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Cold Covering

The recent cold snap has given Robinson Pond a complete covering of ice, making it possible to take advantage of skating and ice fishing. The state's free fishing date will take place this Saturday, Jan. 18, it will be the only day this winter residents can fish without a license.

Annual Combined State of the Town Meeting Set For Feb. 18

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to when the annual State of the Town meeting would be.

It was explained previously by School Board Chair Maureen Dionne that they had a warrant article a

couple of years ago that passed that requires them and the Board of Selectmen to have an annual State of the Town meeting.

She explained that they have different variations on how they have done it, including having a brief Q+A and then focused questions, and how they did it last year which was more

of an informal conversation. Previously the School Board has discussed how they would like to handle it this year or if anyone had any particular preferences on how they handle it.

Board member Ethan Beals previously said that he "strongly prefers the more informal," meeting
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Alvirne Enrollment Projections Drop from 850 to 833 Students

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board was briefed on an enrollment study recently completed.

It was explained by Superintendent Dan Moulis, that during his first year with the District they had a projected enrollment study done by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and that he thinks it's good to have it updated every couple of years, so it's not out of date.

"I had them do a refresh of that report," Moulis said.

One of the highlights from the report Moulis pointed to is enrollment for high school for 2028-2029.

Moulis explained that originally that enrollment was projected to be 850 students, and it is now at 833 students.

"That is a little bit of a difference," Moulis said about the change in projections.

Moulis explained that it is based on information they get like birth rates for the town of Hudson, building permits, along with students currently in the school system.

"Birth data informs Kindergarten enrollment. Each fall, NESDEC secures birth data from State sources, providing a snapshot in time as to actual and provisional births as reported by the State, and then

uses this birth data to predict Kindergarten enrollments," the summary of the report read. "We only use Fall birth data to assure consistency in reporting from year to year. Estimated births, which are an average of the previous five years of birth data, are based on this same snapshot. NESDEC acknowledges the variability of the provisional and the estimated birth data, and notes that the projected Kindergarten enrollments may serve as a guide to future planning."

As part of the summary it was also explained that "births decreased by 11 from a previous ten-year average of 236 to a project-

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Sober House Variance Request Delayed for Legal Consultation

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The first Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) on Jan. 9 to hear from Attorney Andrew Tine and property operator Mitch Cabral on a variance for reasonable accommodation regarding a sober home located at 12-14 Gambia Street.

"The applicant would be allowed seven unrelated individuals to live together for recovery from substance abuse," explained Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan. "Seven individuals will share the entire house, including kitchen, bathroom facilities, etc."

The home's usage as a sober home has been controversial, and a cease-and-

desist letter was previously issued by Hudson's Code Enforcement Department.

"People who come from a detox facility or hospitals, come to sober homes to practice abstinence, to get peer support, attend AA meetings, attend house meetings, and it's a place where they work toward independent living," said Tine. "This type of home is important for individuals in recovery."

According to Tine, the facility included regular drug testing. He stated residents paid "week-to-week," and that there was no fixed amount of time one might stay in the sober home.

"We believe that the use qualifies as a single-family occupancy and that we do

not need relief from this board," Tine added. "Because we received a notice of violation and were denied administrative appeal, we're pursuing this variance."

Part of the application cited a need for "reasonable accommodation" guaranteed in the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act. The ZBA previously rejected similar claims, and its members seemed skeptical that federal law applied in this case.

"You're stating that these folks are disabled. How is that determined by this program?" asked Chair Gary Daddario. "How do you determine that these folks are disabled?"

Cabral claimed the dis-

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Planning Board Debate Articles Governing Signs and Sheds

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met for the first time in 2025 to continue its examination of proposed warrant articles for the town. Although many articles passed through the board without much debate, Item 10, which would only allow contractors to put up signs during periods of active work at a site, drew a few questions.

"When does it get taken down? Does a sign have to be taken down on the job is over? Is there a time

frame?" asked Board member Victor Oates.

Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan indicated a sign would probably need to be taken down after roughly 10 days, or after the final inspection of a project, although no definitive time requirement in the article text.

"The problem we're having is that they're keeping the signs up for months and months. When you take them down, they get angry, you call them and they ask 'why are you taking my sign down?'" he explained.

"You also have people putting signs out on properties they're not even doing construction on."

There was some concern Item 10 would limit contractors looking for future work.

"It kind of makes it difficult for a contractor to say look what I did," argued Vice-Chair Jordan Utery.

Sullivan noted many contractors were already willing to take their signs down within 10 days of completion and that the ones who refused to do so often stood out.

"I have one on another road where they've stapled their sign to another sign, because they're going to do work there someday," he said.

"What about signs that preview coming attractions?" asked Board member James Crowley. "Where they're thinking about building something there, but it hasn't really been approved or started yet."

Sullivan indicated that "real estate signs" would be a different thing. A sign advertising property for lease or sale was not included in the article.

Historic plaques or markers would remain exempt from the requirement.

"There's a law that we already have for no off-site advertising," added Alternate Todd Boyer, noting that some sign limitations have been in place for some time.

The Planning Board unanimously voted to move Item 10 to the ballot.

Item 11, which would reduce the setback of sheds from 15 feet to five feet, saw a proposed amendment from Crowley, who wanted to cite a preexisting regulation.

"I referenced ordinance requirements saying accessory storage structures shall be placed to the rear of the main building," he explained. "If I had the reference, it will clarify that a shed needs to be between the main building and the rear lot line."

Crowley worried Item 11 was vaguely worded, an assertion other Board members questioned.

"The law already states it needs to be behind the main building," argued Board Chair Tim Malley. "On every article that we ever do if there's another reference somewhere in the zoning articles, we would have to make reference to all of those and single paragraph would grow to 15 pages long."

Variance applications related to sheds deemed too close to a property line are common, an issue Item 11 was designed to address.

"People have actually been calling more often, asking about sheds," said Sullivan.

No amendment was made to Item 11, as the Planning Board narrowly voted to move the article to the ballot using its original wording.

State of the Town

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School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell, said he also preferred the more informal way of doing it.

Beals also noted that the feedback they had received is that people preferred the informal options.

"I think the feedback was also positive the last few years," Dionne said.

Dionne said she has been in contact with Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Guessferd saying that they are still working out the details, times, and location, but said they were looking to have it on Feb. 18.

"I just wanted to try to solidify a date," she said.

The School Board agreed to the date.

Also during the meeting, the School Board was presented with a travel request for DECA.

"We are requesting permission for our DECA students to attend the annual state DECA Career Development Conference on Feb. 12 - 14, 2025. We will leave for the conference after school on Wednesday and return on Friday before the end of the school day," a memo to the School Board stated.

