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The Hudson Dog Park has been closed much of the winter, due in part, to the lack of liability insurance. A group of volunteers has recently stepped forward to help re-open the park. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Hudson Dog Park Gets Help from Volunteers, New Nonprofit

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on Feb. 19 to hear updates on the Hudson Dog Park, including a recent Eagle Scout project that restored the park's agility equipment.

"We took out all of the old equipment. We sanded down and repainted any metal poles. We rebuilt all of the exact same equipment, and it's all

back in the materials shed, which we put a door on so stuff won't blow out of it," explained Scout Kaden Chafe, who led the project. "There were running poles that the dogs could run in between that we tried to repair, but some were already gone and we couldn't really repair them. So, we added new ones in the smaller section of the dog park, as well as added stairs to the small section."

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## Hudson Police Reports a Very Busy Start to Year

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an overview of January activity from the Hudson Police Department during its most recent meeting, with Town Administrator Roy Sorenson highlighting the volume of calls and enforcement work handled during the first month of the year.

According to the report, officers took 230 reports in January. Of those, 62 were accident reports, the highest category for the month. Police also responded to 42 thefts, 27 assaults, six criminal threatening incidents, and three cases of criminal mischief.

### Enforcement and Arrest Activity

January saw 850 motor vehicle stops, reflecting continued enforcement on Hudson's roadways. Police made 85 arrests, including 22 drug-related arrests.

In total, the department handled 2,695 calls for service throughout the month.

Additional calls included:

- 53 motor vehicle complaints
- 37 alarm calls
- 10 suspicious activity calls
- 54 citizen assists
- 64 welfare checks
- 60 mental health related calls

Sorenson said the numbers demonstrate how busy the department remains.

"If you look at the calls for service over a period of 31 days, and then the different actions they have to take, they're extremely busy," he said. "And they're obviously keeping the town safe, which is great."

According to 2025 Police Log data, the High-Volume Areas are:

- A significant portion of "Shoplifting" and "Theft" calls consistently originated from the commercial district on Lowell Road.

• Motor Vehicle Activity: The logs show a heavy

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## Budget Committee Reconsiders Warrant Articles After Deliberative

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee held a special meeting on Feb. 7, convened just days after the town's final deliberative session, to revisit several warrant articles that had been amended by voters. The primary focus was Warrant Article 1, the proposed 2026–2027 school budget, which residents increased by \$700,000 during deliberations. The change prompted the Committee to reconsider its earlier recommendation.

"During the deliberative session, the total was changed by \$700,000," said Committee member Bob Wherry. "Because it's changed, I'd like to have the

Budget Committee vote on that."

The amended budget remains lower than the default budget, but the new figure is higher than what the Budget Committee originally endorsed. The Committee's earlier recommendation reflected concerns about rising tax burdens on Hudson residents, but the School Board had declined to support the lower spending level, arguing it would be difficult to maintain services.

"I'm going to say that I will reluctantly vote for this, because it is the lesser of two evils," said Vice Chair Kim Rice, noting that the amended version still represented a compromise between fiscal restraint and

operational needs.

With little additional discussion, the Committee voted unanimously, 9–0, to recommend the amended Warrant Article 1.

The Committee also revisited Warrant Articles 2, 3, and 4, which contain the collective bargaining agreements between the School Board and various staff unions. Updated cost information provided after the deliberative session prompted several members to reconsider their earlier positions.

"The information we were provided today in terms of costs and the amount to be raised were very good," said Committee member Kevin Walsh, who

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# Conservation Commission Looks at Restaurant Depot Proposal

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission reviewed a conditional use permit request at its February meeting for a proposed Restaurant Depot on Lowell Road. The application was presented by Keith Curran of Bohler, LLC, who sought the Commission's recommendation before the project moves on to further town review.

"It's near the intersection for the Hudson Logistics Center, which I'm sure you're all familiar with, that's currently under construction," Curran explained. "The site is 2.5 acres, and the proposal

is for a 50,000 squarefoot Restaurant Depot. What they do is a wholesale membership club selling supplies, equipment, and food to restaurants, mom and pop places, and other restaurants. We're here today because we're in the wetland conservation district, within the 75 foot wetland buffer for a wetland down in the western part of the site."

Curran noted that after discussions with the Planning Board, the design was adjusted to maintain additional buffering between the development and several nearby homes. Still, for Conservation Commission members, the

primary concerns centered on the wetland buffer and the project's storm water infiltration basin.

"Can you point out the part of the basin that's the closest or within the wetland buffer?" asked Commissioner John Walter as he reviewed the site map. "I assume whatever area you disturb is going to be grassed in."

Curran responded that only a small portion of the storm water basin would fall within the protected buffer and emphasized that the design aimed to minimize any impact on the surrounding water table. However, the lack

of access to Hudson's public sewer system raised additional questions.

"There's no public sewer connection here, so we're going to have a septic system," Curran said. "That's located a proper distance from the wetland. It's up in the middle of the parking lot."

The proposal includes landscaping and erosion control measures, with landscaping expected to occupy "about half of the lot," according to the application. Still, commissioners sought more detail on the extent of tree clearing and long-term effects on the buffer.

"What is the amount of tree clearing in the buffer?" asked Secretary Chris Cameron. He noted that the plan appeared to include both temporary and permanent impacts. "Since you're altering the topography within the buffer slightly, how will that impact the ability of the buffer to filter things out of the water before it runs into the wetland?"

Curran explained that the most significant long-term impact involved a 1,651 squarefoot area that would be paved to support the Restaurant Depot. A silt fence would be installed around the disturbed area to control

runoff, and curbing along the driveway would direct storm water into the infiltration basin for treatment.

"It's all pretty standard," Curran said. "We still need a state permit for the storm water. They'll do the whole review also, and we haven't submitted that yet. We're going to wait until the first round of comments from the town and a peer reviewer."

The plan does not include rain gardens, though Vice Chair Ken Dickinson suggested adding native shrubs to help stabilize the proposed slope and strengthen the buffer.

# Library Bill Doesn't Get by Committee Following Public Opposition

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At the February meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Vice Chair Lisa Weber reported that a controversial bill in Concord related to library governance is not expected to advance.

"The HB 1214 bill did not get passed," Weber said. "The motion to recommend the bill was deemed 'inexpedient to legislate.' It's very impressive - it was a 15-0 committee vote after the testimony of lawmakers."

HB 1214, cosponsored by Londonderry State Representative Kristine Perez, would have allowed a municipality's governing body to assume control of a local public library. While the bill required voter approval before any takeover could occur, the possibility of diminishing the authority of elected library trustees sparked strong statewide opposition.

"It was noted that over 1,000 online sign-ins were opposing the bill, compared to around 50 in support," Weber said. "It pays to pay attention to what's

going on, and if you disagree, say something."

Board Chair Karen Bohrer added that she submitted testimony and watched the hearing online.

With the March election approaching, Selectman Bob Guessferd encouraged residents to stay informed about library issues and to watch the recent Candidates Night, available on Hudson Community Television.

"If we have a lot of candidates, they'll all have a chance to speak and tell us a little bit about them-

selves," Guessferd said. "We have an election coming up, where you'll get a chance to vote for some of those candidates of your choice, and to vote on the budgets like school and town, including the library budget. That's included in the town budget."

