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## DIGGING OUT

Another round of significant snow made its way through the area on Sunday and all day Monday this week, closing down services and schools. The snow was coupled with below-average temperatures making for frozen roadways. The snow piled up in front of Town Hall was just one of the many huge mounds seen throughout Hudson.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Library Rolls Out Modernized Social Media System to Boost Engagement

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees opened its first meeting of 2026 with a detailed presentation on a new social media workflow designed to modernize the library's digital presence and

improve how staff create, manage, and monitor online content. The presentation was delivered by the library's Head of IT and Technical Services, Angie Hurshman, who has been leading the effort to streamline the library's digital communication

tools.

"I'm here to talk about a new social media workflow that we just started piloting at Rodgers Memorial Library, and the purpose of it is to provide us with more utility in engaging and with auditing not

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## Letter Being Sent Against State Bill Repealing Solar Tax Exemptions

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

A routine public hearing on Hudson's proposed cap for solar property tax exemptions quickly broadened into a larger discussion about state legislation that could eliminate the exemption entirely. Concerned residents and town officials urged action in response to House Bill 1002, a proposal that would repeal solar property tax exemptions statewide.

Craig Putnam, speaking during public input, warned that the bill could override any local decisions the Board of Selectmen makes regarding Hudson's exemption policy.

"We are faced with House Bill 1002, which, if

enacted by the state legislature, would eliminate the solar property tax exemptions statewide - so much for local control and decision-making," Putnam said. "HB 1002 was introduced last week on the 7th and referred to the House Committee on Science, Technology, and Energy."

Putnam explained that the bill will go through the full legislative process, including committee review, potential amendments, and votes in both the House and Senate. With the legislative session running into June, he said it may be months before towns know whether their local policies will stand.

"So, at this point, we don't know whether any

local decision by the Hudson BOS will be overridden or not, and we may not know for a while," he said.

Despite the uncertainty, Putnam urged the Board to move forward with adopting the proposed \$20,000 cap, arguing that it would demonstrate support for residents who have invested in solar energy.

"It would send a message to the property owners who have invested in solar that the town has their back," he said. "It would also send a message to the state legislature that the town of Hudson values local control."

**Board Moves to Oppose HB 1002:**

Following Putnam's **continued on page 7**

## Cable Utility Committee Advances Franchise Fee Warrant Article

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At its Jan. 12 meeting, the Hudson Cable Utility Advisory Committee moved forward with a plan to fund Hudson Community Television (HCTV) by redefining the terms of its franchise fee agreement and its revolving fund.

"Back in 2015 there was a warrant article that passed to establish a revolving fund to essentially fund the operations of HCTV. Money comes into town from the franchise fees that the cable subscribers pay, and at the time that fund was established, it was proposed that 80% of those funds that come in from Comcast would go to HCTV, while

20% would go to the town's general fund, which at the time was okay," said Chair Mike O'Keefe, who claimed that their 80% share was no longer enough to fund HCTV. "The proposal is to put another warrant article in this year to adjust that ratio that would essentially put 100% of the franchise fees that come in to the HCTV revolving fund."

He added that with the rise of streaming, income from the cable franchise fee was falling - something the HCTV Director agreed with.

"The warrant article is going to be a huge thing for Hudson Community Television," said Director of Community Media Mike John-

son, who added that the "decreasing trend" was likely to continue.

A change to the cable subscription fee will not impact the annual tax rate.

"When you run the numbers, they're losing about \$2,000 per payment cycle, and that 20% would essentially level things out," added Selectmen Liaison Xen Vurgaropoulos. "Compared to the town, that's pocket change in the grand scheme of things. HCTV is something that the town needs and wants, plus, whether we like it or not, the money is going to have to come from somewhere. I don't see anyone wanting to abolish HCTV. This makes **continued on page 5**

# Belknap Road Extension Expected to Be on State's 10-Year Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The second January meeting of the Hudson Planning Board opened with news from Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima, who announced state support for the proposed Belknap Road Extension.

"I am pleased to announce that the Belknap Road Extension has been added to the 10-year plan, and we're waiting for the governor to sign it and make it official. It's a big win for the town, obviously," explained Dhima. "It looks like it's a go."

When complete, the extension will connect

Belknap Road to Lowell Road at the intersection of Lowell and Birch Street. Early work on the project is already underway.

"We've been completing the evaluations by a thirdparty assessor for the properties that will be impacted by this project, which are Suzie's Diner and Mickey's Pizza. They both agreed to sell the parts of their properties that are required for this project for \$210 thousand," said Dhima. "Because we already spent some of the funds related to this valuation, and you already approved \$210 thousand for this particular task, we're going to need an

additional \$50 thousand to complete the purchase. We're going from 210 to 260."

According to Dhima, property negotiations are going smoothly. The money in question comes from local corridor funds, not taxpayer dollars.

"So, is it just going to be a couple of lot line adjustments that we're going to be making to the two properties?" asked Alternate Todd Boyer.

Under the current plan, the lot line adjustments would involve shifting about 9,000 square feet to create a rightofway for the extension. The project also includes several easements

on surrounding properties for infrastructure designed to protect nearby water sources.

"My only question is when are we thinking - I know you said the 10-year plan - but when are we thinking this might happen?" asked Board member Julia Paquin. "I know there was talk about maybe amending County Road to be drivein only from Lowell Road. Is that only contingent once that project goes through?"

Dhima described the project as "shovel ready," a key requirement for state funding. Even so, the exact start date remains uncertain.

"We have the permits ready to go, we have our design ready to go, we have our 20% match," said Dhima. "What's going to happen is that we're going to go to the state and say 'we're ready to go.' They're going to look around, and they're going to give priority to the municipality that's ready to go. So, there's a lot of shoveling money around. A 10-year plan doesn't mean this is going to be ready 10 years from now. I expect this to be ready to go within a year or two, depending on what everybody else around us is doing."

He added that, beyond waiting for funding from

Concord, the town still needs to file a few remaining permits - a step officials hope to complete by the summer of 2027.

The question of limiting County Road to a Lowell Road drivein remained unresolved.

"From the beginning of this discussion, how the traffic would flow on County Road was taken into consideration before we came up with the final design concept on that," said ViceChair Jordan Ulrey.

The Planning Board overwhelmingly voted to increase the amount of corridor funds dedicated to the project by \$50 thousand.

## Library

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only the platforms we are using, but also with content strategies," explained Hurshman. "Why the new workflow? I want to increase digital engagement utility."

Hurshman outlined a system built around integrating Google Drive, Constant Contact, and Canva - three tools already familiar to staff but not previously connected in a unified workflow. Canva, she noted, has become a central piece of the strategy because of its ability to

simplify the creation of everything from flyers and presentations to social media graphics.

"That Google Drive is integrated into Canva, so staff can go onto Canva, create their content, and simply push that onto Constant Contact - it's like a share function," she said. "Before we implemented this workflow, staff were having to email and download and upload at multiple points between the phone and Canva, between Canva and Constant Contact, or between that and our social media accounts."

By centralizing the process, the library hopes to

reduce errors, save time, and ensure that all posts are consistent with the library's branding and messaging. The new system also ties into scheduling tools that allow staff to prepare posts ahead of time, ensuring a steady flow of content even during busy programming weeks. All posts will continue to be reviewed for compliance with the library's social media policy.