It explained in the

memo that "Students participate in the annual conference with other DECA members from the state during a 3-day, two-night stay at the Double Tree Hotel in Manchester, NH."

"At this event, DECA members compete in various business events," the memo stated. "These activities provide students with the opportunity to gain valuable real world business experience during their role play competitions with NH business professionals. Students also gain the chance to interact with other business students across the state to build lasting relationships with students with similar interests. Lastly, students that place in the top 3 of their categories are eligible for several scholarships through the national and local DECA organization."

It was also noted in the memo that the cost per student is approximately \$250 per member.

"This amount will be paid through fundraising and student/family contributions," the memo stated.

The School Board unanimously approved the request during the meeting.

In other news, during the Board meeting, the School Board was presented with a number of stipend requests for the spring sports season at Hudson Memorial School.

One of the stipend requests was for Hudson Memorial School baseball coach Jeff Nichols, and the other one was for Hudson Memorial School softball coach Meghan Radziewicz.

Both of those requests were approved by the School Board.

OBITUARY

Rickey Ray Lemon



Rickey Ray Lemon, 67, of Hudson, NH, passed away suddenly on Jan. 5, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on April 17, 1958, in Enid, Oklahoma, Rick was the son of the late Dolores Rickey Lemon.

After graduating from Huntington Beach High School in California, Rick attended Central State University in Edmond, OK, graduating in 1981, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and General Business. His education laid the foundation for a fulfilling career in technology. He spent many years as a Microsoft and IT instructor at Boston University's Corporate Education Center sharing his technical expertise and passion for teaching with countless students. Later, he transitioned to self-employment, founding Lemonade.net Internet Services which offered computer networking and consulting services as well as hosting websites for various businesses.

Rick is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Brenda (Reyor) Lemon of Hudson, NH; his cherished daughter, Ericka Rose Carmody of Hudson, NH; and his two stepdaughters, Kate Pierce and her husband Josh of Grosse Pointe Park, MI, and Alanna Keenan of Nashua, NH. He was the grandfather of four grandsons: Tavish, Griffin, Liam, and Garrett. He also leaves behind his brother, Alan Ross Lemon, with whom he shared a lifetime of memories.

In his earlier years, Rick found joy coaching softball for all three of his daughters, leaving a legacy of encouragement, laughter, and teamwork. More recently, he treasured simple pleasures, such as playing pool with Ericka and spending quiet, meaningful time at home with Brenda.

Rick's sense of humor, dedication to his family, and unwavering love will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A time of visitation for Rick was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15 with a Service of Remembrance in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for donations to the Humane Society of Greater Nashua at www.hsgn.org. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Rest in peace, Rick. Your memory will forever be a source of comfort and inspiration to those who loved you.

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Recovery House

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ability was defined by the ongoing outside medical treatment most residents had as part of their recovery.

"It's in our rules then when a resident signs up on entry that if anybody stumbles or has a relapse that they're not allowed to stay on the premises," he said.

Daddario wanted to see full documentation for the sober house, including a blank copy of the leases used, the intake form, and the rules of the house. The house is operated by Keystone Estates, LLC, and is not licensed, although it was unclear if a license would be required for such a facility.

"Do you have more than one of these houses in New Hampshire?" asked Board member Tim Lanphear.

"There's two. There's a woman's house in Nashua," said Cabral, adding that the Gambia home was male-only.

During public input, JoAnn Ellison of 20 Campbell St. sent an email speaking in favor of the facility.

"We know there have been a lot of complaints regarding tack on this safe-house for men who are trying to get their lives back on track," wrote Ellison. "Since the men moved in, they have been nothing but cordial, polite, and they stick to themselves."

Ellison claimed the previous owner saw more traffic compared to the current sober house.

However, most residents spoke against the variance.

"I've heard numbers of about \$225 per week that people pay," said Jackie Suter of 12 Campbello Street. "It's a business, it's

not zoned as a business, it should be removed."

Shara Katsos of Campbello Street claimed to feel unsafe in the area, mentioning at least one instance with a tennis ball filled with screws where she filed a police report.

"Professionally, I've dedicated my career to ending homelessness," she said. "To end homelessness and help someone in recovery, a person needs permanent housing with case manage-

ment and connection to resources."

Katsos pointed out there was no therapeutic intervention, transportation, or employment services included with rent for the sober house. She also criticized the company for its inability to give definitive numbers regarding relapse rates.

Legal issues were another matter.

"We were sitting outside in my backyard and my dog was chewing in a tennis ball sliced open and stuffed with screws, nails, and sharp

rocks," said Alyssa Cabezas of 11 Campbello Street. "Something could've gone wrong for my dog or my daughter."

"We do not allow anybody with an extensive criminal background," Cabral responded.

He claimed to know nothing about the tennis ball incident. Several abutters outlined other times where emergency services had to be called.

A second hearing for the variance was required after ZBA members expressed a

need to consult with the town's legal counsel and for time to review all relevant documentation for 12-14 Gambia Street.

That follow-up hearing has been scheduled for a special meeting on Thursday, March 6.

Alvirne

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ed average of 225. In most districts, Grades 1-8 are very stable in enrollments. However, there have been increases in four of the eight most recent years, leading to a net increase averaging four students per year."

"Over the next three years, Grades K-1 enrollments are projected to decrease by 15 students, Grades 2-5 enrollments are

projected to decrease by 29 students, Grades 6-8 enrollments are projected to decrease by 25 students, and Grades 9-12 enrollments are projected to decrease by 71 students, as students move through the grades," the summary read.

School Board member Ethan Beals asked if the Board of Selectmen are aware of the report, and the refresh that they did on the enrollment study.

Board of Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby said

she thinks that it should be included as part of their master plan.

Moulis explained that he thinks the report should be updated every couple of years.

"It's a data point I would like to provide this information every couple of years for the board," Moulis said.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Jan. 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hills Memorial Library.

OBITUARY

Linda (Fusco) Perron



Linda (Fusco) Perron, 70, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, after a brief illness.

Linda was the beloved wife of Mark Perron and a lifelong resident of NH. She was the daughter of the late Mario and Muriel Fusco, was one of six children and is survived by her siblings Daniel Fusco, Nancy Fusco, Robert Fusco, Donna Venglass and Anthony Fusco. She was predeceased by her sister Roberta Crotty, whom she loved dearly.

Linda is also survived by her in-law family; Donald Perron, Laurie and Philip Berard, Kevin and Helen Perron and Tammy and Mark Bedard, plus many nieces and nephews as well as her beloved cats; Lilly and Zoey.

