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## FIRST SNOW

The first significant snow storm moved through Southern New Hampshire on Saturday night and throughout Sunday blanketing Hudson with just over a foot of snow. Pictured is a scene at the Swan Pond at Benson Park early Monday morning.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## School District Spending Cuts Proposed to Level Out Budget

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Budget Committee came together on Jan. 3 to discuss what Chairman, Norm Martin, called their “final wrap-up night” before public hearings on the 2025 budget and the deliberative session.

“The current operating [school] budget is \$67,533,361,” said Martin,

with updated numbers after several cuts to paraprofessional spending from the school budget at their last December meeting.

Concerned about ending the session on a “positive note for the taxpayers of Hudson,” Vice Chairman, Bill Cole, proposed making a blanket reduction by cutting the numbers to \$63,392,486. Last-minute

contract negotiations with the Hudson Federation of Teachers and Teamsters unions brought the spending higher than many in the Committee wanted.

“I think that’s a positive statement to the voters, it takes us back to the amount this current fiscal year, so we will have managed to do some real level funding,”

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## School Board Briefed On New Programs Offered at Alvirne

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During the Dec. 20 Hudson School Board meeting, the board heard a presentation regarding new course offerings at Alvirne High School.

“The following have been recommended by our teachers and department head for new course offerings for Alvirne High School Program of Studies,” Alvirne High School Principal, Steve Beals, wrote in a memo. “Student interest and staffing will determine if curriculum will be developed, and the courses offered in the master schedule.”

One of the new courses is “Capstone-An Education Experience” which will be a

semester course.

“This themed specific Capstone Class is for those students who have an interest in pursuing a career in the educational field,” Beals wrote in a memo. “In addition to all the requirements of Senior Capstone, students in this course will participate in an internship with other schools in the area to support their learning and full understanding of an educator’s experience.”

Moving forward, Beals said ideally, they would run the course first semester, and then in the second semester they would be able to do an internship at a local school.

The course will be piloted in the second semester

this year, Beals said.

Another course is “Law in Action” which Beals said is a request from the Social Studies department.

The course description for the semester-long course is: “Students enrolled in this course will gain practical information and problem-solving skills regarding the law and our legal system. Students will engage in active learning experiences such as mock trials, moot courts, case studies, simulations, and small group exercises. Community resource people such as lawyers, judges, and police officers will be involved as guests in class. Students explore the definition of law, citizen rights

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## Warrant Article Looks to Make Voting Date in Better Weather

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During the most recent School Board meeting, a petition warrant article to change the date of the town and School District elections, was brought up for discussion.

“Shall the Town of Hudson and the School District change the date of the elections from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April in accordance with RSA 40:14, which would also change the date of the deliberative sessions to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive,” the petition warrant article reads. “This warrant will

only take effect if it passes on both the town and school districts ballots.”

Mike Tranfaglia, the resident who brought the petition warrant article forward, sent an email to the Selectmen and School Board explaining his reasoning for bringing the ballot measure forward.

“Last week I submitted a warrant article to change the date of the school and town election,” he wrote. “The purpose of this warrant article is to push the election date past the threat of inclement weather that would postpone the election as it has twice in the past few years. I am also hoping the date change may increase voter turnout. This

warrant article was also submitted to the school district for the same reasons and is worded on both submissions to ensure that it would have to pass the town ballot and the school ballot in order to take effect. The town lawyer and Administrator have reviewed the language and have no concerns.”

Tranfaglia said he would also be willing to speak at the deliberative sessions about the warrant article.

School Board member, Michael Campbell, explained that he did research on the issue, and there are different schedules for the required budget hearings

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# School Board Make Recommendations on Warrant Articles

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The School Board voted on recommendations for a number of warrant articles during the most recent board meeting.

Two of the warrant articles were in relation to tentative contracts with unions.

One of them is with the PSRP union, which represents food services personnel and part-time paraprofessional staff, with \$751,296 needed to be raised in year one, and \$364,152 needed to be raised in year two.

The other was the tentative contract with AFSC-

ME, which asks voters to raise \$155,027 in year one, and \$159,290 in year two.

Both warrant articles were recommended by the School Board.

The warrant article for the roof replacement at Dr. H.O. Smith Elementary School, led to some discussion.

"Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$250,000 to replace a section of the roof at the Dr. H.O. Smith Elementary School and authorize the withdrawal of \$250,000 from the Schools Renova-

tions capital reserve fund created for that purpose," the warrant article reads.

School Board member, Ethan Beals, said they won't be able to have enough funds in the capital reserve down the road when they need to begin the roof replacements cycle, but would support the warrant article using capital reserve funds in this case since it was the last one in the cycle.

"I think we need a strategy," School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said.

The School Board approved recommending

the warrant article.

Another warrant article that drew discussion regarding establishing a capital reserve account for the Alvirne Farm.

The warrant article reads: "Shall the Hudson School District vote to establish an Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the farm, furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from the June 30 year end undesignated fund balance available for transfer on July 1 to be placed in this fund, and to name the Hudson School Board as agents to expend from the fund?"

School Board Chair, Gretchen Whiting, said the Budget Committee was looking to reduce the fund to \$50,000 to start, saying that her assumption is that they would want to return

the other \$100,000 back to the taxpayers.

"That is my assumption why they are asking for the \$50,000 not the \$150,000," she said.

School Board member, Mike Campbell, noted that he spoke with the Trustees, who said they still think they should stay with the \$150,000 amount and if the community doesn't want that amount, they can amend it at the Deliberative Session.

The board ultimately voted to recommend the warrant article.

The School Board also recommended a warrant article asking the voters to raise and appropriate "a sum of up to \$200,000 to upgrade two Science Classrooms/Labs at Hudson Memorial 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."

Another warrant article recommended by the School Board is to ask the voters to raise and appropriate up to \$250,000 "to renovate the former Checkers kitchen at Alvirne for the school's food service program? 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."

The School Board also recommended a warrant article asking voters to raise and appropriate up to \$94,000 "to replace the hallway flooring in the Hudson Memorial 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."

## Article

Continued from page 1 and Deliberative Session, based on what month it's in.

"I don't personally see a downside with it," he said, noting that the snow pushed it back last year.