Trustees had several questions about how the new workflow would function daytoday, particularly regarding the use of library devices for content creation.

"When a person wants to create content or take pictures, do they have to, ahead of time, sign out the phone from you?" asked Trustee Margaret St. Onge.

Hurshman explained that the library maintains an "Internetonly" staff phone dedicated to social media use, eliminating the need for personal devices. The phone must be checked in and out through a department head, and staff can reserve it through a shared Google Calendar.

"Basically, it creates an accountability," she said. "Everyone who needs to check out the phone for programs can preserve it for certain events that they want to record engagement in the community."

Trustees also sought clarification on the library's social media policies and how they intersect

with town guidelines.

"I'm assuming the town also has a social media policy?" asked Trustee Ali Rafiymehr.

Hurshman said the town's policy applies to general "web use," but noted that it is not as comprehensive as the library's own guidelines, which include separate sections for public use and staff use. This distinction prompted further discussion about how staff interpret the policy.

"We call it the 'social media policy.' I have a problem with that only in that I look at it as 'I'm an employee, what can I post?' versus what the library can post," said ViceChair Lisa Weber. "Have you found any difference in the naming of the policy?"

The conversation also

touched on privacy concerns, especially regarding photographs of children at library events.

"For children, because for many programs children are involved, the parents will have to be the ones to give permission, right?" asked Rafiymehr.

Hurshman confirmed that parental permission is required and that the policy regarding posting photos of minors would be strictly enforced.

Overall, trustees expressed strong support for the new workflow and the updated policy framework. They agreed to review the latest draft of the guidelines and provide feedback as the pilot continues.

"I'm very impressed and I love seeing all of this," said Weber.

## American Legion Hudson Post 48



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# Selectmen OK Hudson Cable's Underwriting Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the key agenda items was the second reading of the proposed HCTV underwriting policy. "We're back here tonight for the second read of our underwriting policy," HCTV Director Mike Johnson told the Board.

Johnson explained that the policy had been reviewed not only by the Policy Subcommittee but also by the Cable Utility Advisory Committee. In addition, the Hudson School District reviewed the document for

legal considerations, since HCTV programming includes school-related content.

One of the major changes made during the review process involved the timeline for underwriting agreements.

"We changed the timeline," Johnson said.

Originally, Johnson proposed a January–December cycle. After further discussion, the policy now aligns with the town's fiscal year.

"It's now in the fiscal year, so you're going from July to June," he said. "We also added that if a business starts after the start of the

fiscal year, we're going to discount that rate. So it's in writing in that aspect."

School Board Liaison Mike Campbell noted that the Cable Committee had discussed the "additional guidelines" section of the policy the day before the meeting.

"It says sponsorships that promote drugs, gambling, alcohol, tobacco, or firearms are prohibited," Campbell said. "There was some discussion about firearms."

Campbell explained that while the School Board did not want firearms-related underwriting connected

to school programming, they also did not want to regulate the policy for the entire station.

"We had a vote," Campbell said. "We didn't want to regulate any other underwriting. And I just wanted to make that clear - we were just saying in school-related items."

The policy reads, in part:

"HCTV maintains strict content standards to ensure compliance with community media values and applicable regulations. Political advertising, including any form of secondary political promotion, is not accepted

under any circumstances. Sponsorships that promote drugs, gambling, alcohol, tobacco, or firearms are also prohibited. To maintain consistency and adherence to content guidelines, all underwriting announcements must be produced in-house by HCTV staff. Furthermore, all content must comply with applicable laws and regulations, including those set forth by the FCC regarding underwriting announcements."

Johnson said the Cable Utility Advisory Committee spent considerable time reviewing the standards.

"Those regulations I

took based off other stations' underwriting policies around the country," he said. "The firearms was the big topic of contention from our board."

He added that the school district's input was helpful, but the final responsibility for the policy rests with HCTV.

"The rationale behind keeping it as the overall policy - that's something on our end, not the school district or the school board," Johnson said.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the policy.

# Benson Park Committee Welcomes Some New Members

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee opened 2026 with the formal introduction of two new members at its January meeting.

"I want to welcome Matthew Pelletier. He is a new member on our board," said Committee member Sue Clement. "I also want to welcome back Harry Schibanoff."

Schibanoff previously served on the Advisory Committee from 2009 to 2017 and is familiar with park operations.

"I was Chairman for seven of those years," he said. "I'm an alternate now."

With a few open spots, the Benson Park Committee

continues to look for new applicants, including one resident who expressed interest in the open Secretary position.

"We also have somebody who is possibly coming in," said Clement. "Matthew is covering tonight because our past representative had stepped down, and then we had a few people just filling in between."

Applicant Ellen Griffin attended the meeting to learn more about the Advisory Committee.

"I have been in Hudson - it'll be 40 years come September," said Griffin. "I volunteered through the school systems as my kids were growing up. I volunteer now

for a group called Marine-Parents; one of my sons is a Marine, and it's a support group for families of the military, specifically Marines. I've also been a past school board member for Infant Jesus School and Nashua Catholic, and I was on the board of directors for eight years at Mary's Dogs Rescue & Adoption up in Northwood."

It was confirmed that the Benson Park Committee would not be requesting a deposit into its Capital Reserve Fund next March.

Instead, Warrant Article 14 proposes a clarification to the Fund.

"Just to let the public know, there is a warrant article going forward more specifically defining the Capital Reserve Fund for Benson Park," explained Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "We thought it was important to be more articulate in what is covered in that fund, so that's what's going before the voters. I would guess next year we might ask the voters to put some more money into that

fund."

According to Jakoby, there has been confusion about what the existing Benson Fund covers - whether the money could only be used for land-based improvements or whether it also allowed the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen to restore historical buildings and park infrastructure.

"This article is to more clearly define what the funds are used for?" asked Committee member Nathan Muir.

Jakoby confirmed the new definition would reinforce that the Capital Reserve Fund is intended for "all of that parcel."

"Different things can come out of this fund. It's the whole park. Some of the language of many of the funds is unclear," said Jakoby. "The money can be used for many things in the park, and it's all a matter of this committee making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to spend some of that money on these various things."

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# Editorial

## A Community Without a Newspaper Loses Its Voice

In a time when information moves faster than ever, it has never been harder for residents to know what is true, what is rumor, and what actually affects their daily lives. That's why local newspapers remain essential. Not nostalgic, not optional - essential.

Every week, we sit through the meetings most people don't have the time or patience to attend. We read the budgets, the contracts, the warrant articles, and the legislative language that would make most people's eyes glaze over. We do this because someone has to. Someone has to translate government into plain English so residents can understand what's happening in their own backyard.

And right now, there is a lot happening.

In Concord, lawmakers have passed and proposed a series of bills that directly affect every town in NH - including Hudson and Londonderry. While many are framed as solutions to statewide challenges like housing, infrastructure, and public safety, they often override local authority. Zoning laws are being rewritten at the state level, including changes to minimum lot sizes, parking requirements, accessory dwelling rules, and development standards - often with little regard for the character or capacity of individual communities. Other bills shift responsibilities to towns without funding, such as new reporting mandates, enforcement duties, and administrative burdens tied to health insurance, education, and public records. These changes may be well-intentioned, but they leave local officials scrambling to implement policies they didn't create, with resources they don't have.