Unlike some other boards, which rely on Selectmen's appointments, all full time library trustees must be elected.

"It's very, very important, but this election is typically not well attended," Guessferd said. "We encourage people to come

out. Please exercise your right to vote. That's on March 10."

The upcoming election also marks the end of the current term for several trustees, including the Board Chair.

"This is my last regular meeting as a Library Trustee," Bohrer announced. "I've decided not to seek reelection for personal reasons, positive personal reasons, and my term will end with the town election. I do plan to stay involved with the Rodgers Library, certainly as a regular patron requesting bizarre

books through inter-library loan as well as checking out from our collection. I will continue to be involved as a strong advocate for the library in whatever capacity I am needed and whatever capacity I can contribute."

She thanked the staff and her fellow trustees, expressing hope that the library will continue to serve as "a community hub."

"Thank you so much for your time and for your leadership," Weber said. "You will be missed. I'm glad to hear that you'll still be part of the library."

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# Planning Board Defer The Meadows Plan Following an Application Issue

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Feb. 11 and heard a presentation for a proposed residential and mixed-use development known as The Meadows on Central Street. Although Town Planner Brooke Dubowik confirmed that the application was complete, questions quickly arose regarding potential zoning issues.

“As of Feb. 10, 2026, the applicant has submitted variance applications to address the portions of the proposal not in compliance with the zoning ordinance,” Dubowik explained. “If the submitted variance applications are approved by the Zoning Board of Adjust-

ment, staff believes the site plan and conditional use permits will then be in compliance.”

The timing of those variance requests immediately raised concerns.

“I almost feel like the rug was pulled out from under me,” said Board member James Crowley. “When I came into this meeting, I was a thousand percent going to back the Town Planner and staff. It made sense to me, then they pointed out different ways that it wasn’t in compliance with the ZBA. Now I walk into the meeting with a memo just published yesterday from the Town Attorney. The last time we looked at this thing it was conceptual, and the conceptual

design wasn’t like this.”

Crowley questioned whether it was appropriate to hold a full hearing on what he described as a “completely different” plan without the required seven day notice. Other members, including Victor Oates, agreed that the Board needed more information.

“We’re jumping ahead of everything,” Oates said. “The town staff has already stated that we can move to not accept this.”

Board member Ed Van der Veen countered that state law requires the Planning Board to review a site plan even when other approvals are still pending.

“Isn’t there a state law that says a planning board can’t hold up a site plan

while the applicant is also exploring other permissions?” he asked. “We have no right to not accept this plan, because state law requires us to review the plan, though maybe on a conditional basis.”

Board member Julia Paquin noted that staff comments suggested the application should be deferred “for a duration suitable for the Board and applicant.”

“What is the difference between deferring the application and not accepting it?” she asked. “The staff recommendation seems to be hinging on that zoning ordinance.”

According to Board Chair Tim Malley, not accepting an application would force the applicant “back to the beginning” of the process, while deferring it simply postpones the hearing.

“If the motion is made to not accept the application, then that application is gone, and they have to start over,” Malley said. “There will be an issue with returns of money and they’ll have to reapply. I will state that I’m not going to support that motion, and the reason is because the applicant did do their due diligence in my opinion. They received a zoning determination from staff; the determination did

not state they were in violation, and that zoning determination was later found out, after the applicant had already applied, to be incorrect.”

Paquin pointed out that the issues extended beyond zoning.

“It’s multiple things,” she said, referencing an unmet permitting requirement. “I fully understand not starting over from point one, paying for things, and going through all the paperwork of that process, but everything I read over the last few days shows that

there are missing pieces. I don’t feel like it is complete.”

The applicant described the situation as “a mix-up,” adding that the ZBA was “already favorable” toward their variance requests.

After further discussion, the Planning Board voted against rejecting the application and instead voted to defer it to the next meeting. The application is scheduled to return on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

## Police

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emphasis on traffic enforcement along Derry Street and Central Street, with numerous “Motor Vehicle Stops” and “Motor Vehicle Complaints” recorded daily.

- Arrests: Common 2025 charges included DUI (impairment), Driving after Sub/Rev, and Theft by Unauthorized Taking.

- Major Incidents: Notable entries from late 2025 included arrests for Reckless Conduct with a Deadly Weapon and Witness Tampering, often resulting from warrant services at the station on

Constitution Drive.

### Sorenson Marks One Year in Hudson

During his Town Administrator’s report, Sorenson also noted a personal milestone.

“Today’s my one-year anniversary with the Town of Hudson,” he said, thanking the Board, town staff, and the community for their support. “The community has been fantastic. The staff has been just unbeatable - both the staff that’s here and the staff that were brought on board.”

Sorenson said he feels the town has made significant progress over the past year.

“I think we’ve accom-

plished quite a bit in one year,” he said. “I’m happy to be here and I’m happy to keep moving forward... it’s pretty amazing one year has gone by.”

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont congratulated Sorenson on his first full year with the town.

“Congratulations to you,” Dumont said. “I think we owe you a review at this point.”

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for March 3.

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## OBITUARY

### Owen Douglas Surprenant



Owen Douglas Surprenant, age 19, of Hudson, NH, passed away on Friday, Feb. 20, at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center due to complications from a recent surgery.

Born on Oct. 21, 2006, in Nashua, NH, Owen was the beloved son of Douglas and Christie Surprenant of Hudson, NH. He was a devoted brother to Kyle Surprenant of Hudson, NH, and a cherished grandson to Susan Rector of Pelham, NH, and Albina Guillotte of Hudson, NH.

Owen attended Alvirne High School, where he made a lasting impression both on and off the field. A dedicated athlete, he proudly served as Varsity Soccer Goalie and was a member of the Varsity Tennis team. He also enjoyed playing recreational basketball and soccer and spent many years playing with Hudson United Soccer, building friendships and memories that would last a lifetime.

Affectionately known by many nicknames - “Ozilla-Gorilla,” “Odog,” and most commonly “Brown” to his high school friends - Owen’s personality was larger than life. He had a natural ability to bring people together with his humor, loyalty, and infectious smile.

Beyond sports, Owen lived life with passion and enthusiasm. He loved his dog, Fred, and treasured time spent golfing, playing cornhole, and working on his cars. Summers found him happiest on the lakes — boating, riding jet skis, and relaxing at the sandbars with friends and family. He was a devoted fan of all the New England sports teams & collected memorabilia, enjoying games with friends, and rarely missed a Saturday night watching UFC fights. Whether camping, cruising to explore new countries, enjoying Brazilian steakhouses, or simply sitting on the couch watching a movie with his family, Owen embraced every moment.

Most of all, Owen loved his family. They meant more to him than anything, and he never missed an opportunity to show it. His bond with his dear friends - Sean, Isaiah, Christian, and Jason - was brotherhood in every sense of the word in addition to many other friends that he leaves behind. He also leaves behind many aunts and uncles: Cherie and Shawn Plouffe of Dracut, MA; Joseph Surprenant and his fiancée Lisa Noonan of Nashua, NH; David and Melissa Surprenant of Dracut, MA; and Dennis Surprenant of Lowell, MA. He was loved deeply by his extended family and countless friends who will carry his memory forward.

Owen’s spirit, laughter, and unwavering love will be forever missed and always held in the hearts of those who knew him.