School Board member,

Ethan Beals, said he was "intrigued by the proposal," but noted that they need to examine all the pros and cons with it.

"We need to think all these things out," he said.

Director of Special Services, Rachel Borge, said she spoke with colleagues

from Merrimack who have an April voting date and stated it impacts the hiring because they can't hire anyone until the vote happens if it's a new position.

It was decided to hold off deciding whether they would recommend the warrant article.

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# New Zoning Amendments Based on Federal Recommendations

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The Planning Board heard a few quick bond reduction requests at their Dec. 27 meeting from Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. The requests included reducing the cost of the Frenette Gardens subdivision bond from \$685,170 to \$170,640 and the Nadeau Village subdivision bond from \$582,085 to \$161,472.

Both requests from the Town Engineer were approved without much debate.

One issue likely to remain relevant over the next few months was the matter of several amendments to

Hudson's zoning code.

Board member, James Crowley, specifically highlighted warrant article 13, which would change the status of selected properties on Friars Drive to "industrial" status, allowing local development to move forward.

"I found it quite confusing that this map seems to apply to several properties," said Crowley. "I want to sort it out better when people go to vote on it."

Crowley added that even after pulling out tax maps, he struggled to determine what properties were included in the plan.

"Keep the map and lot number, but add addresses if you can. That would mean a lot more when you go in the voting booth."

The NH Office of Planning and Development recently pushed towns like Hudson to make changes to floodplain regulations and Hudson's Interim Town Planner, Jay Minkarah, announced the state mandated removals.

"They've gone through our ordinances and basically crossed out references that are no longer accurate or no longer up-to-date," said Minkarah. "They've suggested additional lan-

guage that ought to be inserted. Most of the language stays the same, but there are some fairly significant changes."

One example was removing a 100-year flood elevation clause with a more straightforward base flood elevation rule. Minkarah noted that any clauses removed from the code will be crossed out in red on the publicly available Proposed Zoning Amendment Warrant Articles document. Additions are highlighted in yellow.

"It appears that it's a no-no to say 100-year flood," Crowley joked. While there

was no specific reason why some terms were being removed, many changes to the code are related to new terminology at the federal level.

Board Secretary, Brian Etienne, proposed implementing broad language for the term "substantial improvement" in the zoning code. His idea was to give the Planning Board more room to make their own decisions regarding building improvement without being bound by what he saw as "restrictive" language covering any structure.

"There's a lot of difference between improving a

shed and a 'substantial improvement' like in a commercial facility," said Etienne. He added that the term "substantial improvement" was not federally defined, and the town should have the authority to make changes.

Minkarah promised to call Concord for advice on the matter.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library. Any members of the public with a question for the board can submit that question in writing by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

## School's Collective Bargaining Agreement Recommended by Budget Committee

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Budget Committee came together on Jan. 3 to discuss how to make the upcoming budget more appealing to voters before the first public hearing.

I think we need to take a look at the budget and make the appropriate cuts," said Chairman, Norm Martin.

Members of the Budget Committee were hoping for input from the School Board on the issue, with Shawn Jasper encouraging the School Board to take a more active role in identifying where cuts would have

the least impact on students.

"I do believe there are more teaching positions than we need, and the School Board has the total flexibility within the budget to make choices," said Jasper. "This, I think, is an easily defensible position to say that we simply can't afford new positions while recognizing that the School Board has full authority to look at classroom sizes, to look at other factors and say 'alright, these positions are more important.'"

Specifically, committee members hoped to get a "laundry list" of what

money might be saved by cutting certain full-time positions in the school district. There was some frustration from the Budget Committee, as member, Shawn Murray, accused the board of dragging their feet on making suggestions for what spending reductions were feasible.

"The School Board had every opportunity to make suggestions at their last meeting," said Murray. "Are we going to see an updated budget from the school district on the cuts that we made?"

The Chairman confirm-

ed those numbers would be available at the next meeting.

Despite a desire to cut costs, there was support for salary increases found in warrant articles two and three, which were recently approved by the School Board following collective bargaining negotiations. Pay increases covered many existing part-time employees and school food service staff.

"I sort of feel obligated to support this, even though it's a lot of money. All of these people are probably

the most underpaid," said Jasper. He added that such pay increases agreed to in a recent collective bargaining agreement would be less than recently proposed spending cuts.

The Budget Committee overwhelmingly voted in favor of recommending both warrant articles. Town officials are waiting to hear back from the School Board on warrant article one.

So far, there are 49 warrant articles attached to the 2025 budget, a number that raised a few eyebrows.

While public hearings start mid-January, nobody in the Budget Committee has time to review every article. Selectmen liaison, Dave Morin, confirmed that every large monetary item had been reviewed by town officials. He further noted that not every warrant article has a cost attached to its proposal.

A public hearing with the Budget Committee is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. at Hudson Community Center (if needed).



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# Editorial

## King's Dream Today

January 15th is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 61 years ago in August. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a more passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

Still, it was King who set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement.

King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher gave him humility, helping him understand

that a lesson should have more substance than style.

King's message was powerful, and yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, justice for all, and for America to realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on some deaf ears over half a century later. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through more peaceful demonstrations, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

Nearly six decades later, in today's heated and delicate political climate, King's dream faces obstacles just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, much like the spirit Martin Luther King Jr. had, it will overcome and endure whatever the times have to throw in its way, it must.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America lives on through those of us who believe in what is right. To those who keep this dream alive, this is a time more than ever to follow King's lead and be an example for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day see this dream fully realized.

## Draft of SAU81 School District Warrant Articles Being Proposed

A draft of the SAU81 Hudson School District's Warrant Articles that are likely to appear in the upcoming local elections has been recently released.

The articles will be discussed in the Hudson Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 10, starting at 9 a.m. for the first session of the annual school district meeting, for explanation, discussion, and debate of the Warrant Articles 1 through 9.

The Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended, and (c) no warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

The second session of the Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 12, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Official Ballot Voting at the Hudson Community Center or the Alvirne High School Cafeteria for the second session of the annual school district meeting to vote by official ballot.

The articles appearing on the Warrant are as follows currently:

Article 1: Operating Budget - 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, totaling \$68,363,4617 Should this article be defeated, the

default budget shall be \$67,596,534, 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.