Whether you support these changes or oppose them, the point is this: they matter, and residents deserve to understand them. A single sentence buried in a bill can reshape a neighborhood. A mandate from Concord can shift costs onto local taxpayers. A zoning change can alter traffic, density, and property values for decades.

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A strong community doesn't happen by accident. It happens when people stay informed and when they have a trusted source to help them do it.

# Selectmen Approve the Latest Earned Time Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen gave its final approval to an updated Earned Time Policy during its most recent meeting, completing a review process that has been underway for several months.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson previously explained that employees covered under collective bargaining agreements already have earned time provisions written into their contracts. The updated policy is designed specifically for exempt, nonrepresented employees, ensuring consistency across departments and clarifying how earned time is accrued and used.

One of the primary issues addressed in the update involves how earned time is handled for first-year employees. Sorenson noted that new hires often arrive with preplanned vacations, which they disclose during the hiring process. Under the previous policy, employees were required to accrue enough earned time before using it, which sometimes created chal-

lenges when a planned vacation occurred early in their employment.

"When we hire employees, you have to earn your time," Sorenson said during an earlier meeting. "But sometimes people come in with a vacation already scheduled, and they may not have enough time accrued to cover it."

To address that gap, the new policy allows limited use of earned time in advance under specific conditions. It states:

"On written application, and with the approval of the Town Administrator, a newly hired salaried employee who communicates a planned vacation upon hiring shall be allowed to use up to 40 hours in advance, provided they have already earned a minimum of one month's accrual, or 16.67 hours. Accruals thereafter will be withheld until the time in arrears is made whole. If the employee resigns or is terminated while in arrears, said time shall be withheld from their final paycheck."

The purpose section of the policy explains that it is intended "to establish a policy and guidelines for

the use of earned time for nonrepresented Town of Hudson employees; to ensure that earned time leave is scheduled with consideration to the operational needs of the Town, and to establish a procedure for communication and approval."

The policy statement further outlines how earned time functions as a consolidated benefit, combining vacation, personal, and sick leave into a single pool. Earned time becomes available as it is accrued, and the total amount an employee receives each year depends on their years of service. Represented employees will continue to follow the earned time rules outlined in their collective bargaining agreements.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the updated policy at the recommendation of the Policy Subcommittee, which reviewed the language and suggested refinements before bringing it forward for final approval.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

# A Few Names Trickle In for Town and School Candidates

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

As of Tuesday morning, Jan. 27, not many candidates have signed up to serve on the available town and school boards.

Just six names have appeared on the town side and two names submitted to serve on the school side.

The chance to sign up will end on Friday afternoon, Jan. 30, at 5 p.m. at Town Hall and the School District office.

The names that have been submitted as of Tues-

day are:

## TOWN

Board of Selectman, one Three-Year Term: None  
Budget Committee, three, three-year term seats: James Lawrence  
Budget Committee, one two-year term: None.  
Code of Ethics: Two, three-year term: None  
Cemetery Trustee: One three-year term: None  
Library Trustee (2) 3-Year Terms Susan Jones  
Moderator (1) 2-Year Term Debra Stoddard  
Town Clerk (1) 3-Year

Term Michelle Brewster  
Planning Board (2) 3-Year Terms Timothy Lyko  
Supervisor of the Checklist (1) 6-Year Term Garland Mann-Lamb  
Supervisor of the Checklist (1) 4-Year Term  
Trustees of Trust Funds (1) 3-Year Term Harry Schibanoff

## SCHOOL

School Board, two, three-year term seats: Craig Powers  
School Moderator, one three-year term position: Paul Inderbitzen

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# Town and Schools Explore Joint Options on Health Insurance

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

Health insurance took center stage during the Town Administrator's report at the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, as officials discussed the possibility of partnering with the School District to explore new coverage options and potential cost savings.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson told the Board that earlier this year he met with School District leaders to discuss the rising cost of employee health insurance and whether both entities might benefit from a coordinated approach.

"We're in HealthTrust. The schools are in SchoolCare. And potentially going out again to receive bids," Sorenson said. "Can we save money on our health

insurance and how that might work? I think the schools are going to take that approach too."

Sorenson said he has been in communication with Superintendent Dan Moulis and Business Administrator Jenny Graves about the idea of issuing a joint Request for Proposals (RFP) to test the market.

"I think if they're interested in doing this, we may combine forces, and this is unofficial at this time, and see what we can come up with," Sorenson said.

School District Facing Pressure After Unexpected Bill

School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell, attending the meeting as liaison, said the School Board has been hearing significant public concern about health insurance

costs.

"We've received a lot of comments about health insurance," Campbell said.

He noted that the district was hit with an unexpected bill from SchoolCare in the fall - over \$1 million - to cover its share of a budgetary shortfall.

"SchoolCare hit us with a bill. I thought we have made it clear, the board has made it clear, but I guess we haven't," Campbell said. "I want the public to know we are searching for other options. It's just we can't switch in this budget. I wish we could, but it takes longer than that, and I'm sure Mr. Sorenson has said that."

Campbell added that district administrators have responded positively to the early conversations with Sorenson and are open to

exploring alternatives.

Next Steps After Deliberative Sessions

Sorenson said the Town and School District plan to continue discussions after the upcoming Deliberative Sessions.

"I think we're going to reconvene after the Deliberative - that group, myself, Laurie May, Jenny Graves,

and Dr. Moulis - and talk about the best approach here," Sorenson said.

Any formal proposal would return to both the Board of Selectmen and the School Board for review. If both sides agree to partner, Sorenson said the next step would be to issue a joint RFP.

"Then we would start an

RFP process and see what might come in," he said.

Campbell added that even if the Town and School District do not ultimately partner, both will still be evaluating options.

"Even if we don't partner together, we're going to be hearing from other vendors," he said.

## Bill Proposes Registration for all Bicycles in Granite State

A newly filed bill in the New Hampshire Legislature, HB 1703, is drawing attention statewide for proposing a new registration requirement for bicycles and electric bicycles. The bill, introduced in the House and referred to the Transportation Committee, would create a statewide system requiring all bicycles and ebikes operated on public roads, bike paths, or trails to be registered annually with the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Under the proposal, bicycle owners would pay a \$50 yearly registration fee, similar to motor vehicle registration. The bill also outlines penalties for operating an unregistered bicycle on public ways.

Supporters of the bill argue that bicycles use public infrastructure and should contribute to its maintenance. Opponents say the measure would be costly for families, difficult to enforce, and inconsistent with the state's efforts to promote outdoor recreation.

If passed, HB 1703 would:

- Require annual registration of all bicycles and electric bicycles
- Establish a \$50 registration fee per bicycle
- Require the DMV to issue registration decals
- Prohibit riding an unregistered bicycle on any state or municipally funded road, trail, or bike path

\* Allow law enforce-

ment to issue fines for non-compliance

The bill does not distinguish between adult bicycles, children's bicycles, or recreational bikes, meaning families with multiple bikes could face several hundred dollars in annual fees.

HB 1703 is scheduled for a public hearing before the House Transportation Committee this week. After the hearing, the committee will decide whether to recommend the bill, amend it, or vote it down before it moves to the full House. The legislative session runs through June, meaning the bill could change significantly before any final vote.

## Cable

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the most sense."

Committee members agreed that the subscription fee change was not a longterm fix for HCTV's revenue problem, but that the station needed the extra influx of revenue to keep finances stable for the next few years.