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 1 - 5 p.m. at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry Street, Hudson. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to be made in Owen’s loving memory to the National MALS Foundation at [www.malsfoundation.org/](http://www.malsfoundation.org/) get-involved

To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com) The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

# Editorial

## Get the Full Picture

The right to vote is one of the defining privileges of living in America. We hear it in speeches all the time, that people have fought and sacrificed to protect this right, a right many around the world can only dream of.

All too often, we don't treat that right with the care and attention it deserves.

Presidential elections draw the big crowds, but the truth is that local elections often have a bigger impact on your daily life. Town and School District warrant articles shape everything from your tax bill to your roads, your classrooms, and your public safety. Yet many voters walk into the booth without taking the time to understand what they're voting on.

Doing your homework matters. These articles affect your life in real, personal ways. If you don't understand what you're voting for or against, you're not getting the full picture, and you're not giving your vote the respect it deserves.

So what should you be looking for?

If you're voting on a bond, don't stop at the first year cost. Bonds run for many years, and the financial obligation continues long after the first line on the ballot. Know what the total commitment looks like and how it will show up on your tax bill over time.

If you're voting on a union con-

tract, understand the full length of the agreement. A one year contract is straightforward. But most run two or three years, and you won't vote on those later years again. The increases are built into future budgets, and you'll be paying for them. And remember, money isn't the only factor. Ask whether the contract reflects the current economic climate. Look at the whole picture, not just the headline number.

Every warrant article has pros and cons. Some are easy to understand; others take more digging. But it's worth listening, and not just listening, verifying. If you're only hearing one side, you're missing something important.

And don't let someone else's recommendation, whether it's the Budget Committee, a board, or your neighbor, make the decision for you. Committees can disagree. Friends can be misinformed. Scare tactics can show up on both sides. Get the facts behind the hype and consider the source.

Remember, the taxpayer is often the "forgotten third person" in these discussions. But you are the taxpayer. We all are. We're the ones footing the bill.

So take the time to understand what you're voting on. Ask questions. Read the details. Get the full picture.

And most importantly, don't forget to vote.



## Adding More to the Pile

With the arrival of two more significant snowstorms, the piles at local parking lots are beginning to climb. This pile, at the Hudson Senior Center, will soon be close to the height of the lights posts with any additional snow.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Rodgers Memorial Library Tests Longer Saturday Hours

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Feb. 18 to review a proposal from Library Director Linda Pilla to extend Saturday hours as part of an ongoing effort to respond to community feedback.

"As of Saturday, March 7, we're going to be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. That'll be the regular Saturday hours going forward," Pilla announced. "The goal is to see if there's an interest in having us be open longer. It is our experience that the Children's Room is pretty busy at 1 o'clock."

The library currently closes at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, but survey responses gathered for the Strategic Plan indicated strong interest in later hours.

"This is in response to a community survey for the Strategic Plan," said Board Chair Karen Bohrer. "People wanted longer hours on Saturdays. We heard you."

Pilla emphasized that the change is a trial run.

"The goal is to see how

far into the afternoon the interest continues," she said. "This is just us trying it out. If it's very, very successful, we'll expand the hours further, and if it turns out that 2 o'clock is a good time for us to close, then that's what we'll do. We'll certainly give it a try for six months and then look at the numbers to see if we want to expand another hour."

Tracking the Numbers  
Trustees asked how the library would measure the success of the extended hours.

"How do you keep track of the people that come?" asked Trustee Ali Rafiey-mehr.

Pilla explained that the library already uses an automated counter.

"When you walk in through the front door, when you just look up, it's in the ceiling and so it looks down on the top of people's heads and it counts them as they come in," she said. "Don't ask me how it does it, it doesn't count them on the way out."

Pilla said she would keep both the Board and the

public updated as data is collected.

The Trustees also continued discussions on how to use unspent funds currently held in Certificates of Deposit (CDs). With no major capital projects immediately pending, the Board agreed to renew the CDs for another seven months while continuing to evaluate potential initiatives tied to the Strategic Plan.

"It is my understanding that we don't have anything big coming up soon," said Treasurer Margaret St. Onge. "I do know that you have a lot of stuff coming up that you've been talking about with the Strategic Plan."

While no final decisions were made, several ideas remain under consideration.

"I think promoting non-traditional services was something we talked about that is on the timeline for sooner," Bohrer said.

The Strategic Plan is being reviewed monthly to monitor progress and adjust priorities.

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# School Board Approves a Number of Revised Policies

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HUDSON TIMES

The School Board unanimously approved a number of revised policies during its most recent meeting.

One of the updates involved the district's homework policy.

According to the revised language, "Homework is a constructive tool in the teaching/learning process

when geared to the needs and abilities of students. Purposeful assignments not only enhance student achievement, but also develop selfdiscipline and associated good working habits. As an extension of the classroom, homework must be planned and organized, must be viewed as purposeful to the students, and should be evaluated and returned to

students in a timely manner. Homework should be an application or adaptation of a classroom experience and should not be assigned for disciplinary purposes."

The policy also requires teachers to clearly outline expectations before assigning homework.

"Prior to the assignment of any homework, the assigning teacher will pro-

vide a written homework expectations overview describing how homework assignments may be accessed, how homework will be assessed or graded, and whether and how homework assignments will relate to the overall class grade," the revised policy states. "The homework expectations overview is to be clearly communicated

and made accessible to both students and their parents/guardians."

If changes are made to the original expectations, teachers must notify families in writing. The policy notes that no revised expectations may be applied retroactively if doing so would negatively affect a student's grade. Teachers are also encouraged to use online learning management systems or parent portals to communicate assignments when available.

Another revised policy reviewed and approved by the Board was the Daily Physical Activity policy.

"The School Board recognizes that developmentally appropriate daily physical activity, exercise, and physical education are ways to minimize health risks created by chronic inactivity, childhood obesity, and other related health problems," the policy reads. "The School Board recommends that students and staff participate in developmentally appropriate physical activity and exercise for at least 30 to 60 minutes each day as a way to minimize these health risks."

Recommended practices include:

- Encouraging parents and guardians to support their children's participa-

tion in enjoyable physical activities and to model active lifestyles.

- Supporting programs such as walking clubs, family fitness events, and activities that promote lifelong physical activity.

- Integrating health and physical activity across the curriculum.

- Encouraging student-initiated, schoolwide physical activity.

- Committing adequate resources, including funding, personnel, safe equipment, and facilities.

- \* Providing professional development to help staff promote healthy activity and model active lifestyles.

- Coordinating with community recreation and youth sports programs.

- Encouraging physical activity during recess.

- Establishing a method to track and evaluate student participation in daily physical activity.

The policy assigns oversight to the district's Wellness Committee, formed under Board policy JLCF. The committee will monitor implementation and report recommendations to the Superintendent at least as often as required by the Triennial Assessment. The Superintendent will then report those recommendations to the School Board.

## School Board Gets Briefed on the District's January Discipline Report

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board received its monthly discipline update during its most recent meeting, reviewing data from across all district schools for January.

### Early Learning Center – Library Street

For the Library Street School, the report showed no detentions, no inschool or outofschool suspensions, and no bullying incidents for the month.

### Early Learning Center – Dr. H.O. Smith

At Dr. H.O. Smith, there were no detentions, four inschool suspensions, one outofschool suspension, and no bullying incidents reported in January.