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 (Hudson School District full- and part-time cafeteria personnel, part-time para-educators 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 fiscal year: 2024-25 - \$751,496; 2025-26 - \$364,152.

To further raise and appropriate \$751,496 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.

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 (Hudson School District building administration, department heads, psychologists and school counselors) 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: 2024-25 - \$155,027; 2025-26 - \$159,290.

To further raise and appropriate \$155,027 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.

Article 4: Roof Replacement at Dr. H.O. Smith Elementary School - Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$250,000 to replace a section of the roof at the Dr. H.O. Smith Elementary School, and authorize the withdrawal of \$250,000 from the Schools Renovations capital reserve fund established in March of 1999 and created for that purpose, and further to name the school board as agents to expend this fund?

Article 5: Science Labs at Hudson Memorial School - Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$200,000 to upgrade two Science Classrooms/Labs at Hudson Memorial 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.

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able for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation. This is a special warrant article.

Article 7: Replace the Hallway Flooring at Hudson Memorial School -

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$94,000 to replace the hallway flooring in the Hudson Memorial 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.

Article 8: Establish a Capital Reserve Account for the Alvirne Farm - Shall the Hudson School District vote to establish an Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing, improving and maintaining the farm's

buildings and grounds, furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from the June 30 year end undesignated fund balance available for transfer on July 1 to be placed in this fund, and to name the Hudson School Board as agents to expend from the fund?

Article 9: Voting Day - By Petition - Shall the School District and Town of Hudson change the date of the elections from the sec-

ond Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April in accordance with RSA 40:14, which would also change the date of the deliberative sessions to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February. inclusive? This warrant would only take effect if it passes on both the town and school district ballots. Submitted by petition.

# Alvirne CTE Center Holds an Open House on Jan. 31



Students work in the Welding & Fabrication area at the Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Technical Education Center at Alvirne High School. *Courtesy photo*

The Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center at Alvirne High School is looking to raise awareness of the many programs they offer with an upcoming Open House.

The CTE Open House is scheduled to take place on Wednesday night, Jan. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Students and families from Hudson and the surrounding communities of Amherst, Hollis-Brookline, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Nashua, and Pelham are encouraged to attend this

event to see what the school has to offer.

During the event, guests will have the opportunity to tour the Palmer Center and speak to teachers and students from the 13 career programs that the Palmer Career & Technical Education Center has to offer.

Programs offered are: Accounting; Air Force JROTC; Computer Science; Construction; Culinary Arts; Digital Media; Engineering; Health & Human Services; Heavy Duty Mechanics; Marketing; Natural Resources; Veterinary Science; and Welding &

Fabrication.

The CTE programs being offered are available free of charge, to students entering grades 10-12 whether they attend public, charter, private or home school.

Most programs offer industry credentials and opportunities to earn college credit while still in high school.

For additional information, contact the Palmer CTE Center at Alvirne High School, 200 Derry Road, Hudson, NH 03051, by calling call 603-886-1260 or visit sau81.org.

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# School Board Discuss Changes To Public Comment Policy

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The School Board had the first policy reading on public comment during its Dec. 20 meeting.

One of the changes is to table any unused time until the end of the meeting, this is based on state requirements to allow 30 minutes for public comment. There were a variety of edits suggested, which will be made prior to the second reading at a future meeting.

"The board will move to table the remainder of the time until the end of the meeting [or] later in the meeting [or for boards who move into nonpublic session directly after the meeting] immediately before scheduled nonpublic session," the proposed policy

change reads. "If insufficient speakers remain to fill the 30 minutes, the board will close public comment."

School Board Chair, Gretchen Whiting, said if no one is there or the 30 minutes of public comment isn't used they would have to make a motion to table the remainder of time to the end of each meeting.

"It basically is providing a mechanism for the board to table the remainder of time until the end of the meeting," Superintendent, Dan Moulis, explained to the board.

Another proposed change was in regards to comments made during the meeting.

"Members of the public shall limit comments only to those items appearing on the current agenda," the pro-

positional read. "The board will not entertain comments on items that do not appear on the agenda. The only exception shall be comments which address matters discussed by the board at its last public meeting which were not on that meeting's agenda but were discussed by the board under "New Business". Requests to address the board on specific matters (i.e., a request to have a matter placed on an agenda) should be presented to the Superintendent and the School Board Chair no less than fourteen days prior to the next board meeting and must set forth the specifics of the subject to be address. The determination whether to place the matter on the agenda will be made con-

sistent with Board Policy BEDB."

School Board member, Ethan Beals, suggested that they remove the language which states "The board will not entertain comments on items that do not appear on the agenda. The only exception shall be comments which address matters discussed by the board at its last public meeting which were not on that meeting's agenda but were discussed by the board under "New Business."

He explained that it doesn't give them flexibility in the case someone has something important to discuss during the meeting, and isn't on the agenda, which other members of the board agreed with.

The Policy proposal

eliminating some new positions with targeted line-item cuts, instead of a blanket cut. Some suggestions included calling in the NH Department of Education to look for cheaper ways to transport students with special needs, although the end goal of the discussion was to keep spending at the same level as last year.

"When the Selectmen did their budget, we told our people to come in at a zero increase and that anything extra was out of the budget that had to be reviewed," said liaison, Dave Morin. "My only concern is the contracts, I would agree to cutting some of the money, but we know we're already having problems getting employees

as it is now, and we can't afford to lose any more."

He added that the town would be "in a world of hurt" if they couldn't cover worker contracts, which were approved by Hudson voters last year.

The motion narrowly failed in a six-to-four vote over the concerns related to blanket reductions. A later proposal by Committee member, Shawn Jasper, to scale back funding of all new full-time teaching positions passed seven-to-three as a compromise, cutting the school budget to \$66,451,923. All recommendations by the Budget Committee must be approved in a public vote at a later date.

also makes changes to the conduct of public comments.

"Any comments which do not adhere to the above, or which disrupt the official business of the board may be ruled out of order by the

Chair. Repeated disruption may result in the individual being asked to leave the meeting," the proposed change read. "Obscene speech, comments threatening bodily harm, or other unprotected speech will not be tolerated."

