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## CPR 101

Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Technical Education Center Health and Science student, Michael Vatulli, demonstrates CPR during the school's annual Open House last week. The school opened its doors to visitors on Wednesday night, Jan. 22. See more photos pages 8 and 9. Photo by Chris Paul

## Belknap Extension Clears Early Hurdle with Planning Board

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Jan. 22 to discuss moving forward with a stalled extension of Belknap Road. Started in 2019 under an older Planning Board and the Highway Safety Committee, such an extension would connect Belknap Road to Lowell

Road.

"This started with a \$10,000 assessment of what could be done at County Road, Lowell Road, and Belknap. Then COVID hit, and everything was put on pause," explained Town Engineer Elvis Dhima. "It's come up again because we've had about 11 accidents in the past five or six

years. We're having some major issues."

The current unconnected intersection has been highlighted as a significant safety issue in Hudson. There were few immediate concerns over funding.

"We've done an outstanding job collecting corridor funds from developers

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## Grace Kennedy Resigns From School Board in First Year

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson residents will have the chance to vote for three different candidates during the March election, after Hudson School Board member Grace Kennedy resigned from her position, during her first year in office.

It was explained by Hudson School Board Chair Maureen Dionne that she recently received the resignation from Kennedy.

"I received a resignation from school board member Grace Kennedy that she was resigning effective immediately," Dionne said during the meeting.

Dionne explained that Kennedy said she found the

time constraints from being on both the school board and various sub-committees that she was on "to be too much."

"She has resigned from the board," Dionne said during the meeting.

Dionne explained that it happened to be the first day for the filling period to run for the upcoming school board the next day.

Originally there were supposed to be two open positions for three-year terms, and now because of Kennedy's resignation, they will have a special two-year term to fill the remainder of her seat.

"That position will be on the ballot to fill the position for the remaining two

years of the term."

It was explained by Dionne that per their policy, they didn't have to accept the resignation during the meeting, and instead, they only had to acknowledge it.

During the meeting, Dionne said she was thankful for Kennedy's time on the School Board.

"I want to thank Grace for her time," Dionne said during the meeting. "I think it's really important. She really put forth a lot of time and we appreciated her input and all that she did while she was on the school board," she said and thanked her for running and her perspective on the school board."

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## Cost Concerns Spark Defense of Robinson Pond Water Article

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HUDSON TIMES

The January Public Hearing saw the Hudson Budget debate on Article 9, which would fund improvements to Robinson Pond. Immediately, its \$500,000 price tag drew criticism.

"We're approaching a tax increase of this point in the \$.60 range already," said Jasper, who worried the project was too much of a burden for the upcoming year. "I think this should be seen as a lower priority. This is not something many people in town are going to take advantage of."

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima urged Jasper to "reconsider his position."

"The Town of Hudson is a community subject to the

MS4 Permit, which is a federal permit and right now we're in compliance. Part of the federal permit requires that we provide improvements to our watershed and water bodies."

He worried delaying improvements to Robinson Pond could negatively impact their compliance with the MS4.

"These two projects being presented to you tonight have a dual function. The first is recreational, but the second portion of it are two projects that are going to help us with the water quality of Robinson Pond," said Dhima. "If we're not in compliance with the MS4 federal permit, you might lose the ability to pursue any other federal grants. They'll

flag us as a community, not in compliance."

The Town Engineer emphasized that the flag risked threatening grants for "police, fire, engineering and public works." The two projects include a boat launch and improvements to the beach, which will hopefully reduce runoff into Robinson Pond. Town officials have filed for a statewide grant to offset part of the cost.

"So, we're being held hostage by the federal government if we want their dollars in the future if we don't pass this?" asked Committee Vice-Chair Kim Rice. "I don't like that."

Dhima clarified the federal government did not **continued on page 3**

# BOS Moves Forward With Town Hall Warrant Article

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen discussed whether or not to move forward with a warrant article related to Town Hall improvements during its most recent meeting.