"Would you consider running some sort of informational or promotional thing during programming?" asked O'Keefe, who

encouraged greater public outreach on the warrant article. "Maybe with more popular events like sports? For videos on various meetings? That would be helpful."

The Director agreed to look into different options aimed at keeping residents informed on the impact the 100% share would have on the town. Despite emphasizing the importance of a strong outreach campaign, several committee members expressed confidence that the ballot proposal would pass.

"I don't think this is going to be a hard pass, although we've seen stranger things," said Vurgapulos.

"You should do the biggest push closer to voting day," suggested O'Keefe. "If you do something now, people might forget about it by the time they get to the ballot box."

Selectmen previously recommended the warrant article, which will be discussed at the deliberative session and is set to appear on the March 10 ballot.

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# Trustees Seek Clarity on State Bill Allowing Municipal Control of Libraries

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Jan. 21 to discuss the potential impact of HB1214, a bill currently under consideration by the New Hampshire State Legislature that could significantly alter how public libraries are governed.

"This bill allows a municipality's governing body to assume governance of a public library," said ViceChair Lisa Weber. "That sounded very ominous to me, so I wrote to the rep, Kristine Perez, who sponsored this bill, and I asked her, 'Could you share

what prompted you to draft this bill and what goals or issues it was intended to address?'"

Representative Perez responded in writing, outlining the intent behind HB1214 and emphasizing that the bill is designed to give towns an option - not a mandate.

"The establishment of trustees dates back to the 1800s, and libraries have grown and many have large budgets, and multiple employees, and large buildings that might be better served by services of the town," wrote Perez. "The second reason is that some towns are having great diffi-

culty in filling elected trustee positions. This is a 'may be' bill, not a 'shall' bill that allows individual town residents to make that decision through a vote."

Under the bill, municipalities could choose - through a public vote - to assume governance of their local library. Towns would not be required to change the authority or composition of their library trustees.

"To hear that it is a 'may be' bill versus a 'shall' bill makes me feel a lot better," said Weber. "I was very glad I wrote to the rep."

Despite the clarification, Trustees noted that

HB1214 remains in the Municipal and County Government Committee and may not advance.

"It needs to come out of committee by March 5," said Chair Karen Bohrer, noting that many bills never make it to a full vote.

Library Director Linda Pilla raised questions about how the bill would function at the local level if it were to pass.

"How does it get introduced to the ballot at the town level?" asked Pilla. "That is, if it passes. I know it hasn't passed yet. I was just wondering."

The process was not immediately clear. Trustees

discussed several possibilities, including a warrant article submitted by the Selectmen or a citizen petition.

"It's an interesting question. I'm sure it can be petitioned, if somebody wanted to petition it," said Selectmen Liaison Bob Guessferd. "I'll try to see what I can find out."

The bill has drawn strong opposition from the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association (NHLTA), which issued a formal statement in January.

"Allowing municipal takeover of library governance undermines this independence and risks politi-

cizing library operations, collections, and services that are intended to serve the entire community equitably," the NHLTA wrote. "HB1214 weakens a proven governance model and threatens the stability, neutrality, and public trust upon which New Hampshire libraries rely."

Trustees agreed to continue monitoring the bill and gathering information as it moves through the legislative process.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. in the HCTV building on Kimball Hill Road.

# Strategy Created for Upcoming Conservation Trail Work

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At its Jan. 12 meeting, the Hudson Conservation Commission pushed forward with plans to improve several of its properties.

"We have a number of kiosks we need to build," said Chair Carl Murphy. "Looks like we've got one for the Tiger property, one for Colburn, and I believe one for Rangers Town Forest."

Commissioner John Walter noted that a trail on Robinson Drive did not have any signage.

"Should we put some kind of a sign there?" asked Walter. "These don't all have to be big kiosks - some of them can just be signs."

Several of the properties in question are newer and poorly marked, leaving many residents unfamiliar with them. Members discussed partnering with a Boy or Girl Scout troop, or local students, to help create signs, maps, and kiosks.

"I think that's something we should offer up to the high school, maybe to a senior who wants to get ahead on their capstone

project. I know they have to do them," suggested Kathy Griswold. "I also know there are Eagle Scout things, and I think we should reach out to them first and see if any are interested. It's a very quantifiable project that they could accomplish."

She offered to reach out to Alvirne High School to gauge interest, while Walter agreed to contact local Scout groups.

"There are always signs to do. I think the best way to approach this is to walk the trails, look at the signs,

see what condition they're in, refurbish the signs, make new ones if need be, add signs, and improve upon the blazing, stuff like that," said Murphy. "We'll get an inventory of what's out there."

Members agreed to divide responsibility for walking and assessing different trails across Hudson.

"People have been using the trails still," noted Dickinson. "It's a little scrubby up there now, so it's a good time to go and make sure that the trails stay defined, put some signs up at a minimum."

A longerterm goal is to build a multiyear plan for invasive species control.

"I'm talking about poison ivy, knotweed, and stuff like that," explained Murphy. "In Musquash, I think we can continue with the knotweed treatment, and there's some poison ivy on those trails too."

Invasives are not a major issue on every trail, but Musquash Conservation Area and the Tiger Road property were cited as needing particular attention.

"Is anybody interested in doing that? Should we hire people?" asked Walter.

The ViceChair expressed interest in doing some of the work themselves to save money, though members agreed that a professional would be needed to fully cut back knotweed and handle poison ivy.

"We have to write up a new contract for this season," said Dickinson. "We'll want to do something in June before the end of the fiscal year."

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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# ZBA Elects Officers, Accepts Resignation, and Reviews Bylaw Amendment

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment began the new year by electing its slate of officers during its first regular meeting of 2025. Incumbent Chair Tristan Dion was quickly nominated to continue in the role.

"We have a second for me to continue being Chair. I have no issue sitting as it again," Dion said before being unanimously reelected.

Board member Todd Boyer was reelected as Vice Chair, and Zachary McDonough was unanimously chosen to continue serving

as Clerk. Both nominations moved forward without debate.

Following the officer elections, ZBA member Tim Lyko announced that he would be stepping down from the Board by the end of January due to a potential conflict of interest with his recent appointment to the Planning Board.

"I recently was able to get back on the Planning Board, which is my real passion. There can only be one person on Planning and Zoning," Lyko said, noting that Boyer already serves on both boards. "I'm sorry to

leave you guys, but I've been keeping my eye on Planning for a while and I finally got back on it. It's been great. I definitely learned a lot on this board, and I'll still watch the meetings online."

Dion thanked Lyko for his service and encouraged residents interested in volunteering to consider applying for the soon-to-be vacant seat.

With the March election approaching, the Board also reviewed proposed amendments to its bylaws. One change would clarify who may participate during

deliberations.

"During deliberations, the Chairperson shall permit nonsitting alternates, the Selectmen liaison if present, and the Zoning Administrator or their designee to ask questions and provide input if they wish to do so," Dion explained. "This is the first presentation of the new verbiage."

Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan said the Town Attorney had "no issues" with the proposed language, though one comment noted that the role of liaison positions can be a

"grey area."

"Some boards have them, some boards don't," said Selectmen Liaison Dillon Dumont.

Boyer said such input is already common and often helpful when the Board is working through complex cases.

"Selectmen Dumont and Administrator Sullivan offer very valuable information in assisting a nice smooth process. I think it is viable for them to continue doing what they're doing," Boyer said.

