aug. 5, and Aug. 19.

In September the School Board are set for Monday, Sept. 8, and Monday, Sept. 22.

For the month of October, the meetings are set for Monday, Oct. 6, and Monday, Oct. 20.

In November, the board meetings are set for Mon-

day, Nov. 3, and Monday, Nov. 17.

For December the meetings are set for Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.

In January 2026, one of the suggestions was to change the meeting dates to Monday, Jan. 12 and Jan. 26, instead of Jan. 5, and 20, which the School Board agreed to.

For the month of February 2026, the meeting dates are set for Monday, Feb. 2,

and Monday, Feb. 16.

In March 2026, the meeting dates are set for Monday, March 9, and Monday, March 23.

Dionne explained during the meeting, that the proposed board meeting schedule for 2025-2026 was based on the same calendar in past years.

The School Board approved the 2025-2026 school board calendar during the meeting.

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Conservation Commission Looks to Update Open Space Report

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The February meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission saw the group discuss updating a town-wide Open Space Report dating back to 2012. According to the old report, the Conservation Commission was tasked with open space planning designed to “adapt to existing conditions” with a report that was to be reviewed “on a regular basis.”

“A lot of these figures are pretty old now,” noted

Commissioner Ken Dickinson, referring to the 2012 report which included, among other things, a full inventory of private and town-owned open space. “They don’t show our current acquisitions, and that isn’t added to the percentage of open space that we currently have, which has gone up.”

While the Conservation Commission has prioritized land acquisition in recent years, private development has increased in Hudson over the past decade as the

population has grown, leading to some reduction of overall open space. Many undeveloped land plots dating back to 2012 remained open in 2025. Dickinson recommended another analysis of that land.

“We should revisit this and see if we still feel the same way as the Commission about each lot. Do we feel that one of these lower-priority ones should be higher or vice-versa? I think that would be a good use of our efforts, as opposed to diving into

updating the entire report right away,” he said. “How do we feel about it in 2025 with a different group of people?”

The goal of such an effort would be to direct the Conservation Commission’s land acquisition efforts toward the most valuable and realistic parcels.

“We often get people reaching out. Usually, a purchase is somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 an acre,” said Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, noting that with its limited funds, the Commission could not afford to go much higher than that without some form of additional funding. “Federal and state grants we can pursue,

but you usually need to have a plan of attack for those.”

He added that a warrant article to add money into the Commission’s land purchase fund would likely struggle to gain public approval.

While land purchases were seen as a focus, other members wanted to

“I reviewed this open space packet and took note of the section on stewardship,” said Commissioner John Walter. “In one of the previous meetings I mentioned possibly trying to organize some kind of hiking groups or people that would help with our trails. This addresses that kind of thing.”

He cited the hiking and

snowshoe events hosted through the Senior Center at North Barn as an example the Conservation Commission might want to follow.

“I thought it’d be interesting in our town to enlist some of the members on a volunteer basis to be stewards,” said Walter. “Stewardship is the idea; that every person has a responsibility to look after and protect our natural resources for this and future generations.”

His plan would rely on community groups to help monitor conservation land.

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Planning Board

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but it seems like there’s a period in there where the Planning staff has their fingers crossed that they’re going to get everything out electronically a few days ahead,” he said. “I got my paper packet just this Monday and I know the Planning staff has to work hard to get everything together in time.”

Crowley thought the Planning Board should focus more on electronic copies, saying it was “almost impossible” to get paper packets delivered on time. He also pointed out inconsistencies between digital and physical paperwork.

“I noticed sometimes the electronic doesn’t agree with the paper,” said Crowley.

Board member Tim Lyko confirmed he had many of the same issues, although he argued that the Planning Board had enough time to effectively review what they needed.

“I consistently get emailed from town staff on Thursdays, which is only six days, but every time they say ‘the digital copies are up,’ and most of the time those copies are better than the printed ones,” he claimed. “I think six days is enough for me.”

Lyko cited the recent 500-page application as an example of why he found electronic copies more convenient.

Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery asked if suspending the rules was possible, worrying that a vote declaring the Planning Board violation of its bylaws would negate the meeting, including routine items like the approval of minutes and a bond reduction.

“The bylaws are the Board’s own rules for its procedure and you can always vote to suspend them if you wish,” said Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah. “They are not the same things as regulations, where you’d have to go

through a waiver process or an ordinance.”

Selectmen Bob Guessferd expressed concern over suspending the rules, but believed there was a “greater good to hear these cases.”

“This isn’t a one-off,” warned Oates, who strongly opposed suspending the bylaws. “This sets a dangerous precedent as a Board, for what we could be doing and what applicants and Board members can get away with. Why even have the bylaws?”

The Board eventually voted to suspend their bylaws with the stipulation they would not hold any other binding votes. After that decision, both presenters chose to defer their site plan applications to a future meeting, expressing a desire to wait until every Board member had time to review the necessary paperwork. No cases were heard at the Feb. 12 meeting.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

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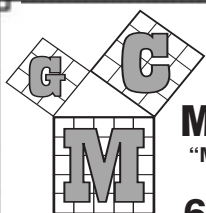
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Editorial

Prepare to Vote!

Election Day is March 11.

In the days leading up to the election, we hope you will take the time to listen to candidates, read their statements, and ask them questions about the issues that matter to you.