"The Board of Selectmen held several discussions in October and November regarding the renovation or replacement of Hudson Town Hall. Should the Board vote to pursue funding for the design costs for this project as outlined by the Town Engineer in his memo

dated October 29, 2024, a warrant article would need to be forwarded to the FY 2026 Warrant," Acting Town Administrator Steve Malizia wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Malizia, that the meeting was the last chance to forward any warrant articles or not for the year, and that he wanted to make sure they at least had a discussion about it.

Malizia explained that they ultimately had two different ways to go about it, one would be to go with design costs for a renova-

tion of the current Hudson Town Hall, and the other option would be for the demolition and replacement of Hudson Town Hall.

"I have prepared two warrant articles for the Board's consideration," Malizia wrote in a memo. "The first article is for the renovation of the existing facility and the second article is for the demolition and replacement of the existing facility."

It was explained by Malizia, during the meeting, that if they did the renovation route, that it

would be \$54,800, and if they went with the demolition route, it would be \$93,300.

Selectman Kara Roy said she is still in support of going the renovation route with an addition, saying she doesn't think the voters would support more than that.

Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Guessferd said he agreed with having a warrant article for the cost designs for a renovation project.

"Regardless, I think something needs to be done," Roy said.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Dillon Dumont said he thinks the major renovation route is what makes the most sense, saying he thinks it would be enough for staff, and for their future needs in Town.

"I think what is feasible is the major renovation and addition," he said.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved moving forward with the renovation warrant article.

The warrant article states:

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$54,800 for the design costs for the renovation of Hudson Town Hall? This project will include renovations to the existing Hudson Town Hall along with an addition of approximately 2,000 square feet. This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the Operating Budget.

The estimated tax rate impact would be one cent if it's approved by the taxpayers.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 11 beginning at 7 p.m.

# The Conservation Commission Delays Officer Election

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission opened its Jan. 13 meeting to address two now-empty spots created by the departure of two Commissioners, including now-former Chair William Collins, whose term recently ended. One of the open spots was quickly set to be filled by alternate Commissioner Chris Cameron, who agreed to take up the role as a full-time member.

"I think, with that being said, he needs to reapply with the Board of Selectmen," noted Acting Chair

Carl Murphy.

As Cameron will need formal approval from the Board of Selectmen, the election of officers for 2025 was delayed until February.

While the Commission expected to elect a permanent Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary soon enough, it was unclear whether there would be a Treasurer for the upcoming year.

Despite a lack of a Conservation Treasurer, members were interested in keeping up with Conservation finances.

"We should have more detail in the financials so we

can see what we're paying and how much," said Linda Krisciunas. "I don't know if we need a Treasurer's position, but we definitely need more detail."

Important items included \$100,000 dedicated for upcoming work at Robinson Pond to be partially managed by other town officials, including Town Engineer Elvis Dhima.

"We voted to expend the \$100,000 and it's being managed by Elvis and others upstairs," said Secretary Ken Dickinson. "We enabled town staff to do that for us."

The Robinson Pond project included beach improvements and a boat

ramp, although grant funding would likely be needed to complete the whole thing.

"I think it's a good project. Hopefully, things will go according to plan," said Murphy.

A smaller, but more active project was the Gumpas Pond connecting trail. The trail would go through the northern half of Musquash Pond to connect Pelham and Hudson, requiring the construction of a footbridge.

"Is the bridge like a 10-foot bridge? A 50-foot bridge?" asked Krisciunas. "I'm curious as to the scope."

Dickinson stated there

was no final plan, although he favored a "short boardwalk" similar to an existing structure currently spanning Musquash Brook. Commissioner John Walter thought the bridge would need to be "longer."

"At one location, if you take advantage of the beaver dam, which is in good shape, that span would probably be about 12 to 14 feet. There's not much of an elevation change from one side to the other," said Murphy. "The other location is a longer span, that could be up to 100 feet over a swampy area and a seasonal stream."