Linda lived a vibrant life defined by her enthusiasm, positivity, and deep connection with her family and community. She was an avid golfer whose passion for sport brought her many cherished friendships and fond memories. She found great joy and purpose in her active involvement with the ELKS Lodge in Salem, NH, where she was a well-loved and dedicated member serving as the Exalted Ruler, P.E.R..

Known for her upbeat personality and boundless energy, Linda had an extraordinary ability to bring people together. Her warmth and kindness made everyone feel welcome. Whether at a family gathering, on the golf course, or in her work with the ELKS or at her job at Spacetown.

Linda will be deeply missed by her husband Mark, her siblings and the countless friends and neighbors whose lives she touched. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and an enduring spirit of community.

A time of visitation to celebrate Linda's life was held on Tuesday, Jan. 14 with a brief ceremony presented by the ELKS in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Linda's loving memory to a local Veterans organization or Animal rescue/shelter of your choice. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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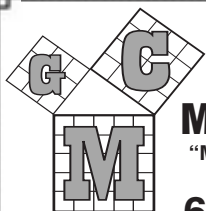
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Editorial

King's Dream Today

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is renowned for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered 60 years ago on Aug. 28, 1963. The third Monday in January is designated to honor his life, achievements, and this moment that forever changed the landscape of the US.

Following the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of people at the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message - words that became a pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King utilized his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to encourage US citizens to transform their perspectives on race. While progress has been made since then, regrettably, his dream has not yet been fully realized.

King set forth the forces for change, and as long as more people believe in this change, the dream of equality and acceptance can still be achieved. Unlike many influencers today, King was not eager to be the center of attention. The spotlight made him uncomfortable, yet he did whatever was necessary to propel the movement forward.

He made every effort to keep the focus on his message rather than himself. Drawing from his background as a preacher, this humility allowed him to understand that a lesson should possess more substance than style. Nonetheless, King had a remarkable style, whether intentional or not.

His message was powerful yet sim-

ple, rooted in the American ideal of equality, opportunity, and justice for all. He fought peacefully for acceptance among all people, regardless of their economic status, ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on deaf ears. However, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would intensify his efforts to combat violence and hatred through peaceful demonstrations, recognizing that fighting fire with fire only leads to disaster, an example we should strive to follow.

In today's heated political climate, King's dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. Yet, much like the spirit that defined Martin Luther King Jr., it will endure and overcome the challenges of our times.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America continues to live on through those of us who believe in what is right. Now, more than ever, we must follow King's lead, be examples of goodness, never give up, and work toward one day seeing his dream fully realized.

Here are a few quotes from that inspirational speech; "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

"We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Superintendent Emphasizes School Cybersecurity in Upcoming Budget

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on Jan. 2 to discuss key spending items in the upcoming school budget, including IT issues like cybersecurity following an attack on SAU81's network last year.

"Under the information management services line item, there are \$200,000 allocated for network security monitoring after an earlier cyberattack. What was the nature of that and is this \$200,000 going to help solve that in the future?" asked Committee member Kevin Walsh.

According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Moulis and Director of Information Technology Kevin Peterson, the solution was to have a service capable of monitoring the system 24/7.

"In the past 12 months, I probably learned more about cybersecurity than I ever wanted to know," said Moulis. "So many things are tied into software now, from telephones to financial systems to student information systems, to data privacy, you name it, everything is interconnected now more than ever. I think we are at a critical point where a lot of school districts are looking at whether it's a person or service, something to pro-

tect your infrastructure."

There was some debate about whether to bring a single expert on board or a dedicated network security service. The latter option was deemed more cost-effective.

"If you look at it the cost of getting cyber security in house with one person is going to run about \$200,000, especially in the area we're in," said Peterson, who noted that one person would not be able to monitor for security issues on a 24/7 basis. "Technology is an obviously expensive endeavor, and security is a huge thing every day. Knowing that the district can't really afford to bring on three or four cybersecurity experts, whereas if you look at hiring a service that has 20 or 30 cybersecurity experts on board managing multiple networks then that would be the way to go."

Currently, Peterson has four different quotes from cybersecurity services for the district ranging from around \$200,000 to \$500,000.

"I'm trying to be as prudent as I can be," he said.

As with the rest of the Committee, Walsh continued looking into ways to reduce spending in other areas without significantly impacting operations. At the same time, many costs

focused on staffing, as he asked for details on SAU81's homeless transportation service, which he claimed was over budgeted.

"In regular transportation there's a line item for homeless transportation for \$140,000. Looking at the history of the last three years we haven't come close to that. To date, it's been about \$11,000 through November," said Walsh.

Without much discussion, other members of the Budget Committee agreed that \$140,000 was unnecessary, voting to reduce that special services line item by \$70,000.

Walsh also asked about another \$140,000 item for contracted and \$340,000 for professional special services.

According to Jen Burke, who was working with SAU81 on the budget, those numbers covered everything from specialized reading instruction to orientation and mobility services.

The Town Deliberative Session for the 2025-2026 budget is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hudson Community Center, and the school session is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at 9 a.m. in the Hudson Community Center.

Town Of Hudson Notice of Open Elected Positions

The Filing Period for Town/School Election is on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025 - Friday, Jan. 31, 2025.

Residents interested in declaring candidacy for these positions can file with the Town Clerk during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Interested candidates must be registered voters in Hudson.

On Friday, Jan. 31, the last day of the filing period,

the Town Clerks office will be open until 5 p.m., per RSA 652:20.

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Code of Ethics, Two: 3-Year Term positions

Library Trustee, Two: 3-Year Term seats

Town Moderator, One: 1-Year Term position

Town Clerk: One, One-Year Term position

Planning Board, Two: 3-Year Term

Supervisors of the Checklist, One: 3-Year Term & One: 1-Year Term

Trustees of the Trust Fund, One: 3-Year Term

Open School Positions:

School Board, Two, 3-Year term seats

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Split Zone Article Halted by Planning Board Members

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Jan. 8 to discuss several warrant articles related to land-use regulations in Hudson, including Item Six related to the definition of split-zoned lots, or lots divided by a zoning district boundary. The article would dictate that split lots be governed by the rule of the zone encompassing a majority of the land.

"How many of these split zone cases do we get in a year?" asked Board member Tim Lyko.

He was informed they were not the most common, but that such cases came up once a year, or once every other year.

In general, the Planning Board was skeptical of possible negative implications of the article.