### Hills Garrison Elementary

Hills Garrison reported no detentions in January. The school recorded four inschool suspensions, two outofschool suspensions, and two Personal Communication Device (PCD) violations.

This compares to January of last year, when Hills Garrison had two inschool suspensions, one outofschool suspension, and no detentions.

### Nottingham West Elementary

Nottingham West reported no detentions, one inschool suspension, no outofschool suspensions, no bullying incidents, and no PCD violations for January.

Last year during the same month, Nottingham

West reported no discipline incidents of any kind.

### Hudson Memorial School

Hudson Memorial School saw higher activity, with 27 detentions issued in January.

The school also recorded:

- Eight inschool suspensions
- Two outofschool suspensions
- No bullying incidents
- Nine PCD violations

Compared to January of last year, HMS had 34 detentions, seven inschool suspensions, 13 outofschool suspensions, and two bullying reports, one of which was founded.

Alvirne High School reported 185 detentions in January, a significant in-

crease from the 60 detentions issued during the same month last year.

Suspensions, however, were down:

- Eight inschool suspensions (compared to 17 last year)
- Two outofschool suspensions (compared to 13 last year)

There were no bullying incidents reported this January, compared to two reports last year, neither of which was founded.

Alvirne also recorded 204 PCD violations for the month.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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# School Board Reviews Capital Reserve Balances, Approve Staff Nominations

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The Hudson School Board received an updated report on the district's capital reserve accounts during its most recent meeting, following a request for more frequent financial transparency.

"The Hudson School District has various capital reserve or expendable fund accounts that were established by majority vote of the town residents," Busi-

ness Administrator Jenny Graves wrote in her memo. "The school district works with the Town of Hudson for withdrawals and deposits, as authorized by the governing body and in accordance with any existing RSA requirements. The town is the custodian of these accounts in conjunction with the elected trustees of the trust fund."

Graves noted that she had underreported balances at the Jan. 5 meeting due to

not having updated figures available at the time.

"In an effort to enhance accuracy and transparency, Ms. Dionne requested a recurring report to the school board regarding these balances," Graves said. She recommended providing updated balances quarterly, which aligns with the reporting schedule she receives from the town.

Capital Reserve Balances as of Dec. 31, 2025

Graves presented the following balances:

- School Emergency Fund: \$222,226.89
- School Health Insurance Fund: \$2.22
- School Renovation Fund: \$750,253.89
- School Special Education Fund: \$726,439.08
- School Alvirne Farm Fund: \$229,993.36

The Alvirne Farm account was the only fund with a recent disbursement. A \$100,000 withdrawal

was made for two projects:

- \$53,500 for a new barn
- \$46,500 for farmhouse renovations

Staff Nominations and Travel Request Approved

In other business, the School Board approved two staff nominations for the 2025 – 2026 school year:

- Jason Tesini, Alvirne High School ACE History Teacher
- Hannah Lewis, Al-

virne High School English Teacher

The Board also reviewed recent workshop travel approvals. One request was submitted:

- Rebecca Crivello, attending the American Choral Directors Association conference in Providence from Feb. 25 – 28, at a cost of \$550.66.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

# Personnel Changes Made Across Fire Department and Town Boards

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved a series of personnel actions during the non-public portion of its most recent meeting, including several new hires within the Fire Department and multiple appointments to town boards and committees.

The Board unanimously approved the hiring of

Eric LaFrancis as a Firefighter/AEMT at a contracted rate of \$33.85 per hour, step six, following the recommendation of the Fire Chief.

Also approved was the hiring of Joseph Hurlburt as a Firefighter/AEMT at \$32.24 per hour, step five.

A third hire, Bailey Landsteiner, was brought on as a Firefighter/AEMT at \$27.85 per hour, step

two. All three hires received unanimous support from the Selectmen.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Lieutenant Eric Hackett, effective Feb. 10, 2026.

Residents Appointed to Boards and Committees

During the public portion of the meeting, the Selectmen considered several nominations for volunteer boards and commis-

sions.

Evan Maloney was unanimously appointed to the Benson Park Advisory Committee, with a term expiring in April 2028. Maloney told the Board he was eager to contribute to the community.

"I've really appreciated the community and I've been looking for opportunities to get more involved in town," he said. "When I

looked at the boards and committees, Benson immediately jumped out to me because when we moved to town, Benson very quickly became one of my favorite places."

The Board also unanimously appointed Ellen Griffin, who has lived in Hudson for nearly 40 years, to a position expiring in April 2026.

"I am looking to find

some way to get involved with the town," Griffin said. "It would be my first time being involved other than Little League and those kinds of things as my kids grew up here. I've been involved on school boards and as a board of directors for a dog rescue."

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for March 3 at 7 p.m.

## Budget

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felt the public discussion helped clarify the financial impact of the contracts.

Articles 2 and 4 ultimately gained recommendations after the Committee reversed its initial stance.

Article 3, however, remained a point of contention due to questions about the structure of the contract's cost increases.

"Since we have a reduction of \$69,000 and then the next year is an increase of \$220,000, is that an increase from the reduced base?"

asked Committee member Shawn Jasper. "It must be from the reduced base, but I've never seen this before."

School Board representatives confirmed that the increase was in addition to the prior year's reduction, not calculated from the original baseline.

"If you look at per-person increase, the third year is still a hefty increase," Jasper said. He reiterated longstanding concerns about the lack of detailed staffing and enrollment data. "This is the unfortunate part about not having any percentages or any numbers of employees. I will still be voting no on this."

After extended debate, Article 3 failed to gain a recommendation in a narrow 5-4 vote.

The Committee also reconsidered Warrant Article 5, which proposes spending \$135,000 to replace 52 windows at Hudson Memorial School. During the deliberative session,

residents amended the article to use leftover funds from the 2025-2026 budget rather than raising taxes. Despite the change, several Committee members questioned the timing and planning behind the project.

"I understand the need to replace windows, but I still don't think I heard any reason why they need to be done this year," Jasper said. "I think that if this is a higher priority, then they should take it out of the capital reserve fund."

He expressed concern that the district was spending money without a clear long-term facilities plan, a sentiment echoed by others on the Committee.

"Even though this was amended to use the June 30 fund balance, if there's a window that's broken or some other emergency, it can be taken out of the capital reserve fund at that point," Wherry added. "I don't think I like the article as placed."

Wherry asked the School Board to provide a more comprehensive outline of the multi-phase window replacement project, including total costs and timelines.

"All of our buildings are old and aging. Our newest school is, I think, 25 years old," said Walsh, noting that the district faces ongoing capital needs.

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# Board of Selectmen Approve Purchase of Police EBikes

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, members unanimously approved the Police Department's request to purchase several electric bicycles and related equipment, an expansion of a program first launched through a private donation.

"In 2025, the Hudson Police Department received a generous donation of \$5,000 from Janie Freedom for the implementation of

an EBike program," Hudson Police Chief David Cayot wrote in a memo to the Board. "This expenditure will allow the Hudson Police Department to purchase one Recon Interceptor Power Bike, along with the associated emergency equipment and police bags. This EBike will be used to strengthen the operational efficiency of the HPD Mountain Bike Unit, as well as used for community events and EBike/bike education."