The Conservation Commission hoped to get enough information from a site

walk to make a final decision at their next meeting.

"I look forward to building that bridge at the appropriate time and place with our neighbors," said Walter.

From late winter to early spring, the Commission also looked to continue with several smaller trail improvement projects in time for the busier spring and summer months.

"I look forward to getting together and we'll see how these trail projects go. Maybe not signage, but trail markers," said Dickinson. "Let's plan ahead."

He mentioned possibly installing a new kiosk and looking at the open space Master Plan.

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# Board of Selectmen Make a Number of Appointments

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During the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Selectmen were presented with a number of proposals for appointments for different boards in Town.

One of the open positions was for the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Up for nomination was Triston Dion, an incumbent member of the board, seeking a member position which would be a position

that would go until December 2027.

During the meeting, it was noted by Acting Town Administrator Steve Malizia, that he was looking for re-appointment.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair, and the liaison for the ZBA, Dillon Dumont, explained that he is a valuable member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

"I'd just like to add that Triston is a valued member of the Board. He does a lot

of research, he brings a good set of knowledge to the Board," Dumont said about Dion's nomination.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved re-appointing Dion to the Board until 2027.

The second nomination was for the Benson Park Committee.

It was noted by Malizia during the meeting, that the Board of Selectmen had previously interviewed the nominee Jakob Beauchemin for the position on

the committee.

Selectman Kara Roy, who is the liaison for the Benson Park Committee, noted that Beauchemin attended the last Benson Park Committee meeting in December, and he was able to also participate.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately voted unanimously to appoint Beauchemin as a member of the Benson Park Committee with a term to expire in April of 2025.

Following the regular portion of the Board of Selectmen meeting, the Selectmen went into a non-public session to discuss various personnel items, according to the draft minutes.

One of the personnel items was regarding a pro-

motion with the Fire Department.

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve promoting Sergeant Alan Marcotte to Lieutenant at \$99,858 in accordance with the Hudson Police, Fire, Town Supervisors Association Contract.

The promotion will be effective as of Jan. 20.

Another personnel item was to hire David Cormier for the position of Dispatcher in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$21.47 per hour. He will go up to \$26.73 per hour, upon the successful completion and receipt of his APCO Certification.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Cormier

at the recommendation of Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice.

Also during the nonpublic session, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Professional Firefighters of Hudson IAFF Local 3154 in order to extend the probationary status of Firefighter/EMT Colin Murphy until either he satisfies Hudson Fire Department training and certification requirements or May 7, whichever comes sooner.

The recommendation came from Tice.

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## Robinson Pond

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care which projects were used for the grants, so long as Hudson remained in compliance with permit requirements. He added that there was a plan to fully open Robinson Pond with a higher entrance fee to non-residents to help offset costs with future revenue.

"How often was Robinson Pond open last summer?" asked Rice. "I seem to remember there was algae bloom after algae bloom after algae bloom."

Without needed improvements, Rice was told the Pond was rarely open to the public due to health concerns.

"Right now, Robinson Pond is an asset that's not

being maintained, there's no money into it and therefore you can't use it. It's reflected in how you can't use it, basically being closed all the time," argued Dhima. "The intent is, to do some improvements to up the water quality with through some of the projects you're going to put in and start utilizing it."

Currently, Robinson Pond does not have a Capital Reserve Fund to cover large-scale projects.

"I urge the public to really look at this and understand there are multi-pronged issues around this particular warrant article," said Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "Water flows through everywhere. I think

this is a win-win for water quality, for the reasons Mr. Dhima stated, but also for residents to have a viable place to swim, to boat, to kayak, and to canoe that is safe and accessible."

Jasper remained concerned, noting the water quality issue had been a problem at Robinson Pond for decades, and wondered if beach improvements would be enough to solve the problem.

"I'm very concerned that, at the end of the day, we will not get the results we want," he warned, citing surrounding homes with older septic systems as a possible contributor to the algae blooms.