"Right now, I have mixed emotions on this. I see a lot of these lots that have a business in the front and residential and the back," said Board member

James Crowley. "We have businesses along some of our arterial and collector roads and all of the sudden, it looks like some of these businesses are no longer allowed so to speak. I know when you change the zoning laws, if something is already existing, they're allowed to keep doing it. But What happens if they want to make any improvements?"

Chair Tim Malley noted that the obvious solution of subdividing the land could lead to new problems for a landowner.

"If you do a subdivision, it could be you've just lost your frontage," he said.

Alternate Todd Boyer agreed, adding that a subdivision could "demolish a lot" if it could not comply with even one of any number of zoning requirements, including a 100-foot wetland buffer.

"In certain areas I would favor it but only if certain conditions were met," said Board member Victor

Oates. "For the properties that about residential and business, this would make sense if we were putting in a multi-use zone or some other aspect for it to be used for something that would merge into those two worlds more uniformly."

He added that Item Six lacked a clear definition of what the "largest" portion of the lot would be.

"It's sloppy to me and if the whole reason to do this is to make things easier, I'm not a fan of doing it," said Oates. "There are some broader zoning changes that need to be done, especially in the business district to fix some of this in a better fashion."

Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery noted that the Planning and Zoning Boards already have legal tools for special cases.

"What we're doing right now is what we would always do we're going to cross one of these things," he argued. "Why try to force something in when

we have the ability to make variances and exceptions under our current regulations and law?"

There was no explicit support for Item Six, as

written. Oates suggested possibly reworking it for a later election.

With that in mind, the Board unanimously voted not to move Item Six forward.

ward.

The Planning Board is set to meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Buxton Community Development Conference Room.



Wreath Pick Up

Volunteers and local leadership recently gathered wreaths left from the Wreaths Across America program at the graves in cemeteries in Hudson. Pictured are wreaths gathered at at Sunnyside Cemetery, waiting to be picked up by the DPW.

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School Board Approves Professional Staff Development Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, was in regards to a final reading for a new policy regarding Professional Staff Development Opportunities.

As part of the policy under Professional Development Statement of Philosophy it states: "The Hudson School District believes that learning is a lifelong venture and embraces a professional development program that has an articulated relationship with the educa-

tional goals identified by the Hudson School Board, district schools, and targeted instructional personnel needs. Further, the district's professional development must have a clear link between the improvement of instruction and continuous school improvement. Finally, the Hudson School District acknowledges that instructional personnel are central to student learning and improving pedagogy and content knowledge is essential to improving student performance."

"The Hudson School

District will create and maintain a professional development master plan in compliance with Ed 512 Professional Development Master Plan and Recertification and provide administrative oversight and supervision of that plan," the proposed new policy states. "All Hudson School District professional staff must meet all requirements specified in the approved Professional Development Master Plan for re-certification purposes. The Hudson School District's Professional Development Master

Plan outlines the specific requirements for all teachers with regard to professional development, the link between professional development and teacher evaluation, and the teacher supervision and evaluation process."

As part of the new policy it also explains that "Finally, the district will offer a comprehensive professional development program which:

- focuses on teachers as central to student learning, yet includes all members of the school instructional community;

- focuses on individual, collegial, and organizational improvement;

- respects and nurtures the intellectual and leadership capacity of teachers, principals, and others in the school community;

- reflects the best available research and practice in teaching, learning, and leadership;

- enables teachers to develop further expertise in subject content, teaching strategies, instructional practices, use of technologies, and other essential elements for teaching to high standards;

- promotes continuous inquiry and improvement embedded in the daily life of schools; is planned collaboratively by those who will participate in and facilitate that development;

- provides necessary time and resources; is driven by a coherent long-term plan; and is evaluated ultimately on the basis of its impact on student learning and performance"

The School Board ultimately unanimously approved the new policy during the meeting without any discussion.

Petition Article Aims to Rezone Land for Business Use

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The first January meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw its members address the petition warrant articles regarding amendments to the town's zoning code. The petition article aimed to rezone several land plots from a Residential (R-2) to a Business (B) designation.

"I am here speaking in favor of the petition warrant article in front of you," said Todd Boyer of 2 Merrill Street. "The parcels of land that will be changed over to the business Zone is right at the intersection of Route 111, Central Street, Greeley Street, and Windham Road. It is right by the 7-11."

Handing out several pictures to members of the Planning Board, he noted that there were already ongoing, non-residential

uses of the R-2 zone, including the Hudson Grange.

"Who knows if we could actually define the Grange as a 'business' but they do utilize it for public gatherings, they do utilize it for the Boy Scouts, the Boy Scouts do actually have a hot dog stand there sometimes in the summer, and there is obviously a clothing drop there as you can see," said Boyer. "In my opinion, we have something else that runs as a business within the residential zone."

He argued that other items in the area, like a pumping station and related backup generator, did not belong in a residential zone.

Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan noticed "two apartments" in one of the pictures, operating next to what appeared to be a small commercial operation.

"In our opinion, all your

business districts should be placed at traffic lights," said Boyer. "For right now, we believe that business is the best district here."

The Planning Board had a few questions.

"What specific benefits does rezoning just the select plots offer the broader community?" asked Board member Victor Oates. "I guess my concern is we are currently in an extreme housing crisis across the state, and to take away or rezone housing that is currently being used as housing, and to have it opened up to be developed for something that isn't housing seems to be a counterproductive."

Boyer argued that rezoning the land would give the town "needed" B-zoned space near a high-traffic intersection. He also argued that it would be pos-

sible to build large-scale apartments on the plots, even if the R-2 designation was changed.

After confirming residents in the area seemed to favor the new designation, Board member Ed Van der Veen expressed support for the proposal.

"This is kind of a gateway intersection for Hudson and by doing this it would enable possibly a new project to go in there. It's a little jumbled up right now," said Van der Veen. "Doing this would open the door to a new project, perhaps making it a piece of the gateway to Hudson."

"I live two streets down," said Board member Time Lyko. "I think it makes sense."

Unlike a warrant article initiated by the Board of Selectmen, petition articles cannot be changed or

blocked by the Planning Board. However, it did vote to recommend the rezoning article.

"It's going to the ballot, if it passes, good luck," said Oates.

OBITUARY

David John Gagnon



David John Gagnon passed away on Friday, Jan. 3 2025 in Myrtle Beach, SC. David was born in Lowell, MA, son of Robert and Madeleine Gagnon. He was a life long resident of Hudson NH. He spent most of his life working as a heavy equipment operator David attended Hudson NH schools.

David loved his family and lived everyday like it was his last; always wanting to be together, he enjoyed bike rides, cooking, open waters and of course his Jack and Diet Coke.