Board member Tim Lanphear agreed, calling

both the liaison and the Zoning Administrator "assets" to the Board.

Despite general support, members agreed it was too soon to vote on the amendment.

"I definitely don't think we should vote on it tonight with this being the first presentation to the general public," Dion said. "If they would like to speak at the next meeting against it, I would like the general public to have input on these changes."

The Board agreed to table the amendment until its next meeting.

# Board of Selectmen Updated on Town's Annual Report

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board received an update on the preparation of the town's annual report, a document that summarizes the year's financial activity, department updates, and major town initiatives.

Hudson Town Administrator Steve Sorenson told the Board that staff have been working to streamline the report and reduce its overall size. The goal, he said, is to make the document easier for residents to

navigate while also cutting down on printing costs.

"Again, we're trying to trim it down a little bit," Sorenson said.

He explained that some sections traditionally included in the printed report may instead be moved online. Items such as Deliberative Session minutes, lengthy departmental appendices, or supplemental materials could be posted on the town's website rather than printed in full.

"Anything that we take out that's not in there - as an example, Deliberative minutes - we'll push those back

up to the website," Sorenson said.

To ensure residents can still access all information easily, Sorenson said the printed report will include a notice directing readers to the online materials. A QR code may also be added to allow residents to scan and view the additional documents instantly.

"We'll put something in the report like a QR code that you can grab. That's going to help us save paper," he said. "It's going to help us trim down the report and make it more efficient in how it reads. I

want to thank the Blue Ribbon Committee for what they did. They finished that process and helped develop what I'm going to call the first version."

Sorenson noted that while this year's changes represent a meaningful step forward, he believes the town can refine the process even further next year. Still, he said, "given the timeline, we're in pretty good shape."

During his Town Administrator's report, Sorenson also updated the Board on the town's financial software project. The software had originally

been included in the proposed budget, but Sorenson recommended that the Budget Committee remove it until the town has more clarity on its needs and options.

"I think what we're going to need to do here is set up a working group. I'll come back to the Board with ideas on that," he said.

The working group may include a Selectman, a Budget Committee member, and staff. Sorenson said the town will need to issue an RFP/Q, interview vendors, and obtain firm pricing before moving forward.

In other business, the Board approved the appointment of James T. Lockwood as Town Accountant, with the effective date and salary to be negotiated by the Town Administrator. The appointment was made during nonpublic session, according to the draft minutes.

The Board also accepted the resignation of firefighter/paramedic Gerald Boudeau, effective Jan. 22.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 beginning at 7 p.m.

## Solar

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comments, Vice Chair Bob Guessferd asked whether the Board should formally oppose the legislation by sending a letter to Hudson's state representatives.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont noted that the

Board has taken similar positions in the past and that the New Hampshire Municipal Association - whose lobbyists monitor and advocate on municipal issues - could also be a resource.

However, Dumont, who also serves as a State Representative, said he would abstain from any vote on the

matter.

"I'm a part of that legislature and will have two bites of that apple, so I don't think that it's fair for me to send that letter along," Dumont said.

The Board ultimately voted 4-0-1 to send a letter to the state legislature opposing HB 1002, with Dumont abstaining.



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# Special Olympics NH Recognizes Alvirne for Its Inclusion



CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

MJ Hippert, pictured above left, Schools Manager for Special Olympics New Hampshire attended the Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball game on Friday night, Jan. 23, to present the school with their organization's 2024-25 "School of Excellence" Award during the halftime break.

The Unified basketball team took to the court for a

limbo contest and a short game of basketball.

A banner now hangs in the gym for the schools efforts toward inclusion for all students and meeting ten state standard of excellence.

Students were presented the plaque shortly after Hippert recognized Alvirne for its achievements.

She thanked staff and students for transforming the school's culture and for the inspiration they promote.

## OBITUARY

### John F. Considine



John F. Considine, 67, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026. John was born on Jan. 28, 1959, in Dorchester, MA. He was the beloved son of Frances (Daley) Considine of Townsend, MA, and the late John J. Considine.

John was the devoted husband of Tammy (Tack) Considine of Hudson. This coming April, they would have celebrated 20 years of marriage. Together they built a home filled with love, laughter, and open doors to anyone in need.

For the past nine years, John worked as an electrician at the VA Hospital in Bedford, MA. A proud veteran, John was known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and willingness to help others in any way he could.

In the summer months, you could always find "Jack" behind the grill, feeding friends, family, and anyone who happened to stop by. His heart and his home were always open. He was the man everyone called when something needed fixing - because there wasn't much he couldn't fix. John had a way of finding solutions, making light of difficult situations, and lifting others up with his steady presence and kind spirit.

John was a proud and loving father to Angela, Charity, Jack, Shannon, Tyler Ryan, and Katie. He was a devoted grandfather to seven grandchildren and a cherished great-grandfather to Kehlan. He was a loving brother to Bill, Dan, Lauren, Dan, Tracey, Colleen, and Chris, and a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Above all, John was a proud veteran, husband, father, Papa, and great-grandfather. He was always there for anyone who needed help, always happy to lend a hand, and always willing to give of himself. He was the hardest-working, toughest, and most caring man - truly the greatest man to walk this earth and one of the biggest blessings in the lives of all who knew him. He will be deeply and forever missed.

A time of visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 30, from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 31, at St. Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH. All are asked to please meet at the church. Burial will take place at a later date at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com). The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Boys' Basketball Keep Winning Steak Going



Senior guard Luke Norse goes up for two-points against Concord on Friday night.

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball team added two more notches to the win column last week and boosted its winning streak up to four games and a 7-2 record.

The Broncos had a 63-48 victory on the road at Timberlane Regional High School to begin the week and finished at home with a 63-48 win over the Concord Crimson Tide Friday.

Alvirne traveled to Plaistow on Tuesday night where they outscored the Owls in three of the four quarters for their sixth win of the season.

The Broncos led by two, 16-14 after the first quarter and opened its lead up to six by the end of the

first half, as they headed into the locker room with a 30-26 advantage over the home squad.

Scoring production dropped a bit in the third, with AHS scoring 11-points to the Owls 12, but maintained a three-point lead going into the final quarter.

In the fourth, the Broncos separated themselves from their host with a 22-10 final quarter and a 15-point win, handing Timberlane its ninth straight loss.

The Owls remain winless this season.

Senior forward Garrett Hall led his team with 16-points, scoring one, three-pointer and eight buckets.

Fellow senior forward Sean Chipfunde finished with 13-points, with two

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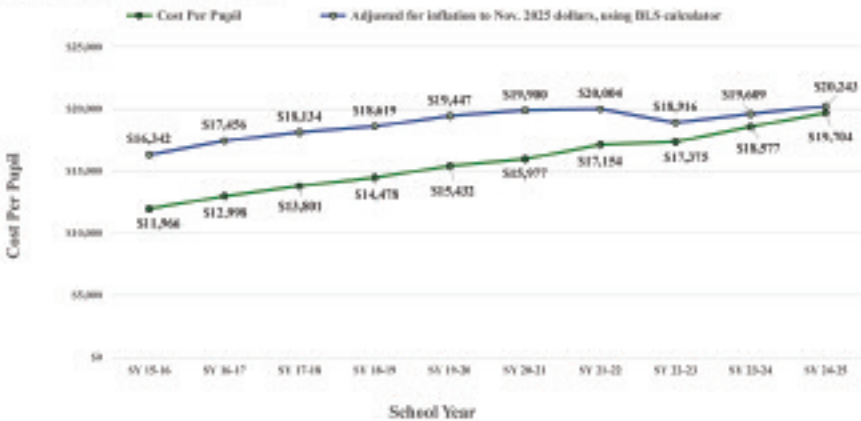


Sophomore Camden St. Clair drives to the basket against the Crimson Tide.