The Budget Committee narrowly voted to recommend Article 9 to voters

## Kennedy

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Dionne added: "She really gave a lot of time for the first 10 months."

The filing period for open positions is between Jan. 22 until Friday, Jan. 31. Those interested in

running for office can do so by going to the Town Clerk's office which is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the office open until 5 p.m. on Jan. 31, which is the final day of the filing period.

Election Day this year will be on Tuesday, March

11 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The School Deliberative Session is set to take place on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Hudson Community Center.

The next School Board meeting is set for Feb. 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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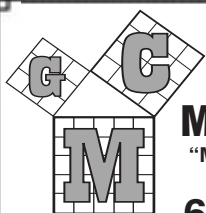
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# Editorial

## Put That Passion into Action

Residents get worked up about the actions of their town and school government and their tax bills throughout the year. So get ready the upcoming deliberative sessions are the times specifically set aside to debate and potentially change warrant articles that go to the March 11 ballot.

At the deliberative session, voters can amend a warrant article (except those whose language is prescribed by law – usually zoning amendments), so long as they do not change the subject matter. Or they can leave it as proposed.

Depending on who's in the audience, budget articles, are often amended up or down before they go to the March ballot. That's why you often hear people expressing the fear that some group will "pack" the deliberative session and "force" their views on everyone else.

There's no force. The decision rests with the registered voters who care enough to show up. If the turnout is poor and few people are there to promote or defend an article, the majority of those present will have their way. It's as simple as that.

To participate, all you need do is register to vote, attend deliberative, pay attention to the moderator's explanation of the rules, read the proposed warrant articles, listen to public comment, say your piece if you choose to, and vote on any changes or to send the article as is to the warrant.

The articles on the warrant hit you where you live, and as New Hampshire residents, we have the right to express our views in a forum specifically designed for that purpose, and to change articles if we have the votes.

Registered voters are clearly in the seat of power. That's why it's so important not only to attend but also to stay for the whole deliberative session. In the grand scheme of things, it's not such a time-consuming commitment to make.

Every town is different as to how long their deliberative session will last but it's worth it. Hudson's Town deliberative session is Saturday, Feb. 1, at 9 a.m., and the School's is Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m., both will be at the Community Center, located at 12 Lions Avenue.

Sometimes there's a warrant article or two that elicits strong feelings. Let us not forget the citizen's partitions that can get interesting. But it's always about your tax dollars, whether on a routine warrant article, a town or school budget, or a multiyear bond commitment.

Plan to attend your town's forum for making change, and play a role in one of the most participatory forms of democracy still around today.

We can wave the flag all we want, but if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session is the place to be.

# Hudson School Board Approve Middle School Travel Request

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to a request for Hudson Memorial School.

In a memo to the School Board Hudson Memorial School Principal Keith Bowen wrote "I am writing to request the permission of the board for a group of students and two chaperones to attend the NH Teen Institute's Leadership in Prevention Program at Camp Cody in Freedom, NH."

"This is a weekend-long retreat scheduled for Feb. 14, 15, and 16," Bowen wrote in the memo. "Students will be provided transportation by bus to Camp Cody on the morning of Feb. 14 and be picked up by parents at noon time on Sunday, Feb. 16 after presenting their action plan to an audience of parents and peers from all over NH."

It was explained by Bowen that over the past seven years, Hudson Memorial students "have had the

opportunity to attend the Teen Institute's Leaders in Prevention weekend."

"The program is an opportunity for our leadership students to work together, identifying and planning to address an issue in their community," Bowen wrote in a memo. "This weekend program has resulted in wellness days planned and coordinated by the students, as well as a courtyard cleanup."

It was also explained by Bowen in a memo that they have been granted a scholarship "which will cover the cost of this wonderful endeavor."

"The eight students who will attend will be accompanied by two HMS staff members," Bowen wrote in a memo. "Upon return from the event, the attending students will work with the current leadership students to facilitate their plans. This group of students coordinated the recent Kindness Week and the Cereal Box challenge. The group is currently working on developing this year's Kindness

Week Challenge and at the conclusion of last school year, completed a positivity project as a result of their participation in this event."