A boater at heart David had a whole life in Myrtle beach where he enjoyed days relaxing on his boat and his many friends he made during his weekends spent there. When he was not spending his time there he was in Hudson spending time with family friends and most importantly his dog Gracie who he loved dearly.

David was always up for a celebration of any sort, he was a great entertainer and used every reason to get people together.

David was known for his resourcefulness and ability to do anything he put his mind to. Creating and engineering most anything that was asked of him.

Cooking was his specialty he loved making big dishes for everyone to enjoy while he sat back and watched all the smiles his food caused.

Where ever David went people knew who he was and he was a loved member of the community and made the biggest impressions on people. He will be remembered and loved for the kind, giving and loving person he was.

David is joining his daughter Jennifer Gagnon in heaven.

David is survived by his children; Jonathan Gagnon, Jessica Gagnon and her spouse Kara Brennan, Alexann Teets her spouse Matt Aldrich, his grandchildren; Jack, Luke, Lincoln, Ayden, Mila, his parents; Robert and Madeleine Gagnon, his brother; Paul Gagnon, his best friend; Tammy Bieren and her husband Jeff Bieren as well as family members; Ed and Diane Silver, Jennifer Albertson, Jessica Speidel, Kyleigh Ellis and his beloved dog Gracie, also many other friends and family.

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 4 - 7 p.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in David's loving memory may be made to the American Legion Hudson Post 48, 37 Central St., Hudson, NH 03051 where he enjoyed spending his time or to the charity of your choice. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Zoning Administrator Seeks to Clarify Cemetery Setback Rule

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The first January meeting of the Hudson Planning Board had Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan have a quick presentation meant to clarify rules regarding the 25-foot setback for cemeteries. Within the setback, certain “reasonable” activities would still be allowed.

“The 25-foot setback from cemeteries is just best practice for a number of reasons. I’ve heard there were some issues with it,” said Sullivan. “I’ve changed the language for excavation to 2.5 feet. That’ll help you

put a fence in, put a garden in, whatever you need to do. You can also do fall and spring cleanups, you can rake a new lawn and clean it up, that’s all fine.”

An issue came before the Zoning Board last November regarding the placement of a shed and pergola too close to a cemetery.

Board member James Crowley noted that part of the setback requirement enforced the 25-foot clause “whether or not such burial ground or burial site was properly recorded.” He asked why that line was needed.

“A lot of the times, from the cemeteries that are from the 1700s or 1800s, certain people were not buried within the cemetery, they were buried on the outside edge,” explained Sullivan. “That’s why, other graves could be there.”

Other members disagreed that there were any unmarked sites in Hudson.

“I personally have gone to every single cemetery in the town of Hudson, and there is either a rock wall or a fence on every single cemetery,” said Alternate Todd Boyer. “I completely understand the concern that

someone could be buried outside of the cemetery boundaries, but within the town of Hudson we do not have one cemetery that doesn’t have some form of boundary around it. There isn’t one hedge stone outside of those boundaries.”

The 25-foot ordinance is a state law, put in place for towns that lack applicable zoning requirements. It allows towns to enact their own regulations. With this in mind, Boyer questioned the need to adopt a new ordinance in Hudson. Sullivan noted that many people buried outside marked cemeteries did not

have headstones.

“Until the last century, you could bury your parents at your house without notifying anyone. So, the question is, would every person have to call 811, to search the property, to determine whether or not there was a grave, if they’re going to do a driveway?” asked Vice-Chair Jordan Ulrey.

Sullivan claimed his rule on whether a burial site was “properly recorded” mainly focused on areas outside existing cemeteries, not every home.

“I was at a place probably three-years ago, and we

uncovered a person,” he said, though he conceded it was not in Hudson. “But this has happened numerous times.”

Board member Victor Oates wanted public input on the 25-foot number and moved to put the matter to a public hearing.

“If you have a 30-foot backyard, and you can’t do anything with 25 feet of it except 2.5 feet down, that is a major hinderance for some folks. Just keep that in mind,” said Boyer.

The Planning Board overwhelmingly voted to bring the matter to the public at their next meeting.

ZBA Grants Home Exception for Handyman Business

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The first 2025 meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a presentation from Jeremy and Nicole Lyon of 28 Robin Dr. for a Home Special Exception to run a home office for their new business.

“We’ve been residents of Hudson since mid-2022 and we are in the process of opening up a handyman business,” said Jeremy. “The idea of this is to get an exemption where we can operate an office out of our house. Currently, I’m a remote employee for the

Department of Defense, so I already have an office that I work out of but we do have extra room and we can use that. The idea behind this is that there won’t be any signage or equipment or storage or hardware or anything of the sort on the property.”

He emphasized that the home would continue to look normal and that all services for their business would be performed offsite.

“The idea is we would manage the business through W 2 employees and 1099 contractors and we they would be going to customer’s homes to do the services,” added Jeremy.

“It’s pretty straightforward at this point.”

No members of the public were at the meeting with any questions about the request, although ZBA Chair Gary Daddario had a question.

“Can I just confirm with you the parking?” he asked. “Are there any vehicles here associated with the business, or no?”

Jeremy stated the couple did not have a truck for the business, though there were plans to buy one eventually.

“If there was a vehicle it would probably just be a regular pickup truck or a

small van,” he said. “Nothing that would be really visible from the road.”

Board member Tim Lanphear moved to grant the application.

“There won’t be any goods provided on site, there won’t be any of that. The proposed use will be secondary to the principal use,” said Lanphear, who noted that the ZBA commonly granted business exceptions in residential areas when there was little impact on neighbors. “There will not be any exterior storage. There shall not be any objectionable circumstances such as noise,

vibrations, smoke, disturbances, odors, heat, or glare, none of that will be allowed. Traffic outside will be kept to a minimum.”

Other ZBA members agreed with his assessment.

“According to the testimony we received from the applicant and in the application, the proposed use is a sales and service operation. The proposed use will be carried on in the residence or in an accessory structure,” said Vice-Chair Normand Martin. “Traffic generated by the home occupation activity should not be substantially greater in volume. Parking provided for

the home occupation activity should be off street, located outside of the setback areas.”

Martin reminded the Lyons that only residents of their home can engage in business activities related to the special exception. Any employees should remain offsite.

The ZBA unanimously approved the Home Special Exception without much debate.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23, in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.



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Internal Revenue Service Announces Free File Program

The Internal Revenue Service announces to start to 2025 tax filing season as the agency continues historic improvements to expand, enhance tools and filing options to help taxpayers

The Free File program now open and the Direct File will be available starting Jan. 27 for taxpayers in 25 states

The Internal Revenue Service today announced that the nation's 2025 tax season will start on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, and will feature expanded and enhanced tools to help taxpayers as a result of the agency's historic modernization efforts.