Beyond the donated

bike, the department sought approval to release \$8,033.98 from the Hudson Logistics Center Public Safety funds to purchase two additional Recon Interceptor EBikes. The request also included lights and siren packages, patrol rack bags, extra batteries for each bike, and a hitch hauler with a ramp to safely transport the units using a police cruiser.

According to the memo, the expanded fleet will significantly enhance the Mountain Bike Unit's

capabilities.

"With these new EBikes, officers of the Mountain Bike Unit will have the ability to ride further, faster, and for a longer period of time," the memo stated. "This will vastly improve officer response times and lower their fatigue on arrival to a call for service, thus not compromising officer safety while increasing public safety and quality of life within the community."

The Recon Interceptor model can travel up to 28 miles per hour and cover 60 miles on a single charge, allowing officers to expand their patrol areas and reduce reliance on cruisers for emergency responses. The department noted that the bikes are already in use by more than 800 law enforcement agencies nationwide.

"Recon is a trusted manufacturer of EBikes for law enforcement," the

memo read. "Recon products are assembled in Indiana with a turnaround time from purchase to delivery of approximately two weeks."

With the Board's unanimous approval, the Police Department will move forward with the purchases, positioning the Mountain Bike Unit for expanded patrols, improved mobility, and greater visibility at community events.

## Dog Park

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Chafe said he plans to return in the spring or summer to repaint the refurbished equipment. He also presented a \$50 donation to support the dog park.

"I just want to thank you. I think you did an amazing job out there," said Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "It's going to be beautiful, and I think it's a real testament to your efforts. At some point, we will want to have you come to the Board of Selectmen meeting and congratulate you on the Eagle Scout project as well. We'd like to recognize you town-wide, not just in a committee."

While the Eagle Scout project was a welcome boost, long-term maintenance of the dog park has been a persistent challenge. With no public funding allocated for upkeep, the

park relies entirely on donations and volunteer labor. The park was recently closed due in part to the lack of liability insurance.

To address those issues and support a full reopening, residents have formed a new nonprofit organization.

"One of the things the group was asked to do was to work on a nonprofit to see if we can get insurance set up to help out with the liability, and also for ongoing care and maintenance," said resident Judy Brouillette. "The nonprofit would allow us to do more fundraising so we could do more maintenance to the park on a regular basis."

Brouillette and resident Todd Pollack helped organize the Friends of Hudson Dog Park, Inc., which is now registered with the State of New Hampshire and is applying for federal 501(c)(3) status.

"We're making a lot of

progress, and Judy helped organize a lot of people who were interested in participating," Pollack said. "We elected officers, so we have a President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Directors in position right now. We're making real progress. The biggest hurdle was liability insurance."

Pollack said the group is working with a Nashua based insurer and expects coverage to be finalized soon.

"Everything is looking like it's all falling into place amazingly quickly," he said. "I think the dogs in town are going to be very happy, very soon."

The Friends group is accepting donations but cautioned that contributions will not be tax-deductible until the IRS approves its 501(c)(3) application, a process expected to take several more weeks.

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# Candidates Make Their Pitch to Voters Before Elections



In an annual event hosted by the Hudson Women's Club, candidates that have filed for positions on local boards and committees were given an opportunity to show voters why they are the best choice. The full video of the Feb 19 Candidates' Night can be seen through the Hudson Cable TV Streaming page on the town website. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Admirals Move to Second Place with Two More Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne-Milford High School Hockey team moved into second place in the Division II standings with convincing wins over Goffstown and Timberlane-Pelham last week to put the Admirals at 12-4.

The Admirals are just behind the St. Thomas Aquinas Saints, who are sitting in first-place with a 13-4 record.

Since the team's two-game losses to start the month of February, the Admirals have won four straight, outscoring their

opponents an astounding 30-3 during that stretch.

The team traveled to St. Anselm College on Wednesday night, Feb. 18, where they took on the 10-4 Goffstown Grizzlies on that team's senior night. It only took two periods for the visitors to end Goffstown's celebration, allowing just one goal with a 6-1 outcome.

The scoring began at 10:48 in the first period, with Alvirne senior Brandon Callahan scoring from the right circle on a wrist shot assisted by Milford sophomore Wyatt Pepin.

The Grizzlies were able to hold off the scoring for the remainder of the period and eventually tied the game just before the horn ended the first.

At 12:09 in the second, Milford junior Dylan MacLeod put his team up 2-1 with a shot from between the circles, assisted by Alvirne senior Brandon Ganas.

The Admirals went up 3-1 with a man advantage on a shot by Callahan, just in front net, assisted by Milford senior Chris Bozza and Ganas.

Alvirne senior goal-

tender Kian Corcoran came up big in the final minutes of the second, keeping the puck out of the net during a five-on-three advantage for Goffstown. Corcoran and the three Admirals defenders stopped a barrage by the Grizzlies offense through a minute-and-a-half, starting at 3:45.

Having thwarting off the penalty time, the Admirals went to the locker room with a 3-1 advantage until the final period where they put in three more for the win.

Freshman Gavin Briand had an unassisted goal in the third to start the scoring.

MacLeod had his second of the night to make it 5-1 with four-minutes left, assisted by Briand.

The final goal of the night went to Ganas, with an assist by Milford freshman Luke Green.

Corcoran had another very solid game in net, making 28 saves on 29 shots delivered by the Grizzlies.

The Alvirne-Milford offense had a total of 35-shots in the game.

On Saturday night, at home, the Admirals celebrated their own Senior Night with a seven-goal shutout over the Timber-



Admirals senior Brandon Callahan had four goals in two games last week. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Senior tender Kian Corcoran had an outstanding run last week.

lane-Pelham Owls.

In the one-sided contest the Admirals fired off 96-shots on the visitor net for the 7-0 victory.

Green had four goals, Callahan had a pair and Milford senior Mason Tomkins put in one.

Assists went to Tomkins, Ryan Sutton, Jameson Thurrott, Nathan Ricci, Ganas and Bozza had two.

The Admirals have two games left in the regular season and are scheduled to play at home Wednesday night against Portsmouth-Newmarket-Sanborn (1-12-1) starting at 7:50 p.m.

The tam's final regular season game will take place on the road against Nashua-North-South (4-12) on Saturday afternoon at 2:10 p.m.