The March election does not include State or National candidates, which traditionally leads to lower voter turnout. However, it is important to remember that your vote has a much greater impact on local government races than it does at the State or federal level.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots. These may include the school budget, requests for funding, citizen petitions, and other community needs. When evaluating town and school requests, consider your own finances; can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can postpone, or would that lead to greater costs in the future?

If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek out the information. The right to vote is crucial, but it carries the responsibility to understand the issues at hand. Your vote should not be swayed solely by the opinions of the budget committee or your neighbors. Remember to differentiate between needs and wants on the ballot. Choose wisely.

Candidates have been asked why they are seeking office, and warrant

articles have been reviewed and discussed in this paper for several weeks. Please take the time to read and understand the full impact of each article, even if it may not affect you this year. Consider the implications for future years as well, and do not overlook how officials vote on each item.

Regarding union contracts, have you read them? If a contract covers just one year, its costs may be clear. However, most contracts are for three to five years. Ensure you understand the costs associated with each additional year; although you won't get another chance to vote on it in the future, the expenses will be included in the overall budget and reflected in your tax bill. There may be additional costs in the contract beyond raises and salary adjustments. Do your own homework.

Get the full picture. The choice is yours, and each article presents both pros and cons. It's beneficial to listen to both sides and read the actual documents instead of relying solely on someone else's interpretation.

Many people take pride in their patriotism. One of the best ways to express this patriotism is by heading to the polls and making informed choices.

For your own benefit and the good of the community, be informed, and please vote on March 11.



Certificate of Appreciation

Linda Hedrick was recently honored with the Lions International President's Certificate of Appreciation, presented by 44H District Governor Peter LaPointe and International Director Bert Nelson at the 65th Annual N.H. Lions Multiple District 44 Convention on Jan. 25, in acknowledgement of her outstanding volunteer efforts.

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Letters

Running for Library Trustee

To the editor,

I am Ali Rafieymehr and my wife and I have been living in Hudson since 2018. I am the Founder & CEO of Saman Technology Solutions, LLC, a company that provides world-class education and effective training to equip clients with the resources they need to build a successful career in the computer technology field.

I held positions in the academic world as faculty, Department Chair, Dean and Director of a university campus, and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Interim President.

My experience in the industry sector spanned over two decades. I had the opportunity to work at some of the leading organizations including Harvard Business School, Digital Equipment

Corporation, Compaq Computer Corporation, Avici Systems, and Dynamic Network Services.

One of my strengths is working with the team to build partnerships with the community, business and legislative partners, K-12 districts, peer institutions, and chambers of commerce to discuss how to strengthen collaboration and raise funds to implement the institution's initiatives. The partnerships we developed in the past enabled the organizations I served to increase enrollment, raise funds, and receive grants to establish and support innovative initiatives.

One of my passions is to spark interest in technology among the youth. Since last summer, I have been offering classes to some 1-3 graders at the Rodgers Memorial Library to teach them how to program Ozobot and eXperiential

Robotics Platform, XRP robots. In addition, I led the effort to start two FIRST LEGO League, FLL teams in Hudson.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the College of Mathematics and Economic Management in Iran, a Master of Science in Computer Engineering from the University of Lowell in Lowell, Massachusetts, and a Doctorate of Science in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

I am running for a Library Trustee position. I am confident that my passion and commitment to the success of the organizations that I serve and my academic and industry experience, make me an ideal candidate for a RML Trustee position.

I would love to have your vote.

Ali Rafieymehr, Sc.D.
Hudson

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Election Letters

It has been a longstanding policy of Nutfield Publishing to not publish campaign letters in the newspaper on the week prior to the town and school election. Reason being: It does not give those affected by a letter published the chance to rebut any inaccuracies in the statements made. The only letters pertaining to the March 11 election appearing in the March 6 issue will be to correct inaccuracies made in letters/articles in prior publications.

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T-Bones

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driveway permit, it is private, and we are pretty far along in getting an easement from them," he said.

More than one member of the Conservation Commission noted the entryway seemed to intersect with the surrounding wetland buffer zone.

"The impact of the secondary entry drive is a little concerning," said Commissioner Ken Dickinson. "You've got a wall right up against the wetland or into it."

He did say the property "does lend itself to a development such as T-BONES."

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima worried the recent snowstorms would make an effective site walk difficult.

"Can you go out there and mark at least where the wetland is roughly on the trees?" asked Dhima. "It would be good to have the edge of the wetland, and the edge of the buffer as well."

Foisie responded by saying the wetlands on the site had already been flagged, although he was unsure how clear or extensive the flags were.

"I haven't been out there since June," admitted Foisie, who agreed to mark the site more thoroughly before a site walk.

The Town Engineer warned that even with a successful site walk, the new restaurant would need

an extensive traffic study before starting construction.

"You will get some feedback from everyone," said Dhima. "The south end is still kind of recovering from what happened with the Target Logistics Center, the main issue there was

traffic, it will be challenging."

The relocation plan is still early in the permitting process and will require approval by other groups, including the Hudson Planning Board and state regulators.

Soldiers

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been displayed in town since 1995, when the Hudson Chamber of Commerce purchased them and donated them to the town.

The group was said to be originally displayed in New York City.