The IRS expects more than 140 million individual tax returns for tax year 2024 to be filed ahead of the Tuesday, April 15 federal deadline. More than half of all tax returns are expected to be filed this year with the help of a tax professional, and the IRS urges people to use a trusted tax pro at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-take-care-when-choosing-a-tax-return-pro>

fessional to avoid potential scams and schemes.

The 2025 tax filing season will reflect continued IRS progress to modernize and add new tools and features to help taxpayers. Since last tax season, the improvements include more access to tax account information from text and voice virtual assistants, expanded features on the IRS Individual Online Account, more access to dozens of tax forms through cell phones and tablets and expanded alerts for scams and schemes that threaten taxpayers.

The IRS has also expanded features and availability of last year's Direct File program. This year, Direct File will be available starting Jan. 27 to taxpayers in 25 states. In addition, the IRS Free File program opens today. Available only on IRS.gov, IRS Free File Guided Tax Software provides millions of taxpayers nationwide access to free software tools offered by trusted IRS Free File partners.

The IRS is also working

to continue the success of the 2023 and 2024 tax filing seasons made possible with additional resources. The past two filing seasons saw levels of service at roughly 85% and wait times averaging less than 5 minutes on the main phone lines, as well as significant increases in the number of taxpayers served at Taxpayer Assistance Centers across the country. Based on the IRS' current plan and funding levels, the agency will work to provide similar levels of performance on these key service metrics in the upcoming filing season.

"This has been a historic period of improvement for the IRS, and people will see additional tools and features to help them with filing their taxes this tax season," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. "These taxpayer-focused improvements we've done so far are important, but they are just the beginning of what the IRS needs to do. More can be done with continued investment in the nation's tax system."

The Get Ready page on IRS.gov highlights steps taxpayers can take now to streamline the filing process and the many resources available to interact with the IRS before, during and after filing their federal tax return.

Direct File opens Jan. 27 for taxpayers in 25 states. On the first day of the

filing season, Direct File will open to eligible taxpayers in 25 states to file their taxes directly with the IRS for free: 12 states that were part of the pilot last year, plus 13 new states where Direct File will be available in 2025. During last year's pilot, Direct File was available in Arizona, California, Florida, Massachusetts,

Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington State and Wyoming. For the 2025 tax filing season, Direct File will also be available in Alaska, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.



New Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Christopher Darbe of Troop 20 on his accomplishment of becoming an Eagle Scout. Christopher's court of honor was held on Jan. 20 at the Hudson Grange where Lions club president Kimberlee Fournier and PCC Roger Latulippe presented him with a commemorative eagle trophy. Christopher's parents, Eric and Alexa Darbe, have provided continuous support since he began his scouting journey at the age of eight. 1st Vice President Gary Gasdia, who previously served as Troop 20 Scout Master, has closely followed Christopher's advancement to Eagle Scout. The Hudson Lions club has maintained a 50-year sponsorship of Troop 20, demonstrating its enduring commitment to the troop.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Admirals String Together Two Victories, Move to 3-2

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

After dropping two consecutive shutout losses, the Alvirne-Milford Admirals put an end to their scoring drought and beat two of their Division II opponents with overtime wins, giving them a 3-2 headed into this week.

The Admirals started their week with an 8-7 home, overtime victory against the Timberlane Regional High School Owls followed by a 7-6 win over the Grizzlies of Goffstown.

In the victory over the Owls, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Skate 3 in Tingsborough, Mass., the Admirals had a 2-0 lead early in the first period, but both teams battled to a 3-2 score heading into the first break.

Timberlane outscored the Admirals 3-2 in the second, leaving the score knotted at 5-5 heading into the third.

In the final period of regulation, the Owls took a one-goal lead at 12:03, but

the home team tied the game at 6-6 with just over six minutes left in the game.

With 2:38 left in the game, the Owls put in what looked to be the game-winner, but junior center Brandon Ganas was able to send the game into an overtime period one minute later assisted by senior Braydon Atwood.

In overtime, at 4:31, Sophomore Dylan Macleod put in the game-winner with an assist from Ganas.

Ganas led Alvirne-Milford in scoring, getting three goals and two assists.

Atwood had one goal and three assists; senior Bryce Larco finished with two goals; junior Brandon Callahan had a goal on a Penalty Shot; and Macleod had the overtime game-winner.

The starting Admirals goaltender sophomore, Mason Komarek allowed four goals on 10-shots in two periods.

Backup Alvirne-Milford tender sophomore Ari Scarbro came into the game with

3:01 left in the second period. She was her very first varsity victory, allowing three goals on 11 shots.

In the team's second overtime win of the week, the Admirals led in the first two periods, but once again needed an extra period to decide the winner.

The Admirals headed to St. A's Sullivan Arena on Saturday, Jan. 11, and despite being out-shot 39-31 by the Goffstown Grizzlies, the Admirals came away with their third win of the season.

Alvirne-Milford scored their first three goals on power plays, one coming in the first and two in the second period.

Heading into the final period, the Admirals led 4-3, but the Grizzlies tied the game, outscoring Alvirne 3-2 in the third.

Senior captain Braydon Atwood had the overtime game-winner at 0:48 with the assist going to Ganas.

Admiral goals in chronological order: Period 1;

Atwood-unassisted at 12:15 on a power play; Period 2; Ganas from Brandon Callahan at 7:54 on a power play; Callahan from Larco and Ganas at 11:04; and Larco from Callahan at 13:44.

Period 3: Mason Tomkins from Chris Bozza at 7:51; Dylan Macleod from Ryan Ricard and Chris Bozza at 1:16.

The game winner came from Atwood assisted by Ganas at 0:48.

The Admirals are scheduled to have two home games this week.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, they will take on Bishop Brady-Mt. Vernon (3-1) and on Saturday, Jan. 18 the team will face Somersworth-Coe-Brown (2-3-1) starting at 5:50 p.m.



Senior Braydon Atwood had the overtime game-winner against the Grizzlies. Photo by Chris Paul

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Broncos Girls End the Losing Streak with Strong Victory

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

After coming into the season with three consecutive victories, the Alvirne High School Girls Basketball team went in the opposite direction as they started the new year, but a strong win at Spaulding High School put the team at 4-3 as the week came to a close.

The Lady Broncos suffered consecutive losses

against Pinkerton, Nashua South and Portsmouth at home before righting the ship against the Red Raiders at Spaulding High.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, Alvirne traveled to Rochester, where they were able to come away with a 66-29 win on the now 1-6 Red Raiders.