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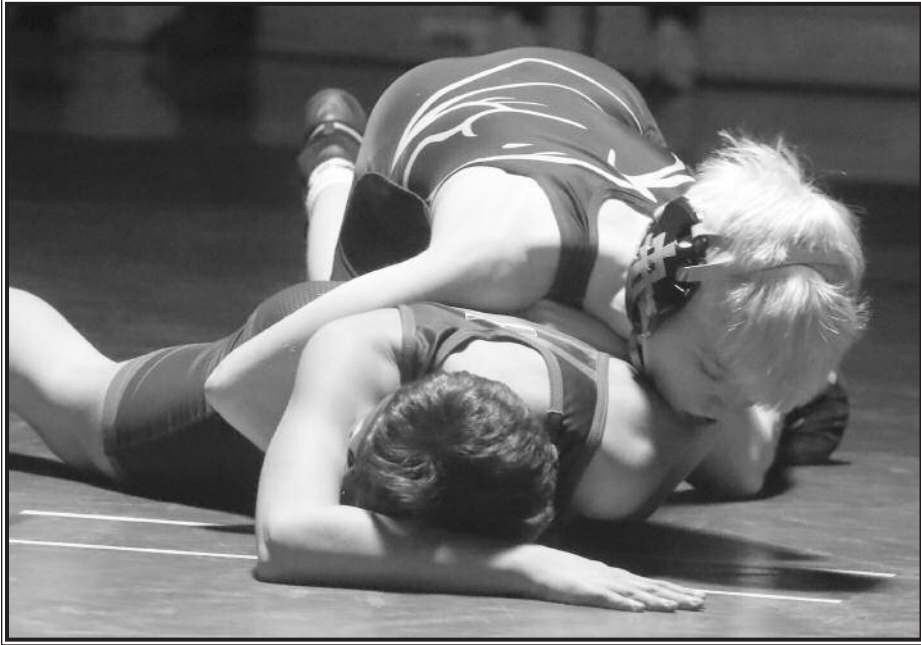
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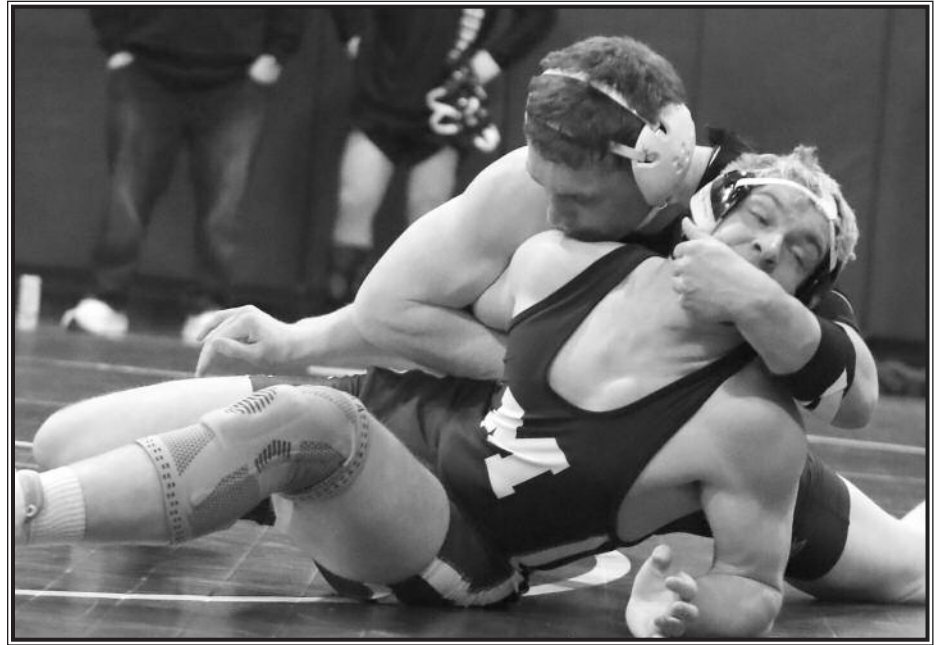
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# Alvirne Has Two Wrestlers Capture State Division Titles



Broncos freshman Mason Verrocchio took first at 106-pounds.



Senior Quintin Teteault captured his second straight DII title on Sunday.

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

The NHIAA Division II State Championships took place on Sunday, Feb. 22, at Goffstown High School over the weekend and two Broncos battled their way to the top of their respective weight classes.

Senior Bronco Quintin Teteault and freshman Mason Verrocchio both managed first-place victories in just three bouts against some tough Division II competitors, to the long day with medals.

Teteault captured his second straight division title at 190-pounds with two of his three matches ending up quite close.

Starting in the quarter-finals, Teteault easily got by Gabe Guzman, of Manchester West, with a 20-3 Technical Fall in the first period.

In the semi-finals, he narrowly held off a pin by Elijah Wales of Milford in the final seconds of the match to come away with the win.

In that bout, Teteault seemed to be cruising to his second victory of the day, racking up three-points in the first and another three in the second. He took a commanding 7-0 lead with a minute left in the match when Wales tied the match with a takedown and a near-fall with 42-seconds left. Teteault was just millime-

ters from being pinned before edging out of the ring.

With 25-seconds left, Teteault managed an escape for the 8-7 narrow victory.

In his Championship bout, Teteault scored four points mid-way through the final period and outlasted Tyler Osoeio of Goffstown for the titles.

Verrocchio's matches in the 106-pound division weren't nearly as close in his climb to his first Division II title.

In the quarter-finals Verrocchio had a 9-1 Fall victory over Matteo Tanida of Winnacunnet pinning that opponent in the first period.

His second match went to period number two before he chalked up his second pin of the day, beating Wesley Steinruck of Bishop Guertin with a score 7-0

In the finals, Verrocchio made it three straight pins for the state title, getting ahead of Angel Diaz of Manchester West 13-0 before pinning him at 1:27 in the third period.

The Broncos squad finished the day at sixth place with a score of 97.5.

The host Goffstown finished in first with 209-points, Milford took second at 163 and Souhegan was third with 158-points.

Alvirne has five other wrestlers to place at the competition. Senior Joey Lydon took second-place at 175-pounds, he lost 4-1 in the finals, but had an exciting 5-1 decision win in the semis. Getting four points in the final seconds of the match after recovering from an injury mid-way through the period. Lydon also had a

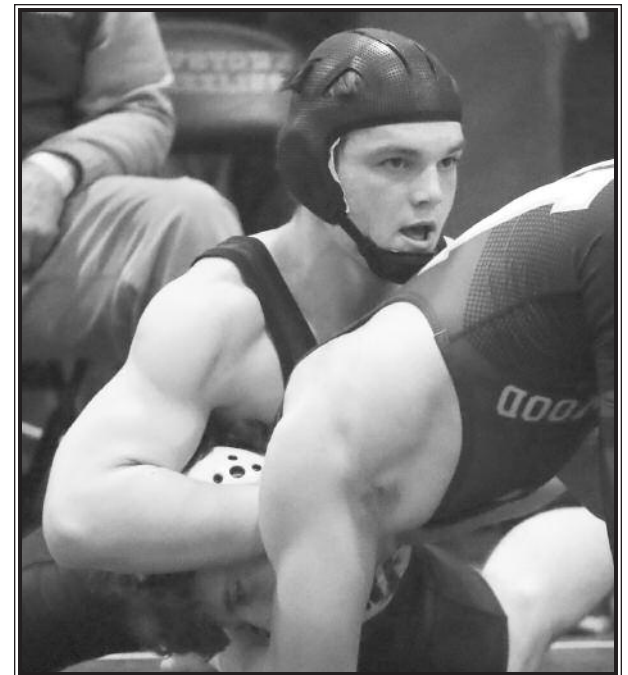
fall win in the quarters.

Sophomore Tim Malley had three wins and two losses to take fourth-place at the competition.

Freshman Dominic Deoliveira, at 126-pounds; sophomore, Noah Gendreau, at 165-pounds; and junior Marcus Bain all fin-

ished the day in sixth-place to add to the team's total.

The team will now head to Pinkerton Academy on Saturday, Feb. 28, for the NHIAA Meet of Champions, where all three state divisions will meet to decide the best wrestlers in the granite state.



Alvirne senior Joey Lydon took second-place at 175-pounds. Photos by Chris Paul

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# Broncos Girls' Basketball Get Three Straight Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Basketball team made it three straight victories last week with their 53-40 win, on the road, over the Dover Green Wave, but that achievement was quickly overshadowed with two significant losses to end the week at 5-11.