They also spent a number of years at Benson Wild

Animal Farm as part of the parks Christmas display.

It also been reported that the soldiers spent some time outside the North Shore Shopping Center in Peabody Mass.,

Besides sanding and painting the five historic figures, some minor reconstruction has also been done

to parts of the men by the students.

One soldier had part of his hand replaced due to some minor rot.

The group will remain at the school until at least this spring, according to Somers. "Finding space will be a bit of a challenge," he said.

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Planning Workshop Examines Proposed Changes to Driveway Regulations

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board hosted a workshop on Feb. 5 to discuss revisions to the land use regulations in Hudson, including how new driveways are defined and permitted in town.

"Some of the things we tried to focus on were either: multiple points of pain that came up in applications, or things where the Board was granting waivers more frequently than seem appropriate," Associate Planner Ben Witham-Gradert, highlighting section 193-10f as an area of focus for the Planning Department. "It is a change up to two driveways per parcel, assuming it has adequate frontage."

Other changes included

clarifying setbacks around driveways and defining what counts as a standard driveway versus an accessory driveway. Accessory driveways would not have a "point of origin at the street" according to the new definition.

"You also indicate that a permit is required on a driveway that substantially affects the size or grade of any entrance, exit, or approach," noted Planning Board Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery. "The way I'm reading this is so long as the paving company comes in and just removes, replaces, and even does some grading, no additional permitting is required, all you've got to do is pay for it. Is that correct?"

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima confirmed that was correct, and that no resident would need a permit unless they were "changing the footprint" or grading the right of way, even with otherwise major work. He stated it had been a "nuisance" trying to manage complaints from neighbors regarding what was and was not legally a driveway.

"Typically, you'll get an official complaint in writing, and you have to go out, and if you see driveway activity that happens back-and-forth, then you have to take action," said Dhima, noting that sometimes "activity" included tire marks on the grass where a property owner occasionally moved a trailer on-and-

off their property rather than anything paved. "That's usually one of those cases that comes up for relief."

The Board suggested adding more wording to clarify what would and would not require a permit from the town. Accessory driveways would not require a permit, and Board member Victor Oates suggested removing the concept of an accessory driveway from the town code.

"We could merge the definition of main and accessory driveways together by saying any drive, regardless of whether it connects directly to a road, must adhere with setback and safety requirements," said Oates. "I believe that the driveway should touch

the main road and whether or not somebody wants to put something in their backyard that's made of grass, that's made of stone, dirt, whatever it might be, that's on them as a homeowner."

He also argued the language around appeals for regulatory decisions should be more precise.

Chair Tim Malley disagreed, saying the definition of accessory driveway worked in conjunction with five-foot setback requirements.

Board member James Crowley noted there were cases where the Planning Board already made exceptions to the rules, allowing a driveway in what would otherwise be a setback area. He was slightly worried the

new wording may allow driveways to come even closer to neighboring properties.

"When I read the new wording with five feet, what I'm getting is that it gives the engineering department flexibility to get close," he said. "I try to feel good about it, but I have mixed emotions."

Crowley also spotted several errors in the wording. Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah promised these would be corrected, noting the new wording was a "rough draft" to focus on driveways based on town-wide concerns over the scope of permitting requirements. The Planner promised to take all the Boards suggestions into account.

Board of Selectmen Discusses Industrial Drive Property

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was regarding the property located at 9 Industrial Drive.

"Please find attached the 25-year agreement between Town of Hudson and Hudson Litchfield Youth Football & Cheer, mc, which was signed by the Board of Selectmen in December 2010," Town Engineer Elvis

Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Dhima explained that in 2010, the town of Hudson and the Club got into an agreement to develop the site, with the intention of becoming a football stadium/field one day.

There has been no development, and Dhima said they recently met with the Board of Directors for the organization.

"Unfortunately the site doesn't meet their needs,"

Dhima said during the meeting. It was explained by Dhima, that the organization is looking for other opportunities now, and that they were looking to mutually end the agreement. "The club has signed a release form, taking effect Feb. 1, 2025," Dhima wrote in a memo. "This will allow the club to pursue other properties for their future needs and the Town to look into opportunities related to this property."

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the amended agreement during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, an agenda item was in regards to a potential revenue source from the property.

"As of March 28, 2016, the asbestos cells at the subject property have been sealed and a Clearance Determination has been received by NHDES," Dhima wrote in a memo. "The site consists of an open area, vegetated practice field that is approximately 100 feet by 125 feet, and approximately 52,000 square feet of paved parking area. The site is currently secured and accessible to

authorized staff only."

Dhima explained that they received a request from a driver's instructor school, who is looking to be able to lease the parking lot for the next few months, to help allow students to learn how to drive.

"We have received a request from Drive Force CDL Academy LLC., out of Manchester, NH, to lease the parking area for commercial driver license (CDL) training purposes, taking effect March 1, 2025," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The lease will be nine months long and the revenue will consist of \$1,500 for the lease and

\$500 for taxes, per month."

Dhima also noted that the area could be used for other things in the future.

Selectman David Morin said that in speaking with the recreation director, the pickleball courts they have now are in rough shape and are too small for what they are doing. He said there could also be a basketball court added there in the future potentially. During the winter Morin said "it's a perfect hill for sledding."