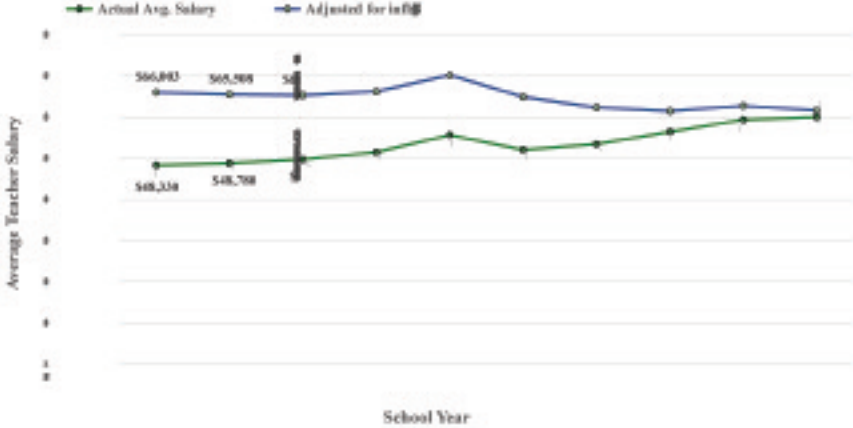
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### Hudson School District Mandatory Report to Voters on School Expenses

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Teacher Average Salary: Last 10 Years



Sum of Administrator Salaries: Last 10 Years



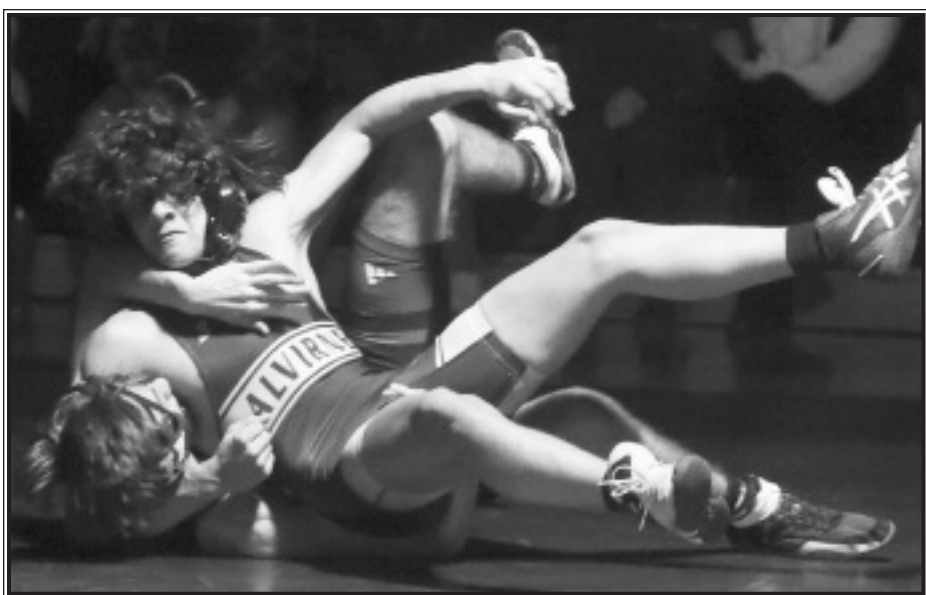
Top Administrator Salaries for FY26	
Superintendent	\$165,000
Assistant Superintendent	\$140,000
Business Administrator	\$132,500



# Broncos Grapplers Edged Out by Knights In Final Matches



Mason Verrocchio pinned his Kingswood competitor and took second place over the weekend at the Timberlane Invitational. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Bronco Dom Deoliveira added six-points to his team's total against the Kingswood Knights on Wednesday night, Jan. 21 at Alvirne High School.

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School wrestling had its Duel Meet at home last week come down to the final two matches of the night to decide a tight battle with a Division II foe.

The Broncos faced the Kingswood Knights on

Wednesday night, Jan. 21, where the home squad fell 36-44.

The team started out strong with a forfeit win at 106 pounds by Paige Beckford and a fall victory by Mason Verrocchio at 113 pounds.

The team's first loss of the match came at 120 lbs to

put the match at 12-6 in favor of the Broncos.

The following two weight classes, 126 and 132 went to Alvirne, giving them a 24-6 lead heading into a succession of losses.

Both Crue Anderson and Dom Deoliveira pinned their opponents to help put up an 18-point lead for their

team, but losses at the following five weights put the home squad behind 24-32.

The 175 and 190 weights had Broncos winning and taking a 36-32 lead with two wrestlers left in the line-up.

Joey Lydon had a very short match at 175-pounds for a six-point victory and

Quinten Tetreault had a pin at 190 for the final two victories of the night.

The Knights had wins at 215 and 285 to end the evening amongst roaring from the crowd.

Over the weekend, the Alvirne Broncos grapplers took part in the Timberlane Invitational where three

Broncos placed in a field of 18 teams

Mason Verrocchio had three wins to get him into the finals at 106 lbs. where he took second place at the tournament.

Tetreault had four victories to place third and Lydon went 2-2 to place fourth at the event.

## Basketball

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three's in the first half and eight baskets in the second.

Senior guard Luke Norse put up 10-points in the win with two, three-pointers and going four-for-four at the foul line.

Senior guard Adam Wibowo put in three from outside the arc for nine-

points and junior forward Angel Kangar had eight-points in the game.

Three nights later, at home against the Concord Crimson Tide, another team looking for its first win of the season, the Broncos weren't very accommodating, beating that team by 42-points.

Alvirne started the evening with a 26-7 lead,

and would build on that greatly in the second period.

The Broncos added 29-points in the second, while giving up 14 to the visitors for a 55-21 lead by the half.

Coming out of the break, the Broncos added another 21-points, and gave up just 10 to Concord, for a 76-31 lead heading into the final period.

The starters didn't see

much playing time in that quarter and AHS was outscored for the time in the game 13-16, but still came away with a big win.

Four players hit double-digit scoring, with Hall leading the way with 21-points, including three, three-pointers.

Kangar had a big night, scoring 18-points, with six for two and hitting all six if

his foul shots.

Chipfunde finished with 14-points, three triples, three foul shots and one bucket.

Norse wound up with 13-points, including three field goals and two buckets.

Sophomore Cam St. Clair had eight-points and sophomore Gavin Baviello came off the bench in the fourth quarter to get two triples.

The Broncos will have their work cut out for them this week if they want to keep the winning streak going, they'll be facing two teams with 8-2 records.

On Wednesday night they were scheduled to play Pinkerton Academy at home and on Friday night, Jan. 30, the team will travel to Manchester to take on the Trinity Pioneers.

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# Broncos Girls' Basketball Snap Losing Streak in Concord

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Basketball team was able to pull out of their seven game losing streak with the squads highest point-total of the season in the State Capitol last week.