The Lady Bronco will now be fighting for the final spot in the NHIAA Division I Championship bracket and hope to achieve that quest with a win over Winnacunnet on Wednesday night, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m.

In the team's third con-

secutive win came on Tuesday night, Feb. 17, at Dover High School, AHS took a slim lead to start the game, outscoring their hosts 13-9 in the first quarter, but allowed Dover back into the contest in the second for a 22-20 lead at the half.

In the second half, Alvirne had an 18-11 advantage in the third and out-shot their opponents 13-9 in the fourth for the win.

The victory marked the team's first three-game winning streak and came with the possibility of making the upcoming playoffs.

Sophomore Adrienne Chipfunde started the game

with three, three-pointers in the first quarter and finished with 11-points to lead the team in scoring.

Sophomore Izzy Haven-Tate and Senior Lexi Floyd both had 10-points in the game. Floyd had a pair of triples and two other baskets, Haven-Tate had five, two-pointers.

Senior Julia Adams finished with eight points on four baskets and Ochanya Adikwi hit for three, getting six-points in the victory.

The following day, hosting the Manchester Central-West squad, the Broncos couldn't keep the momentum going and they

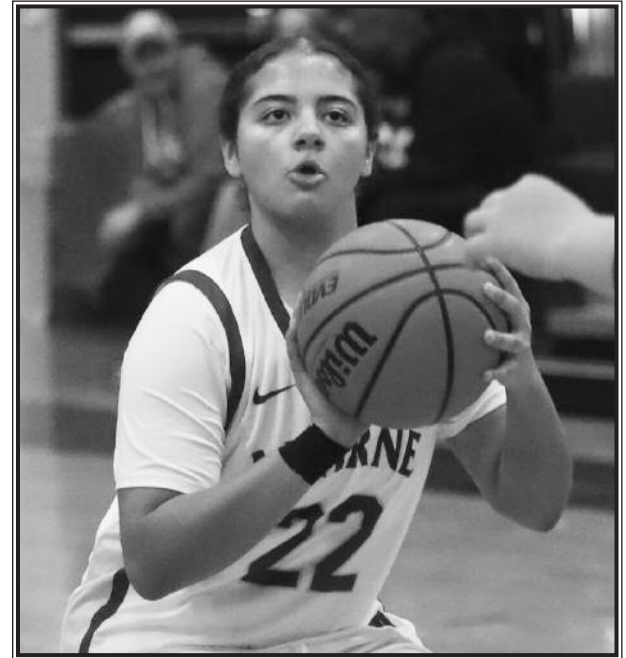
fell 31-48 on their home court.

On Saturday, Feb. 21, the Broncos traveled to the state capital for a game with the number one team in the division.

The Concord Christian Kingsmen had little trouble finishing their season at 17-1 for the top spot in the playoffs, beating the Broncos 52-27.

Alvirne will wrap up their regular season this week with their game against the

Windham Jaguars (11-6) on Tuesday night and a Senior Night game against the Warriors on Wednesday.



Sophomore Adrienne Chipfunde



Junior forward Ulysses Kanger

# Alvirne Boys' to Finish Up Season

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball team began the final week of the regular season with a record of 11-6 and looking to win their final game before the Division I playoffs.

The regular season ended at home, against Windham (10-7) on Tuesday, Feb. 24, after the Hudson Times went to press.

Leading up to this week, the Broncos had a close 42-46 loss to the Dover Green at home followed by two

victories on the road.

The Alvirne squad traveled to Manchester Central High School on Wednesday, Feb. 18 and beat the Little Green 72-45 in a make-up game.

Central headed into the final week of the season at 6-11.

Over the weekend, on Saturday, Feb. 21, the Hudson boys' traveled to the seacoast and whipped the Warriors 49-35 for their 11th victory of the season.

As a result, Winnacunnet also dropped to 6-11.



Alvirne senior forward Jacoby Durham



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# Hudson School District Warrant Articles to be Voted On

## Warrant Article 1: Operating Budget

The Hudson School District's average cost-per-pupil as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75 l(a) for 2024-2025 was \$19,704.38.

The Hudson School District achievement proficiency scores obtained from the Department of Education for 2024-2025 were ELA Proficiency: 58%; Math Proficiency: 42%; Science Proficiency: 41%.

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote at the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, total-

ing \$72,866,427? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$73,252,680 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Hudson School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting under RSA 40:13-X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Warrant Article 2:** Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hudson School Board and PSRPs

Shall the Hudson School District vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the PSRP AFT Local #6245, AFT-NH, AFL-CIO for the Hudson School District full and part-time cafeteria personnel, full and part-time paraprofessionals and kindergarten

classroom assistants and full and part-time licensed practical nurses and the Hudson School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior and to further raise and appropriate \$363,639 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement that would be paid at current staffing levels?

**Warrant Article 3:** Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hudson School Board and AFSCME

Shall the Hudson School District vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement reached between

the AFSCME Local 1906 for the Hudson School District Principals, Assistant Principals, Special Education Coordinators, School Counselors, Dean of Academics, Department Heads, School Psychologist, Directors) of School Counseling, Athletics, Career and Technical Education and Music and the Hudson School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year: 2026-27 - \$235,082; 2027-28 - \$(69,800); 2028-29 - \$223,251; and to further raise and appropriate \$235,082 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement that would be paid at current staffing levels?

**Warrant Article 4:** Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hudson School Board and the Teamsters

Shall the Hudson School District vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Teamsters Local No. 633 of NH for the Hudson School District Custodians, Electricians, Plumbers, HVAC Technicians, Groundskeepers and Maintenance Staff and the Hudson School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year: 2026-27 - \$56,405; 2027-28 - \$102,272; 2028-29 - \$118,749; and to further raise and appropriate \$56,405 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement that would be paid at current staffing levels?

**Warrant Article 5:** Window Replacement at Hudson Memorial School  
Shall the Hudson School

District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$135,000 to replace fifty-two windows at Hudson Memorial School? This is phase eight of eleven phases of the Hudson Memorial School Window Replacement plan. This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation. This is a special warrant article.

**Warrant Article 6:** Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at Alvirne High School

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$180,000 to replace the fire alarm panel at Alvirne High School? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation. This is a special warrant article.

**Warrant Article 7:** Science Lab Renovation at Hudson Memorial School

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$125,000 to upgrade one Science Classroom/Lab at Hudson Memorial School? This is phase four of four phases of the Hudson Memorial School Science Lab Renovation plan. This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation.

**Warrant Article 8:** District Wide Facilities HVAC Vehicle

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$62,000 for the purchase of one District Wide Facilities HVAC Vehicle? The sum is to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation. This is a special warrant article.

**Warrant Article 9:** Increasing Funds in the Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$50,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund established in September 1999? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation.

**Warrant Article 10:** Increasing Funds in the Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$100,000 to be added to the Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund approved by voters in March 2024 and established in August 2024? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation.

**Warrant Article 11:** Employee Benefits Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Hudson School District establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c called the 'Employee Benefits Capital Reserve Fund' for the purpose of funding the cost of negotiated employee benefits including but not limited to: health insurance reimbursements, assessments, changes in coverage, or policies chosen by employees, and such other benefits that are from time to time negotiated or become contractual obligations of the District, and further to raise and appropriate \$1.00 to be added to the fund, said sum to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, and to name the School

**Warrant Article 12:** Default Budget Determination (By Petition)

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?