## OBITUARY

### William Miles Tate



William Miles Tate, 76, of Hudson, NH passed away on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Jan. 30, 1947 in Nashua, son of the late Wesley William and Catherine (Ruiter) Tate. Bill was also predeceased by a son, Timothy Scott Tate, and his step father,

Sanford King.

Bill was the beloved husband of Coleen (Coffey) Tate of Manchester, NH where they resided.

He was an Army Veteran who served his country in Vietnam and was honorably discharged from the service in 1967.

Bill put his heart and soul into his business, Tate Brother's Paving Co.

He and his brother, Dick, started Tate Brothers 55 years ago with very minimal means.

Through his hard work and determination, Bill gained success. He was well respected in the business community. He was honest and fair in all his work. Those who had the pleasure of working with him knew that Bill would be there for them. His work nickname was "the fearless leader", and he truly was. He had a way seeing potential in someone and made sure to help them rise and be successful.

Bill was not only a "fearless leader" at work. He was passionate about many issues in society. He was a confident public speaker and often shared his beliefs with others. He was not argumentative, but stood his ground, and shared what he believed was right.

Bill had a great sense of humor. He loved to kid people. He passed out nicknames like they were candy, and was always teasing and joking. He was an eternal optimist. He dealt with any challenge that arose, and moved on. He would frequently say, "everything will be all right".

When Bill was not working, he and Coleen enjoyed traveling the backroads of the NH and VT. They shared weekend get-aways and overnight stays in historic inns. Bill shared his knowledge and love with his 2 sons and daughter. He enjoyed time with all of the grandchildren.

His hobbies included vintage cars, auto racing, car auctions and making his rounds in town.

Bill was a great supporter of churches and made contributions over the years to the Victory Baptist Church of Londonderry, First United Methodist Church of Manchester, and the Salvation of Army. He often said, "money is only as good as what it can do for others." He was an incredibly generous man who helped many people.

Besides his wife Coleen, Bill's devoted family includes a brother; Richard "Dick" Tate of Hudson, a daughter; Paula Suzanne Tate and her significant other Ronald Trudeau of Nashua NH, a son; Wesley Tate of Londonderry, NH, a son; Kyle Tate and his significant other Alysa Geddes of Hudson, NH.

His loved grandchildren; Ashley Hubbell of Londonderry NH, Daryl Wayne Hubbell of Malibu, CA, Joshua Tate and his fiancée Ally Burke of Manchester NH, Jessica Rose Tate and her fiancée Nick Pariseault of Londonderry, NH, Emma Nault-Tate of Londonderry, NH, Paisley Tate and Jayla Tate.

Great Grandchildren; Cole Hubbell and Coby Hubbell of Londonderry, NH, Bill's stepchildren; Lisa Wiggins of Manchester NH and Kenneth Lyle Tarbox Jr of Londonderry NH, as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren on Coleen's side of the family, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Also extended family including the King's.

Following cremation and a private service for the family, A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be held at the White Birch Catering & Banquet Hall, 222 Central Street, in Hudson on Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations be made in Bill's loving memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

## Spending Cuts

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Cole argued. "I think it says the right message, I think it's something we can all get on, I think it would benefit the taxpayers, the community, and I know it seems hard to understand, but it would benefit the school district."

There was some support from members of the Budget Committee, including Shawn Murray, who felt that the School Board failed to make constructive suggestions on further cuts.

"I go through the budget and continually find money that is misallocated," said Murray. "I'm ready to support my budget at the

recommended level."

There was concern that any budget without level spending might be voted down by the public, although School Board liaison, Gretchen Whiting, warned that the proposed cuts would not cover contractually approved salary increases.

"We can't move forward with that," said Whiting, referring to Cole's new numbers. The town of Hudson is required to raises and benefits of any employees covered in the recent collective bargaining agreement with school unions.

Suggestions included



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# Program Gives a Brief Overview of the Budget Process

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson Community Television host, Diane Canava, of Working Together for Hudson had Selectmen, Kara Roy, and School Board member, Gary Gasdia, on the program at the end of 2023 to prepare Hudson residents for the upcoming deliberative session.

"The BOS [Board of Selectmen] starts the town budget process by giving the department heads parameters," BOS member, Kara Roy, explained. As an example, Public Works might be instructed to keep new requests within a five

percent increase. The latest request called for a level budget, keeping spending equal to what it was last year. "Because we asked them to do level funding, they couldn't add in certain increases and costs and everything, so they brought that as out-of-budget requests, and we choose to add that to the budget or not."

The BOS then takes everything accepted from the various Hudson departments and presents it to the Budget Committee.

"The Budget Committee makes any adjustments, and it's forwarded to the warrant or at least deliberative ses-

sion, where folks can make amendments to warrant articles," said Roy. "They can make amendments to the budget if they want to propose those, and then whoever is in the room can vote however they want: to change anything or if they want it to stay the same."

The town can only spend what is approved and appropriated by town residents. It is not legal for Hudson to engage in deficit spending. The town must pay salaries and benefits to employees along with other obligations from previously approved contracts.

According to Roy,

"Those obligations in the pay and benefits take up 80 percent of our budget as fixed, or non-discretionary."

If there is an increase in non-discretionary spending, money is taken from the discretionary budget to cover the cost. For a level or default budget, this can mean cuts to town services like trash collection. Capitol reserve funds act as "savings accounts," and each request must go into a separate warrant article on the ballot.

For the School District, the School Board sets direction with the Superintendent at an early summer

workshop.

"From there, it moves to the principals, the staff, everyone to collaborate," said School Board member, Gary Gasdia. "Then the School Board has a series of meetings over the next few weeks, and we make adjustments and that goes to the Budget Committee."

After that, the school budget goes through a similar process to every other spending proposal. If approved, the upcoming budget will begin on July 1, 2024, and run through June 30, 2025. Residents will see any tax impacts from the budget in December 2024.

"We need you to be involved in the budget process in the Summer of 2023, in the Fall of 2023, and in the Winter, this is your opportunity, so you won't be completely surprised," said Gasdia.

The town deliberative session is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, at the Hudson Community Center at 9 a.m. The school deliberative session is Saturday February 10 at 9 a.m. Final budget numbers will be set at that session for a final vote on Tuesday, March 12. More information is available on the town website and at [www.sau81.org](http://www.sau81.org).