The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to allow the company to lease the parking lot, and it was decided to have a workshop in the future to discuss potential future uses.

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Selectman Dillon Dumont Selected for State Commission

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was concerning the Commission of the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals.

"NH State Representative Rosemarie Rung has asked the Town of Hudson appoint a representative to serve as the Town Official for the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals," a

memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

It was explained in the memo that there is a commission to study perfluorinated chemicals.

"There is established a commission to study environmental and public health impacts resulting from perfluorinated chemicals (PFAS) releases to the air, soil, and water in Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Hudson, and Bedford," the memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

It was explained in the memo that Selectman Dillon Dumont volunteered to

represent Hudson as a member of the Commission, however, it needed to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Dumont explained that they were recently added to the commission and that they are entitled to two representatives from Hudson on this commission, noting that a resident is already on the commission.

He said that Rung had reached out to him to see if he would represent Hudson on the Commission.

Dumont explained that he then sent it to Board of

Selectmen Chair Bob

Guessferd noting that there is a process in place for selecting people for open seats. "And that's where we are here tonight," Dumont said during the meeting. Dumont also noted that it is preferred to have a representative from the Board of Selectmen, noting that they look for a tie between the local authority and the State. "That was her suggestion," Dumont said, noting that he was recommended to be appointed to the Commission, but the Board of Selectmen could select whoever they want-

ed.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby said she was interested in serving on the Commission as well.

Selectman Kara Roy noted that Jakoby should at the very least be considered for the position.

Dumont said he clarified that if he was selected, he wouldn't remove their other representative on the Commission.

It was explained by Jakoby that PFAS has been an interest of hers for a long time saying 'it's a passion of mine.'

Hudson Town Adminis-

trator Roy Sorenson said that there may be some ways for Dumont to be appointed as a state representative, which would then free up another representative from Hudson, which they can look into further.

Ultimately the Board of Selectmen voted 3-2 to appoint Dumont to the Commission 3-2 to appoint Dumont to the Commission, with Roy and Jakoby voting against.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 25 beginning at 7 p.m.

Springs Roadside Cleanup Day Planned for April 19

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The January meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Committee saw its members begin planning for a springtime roadside cleanup project. Chair Deb Putnam hoped volunteer high school students would be willing to assist their roadside cleanup subcommittee.

"I personally took a look at the holiday schedules for the high school, and when Earth Day is, because we always try to host a roadside cleanup before the poison ivy comes out, April 19 is the Saturday before the first Saturday of the school break," said Putnam. "It's really hard to get parents and teenagers to help."

Despite the issue, Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd encouraged the subcommittee to stick with Earth Day.

"Having a roadside cleanup in the morning on that day would likely not interfere too much," said Guessferd, addressing concerns about the possibility of having a day that might overlap with a religious holiday. "Passover is a whole different thing; I don't think you want to do it on the twelfth."

Committee Kate Messner was worried about nearby Easter, noting that "families travel" around that time.

"Hopefully we'll get some people to sign up ahead of time," said Guessferd. "We had some interest at the election last year. You had the charts out there saying 'clean up' and there were a few inquiries, some of them showed up."

The Hudson Department of Public Works was expected to identify which roads are most in need and safest for a community

cleanup project. The Sustainability Committee officially voted to set the date for Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. The meet-up location was not immediately determined. Committee members are expected to vote on a budget for cleanup in February.

The Sustainability Committee also wanted to plan for the future, including their proposal to contract with a composting company for interested residents.

"Definitely a goal on 2025 for my side is coming to some conclusion or recommendation on what to do with the composting," said Committee member Chris Thatcher.

He was also trying to contact local school sustainability programs to coordinate the Committee's 2025 goals with outside groups.

"I've spoken with

Superintendent Moulis as well and I've spoken to teachers," said Thatcher. "The schools could play a big role."

"A couple of the companies that presented to the composting subcommittee indicated that the food waste from all the schools would be massive for kick-starting composting," noted Putnam. "It would reduce trash costs and they've got land. We did have a couple of companies say they could set up bins, but almost all of them suggested starting with the schools."

Alvirne High School's

Climate and Sustainability Group is scheduled to make a presentation on recycling and composting to the Sustainability Committee in March.

Recycling was another area of discussion, an issue that, like composting, was designed to remove items from the town's waste stream.

"If I were a piece of plastic, what would happen to me?" asked Committee member Kate Messner, referring to the difficulties related to recycling many plastics.

Thatcher mentioned a study measuring how recy-

cling and composting might impact the budget, possibly finding ways to make the Hudson Transfer Station more self-sufficient.

"There are things going on already in the state in other transfer stations, where they're generating income to offset the costs," said Putnam.

As the Sustainability Committee is advisory, its members noted they would need to work with other government officials, including Public Works Director Jay Twardosky to implement change.

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Reserve Fund Contributions Headed to March Ballot

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson's Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee supported several capital reserve funds set to appear on the March ballot, including the Property Revaluation Capital Fund, which is set to see a \$25,000 contribution pending the approval of Warrant Article 13.

"This capital reserve fund was established in 2008 for the purpose of conducting future property revaluation. The capital reserve fund currently has a balance of \$200,388," said Selectman Kara Roy. "NH municipalities are required to reassess their properties a minimum every once in years. Hudson's last town-wide property reassessment was in 2022, and it cost approximately \$175,000. The town is scheduled to conduct its next assessment

no later than the 2027 property tax year."