In the memo, it was also explained by Bowen that the leadership skills the students gain from the weekend "and the subsequent participation in the group have had a long-term impact on many of the students."

"One former member became involved with Media Power Youth where she helped develop a curriculum, and several former members are active participants in the Ambassador program at the high school," Bowen wrote.

On a unanimous vote, the School Board approved the request.

Also during the meeting, the School Board had a request from the British Cars of NH.

Superintendent Dan Moulis explained that they had a facility request from the group for the use of the Moulis Hills House Grounds, for July 25-26.

## Belknap

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for improvements like this. We're utilizing one of the four criteria, one of the four layouts originally proposed. We had a low bid, are done with the design, are doing a dredge-and-fill permit right now with the state, and we're seeking state or federal funds to do his project with a 80-20 split, which means 80% comes from the state or the feds, and 20% comes from us with the corridor funds."

Town officials planned to make their case for outside funding once the design-build is finalized. A federal NEPA will be required to meet environmental requirements, which is expected to take six to eight months. Other issues include pursuing all right-of-way issues.

"There's only going to be two properties impacts, it's very minor and is just

the area around the buffer which can't be used anyway," said Dhima. "The theme here is to have the Belknap-Lowell Road extension shovel ready."

He asked the Planning Board to dedicate \$100,000 for the purchase of a right of way, along with \$65,000 to oversee the NEPA permit process. If funding is approved, there would not be an impact on local taxpayers, although the use of corridor funds would need a green light from voters and the Board of Selectmen. Corridor funds are collected from developers to be set aside for town infrastructure projects like Belknap Road.

"This should alleviate a lot of the T-bones in front of T-BONES," joked Vice-Chair Jordan Ulrey. "Also, since they had a water main situation there and there was some flooding back on Mother's Day in several houses on the other side of

County Road. This should reduce some of the flood damage."

Dhima warned the project alone likely would not see much flood relief until a nearby culvert project is completed, but that the extension would give drivers an alternate route when Lowell Road has standing water.

"This is a really important project for the town, for safety purposes and ease in terms of transportation coming in and out of County Road. I just want to reinforce that," said Selectman Bob Guessferd. "I heartily endorse this."

Without much debate, the Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of corridor funds for the Belknap extension.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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# School Board Agrees on Warrant Articles Language

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had a final review of its warrant articles before the Deliberative Session during its most recent meeting.

"You will see this evening the Budget Committee did vote on all of our warrant articles, and you will see that reflected this evening," Hudson Superintendent Dan Moulis said.

He explained that they previously had some discussion on how they can present the warrant articles

specifically the operating budget, since it would be a negative tax increase if approved.

It was also explained by Moulis, that they made an update to the Default Budget in January due to having some reductions.

Moulis explained during the meeting that they received a legal opinion from their attorney about how they could present the warrant articles on the ballot.

"The board does have some latitude on how you want to represent these war-

rant articles," Moulis said.

He explained that one idea that they talked with the attorney about is that they have it in parenthesis, but one concern is that it could read not necessarily as a negative impact.

Another option would be to spell it out on the warrant article that it would be a reduction to the tax rate impact.

"That would be one way that the board could update that," Moulis said.

For consistency, it was explained by Moulis that

they were proposing to have the other warrant articles state that there would be an increase to the tax rate if the warrant articles were improved.

"Or the board could choose to go with the wording from the previous version of the warrant articles," Moulis said.

Ultimately, Moulis said, the school board has governing power over slight modifications to the warrant articles as long as they aren't changing the dollar amount.

School Board member Ethan Beals said he thinks it would make sense to spell it out on the warrants.

"I think this is a smarter way to represent this," Beals said.

Beals also explained during the meeting, that he doesn't think it's something they should do every year, but said that with the reduction it makes sense noting that it could be confusing to a voter about whether it's an increase or a reduction when they go to the ballot box.