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**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. The deadline for a submission is each Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to [hudsontimes@nutpub.net](mailto:hudsontimes@nutpub.net).

## Diamond Jubilee

Take a stroll down memory lane and celebrate Alvirne's 75th as the Alvirne High School's Music department presents Diamond Jubilee on March 21 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., and March 22 at 1 p.m. Get tickets at [alvirnemu-sic.ludus.com/index.php](http://alvirnemu-sic.ludus.com/index.php)

## Blood Drive

The Rotary Club of Londonderry, in partnership with the Red Cross, will be hosting a Blood Drive in March. It will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at Orchard Christian Fellowship, in the Sanctuary, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. The Blood Drive will run from noon - 5 p.m. Please call 1-800 - Red Cross

(1-800-733-2767) or visit "RedCrossBlood.org" and enter "Londonderry Rotary" to schedule and appointment for your blood donation. There continues to be a critical need for blood, so please consider making an appointment to donate.

## Family Pizza Shabbat

On Friday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will old the Monthly Family Pizza Shabbat for all generations. A free pizza dinner will be followed by an intergenerational service for everyone. There will be kids' activities while adults enjoy a sermon. Bring a nosh for our potluck oneg. Join us to share in the mitzvah of L'Dor V'Dor, transmitting Jewish

heritage and values across generations. RSVP by March 5 to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org).

## Mah Jongg Tournament

On Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a fun-filled day of tiles, prizes and friendship! Entry fee is \$30. There will be 4 rounds of game play, 4 games per 1-hour round. There will be prizes for placement, a 50/50 raffle and additional raffles, and sandwiches, desserts and refreshments. Sign up by April 12. Doors open and check-in from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Pre-register and pay at [www.etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament](http://www.etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament). Rules and scoring provided after payment receipt. Questions?

Contact Jean Lisien at [jbortz@comcast.net](mailto:jbortz@comcast.net) or Deb Eisner at [rlc800@aol.com](mailto:rlc800@aol.com).

## Sunday Family Camp

Come to the Etz Hayim Synagogue on Sunday, March 8, from 10 a.m. - Noon for a Monthly Sunday Family Camp for ages 4 - 6. This month's theme is Purim. March's class will focus on Purim in preparation for the holiday in March. Children will learn about the Purim story (using an age-appropriate text) and how we celebrate this fun holiday. RSVP to [sarahjohnplater@aol.com](mailto:sarahjohnplater@aol.com) by March 6 to ensure we have enough materials. To learn more about this free program, visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1)

## Veterans Assistance

American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, will host representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. noon, to provide direct assistance to veterans in the community. During the event,

VA representatives will be available to: Sign veterans up for VA benefits and services; Help resolve existing VA-related issues; Answer questions about eligibility, health-care, and benefits; and Provide guidance on navigating the VA system. This event is open to all veterans, not just members of the American Legion. Veterans who need to sign up with the VA are asked to bring a copy of their DD-214. Veterans, family members, and caregivers are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity for one-on-one support. For more information, veterans may contact American Legion Post 27 directly via [mail@alpost27.com](mailto:mail@alpost27.com) or stop by during the event.

## Purim Carnival & Spiel

Join Etz Hayim Synagogue for a joyful, laughter-filled Purim Celebration on Saturday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Whether you want to make a grogger, meet new friends, enjoy wine and snacks, or simply sit back and laugh at a hilarious performance, there's something for

everyone! Interactive Purim Activities, Costume Parade - come dressed up!, Small Bites, BOO Haman, Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet with Rabbinical Candidate Rabbi Eitan Krul. Then at 7 p.m., take your seat for our Purim spiel: Chaos in the Shul: A Shul with No Rabbi! Free popcorn and hamentaschen! Costumes encouraged. Laughter guaranteed!

## The History Of Etz Hayim Synagogue

On Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m., -Jill Pelunis will describe how The Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS") evolved out of a Torah Study Group taught during the winter of 1991 into the center of Judaism in the Derry area. She will talk about the Interfaith Campus, building of the synagogue, and the many facets of its spiritual, educational, social, and community involvement growth. Please visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning) for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD,

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## Women's Defense League

The Southern New Hampshire Republican Women (SNHRW) will host a special guest speaker at its March meeting on Monday, March 2, from 6 - 7 p.m., at Windham Restaurant. Guests are welcome to attend and may enjoy refreshments, appetizers, and entrees at their own expense during the meeting. The evening's program will feature a representative from the Women's Defense League, an organization dedicated to empowering women through education, training, and advocacy. This informative session is open to members and guests alike and promises to be an engaging discussion on safety, education, and civic involvement. For more information about SNHRW membership and upcoming meetings and programs, visit the SNHRW.org

## 2026 Hudson Lions Club Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will award multiple scholarships consisting of four individual \$1,500 scholarships, two \$1,500 memorial scholarships, honoring Lion Al Rodgers and Lion George Philip Rodgers, a \$2,000 memorial scholarship in memory of Lion Joe Kasper, and a single \$1,500 scholarship for an Alvirne Leo's Club Member. Applicants must be a Hudson resident, graduating from any high school and have been accepted at a school of higher learning. Applications are available at Alvirne High School Guidance Department or email: [scholarships@hudsonlions.org](mailto:scholarships@hudsonlions.org). Application deadline April 10, 2026

## Inhouse Secondhand Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rogers Memorial Library, running during normal library Hours. The book selection offers something for everyone, is re-

stocked frequently and offered at the same bargain price as the big sale. Stationary featuring work of local artists, adorable tote bags, and handmade gifts are also available. The prices are extremely reasonable.

## Paws4Safety for Kids

On Friday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m., Children in grades K-5 are invited to join Hudson Animal Control at the Rodgers Library for a fun, hands-on learning experience where kids will discover how to stay safe around their own pets, other people's animals, and local wildlife.

## Paws4Safety for Teens and Tweens

On Friday, Feb. 27 at 11 a.m., Patrons ages 11-18 are invited to join Hudson Animal Control for a fun, hands-on learning experience at the Rodgers Library to discover how to stay safe around their own pets, other people's animals, and local wildlife.

## Legion Meat Raffle

American Legion Hudson Post 48's Meat Raffle will be held at Post 48, located at 37 Central St. On the following dates: Saturday, March 21, beginning at 2 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, beginning at 2 p.m. This event is open to the public. You must be 16+ to play. The proceeds from this event are to benefit the Alvirne HS CTE Honor Society. Pre-buys are available in the Foxhole. For more information please call 603-889-

9777.

## Legion Karaoke

American Legion Hudson Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on the following dates: Friday, March 20, from 6 - 10 p.m.; Friday, April 17, from 6 - 10 p.m. In the Foxhole located at 1 Fulton St for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. For more information please call 603-889-9777.

## Explorers Storytime

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

## Adventurers Storytime

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

## Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rodgers Library's teen space after school, most Weekdays at 2:30 p.m. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. Connect the Library with any questions.

## Buy-a-Brick and Show Gratitude

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## 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.

## A Good Yarn

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

## Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

## Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and

songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

## Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial 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.

## Laptop Donation Program

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## Overeaters Anonymous

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## Clean Water Survey

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