If approved, Article 13 would have a half-sent impact on the overall tax rate.

"It sounds to me like we have enough money in the fund already to do the net one. Can I ask why we need to put in more money if we already have enough?" said resident Ted Trost.

According to acting Town Administrator Steve Malizia, the next revaluation was likely to cost more than \$175,000 due partly to inflation.

"We haven't gone out to bid for the next revaluation, but we can all look around at the cost of every service we use, and they've all gone up pretty significantly," he noted. "This is just to make sure that we have enough and should we not spend it, it stays in the fund and accumulates for the next

one."

Malizia added that the town's overall population was expected to rise over the next two years, meaning more taxable property, along with higher revaluation costs. He singled out the upcoming Target Logistics Center at Green Meadow as being particularly difficult to evaluate thanks to its size.

"We've been doing statistical revaluations with some percentage of boots on the ground. Is there going to come a time when we're going to have to do a full revaluation of the town with every property looked at?" asked Budget Committee member Shawn Jasper. "That was probably closer to \$1,000,000 when we had to do that, which was quite a while ago."

Malizia confirmed that the last "major revaluation" was completed in 2001,

something he did not want to do again if possible, adding that Hudson had kept up with state standards by using statistical analysis of townwide properties.

"I believe, statistically, we're meeting all the parameters. It's cheaper to do it this way," said Malizia.

Resident Debbie Putnam confirmed that even the cheaper methods of proper evaluation could be thorough.

"I can verify that when they do the statistical evaluation, there's a percentage

of homes they do actually visit. They visited mine; they measured every single dimension of my house: my foundation, the shed, everything!" she claimed.

Article 14 covered another capital reserve fund, asking the town to contribute \$30,000 toward VacCon truck replacement, while Article 15 would see \$100,000 sent to the Drainage Fund.

"This capital reserve fund has a balance of \$136,580," said Selectman Heidi Jakoby, referring to Article 14.

Selectman David Morin addressed Article 15, saying it was needed to replace "storm drains and drainage infrastructure projects" across Hudson. Currently, there is \$100,000 in the Drainage Fund.

As the contribution includes \$15,000 from the Sewer Utility Fund, the tax impact of Article 14 would be around a third of a cent. The tax impact of Article 15 would be around two cents. Articles 13, 14, and 15 all moved to the March ballot without changes.



Receiving the Club's Support

Hudson Lions Club members attended the 65th annual MD44 N.H. Lions Convention at Concord's Grappone Center, where President Kimberlee Fournier announced her candidacy for Second Vice-District Governor for 2025-2026, receiving the club's full support.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Admirals Squad Delivers Oyster-River It's First Loss

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne-Milford High School Hockey squad is now riding a seven-game winning streak with just three games left before the playoffs.

The Admirals tacked on two more victories last week, with one of them coming from the number-one seed in the division, the previously undefeated Oyster-River Bobcats, beating them 4-3, in overtime, over the weekend.

The Alvirne-Milford squad started their week with a home game on Wednesday, Feb. 12, where they were able to get past the Portsmouth-Newmarket team with a six-goal victory.

The 9-3 result gave the Admirals their sixth consecutive win and an 11-3 season record. Portsmouth remained winless for the twelfth loss of the year.

Alvirne junior forward Brandon Ganas put the initial Admirals goal in at 12:40 in the first period, assisted by Milford senior forward Braydon Atwood.

Alvirne junior, Brandon Callahan, scored the second goal for the home team, at 11:17 in the first, assisted by Milford junior Landon Briand.

At the 1:20 point in the first, Atwood got his first of the night, assisted by Ganas.

Just before the initial period ended, with just ten seconds left, Milford junior, Mason Tomkins gave Alvirne-Milford the team's fourth goal, assisted by Milford sophomore Dylan Macleod.

The Admirals were able to score three more in period number two.

At 13:03, Ganas got his

second of the night with the assist going to Milford senior Luc Pelletier.

Atwood scored his second of game at 12:46 in the second period, assisted by Ganas.

The third goal of the period was put in by Macleod, at 1:47, assisted by Alvirne freshman Brandon Hiltz and Riley McCarthy.

The final period featured two more home team goals.

Briand found the back of the net at 14:20, assisted by Atwood and Milford senior Bryce Larco, then Milford senior, Logan

Howard had one at 13:40, assisted by Alvirne sophomore Nate Ricci.

Starting Alvirne goaltender Mason Komarek made one save on two shots and Alvirne's Ari Scarbro game into the game at goal half-way through the second period to make four saves on seven shots.

Overall, Alvirne rattled off 49 shots at the Portsmouth goal, while the visitors had just nine total shots on goal.

Three nights later, in another home game, the Admirals squad was able to avenge a 0-7 loss to Oyster River three games into the

season, with 4-3 overtime win over the first-place DII team.

After playing to a 0-0 tie in the first period, Macleod put the Admirals on the score board at 7:49 in the second for the 1-0 lead, assisted by Larco.

Following that goal, the Bobcats rattled off three unanswered goals in the remainder of the period for what looked to be a commanding 3-1 lead heading into the third period.