Alvirne had their second highest scoring total of the year and Spaulding was playing from behind the

whole game.

The Broncos went ahead 15-10 to start the game in the first. They held the Raiders to just four points in the second while scoring 25 of their own and went into the break with a 40-14 lead.

Alvirne held SHS to single-digit scoring in the final two quarters for the 37-point win.

Junior guard Lexi Floyd had a big game, leading the team in scoring with 22-points. Floyd had six, three-pointers and two, two-pointers.

Sophomore forward Courtney Anderson put up 15-points and was 4-6 at the foul line.

Junior guard Taylor Small had nine points in the game.

Izzy Haven-Tate and Halie Christman both added five-points to the team tally.

Before traveling to the seacoast, the AHS girls had home games against Nashua South and Portsmouth.

The AHS squad started their week on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the first game of a double-header with Nashua South High School, where they came up three-points shy of a victory in a 56-53 loss.

The Broncos had a one-point lead at the half and also after three quarters, but

were not able to outscore the Purple Panthers in the home stretch.

Anderson led the Broncos with 17-points with Floyd and senior forward Ella Hartson each getting nine-points. Senior guard Avery Willard finished with six-points.

Two days later, in a rare Thursday night game, on Jan. 9, the Alvirne girls had two unproductive quarters, leading to a 33-42 defeat at the hands of the Portsmouth Clippers.

The team began the game with a 14-10 lead after one, but a 2-17 second quarter led to a 27-16 Clippers lead at the half.

Coming out of the break, a five-point third coupled with a 12-point fourth wasn't nearly enough for the Broncos to catch up.

Anderson was the lead scorer again, getting 16-points, mostly from driving to the basket. The sophomore was three-of-five at the foul line and had one, three-pointer.

Hartson had two three-pointers and a bucket for eight-points and Floyd tallied five-points.

The Lady Broncos had a six-day break after their busy three-game week. Alvirne will head to neighboring Londonderry on Friday night, Jan. 17, to play the undefeated Lancers starting at 7 p.m.



Courtney Anderson had 17-points against the Clippers, 15-points against the Red Raiders and 16-points in the game against Nasua South.



Senior forward Ella Hartson scored eight-points against the Portsmouth Clippers.



Junior guard Lexi Floyd scored 22-points in the Broncos win over Spaulding. Photos by Chris Paul

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Broncos Boys Basketball Suffer Two Losses, Go to 3-3

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys Basketball team had a tough time on offense last week, suffering two defeats and dropping to 3-3 in the Division I standings.

The Broncos started their week at home, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, as the second game in a double-head-

er between the girls and boys against Nashua South.

One basket in three of the four quarters was the biggest difference in the contest with the Purple Panthers out-shooting AHS 12-10 in the first two quarters and 13-11 in the third to defeat the home squad 55-45.

Going into the halftime break, the Purple Panthers had a 24-20 lead over the

Broncos and Alvirne bounced back in the third to get within two, but a 20-12 run by Nashua in the fourth solidified the outcome.

Junior forward Garrett Hall led the Broncos in scoring with 16-points. Hall had seven baskets for two-points and was two-for-two at the foul line.

Senior guard Sam Dewitt had 12-points in the effort, getting one, three-pointer, three for two and going 3-4 at the line.

Senior forwards Ryan Rocheleau and Alex Valenzuela both finished with five-points in the game.

On Friday night, Jan. 10, the Broncos traveled to the seacoast where they were barely edged out of their fourth win of the season.

The Portsmouth Clippers came out one-point higher in the low-scoring contest with the host team winning 39-38.

Neither team was doing much on offense in this game, with ASH taking a two-point 13-11 lead at the end of one and clinging to a 18-16 lead at halftime.

Both sides came out of the break shooting 11-points for the 29-27 result

heading into the final quarter, where the Clippers put up 12 to the Broncos nine, resulting in the disappointing finish.

Senior guard Gabe Conrow led the Broncos with 12-points. The senior had three from outside the arc, one basket in the first quarter and went 1 for 2 at the foul line.

Dewitt finished with eight-points, two being three-pointers and one other basket.

Alvirne was scheduled to travel to Salem High School on Tuesday, Jan 14, to take on the 1-4 Blue Devils.

On Friday night, Jan. 17, the Broncos will host the Londonderry Lancers (4-2) at Alvirne strating at 6:30 p.m.



Junior forward Garrett Hall scored 16-points against Nashua South.
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Senior guard Gabe Conrow led the Broncos with 12-points against the Clippers last week.



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Eversource announced on Jan. 13, that the energization of the Sudbury to Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, which marks the completion of Eversource and National Grid's Greater Boston and New Hampshire Solution to strengthen the resiliency of the region's electric transmission system against extreme weather and improve reliability for customers. Sudbury to Hudson in eastern Massachusetts was the final project completed in a suite of 50 projects included in the broader regional suite of projects, which ISO New England selected as a preferred solution to enhance regional electric reliability, increase the capacity of the system and provide more grid flexibility during emergency events. Other major projects in the solu-

tion included the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project, Woburn to Wakefield, and Mystic to Woburn.

The Sudbury to Hudson project construction included installing a new, nine-mile, 115 kV transmission line between the Eversource substation in Sudbury and the Hudson Light and Power substation in Hudson. Eversource constructed 7.6 miles of the line underground within an inactive Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) railroad corridor that passed through Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow, and Hudson - which will create a new multi-use rail trail for local communities to enjoy when completed - with the remaining 1.4 miles of the line built under the streets in Hudson. The line was energized on Dec.

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"The Greater Boston and New Hampshire Solution projects are great examples of how we are continually planning, building, and delivering transmission projects that increase the reliability of the electric grid for our customers, strengthen it against climate change, and enable increased capacity to support the demands of electrification and the interconnection of more renewable energy resources," said Eversource President of Transmission and Offshore Wind Projects Bill Quinlan.

The Eversource Sudbury to Hudson project team worked closely with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to achieve the dual purpose of increasing the reliability of the regional

electric transmission system while advancing the statewide multi-use trail network initiatives. The path will improve bike and pedestrian safety and create regional trail connections with other walking trails in the area while preserving the historic railroad features such as town markers, mile markers, and ring posts. Three existing bridges along the MBTA right-of-way were also replaced as part of the project to facilitate community use of the rail trail. In addition, Eversource removed 3.5 acres of existing invasive plant species, enhanced existing vernal pool habitats, and installed over 2,000 woody plants within the corridor. The Massachusetts Central Rail Trail Coalition (MCRT) recognized Eversource for its work on the project and accompanying rail trail with a Golden Spike Award in late 2023.