## School

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and responsibilities under the law, learn methods of dispute resolution, as well as identify and analyze public issues. Exploration of legal careers will be a theme throughout the course."

Another course added is AP Environmental science.

"This course is the equivalent of a college level environmental science course. The AP curriculum is established by the College Board," Beals wrote in a memo. "This curriculum includes the following big ideas: (1) energy transfer, (2) interactions between earth systems, (3) interactions between different species and the environment, and (4) sustainability. Students will analyze environmental concepts and processes to propose and justify solutions to environmental problems."

It was explained in the memo that "serious students who will pursue majors in environmental studies or related majors are advised to enroll in this course."

Students would be required to take the AP exam in May.

CP Environmental science, a yearlong course, was also added.

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A number of CTE courses were added, including "Human Services II", which is a double period year long, honors course for grades 11-12.

"This course will intro-

duce the background information and concepts necessary to understand the theory and practice of Human Services," Beals wrote. "The information will be drawn from disciplines including history, sociology, and psychology, as well as understanding the valuing of social roles, ethical behaviors, and quality of life. Current influences on Human Services such as managed care may also be discussed. This pathway is geared towards students who are interested in pursuing a career as a Human service professional."

The prerequisite is students who earn a grade of B- or better in Health and Human Services Honors.

Another CTE course is "Health and Human Services Exploration", which is a semester-long course.

"In this Introductory course students will explore the Health Care System, complete a career interest

inventory as part of developing a career plan, and research a variety of careers in Health and Human Services," the memo read.

CTE forestry will also be a course added.

"This full-year course is an introduction to the field of Forestry. Designed to encourage students to go out into the natural world and learn about the management of its natural resources through modern technology and field practices," the memo read. "Topics will include tree identification, resource & wildlife management, and the management & production of forest

products such as lumber, firewood, and maple syrup. Introductory safe operation of equipment such as tractors, sawmill, chainsaws is included. A considerable amount of time will be spent outdoors in various weather and steel toed boots are required."

Another CTE course added is forestry and wildlife.

The course description reads: "Students will be required to demonstrate foundational skills and knowledge and build upon them through completion of more independent learning projects. Year two students

will be involved in the development and implementation of the Tree Farms Forest Management Plan and community wide conservation projects, including conducting natural resource inventories, remote sensing and satellite image interpretation, resource mapping with drones, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), and other cutting-edge technologies used in the field of forest and wildlife management."

In order to take the course, the prerequisite is successfully completing Forestry and Natural Resources.

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# First Significant Storm Makes for Snowy Scenery



The first significant snow storm of the winter made its way through Southern New Hampshire on Saturday night and throughout Sunday, Jan. 5 and 6, blanketing Hudson with just over a foot of snow. Pictured are two scenes from Benson Park early Monday morning.

*Photos by Chris Paul*



## What Is Hudson Community Power (HCP)?

HCP allows customers to save money and expand their energy choices. The program pools the electricity demand of participating communities across the state to increase buying power and expand local control. The program will only launch if it can offer a default lower rate than Eversource.

## What Are the HCP Goals?

1. Lowering rates and saving customers money.
2. Creating innovative and clean energy choices for customers.
3. Support local economic development of beneficial energy upgrades, programs, and projects.

## Who Will Deliver My Electricity?

Electric distribution utilities like Eversource will continue to own and operate the electric grid and send a bill to customers.

## How Is HCP Funded?

The program is self-funded through electric bill payments. No taxpayer funds are used to cover program expenses.

## Public Information Session:

Hudson Community Power (HCP) will hold a town information session on Wednesday Jan. 31, 2024 at 7 p.m., in the Community Room at the Rogers Memorial Library. Residents can ask questions and learn more about HCP.

## What does this mean for me?

Prior to launch, all Hudson residents will be mailed notification detailing the program and including the initial supply rate and clean energy options as compared to the utility rate.

HCP is voluntary. Customers can choose to opt-out.

## Background:

The passage of a Hudson Community Power warrant article at Town Meeting authorized the town to launch Community Power. This warrant article passed by nearly a 4:1 margin.

The Hudson Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) was approved by the NH Public Utility Commission on 9/10/23.

HCP is joining Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH), a nonprofit public power company created to serve the interests of NH communities.

## Learn More:

CommunityPowerNH.gov/hudson or 1-866-603-7697 (POWER)

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Admirals Drop Both Games After Holiday Break, Fall to 3-2

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne-Milford Admirals entered January on a hot streak never before seen by the co-op program before. Winners of their first three games of the season and Division II's number one seed.

The Admirals' schedule for the month of January certainly isn't an easy one, though, consisting of Nashua South-Pelham, Merrimack, Somersworth-Coe-Brown, Dover, a rematch with Monadnock-Fall Mountain-Conval, Spaulding, Winnacunnet, and St. Thomas Aquinas in that order.

A tall task to say the least. Alvirne-Milford came out of the break with losses to South-Pelham and Merrimack last week, 2-1 and 6-1 respectively.

The Nashua South-Pelham game seemed to be one that the Admirals had a chance to win from puck drop, as they finished the first period 1-0 in favor of South-Pelham. Both goaltenders were putting on clinics on how to play the position, with Kian Corcoran keeping up his hot streak for the Admirals,

only allowing a single goal on a breakaway that Brandon Doughty managed to get two shots from, and Riley Pellitier continuing to heat up for the Kings.

The second period saw penalties aplenty on Alvirne-Milford, but the penalty killers, who came into the game 22/23 on the kill, came up big for the Admirals yet again. They would finish the night 5/5 and push their season mark to 27/28, not having allowed a powerplay goal since Lebanon-Stevens-Mascoma tallied one in their first game of the season.

In the third, both Gavin Asimakoupoulos and James Nemeth tallied markers to make the score 2-1 where it would finish. Not the ending the Admirals wanted, especially knowing that Merrimack had beaten Keene earlier in the night, earning themselves not only the four points for a win, but the extra point for defeating a Division 1 squad.

Saturday meant a matchup with hated rival Merrimack for the Admirals. And it was also a battle against a familiar face in former Admiral James Brew.