In the final period of regulation, the Alvirne-Milford squad answered back with two for 3-3 tie and

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Bryce Larco had an assist and a game-tying goal against Oyster River last week helping the team maintain their unbeaten streak. Photo by Chris Paul

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Broncos Basketball Win Streak Busted by Tomahawks

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball team added to their six-game winning streak with a 62-41 victory over Manchester Central, but then were derailed 44-56 by the Merrimack Tomahawks, at home, when trying for their

eighth consecutive win.

Overall, the Broncos now sit at 10-5 with just three games remaining in the season, the toughest of those opponents will be in their last game.

That game will be at Windham High School, facing the 9-6 Jaguars.

In the game against

Central, at home on Tuesday, Feb. 11, the Broncos led the entire game, starting off with a 16-10 in the first-quarter and 31-17 by the half. In the third period the Alvirne offense dipped a bit and both teams finished the period with 13-points each, but AHS still had a 14-point lead.

In the final quarter, the Broncos held the Little Green to 11-points while scoring 18 of their own for the 19-point victory.

The win marked the team's seventh in a row and put them at 10-4 with four game left in the regular season.

Senior guard Sam Dewitt had an outstanding game hitting five, three-pointers and going seven-for-eight at the foul line and finishing with 24-points.

Junior forward Garrett Hall had 12-points in the game, with two three's, two for two at the line and one basket for two.

Senior forward Ryan Rocheleau had seven-points, junior guard/forward Sean Chipfunde got six-points and senior Gabe Conrow had five-points in the win.

On Friday night, Feb. 14, despite playing a 24 very competitive minutes, the Broncos were out-matched 22-14 in the final

period for the tough 12-point loss and the end to their streak.

The Broncos were scheduled for a road game against the Dover Green Wave (6-9) on Tuesday night, Feb. 18, followed by the team's final home game on Friday night, Feb. 21, against the 7-8 Winnacunnet Warriors.

The Broncos 10-5 season record puts them at fourth-place in the Division I standings.

The Bedford Bulldogs, Portsmouth Clippers and Exeter Blue Hawks are all tied for first with records of 12-3.

The Nashua South Purple Panthers follow with a 12-4 record. The Keene Blackbirds and the Trinity Pioneers sit just ahead of Alvirne tied at 11-4.



Senior guard Sam Dewitt fights for the ball at home against Merrimack on Friday night.



Broncos junior forward Garrett Hall goes up for two-points against a Merrimack defender in the Friday battle with the Tomahawks. Photos by Chris Paul

Admirals

Continued from page 9 forcing an overtime period.

Atwood scored at 12:41 in the period, assisted by Ganas to bring the game within one.

Larco tied the game with 2:26 left, assisted by Alvirne senior Ryan Ricard.

In the overtime period, Ganas put in the game-winner at 5:32, assisted by

Atwood.

Admirals goaltender Komarek made 30 saves on 33 shots in the exceptional victory.

The Alvirne-Milford squad had 31 shots at the Oyster River goal tender.

Both teams played a very clean game with just one penalty called on each team.

Now at 12-3, the Admirals will be facing another

difficult opponent this week. On Wednesday night, Feb. 19, the team will face the Spaulding Red Raiders (11-2) to try and extend their seven game winning streak.

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22, the Admirals will play their final regular season home game, at 3:40 p.m., against the Dover Green Wave (7-7-1).

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Alvirne Girls Basketball Get Two Road Game Victories

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

With the regular season heading into its final three-game stretch, the Alvirne High School Girls' Basketball team notched two more victories last week, making it three consecutive, and now sit at 9-6 and ninth place in the Division I standings.

The Broncos latest wins came on the road with a 60-45 win over Manchester Central-West on Tuesday, Feb. 11 and at hard fought 55-52 victory the following night at Merrimack High School.

In the Wednesday night win over the Lady Tomahawks, Alvirne was in foul trouble the entire game and had to overcome a seven-point fourth quarter deficit for the come-from-behind victory.

Senior forward, Ella Hartson had four fouls midway through the third period, but came back off the bench in the fourth to help catapult the three-point win.

According to head coach Frank Girginis, bring her back in was a risk willing to take. Girginis said, I had to roll the dice, down by nine with two minutes to

go in third, I put her back in. From there she goes off for 14-points down the stretch leading her team back." She also managed not to foul out.

The coach added, "That kid will be missed!"

The Broncos trailed by nine-points after one and were down by eight at the half.

Behind 34-26 at the half, AHS chipped away at the Merrimack lead in the third quarter 14-10 to get within four heading into the final period.

In the fourth Hartson and sophomore guard

Courtney Anderson combined for 12-points, while the team's defensive held the Tomahawks to just eight-points.

Hartson finished with 22-points to lead her team, while Anderson put up 11-points

Junior guard Lexi Floyd finished with eight-points off two three's and one basket for two.

The night before that win, the AHS squad had a much easier path when getting a 15-point victory in Manchester.

The Broncos held the lead throughout the entire four-quarters, they jumped out in front 16-8 after one, then held a 29-24 lead by the half.

Central-West shaved two-points off their deficit in the third, outscoring Alvirne 14-12, another strong final period got them the win.

Anderson led the Broncos with 20-points, going five for eight at the foul line and getting one three-pointer.