The Lady Broncos got their second victory of the season with a strong performance at Concord High School against the now 0-9 Crimson Tide.

Alvirne put up double-digit scoring in every period in the Friday night, Jan. 23, contest, something the team has had some difficulty in doing this year.

Right out of the gate, the Broncos led by 16-

points in the first period, holding Concord to just two-points, while putting in 18 of their own.

The home squad tried to climb back in the second quarter, scoring 11 to the Broncos 13, but still trailed 31-13 by the half.

Alvirne put up another 13-points in the third while holding the Tide to seven-points.

The final period had the AHS squad blasting their opponents 16-1 for the much-needed 60-21 victory.

Senior forward Lexi Floyd led her team in scoring with 15-points scattered across all four periods. Floyd had one triple, four

baskets and went four-for-five at the foul line.

Sophomore Izzy Haven-Tate finished the night with nine-points, including one for three-points.

Senior Haylie Christam had an eight-point game; Julia Adams and Taliah Kraus had five-points; Ochanya Adikwu, Sam DeSilva and Brooke Carter each had four in the win.

Three days earlier, at home, the Broncos fell to the Timberlane Owls 42-58.

Alvirne got off to a slow start and was never able to recover in their seven consecutive loss.

They trailed 7-18 after

one and 17-30 by the half.

The Owls scored 28-points in the second half while AHS was only able to tally 25 for the 16-point defeat.

Floyd had 14-points, including two triples, while Haven-Tate, Adikwu and Adams all scored six in the game.

The Broncos were scheduled to head back to the State Capitol on Monday, Jan. 26 to take on the undefeated Concord Christian Kings, but that game was called due to the snow storm. They hope to resume play on Friday night at home against the Trinity Pioneers (5-4). Game starts at 6:30 p.m.



Senior forward Lexi Floyd

## Gymnastics Sets Sights on Postseason

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

Londonderry, Alvirne and Campbell High School gymnastics continue to prove how competitive they are as the season winds down.

Londonderry hosted a four-team meet at Spectrum Gymnastics this past Thursday, Jan. 22, welcoming Campbell, Timberlane, Nashua North, and independents from Alvirne and Nashua South. The Lancers secured a convincing first-place finish with a team score of 131.25, comfortably ahead of runner-up Campbell (120.6).

Cailee Anderson led the

way for Londonderry, claiming second place in the All-Around with a score of 35.1. Anderson was a force across all rotations, winning the Vault with a 9.3, taking second on the Bars (8.4), and third on the Beam (8.7). Teammate Alex Pena secured fourth in the All-Around (32.75), highlighted by a stellar second-place finish on the Floor with a 9.1.

The Lancers also saw critical contributions from Hannah Linscott, who took second on the Beam (8.8), and Gabby Nadeau, who tied for third on the Floor (8.7). Other key contributors including Annabelle Hicks, Morgan Ayotte, Kat

Strong, and Mia Bicheiri provided the depth needed to outpace the field.

The Jan. 22 victory followed an even more explosive performance earlier in the month. On Jan. 12, the Lancers put up a season-high team score of 135.9 to defeat Campbell (119.7) and Alvirne.

During that meet, Alex Pena was the standout on the Floor, taking first place with a 9.350, while Cailee Anderson secured second in the All-Around (35.350). Hannah Linscott also showcased her consistency, placing in the top five on both the Bars and the Floor.

### Campbell and Alvirne Highlights

Local rivals turned in impressive individual performances:

Campbell: Skyla Houle was a consistent podium threat, winning the Vault on Jan. 12 with a massive 9.5 and taking third in the All-Around on Jan. 22.

Alvirne: Independent Leanna Carroll made her presence felt in the Jan. 22 meet, placing fifth in the All-Around (31.0) and fourth on the Vault (8.75).

Note: Alvirne and Campbell compete with the Lancers throughout the season.



Leanna Carroll

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# Ovation Theatre Kicks Off Year with a Thrilling Play

Following the success of last year's *The Mousetrap*, Ovation Theatre Company is kicking off their 2026 year with another thrilling play, *A Fine Monster You Are!*, performed in the intimate setting at Ovation Studios.

Sweet old Emily Holbrook is interviewing sweet young Suzette Larson for a job as secretary companion. She quietly explains that her ancient family mansion has only one window and that window is barred; that there is to be a seance that night; and that in back of the parlor drapes is a century old stone wall with a heavy oaken door littered with every known kind of lock, all because there might be a misshapen creature of elemental horror sealed behind it! What happens to Suzette, to her semi-stalwart boyfriend, her former college roommate, the old housekeeper, the creepy doctor, and the utterly incredible medium who likes to work fast but likes overtime even better is beyond description. The lunacy extends to a mind-boggling climax that delights audiences of all ages.

*A Fine Monster You Are!* is being presented at Ovation Studios, where the audience will be right in the room with all of the characters and possibly a monster! Director Adrianna Bridge is excited to bring this play to life. "This one has a little touch of everything I love. It's got mystery and humor; it's got those moments of 'Oh, my goodness!' and some that just make your sides split laughing." Bridge notes that audience members "should expect the unexpected. Just when you think you have a grasp on what is happening, there's going to be another twist. The show is going to keep the audience guessing the entire way through."

Krystal Timinski plays sweet, old Emily Holbrook, but notes "her family has some secrets." Timinski describes the play as funny and surprising.

Joseph Smith smiles as he describes his character, Jonathan Starbuck as "a silver fox, with a medical degree and lot to offer - and I'll just leave it at that."

Alexandria Hodson is enjoying the challenge of playing Suzette's friend Flax, with her insatiable appetite. "Everyone has that one friend who's a little peckish, can always go for a treat, but Flax takes that to the extreme and that's her downfall; that's how she gets wrapped into everything. She's here for the ride, but I'm not sure she's paying attention to everything going on."

*A Fine Monster You Are!* features a talented cast of adults from all over southern New Hampshire. This production is led by



Director Adrianna Bridge, Stage Manager Shannon Krumlauf and Production Assistant Rodney Jenkins. The cast includes Jacquelyn Blouin, Joseph Smith and Krystal Timinski of Londonderry; Brianne Watson and Arielle Margot Welch of Derry, Alexandria Hodson of Bedford and Nick Ford of Concord.

*A Fine Monster You Are!* will be presented over two weekends, on Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7, as well as Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, with all shows at 7:00 pm, at Ovation Studios (61 Harvey Rd, Londonderry, NH). Tickets are \$20 through January 31 and \$25 beginning January 29 and are on sale at [ovationtc.com](http://ovationtc.com).

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

## 2026 Hudson Lions Club Scholarships

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

10, 2026

## Dungeons & Donuts

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut on Saturday, Feb. 7 and 21 at 9:30 a.m., at the Rodgers Library. All skill levels are welcome.

## Inhouse Secondhand Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rogers Memorial Library, running during normal library hours. The book selection offers something for everyone, is restocked frequently and offered at the same bargain price as the big sale. Stationary featuring work of local artists, adorable tote bags,

and handmade gifts are also available. The prices are extremely reasonable.

## Be Mine Valentine's Day Zentangle Tile

On Monday, Feb. 2 at 9:30 a.m., & Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library to create a Valentine's-inspired Zentangle tile using the Zentangle Method and the tangle Josephine.