While these two teams entered Saturday as top contenders in Division 2, it looked to be a mismatch from the get-go, as Brayden Guagliumi and Eliot Medlock each had hat-tricks for the Tomahawks, and the Admirals, despite having a decent amount of puck possession, allowed several odd-man rushes and had a few dangerous turnovers that senior goaltender Trent Scarbro couldn't bail his team out of.

One bright spot on the night from the game against Merrimack was Bryce Larco, who solidified his hold of third on the team in goals with his fifth tally of the night. Assists came from captain Caddy Beaulieu and junior defenseman Ryan Ricard.

Our three stars of the week will go to Kian Corcoran, who despite the loss, stopped 21/23 shots he faced, Bryce Larco, who scored a goal and had an assist this week, and Trent Scarbro, who looked excellent despite allowing the six goals to the Tomahawks, with most of them coming by way of 2-on-0 rushes or turnovers in the slot directly in front of the net.



Bryce Larco scored a goal and had an assist last week for the Admirals during the team's first two losses.  
*Photo courtesy Luca DeRosa.*

Alvirne-Milford's schedule this week will consist of a trip to Rochester to play the Somersworth-Coe-Brown Bearcats, who enter at 4-2, on Wednesday at 5 p.m.,

which will air live on Anchor Down Sports' YouTube page as well as Hudson Community TV's channel 8, and then a home matchup against last season's cham-

pions, the Dover Green Wave, who come into the week at 1-2-2 pending their matchup Wednesday night against an undefeated Winnacunnet Warriors team.

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# Broncos Basketball Teams Get Their Second Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams both started the new year by splitting wins and losses at home and on the road.

Starting on Tuesday night, Jan. 2, the Lady Broncos took on the Windham High School Jaguars and despite leading that team for most of the game, wound up falling in a narrow 38-37 decision.

The AHS squad had a 14-8 lead to finish up the first quarter, then went on to hold a 25-18 lead going into halftime.

In the second half, things went south for the Lady Broncos, scoring just 11-points throughout two quarters while giving up 19-points to the Jags.

The team's results were significantly better three nights later when they traveled to Merrimack High School and doubled up the Lady Tomahawks by a score of 58-29.

The Broncos boys' squad also suffered a narrow defeat to the Windham Jaguars.

The Hudson boys' began the first week of the year at Windham High School and played a competitive game, but came up short, falling 53-50.

They had an optimistic

start, finishing the first quarter up three points, at 17-13.

In the second period, the Jags started to take control, putting up another 13-points to the Broncos five-points, giving them a 26-22 lead by the half.

The Broncos were able to come out of the half and tie the game at 38-38 to end the third, but were outpaced in the final quarter for the narrow defeat.

Three nights later, at home, facing the Merrimack High School Tomahawks and a very vocal cheering section brought by the visitors, the Broncos came away with a 54-44 victory.

The AHS squad was able to take a narrow 14-13 lead as they entered into the second period and stretched the lead by five points at the end of the first half, to lead 25-20.

The Alvirne defense limited Merrimack to 24-points in the second half and scored 29-points of their own for the eventual 10-point victory.

Both teams have just one game in the third week of the season. The boys will face the Winnacunnnett Warriors on Wednesday, Jan. 10 and the girls will face the Lady Warriors at the seacoast on Thursday, Jan. 11.



Junior guard Sam DeWitt



Junior forward Andrew Deely



Courtney Anderson and Sadie Rogers fight for possession under the hoop.



Junior forward Ella Hartson headed for a lay-up.  
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# Relive 'Lindbergh's Last Flight' at the Aviation Museum

NH pilot helped ferry an ailing Charles Lindbergh to Hawaii in 1974 just prior to the legendary aviator's death.

Ken Perkins was co-pilot of the flight that brought a dying Charles Lindbergh to Hawaii in 1974. Now, 50 years later, the public is invited to hear his remembrances of the dramatic event at the Aviation Museum of NH.

Perkins, a retired United Airlines pilot and NH resident, will speak of the flight and other adventures from a his lengthy aviation career in 'Lindbergh's Last Flight' on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of NH, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry, NH.

The presentation is part of the museum's 'Exploring Aviation' speaker series.

Admission is \$10 per person; members admitted free.

Charles Lindbergh won international fame in 1927 by flying the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, from New York to Paris. After decades as a living legend, in 1974 the "Lone Eagle" was being treated for illness in a New York City hospital, where he was diagnosed with lymphoma.

Given no chance of recovery, the gravely ill Lindbergh decided to make one last flight: from New York to Hawaii, where he wished to die and be laid to rest.

Lindbergh's request precipitated a dramatic flight on a United Airlines DC-8 from New York City to Hawaii, on which Perkins

served as co-pilot.

The flight was made against doctor's orders on Aug. 19. Lindbergh, laid across a set of first class seats and curtained off from the other passengers, was accompanied by family members.

On the way, his wife Anne Morrow Lindbergh remarked that the journey was similar to his solo trans-Atlantic flight in 1927, as "no one believed he could do either and survive."

Lindbergh died on Aug. 26, 1974, and was buried on the Hawaiian island of Maui.

'Lindbergh's Last Flight' will include other tales from Perkins' many decades of experience during what is now seen as the Golden Age of Aviation.

Admission is \$10 per person; members receive free admission. Tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance by calling the museum at (603) 669-4877 during business hours.

The Aviation Museum of N.H., located at 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry, NH, is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to celebrating New Hampshire's role in aviation history and inspiring tomorrow's aerospace professionals.

The Aviation Museum is open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 age 13 and up; \$5 age 6-12, seniors 65 and over, and veterans/active military; kids 5 and under free.



Charles Lindbergh and his wife Anne Morrow.

*Courtesy photo*

For more information, visit [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org) or call (603) 669-4820.

Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at [www.facebook.com/nhahs](https://www.facebook.com/nhahs).

## United Way Kicks-off Donation Drives for Homebound Seniors

With the New Year just beginning, United Way wants to help keep everyone's attention on the low-income, homebound seniors. Inflation is hitting many households hard, and some of these elderly neighbors just can't afford the necessities and small extras that make life more comfortable.