Junior forward Julia Adams had 12-points, Harts



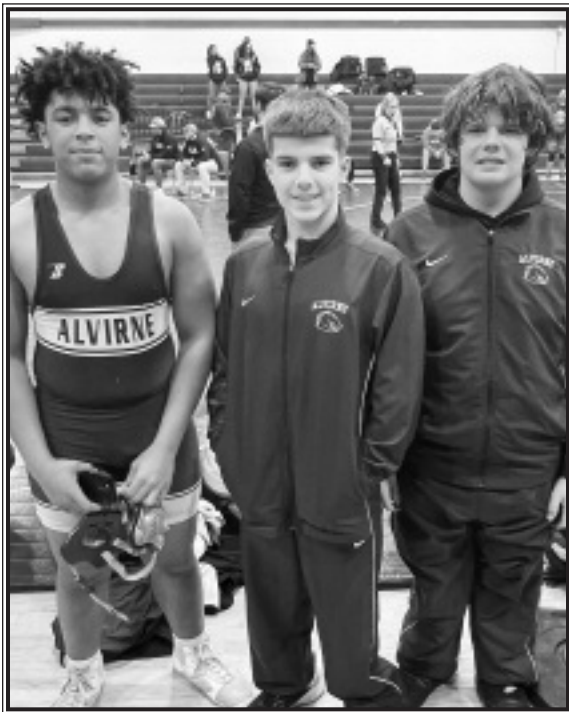
Broncos senior forward Ella Hartson had a productive second half at Central-West despite being in foul trouble by the third quarter. Photo by Chris Paul

got nine, junior guard Haylie Christman had eight and senior Avery Willard had five in the game.

The Lady Broncos were scheduled for a home game against the Dover Green Wave on Tuesday night,

Feb. 18, where the team will also be honoring their two seniors.

On Friday night, Feb. 21, Alvirne will head to the coast and take on the 6-10 Winnacunnet Warriors.



State Placers

The Alvirne High School wrestling team had three members of the squad get into the top six when competing at the 2025 Division II New Hampshire Junior Varsity State Championship. Pictured from left, Marcus Bain finished in fourth place in the 215-pound weight class. Joshua Brouillette had a sixth place result at 144 pounds and William Boncore placed third at 208-pounds.

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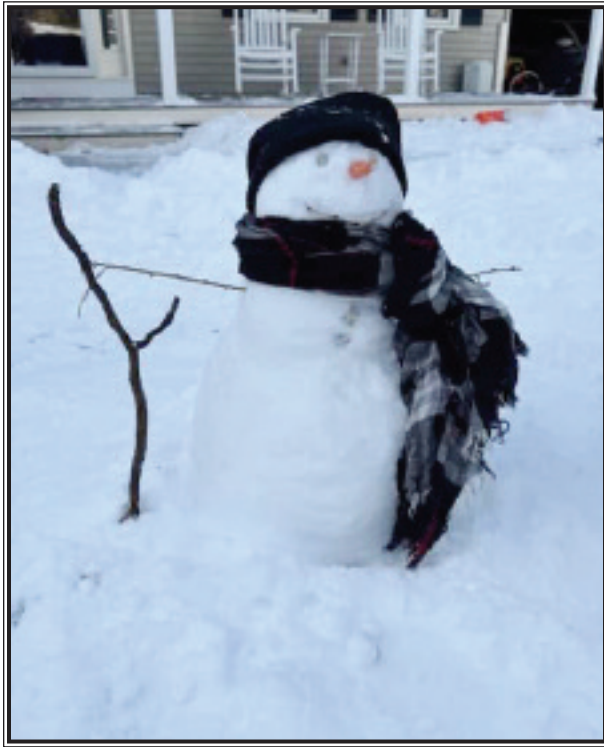


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Above at left, Aiden Hatherley, age 5, was given the

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Above center, Noella Lacasse, age 7, was given the “Best Creation Snowman.”

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Hudson Democrats

All registered Democrats are invited to participate in the Hudson Committee Caucus, to be held at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. To elect Hudson's Democratic Committee Officers and 7 At-Large Delegates to the NH Democratic Party State and Midterm Conventions. Get involved with your local Democrats. Attend the caucus, help elect our leaders, and join our efforts to support Democratic values in Hudson. For more info, contact Barbara Blue at 603-966-7428 or email bblue50@comcast.net.

Lions Club Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will award multiple scholar-

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Karaoke

On Feb. 21, from 6 - 10 p.m., the Foxhole will be

hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

Trivia Night

On Feb. 22, from 5 - 7 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting Trivia Night. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

Legion Meet

The next Monthly General Membership Meeting for Post 48 will begin at 6 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m., for Squadron 48 on March 3.

Pancake Breakfast

The American Legion

Hudson Post 48 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 23, from 8:30 - 11 a.m., with proceeds to benefit Veterans and their families.

Adventurers Storytime

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

Digital Navigators

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers Library.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday Feb. 27, at 10 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement,

songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

Teen Hangout

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

Cookbook Club

The Rodgers Library cookbook club will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "Baking Yesteryear: the Best Recipes From the 1900s to the 1980s" by B. Dylan Hollis.

Spinning Tops

Come to Rodgers Library on Monday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m., for families with children. Color your own DIY top. Try spinning on a variety of surfaces. Battle against other tops.