## An Evening For People Who Love Animals

On Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m., Authors Melanie Kaplan ("Lab Dog: A Beagle and His Human Investigate the Surprising World of Animal Research") and E.B. Bartels ("Good Grief: On Loving

Pets, Here and Hereafter") will discuss their new books in this Virtual event held by the Rodgers Library.

## Beyblades Ultimate Showdown

Beyblades ultimate showdown is tournament style play (bring your own beyblade) held at the Rodgers Library on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m., and the winner will get a small prize!

## Rodgers Readers Book Club

This club will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book is "John Adams Under Fire" by Dan Abrams.

## Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This club will be held on Monday, Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book pick is "A Daughter of Fair Verona" by Christina Dodd.

## Friends of the Library

February focuses on matters of the heart, what an excellent time to join The Friends of the Library. The

Friends business meeting will be held Feb. 17 at 6 p.m., in Rogers Memorial Library's community room. There will be discussions on upcoming events, continue work on new fund-raising and service opportunities. The work of FOL is vitally important to the community and library programs and events. Please register for the meeting on the RML website Event Calendar.

## Books vs. Movies

This club will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. Join us for a presentation on the elements of screenwriting followed by a discussion of books and their movies.

## Cozy Yoga Storytime

Come to the Rodgers Library for a storytime adventure with songs, stories, and yoga on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. For families with children.

## Fibonacci Valentine

Use simple math to create art at the Rodgers Library on

Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Children in grades K-5 will learn about the Fibonacci sequence, then create a valentine.

## Nonfiction Book Group

This club will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book "The Dawn's Early Light" by Walter Lord

## Homeschool Valentine's Party

On Thursday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m., Homeschool families with children ages 5-12 are invited to a Valentine's party at the Rodgers Library! Join in for games and a craft!

## Curious Kids: Valentines

Explore learning centers with your preschooler at the Rodgers Library on Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m.

## The Art Spy

On Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m., Author Michelle Young will discuss her new book "The Art Spy: The

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Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland." In this Virtual event hosted by the Rodgers Library.

### Afternoon Book Group

This club will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 1:30 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book pick is "Spitfires: The American Women Who Flew in the Face of Danger During World War II" by Becky Aikman.

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m., at the Rodgers Library.

### Crime & Cookies

The true crime podcast club will be hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Library.

### Tween Ozobots Workshop

On Saturday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m., for Grades 3-8, through color codes and an online program called Ozoblockly featuring sensors, you will learn how to program Ozobot Evo to perform cool actions in this two hour workshop at the Rodgers Library.

### Cookbook Club

This club will be held on Monday, Feb. 23 at 11:30 a.m., prepare a recipe from this month's topic, then engage with others about your recipe adventures at the Rodgers Library.

### (how to avoid) "Death in Glacier National Park"

On Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., join in virtually to discuss Randi Minetor's book "Death in Glacier National Park: Stories of Accidents and Foolhardiness in the Crown of the Continent." Hosted by Rodgers Library.

### Read 'Em & Eat @ Friendly Red's

Come to Friendly Red's on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.,

to discuss February's book is Get a Life, Chloe Brown by Talia Hibbert.

### Girl Power PJ Party

Wear your pajamas as to watch the Disney film Tangled, make friendship bracelets, paint our nails, and eat some pizza at the Rodgers Library on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. This event is for grades 2-7.

### Lego Glasses

On Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m., Design your own pair of LEGO glasses to take home at the Rodgers Library. Ages 4+.

### Comic Book Flowers

On Thursday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m., Tweens (Grades 4-8) will use/cut up comic books provided by the Rodgers library (or feel free to bring your own) and use chopsticks or pens as a stem to create your forever living flower(s).

### Paws4Safety for Kids

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

### Paws4Safety for Teens and Tweens

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

### Legion Meat Raffle

American Legion Hudson Post 48's Meat Raffle will be held at Post 48, located at 37 Central St. On the following dates: Saturday, Feb. 21, beginning at 2 p.m.; Saturday, March 21, beginning at 2 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, beginning at 2 p.m. This event is open to the public. You must be 16+ to play. The proceeds from this event are

to benefit the AlvirneFFA. Pre-buys are available in the Foxhole. For more information please call 603-889-9777.

### Tu B'shevat Seder

ETZ Hayim Synagogue will hold a Tu B'shevat Seder Family Program on Sunday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. Decorate pots and plant parsley for Passover and have a "fruit" seder. All are welcome to participate in this free event! Join to celebrate the Jewish New Year of the Trees.

### Family Pizza Shabbat

ETZ Hayim Synagogue will hold Family Pizza Shabbat on Friday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 p.m. A free pizza dinner will be followed by an intergenerational service for everyone. There will be kids' activities while adults enjoy a sermon with Rabbi Jonathan Biatch. Bring a nosh for the potluck oneg. Come to share in the mitzvah of L'Dor V'Dor, transmitting Jewish heritage and values across generations. RSVP by Feb. 5 to office@etzhayim.org.

### Sunday Family Camp

ETZ Hayim Synagogue Sunday Family Camp will be Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. - Noon for ages 4-6. February's class will focus on Purim in preparation for the holiday in March. Children will learn about the Purim story (using an age-appropriate text) and how to celebrate this fun holiday. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by Feb. 6 to ensure we have enough materials.

### Legion Karaoke

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

### Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited

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

### Explorers Storytime

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

### Lego Club

Come build an amazing creation with Rodgers Library LEGO bricks on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. The librarians will put your creations on display in the library if you wish.

### Adventurers Storytime

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

### Retirement Planning Workshop

This workshop, provided by Wright Choice Financial Group, will help in understanding how to prepare financially and personally for life after work at the Rodgers Library on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m.

### Trails Challenge

The Hudson Conservation Commission is seeking help to design a patch for the Hudson Trails Challenge. This patch will be awarded to hikers who complete hiking the over 20 miles of trails in

Hudson's conservation areas and forests. The contest is open to residents of Hudson, NH ages 5-17. Please limit your submission to 5 colors. One submission per artist. The top 4 designs will be eligible for an award and recognition. Submissions are to be returned to the Circulation Desk by Jan. 31.

### Buy-a-Brick and Show Gratitude

Preserve a memory and help the Friends of the Library support programs, events, museum and entertainment venue passes, and scholarships. FOL will engrave your purchased bricks with two lines (\$55) or three lines (\$80) with your special message. The order form is on Rodgers Memorial Library website click on the Friends page. The bricks are placed in the RML Walkway twice a year and will become an enduring legacy. For an inanimate object, each brick can speak volumes.

### Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

### BINGO!

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

### A Good Yarn

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

### Drop In Stitchers

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

### Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

### Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment email [info@unitedway-nashua.org](mailto:info@unitedway-nashua.org) if you have any questions.

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### HEARING FOR PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE

**Monday, February 16, 2026, 6:30 p.m.,  
Hills Memorial Library, 18 Library Street**

Pursuant to RSA 40:14, IV, the Hudson School Board shall hold a public hearing in conjunction with its regular scheduled meeting on February 16, 2026 which starts at 6:30pm and is held at the Hills Memorial Library, 18 Library St., Hudson, NH, to discuss petition warrant article 12 proposing the municipal budget committee determine the default budget of the school district pursuant to RSA 40:14-b.

The petition warrant article will be voted on at the March 10, 2026, District meeting.

If canceled due to weather, the public hearing will be rescheduled to Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm.





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