So, throughout January, United Way is asking their community of volunteers,

supporters, friends, business partners, and champions to come together to help give support the clients served by Gateways Community Services, Meals on Wheels, the AmeriCorps Senior Companion Program, and The Caregivers with some Valentine's cheer by purchasing items from United Ways wish list at: <http://tinyurl.com/UW-Shoebox> or items from the list below.

Puzzle books, healthy recipe books, note and greeting cards, stamps, magnifying glasses, pocket calendars, colored pencils, adult coloring books, combs and brushes, post-it notes, batteries, dental floss, pocket facial tissue, hot chocolate, tea and coffee bags, and travel size shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and hand cream.

The group will be pack-

ing 500 kits, making this one of their biggest donation drives of the year! If your company, school, faith community, or other group would like to host a donation box, please let United Way know. They would be happy to send you fliers and a box. All items should be sent or dropped off at United Way, 20 Broad St., Nashua, NH 03064 between

9 a.m. and 4 p.m., on weekdays, no later than Feb. 2.

United Way of Greater Nashua is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 1929 to serve the residents of Greater Nashua. Its mission is to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. United Way of Greater Nashua has received

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# New Hampshire Fish & Game Share Ice Safety Tips

As the colder weather has just begun to kick in the temptation of testing out local ponds can be risky.

Below are some reminders furnished by the New Hampshire Fish and Game of what to look for on rivers and ponds when venturing out this winter.

With winter comes frozen lakes and rivers which offers up a ton of fun outdoor activities to enjoy.

Some of these activities include: Pond Hockey; Ice Skating; Cross-Country Skiing; Snowshoeing; Snowmobiling; and Ice Fishing.

It is important to ensure your safety on unpredictable ice conditions while enjoying these outdoor opportunities.

## Safety Tips:

- It is not advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice.
- If on foot, carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice

chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice, because the ice thickness will not be uniform all over the waterbody.

• Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH, offers a "rule of thumb" on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or All-Terrain Vehicle travel.

• Remember - thick ice does not always mean safe ice! Ice can be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice is formed when warming trends break down ice, then the slushy surface refreezes.

• Be especially careful



Swan Lake at Hudson's Benson Park was cover with a this layer of ice and snow this week.

as inlets, outlets and spring holes, where the ice can be

dangerously thin.

• Stay off the ice along

the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Don't go on the ice during thaws.

• Watch out for thin, clear or honeycombed ice. Dark snow and ice may also indicate weak spots.

• Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents and wave action that weaken ice.

• Don't gather in large groups or drive large vehicles onto the ice.

• If you do break through the ice, don't panic. Move or swim back to

where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. Carry a set of ice picks; they can help you pull yourself out if you do fall through the ice; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.

• Ice safety is also very important for snowmobilers. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it exists; ask about trail conditions at local snowmobile clubs or sporting goods shops before you go.

## Chamber Looks for Annual Nominations

The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) is seeking nominations for a number of annual awards.

The GHCC is seeking candidates for Citizen of the Year, Large Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Outstanding Community Partner of the Year and

many others.

Help recognize local businesses, organizations or individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community this past year.

The Chamber relies on the community for nominations for these awards and appreciates the time put into making the nominations.

Winners of these awards are honored at the Chambers Annual Awards Dinner. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31.

The more detailed information the committee has in writing the better they are able to select the worthwhile candidate.

Each year the GHCC

receives many excellent nominations for consideration. If you have sent in a nomination in the past that has not yet been honored but continues to work for the betterment of the community, we encourage you to please send us your nomination again.

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# AROUND TOWN

**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).

## Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will hold the Second Hand Prose (SHP) Book Sale at Hills Memorial Library (Basement) the second Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Upcoming dates are: Jan. 14 and Feb. 11.

## Book Donation Dates

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will hold a book donation day each month at Rogers Memorial Library. It's the Thursday immediately following Second Hand Prose (SHP). Upcoming dates are: Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. All day (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.). Books are dropped off in the library to a study room. Do not use the donation bin in the parking lot -

the bin donations do not go to the friends.

## Zentangle: Valentine's Day Project

On Wednesdays, Jan. 17, 24, & 31, from 1 - 3 p.m., in the Rogers Memorial Library Study Room 2. Zentangle is a meditative, abstract art form that anyone can do. If you can write your name, you can do Zentangle. When class is done, not only will you have a piece of art you created, you'll also have the tools to create your own Zentangle tiles whenever you like. This class is a 3-week series in which you will take a project from beginning to completion. Please be sure you are able to attend all three classes before registering. When you register for the first class, it will automatically register

you for all three. You can use your own supplies or buy a kit at the event for \$10. Supplies needed: White Zentangle tile (3.5 in square), OR Apprentice tile (4.5 in square), OR cardstock cut to a similar size, Black micron pen from Sakura, and Size 01 or PN (plastic nib) Graphite pencil Tortillon (blending stump. Each \$10 kit contains 5 tiles (squares of watercolor paper,) a black Micron pen, a pencil, a tortillon, and examples of Zentangle tiles.

## Final Voter Registration

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Friday, Jan. 12, from 2 - 3 p.m. in the lower level of the Town Hall. This will be the last opportunity to register to vote before the Presidential Primary and avoid lines at the polls.

If registering at the polls, please bring your proof of citizenship if you were NOT born in the USA or its territories. You also must have proof of residency. If the present address is not on your ID card or Drivers License then bring a piece of mail to prove residency. Voters without proper identity or papers will receive a provisional ballot and have to prove their identity before the ballot is cast

## Penguin Plunge

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

## Mystery Lover's Book Club

On Monday, Jan. 22, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Children's Programming Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. If you are looking for a book group where everyone joins in with the conversation and

opinions are welcome, this is the place for you. Come and give it a try. This month's book pick is *The Maid* by Nita Prose.

## Dino the Therapy Dog

Come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Tuesdays, Jan. 16, 23, and 30, at 2:30 p.m. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves making new friends.

## Movers & Shakers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library for this Toddler Storytime for kids that don't sit still for long on Wednesdays, Jan. 17, 24 and 31, at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3.

## Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! Meeting at the Rodgers Library on Fridays, January, 12, 19 and 26 at 9:15 a.m. Welcome to old friends and new. 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.

## Curious Kids

On Friday, Jan. 12 at 10 a.m., come explore learning centers with your preschooler and participate at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Siblings are welcome.