Read 'Em & Eat

This Rodgers Library Book Club will meet on

Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett.

Tween Chocolate Olympics

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m., Grades 4-8 are invited to join the Rodgers Library for relay races, a donut eating contest, Hershey Kiss shuffleboard, and more! Prizes awarded.

Sustainability Series: Maple Sugaring

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library to learn about the history, science, and methods behind tapping maple trees to produce delicious maple syrup.

Pajama Storytime

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m., come to Rodgers Library for songs, stories, and bubbles. Wear your pajamas if you wish.

Straw Mazes

On Saturday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m., families are invited to create their own straw mazes, making for a fun

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Pizza and Wire Tree

Thursday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m., Teens are invited to the Rodgers Library for pizza and a wire tree craft.

Steve Blunt Sing-a-Long

On Thursday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., Steve Blunt will share a concert full of fun, upbeat songs that will tickle the funny bone, warm the heart, and delight the imagination at the Rodgers Library.

Engineering Lab

On Friday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m., Families with children are invited to build a bridge, a tower, a city, a castle, or whatever you can imagine using the blocks provided at

the Rodgers Library.

Clean Water Survey

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

Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets.

Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

Brunch Bunch

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

Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library

fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website rodgerslibrary.org

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.

BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

PFOA Water Test

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

Survey (surveymonkey.com) 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

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.

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 low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua 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 email info@unitedway-nashua.org if you have any questions.

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.

Town of Hudson Transfer Station Open Dates

Old Landfill Rd., Hudson, from 8 a.m. - noon on:
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March 29
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Each residence serviced by curbside collection will be entitled to three passes per calendar year.

Up to three additional passes may be purchased for \$30.00 each by personal check made out to the Town of Hudson. This excludes mattresses and box springs.

Effective Jan. 1, 2025 mattresses and box springs will require a special pass. The cost is \$35 for each mattress and each box spring payable by personal check made out to the Town of Hudson.

Passes are valid for that calendar year for which they are issued, and will expire on Dec. 31 of every year.

Passes may be obtained at the Public Works Department during normal busi-

ness hours. Residents will be required to show a valid picture ID to be issued passes for their address. A valid picture ID will also be required at the transfer station to match to the pass.

A pass will be required to dispose of any acceptable items per visit, not per day.

The Town is not responsible for lost or stolen passes and will not issue replacements.

Acceptable Items: Demolition and building materials, clean sheetrock, clean asphalt shingles, clean wood, brush, leaves, furniture, rugs, cardboard, appliances, and scrap metal. Branches should be no greater than 5" in diameter.

Unacceptable Items: Freon appliances, TVs/CRTs, household trash, gas, oil, or batteries.

In addition to the above listed dates, residents have access to curbside collection and dumpster service from Casella for the items listed above. Please call for rates or to schedule collection at 800-675-7933.

Residential Pick-up Of Bulky & White Goods

Hudson residents may

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User fees for this service are as follows: \$48.40 per item. All freon appliances, TV and CRT monitors, metal appliances, and non-metal goods (plastic appliances, couches, mattresses, rugs, etc.).

Note: The user fee for these items will increase to \$53.24 effective July 1, 2025.

Payment: Credit card or check payable to Casella Yard Waste, Metal & Cardboard

The Transfer Station: Open April-November on Saturdays from 8 a.m. - noon for cardboard, metal and yard waste only. No passes are required.

Curbside Yard Waste Collection: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025 beginning at 7 a.m.

Curbside Yard Waste Guidelines: Barrels and biodegradable leaf bags Only. No containers over 75 pounds in weight. Brush should be bundled with twine and no larger than 2' in diameter and 3' long.

2025 Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Town of Hudson coordinates with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission to provide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for our residents. Full details, including dates and loca-

tions are available online at nashuarpc.org or call 603-417-6570.

\$20 User Fee per Vehicle: Covers 10-gallons or 20-pounds. Cash or check payable to NRSWMD.

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Aviation Museum Open Additional Days

Looking for fun, indoor and family-friendly activities for the upcoming school vacation week? Then look no further than the Aviation Museum of NH at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

During winter vacation, the museum will open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 through Thursday, Feb. 27 in addition to its regular open hours of Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Aviation Museum of N.H. offers activities and exhibits for kids of all ages; from a real Embraer 110 cockpit which future pilots can play in, to scavenger hunts and a collection of aviation-themed toys that visitors are encouraged to

interact and have fun with.

Knowledgeable volunteers, many of whom have years of experience in aviation-related fields, will be available to offer tours and answer questions from kids and adults alike.

The museum's Elite Flight Simulator will operate on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. and again on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 1 to 4 p.m., giving young pilots age 12 and up a chance to experience flying a single-engine plane. (The simulator is also open to the public on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.)

Simulator operators will be on duty during these times; use of the simulator is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Families with children

age 12 and under are invited to Story Time on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. Participants will enjoy reading several aviation-themed stories as well as additional activities. Afterwards, families may visit the Aviation Museum.

Museum admission for children under the age of 6 is free, kids ages 6 to 12 are \$5. The museum also offers \$5 admission for veterans and families. Standard admission for adults (age 13 and above) is \$10.

The Aviation Museum is located at 27 Navigator Road, off Harvey Rd., Londonderry. For more information, visit aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum online on www.facebook.com/nhahs.

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