Eversource will continue restoration efforts through early 2025 at which point the DCR will then pave and finish the rail trail. For more information on Eversource's daily work to upgrade the transmission system, make it more resilient to extreme weather, and enable the interconnection of new renewable energy resources, please visit the transmission page of Eversource's website.

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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 by email: dgroger@comcast.net or online at: www.NHLions/Hudson. Application deadline April 11, 2025

Karaoke

On Jan. 17, from 6 - 10 p.m., the American Legion Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music

at the Foxhole. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St., Hudson.

Meat Raffle

On Jan. 18, at 2 p.m., The American Legion Post 48 will be hosting a Meat Raffle to benefit the Hot Lunch program. You must be 16+ to play. The Post is located at 37 Central St., Hudson. Pre-buys are available call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

Trivia Night

On Jan. 25, from 5 - 7 p.m., the American Legion Post 48 will be hosting Trivia Night at the Foxhole. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

Legion Meeting

The next Monthly General Membership Meeting for Post 48 will begin at 6 p.m. followed at 630 p.m. for Squadron 48. The Post is located at 37 Central St., Hudson.

Pancake Breakfast

The American Legion Hudson Post 48 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 26, from 8:30 - 11 a.m., with proceeds to benefit the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 48 and their programs.

The Post is located at 37 Central St., Hudson.

Meat Raffle

On Friday, Jan. 17, Alvirne AFJROTC and the Hudson VFW will be hosting a meat raffle fundraiser. It will start at 7 p.m., and be held at 15 Bockes Rd. This fundraiser will be a great opportunity for the community to support its youth. There will be a 50/50 raffle and other prizes won throughout the night.

Family Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat Services

On Friday, Jan. 31, at 5:30 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by a potluck dessert. By 6:45 p.m., they will start the family Shabbat service. All are welcome. Please RSVP at office-@etzhayim.org. Etz Hayim

Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH. See more information at www.etzhayim.org.

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

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Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship through Jan. 31, 2025. Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897 - 1993) was a groundbreaking African American contralto and an inspiration for civil rights. "This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson's life, and the Daughters of the American Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through today's aspiring musicians. Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right," said Pamela Wright, DAR Presi-

dent General.

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution.

Applications require references sent through the application system, so students need to request their references ahead of the Jan. 31 application deadline.

In honor of Ms. Anderson's commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing

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To recognize the city Marian Anderson called home, preference will be given to students from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area, even if they are not pursuing music studies in the Philadelphia area.

This scholarship is not automatically renewed. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for up to four consecutive years.

The scholarship is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution's Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Learn more about the relationship between Marian Anderson and the DAR, and the organization's on-going efforts to honor her memory at www.dar.org/MarianAnderson.



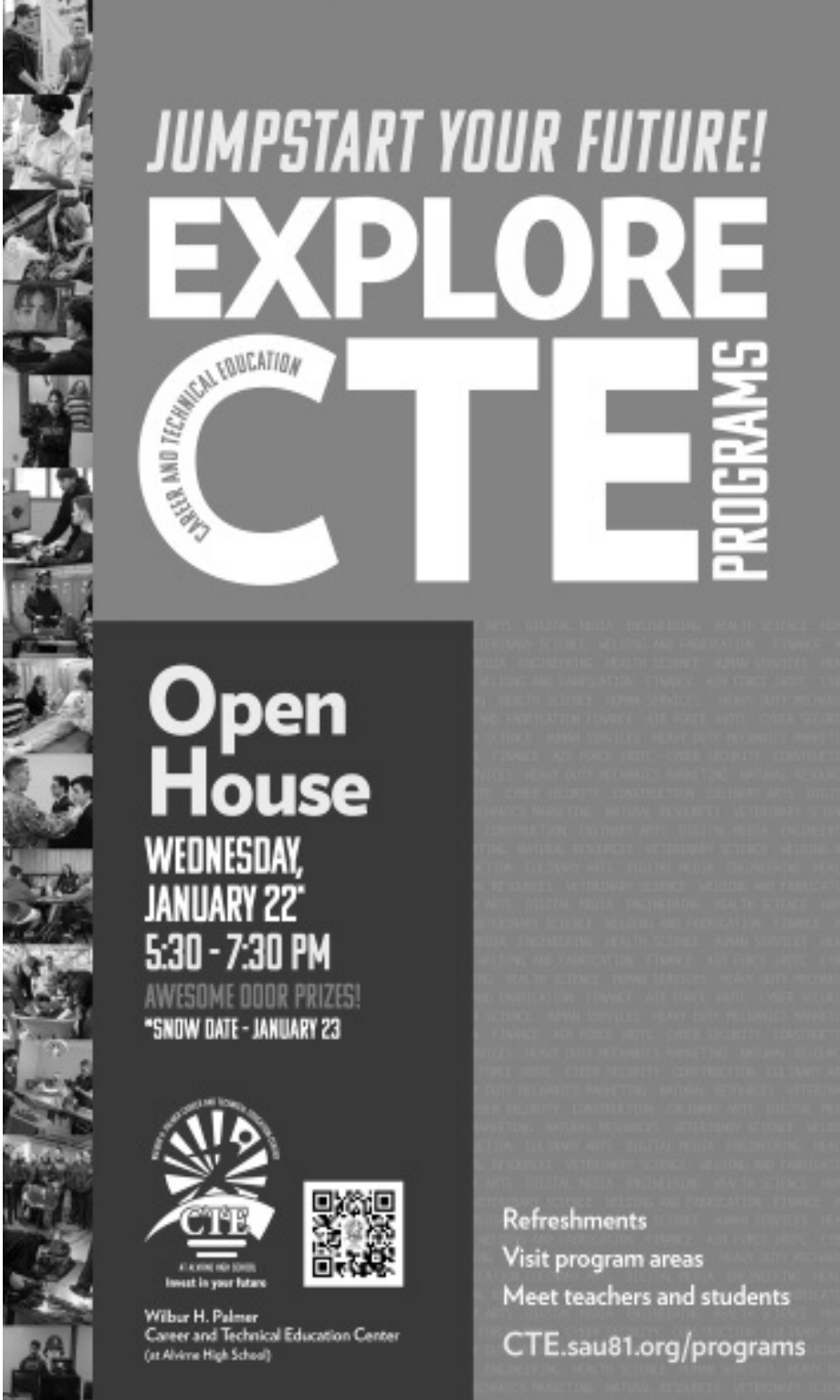
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