## Creation Station

Build a car out of LEGO bricks and race it down a track at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.

## Genealogy Club

Who was processed at Ellis Island and what did that involve? How did the Legislation of Immigration affect Ellis Island? Join genealogist Seema Kenney as she discusses the history of the island, other inspection sites, and of immigration to our country at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Friday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

## Stitchers Circle

Come and Stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, **continued on page 15**

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# Hudson Police Log

Excerpts Taken from the Hudson Police Call Log - Jan. 1 to Jan. 5, 2024

## Monday - Jan. 1

**12:03 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an Arrest on Ferry Street. Austin Paul Briere, 24, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and two counts of having an Open Container.

**2:54 p.m.** Shoplifting Arrest made on Lowell Road. Leyda Carol Roca Gordillo, 40, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking (\$0-\$1,000); and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

## Tuesday - Jan. 2

**8:57 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on

Lowell Road. Tabitha Lopez, 40, charged with: Driving Without Giving Proof; Driving After Revoke/Suspension; Unregistered Vehicle; and Misuse of Plates.

**2:44 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint received for Central Street.

**3:28 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Lowell Road. Elias Valentin, 43, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Operating a vehicle with an Expired License - License Required.

**5:12 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident Report Taken on Graham Court.

**8:40 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident Report Taken at Ferry Street and Library Street.

## Wednesday - Jan. 3

**9:56 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop at Derry Street/Ferry Street leads to an arrest. Michael Merrill, 39, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Felon In Possession of a Dangerous Weapon; Disobeying an Officer; Driving After Revoke/Suspension; and Arrested on a Warrant.

**12:51 p.m.** Theft/Forgery/Fraud Report Taken at

Highland Street.

**5 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident Report Taken at Lowell Road/Pelham Road.

**8:23 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint received at Central Street/Greeley Street.

## Thursday - Jan. 4

**11:01 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident Report Taken on Lowell Road.

**5:24 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint received on Central Street.

**5:25 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Old Derry Road. Valerie Lynn St. John, 38, charged with: two counts of Sale of Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); and Operation After being Certified as a Habitual Offender.

**9:07 p.m.** Motor Vehicle

Stop on Lowell Road leads to an Arrest - Summons Issued. Trevonn Elijah Dilworth, 18, charged with Operation without a Valid License - License Required.

## Friday - Jan. 5

**7:39 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Manning Avenue, Middleton, MA. Fredy Alexis Martinez, Jr., 25, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking - Resale Distribution.

**7:42 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Bradston Street, Boston, MA. Michael Paul Mara, 34, charged: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

**8:05 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Lowell Road leads to an arrest. Andrea Marable, 48, charged with: Drive

After Revoke/Suspension; and three counts of Resisting Arrest/Detention.

**1:18 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint received at West Road and Derry Street.

**3:52 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident Report Taken on Walmart Boulevard.

**4:40 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident Report Taken for Lowell Road.

**6:07 p.m.** Warrant serve and arrest made on Burns Hill Road. Scott Anthony Blanchard, Jr., 35, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Bodily Injury or PC)

**7:46 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Lowell Road and Pelham Road. Juan Huber Yunery Castillo, 29, charged with: Operation without a Valid License - License Required.

## Around Town

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knit, crochet, hand craft at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m. Though this isn't a formal class people are willing to help

### Adventurers Storytime

Join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities the Rodgers Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. For ages 3-5. Caretaker participates with their child or children. Children should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome.

### Friends of Library Meeting

The Friends of Rodgers memorial Library will hold a business meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Please register.

### Compass and Map Reading Workshop

Learning how to use a map and compass is a vital skill for the outdoors person. Join Circulation Librarian Dana Benner to learn the basics At the Rodgers memorial Library on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. Maps and compasses provided for the workshop.

### True Crime Podcast Club

Come to the Rodgers memorial Library on Wed-

nesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., to discuss this month's listen "Morally Indefensible" while enjoying a tasty dessert - Christmas Cookies!

### Songs & Snuggles

Enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies as you learn, play, and develop language and motor skills At the Rodgers Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. For pre-walkers and babies not yet steady on their feet.

### League of Women Voters

RISE - Rivier Institute for Senior Education is offering a series of virtual programs for three weeks in January beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.. This first in the series will provide an overview of both the upcoming NH Primary and NH politics. The Zoom link for all programs will be: <https://rivier.zoom.us/j/91015599005>

### Teen Hangout

It's teens only time at Rodgers memorial Library! Ages 13+ are welcome to play Mario Kart and eat snacks on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 2:30 p.m.

### Characters & Cocoa

Characters & Cocoa is a new monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft a the Rodgers

Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshoping. Hot chocolate will be served.

### Elementary Craft

Grades 1-5 are invited to join Miss Marissa once a month to do a craft/art project at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. This months craft is Calm Down Jar.

### Dungeons & Donuts

Are you looking for people to play Dungeons & Dragons with? Are you new to the game or have you been playing for decades? Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 9:30 a.m., to play and grab a donut!

### Mystery Lovers Book Club

You know you love it - murder, mystery and mayhem all in one place. Come join this club at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Monday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. This month's book pick is The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb.

### Adventurers Storytime

Join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. For ages 3-5. Come engage in a Train Track Skee

Ball Activity. Caretaker participates with their child or children. Children should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome. Registration required. Please indicate the number in your party when you register including adults and infants.

### Afternoon Book Group

Join on the third Tuesday of every month, Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m., for an in-depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and non-fiction books including biographies at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Registration requested. This month's book: The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe

### 19th Century European Painting

Art movements and styles were born. Some were short lived and only flourished in small districts. Others were

widespread and had a profound effect on the evolution of art. This event showcases how artistic freedoms translated from 1800 - 1900. Held online on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. The Zoom link for all programs will be: <https://rivier.zoom.us/j/91015599005>

### Chalk Pastel

Children in grades K-5 are invited to create this messy art project at the Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.. Use chalk pastels to draw a mug of hot cocoa. Ms. Tanya will lead everyone through this project step by step.

### Candy Poker

Come to the Rodgers memorial Library for a monthly game of Texas Hold' Em poker on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Play for candy and take your winnings

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