School Board Chair

Maureen Dionne said it makes sense to have clarity.

"I think it will help bring some clarity," Dionne said.

When asked during the meeting Board of Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jacoby, also said she thinks it's clearer by spelling it out.

"I think this is an excellent improvement," Jacoby said.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately agreed to have on the warrant articles whether it's an increase or a decrease to the tax rate.

## A Guide To Your Trash & Recycling Service in Town of Hudson

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# Growing Interest in Bench and Table Park Memorials

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HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee met on Jan. 16 to get a quick update from Natalie Newell on the Friends of Benson Park, which had not seen much activity during the holiday season.

"We have planned to get six new park benches in the dog park and I have four people who have not paid me yet for the donation but are interested," she announced. "We have two slots available if anybody is interested in donating to the Friends of Benson Park with a memorial bench in

the dog park."

She said to contact the Friends of Benson Park with any questions. The cost of donating a bench is \$1,100, including the bench, assembly, placement, and custom plaque. Donations for memorial benches remain suspended in the rest of the park, although donations for memorial picnic tables are still open.

"These picnic tables are made out of and made by the same company that makes these recycled material benches that are throughout the park, said

Newell. "One person has agreed he wants to do a bench and a picnic table in memory of his deceased wife. If that is an interest for anyone, as far as a picnic table goes, they are a little more expensive."

Memorial picnic tables cost around \$1,895, with much of the additional cost coming from shipping.

In other news, Committee Chair Judy Brouillette announced that the park's golf cart had battery issues, one that proved too expensive to fix.

"There's a need for new batteries in it and it's not a

simple battery like it is for a car, it's pretty expensive," said Brouillette. "So, they're going to dispose of the golf cart because the cost is too expensive for what we need for it."

Brouillette received several requests to install more cameras throughout sensitive locations across Benson Park following the success of the cameras around the refurbished Old Lady in the Shoe.

"I know that there's been lots of different things, including people putting items into dumpsters that they shouldn't," she said.

"We hear you; I'm bringing this to the people who oversee this park."

Committee member Sue Clement was concerned about two damaged fences in the park, one around the gorilla cage and another near an Adopt-a-Spot location near the parking lot.

"I watched a woman walk over the broken fence piece and you can see that there's already a trail starting where people are just cutting through," said Clement. "I know in other parks there are signs saying 'Please Stay on the Trails.' I don't know if that's some-

thing we might want to think about in a few areas where we see people starting to make their own walkways."

She noted that at least one of these makeshift trails went through an Adopt-a-Spot area and Clement also worried children could trip and injure themselves trying to jump over the broken fences. She hoped to see the fences fixed by next spring.

The Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

## Fire Department and E-Signature Items Come Up in Public Hearing

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Jan. 16 Public Hearing saw the Hudson Budget Committee give its final input on the town's \$38,791,101 general fund operating budget.

"Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$37,177,866 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town of Hudson or by law," explained Committee Chair James Lawrence.

The operating budget was unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen. When the matter was opened to public comments, several questions emerged about how certain grant-funded items may impact taxpayers.

"There are so many areas we could comment on or question with the size of the budget, but I'm going to focus on one area at this time, and that would be whether you can tell me where the newest Fire

Department, firefighters assistance grant is reflected in both the revenue and the expenditures," said Peggy Huard. "When I looked at the revenue, I expected to see a high amount under firefighter's grants, and there's nothing for 2025 and only \$100,000 for 2026."

She was referring to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, a two-year grant designed to help cover training, physical screening, and mental health

screening for the Hudson Fire Department.

"They probably didn't show any revenue because we haven't received any revenue yet," said Fire Chief Scott Tice. "We have to pay first and then we get reimbursed."

According to Committee member Shawn Jasper, any initial costs related to the purchase of equipment would show up as an expenditure on the 2026 budget before showing up as extra revenue at a later date fol-

lowing federal reimbursement.

Huard also expressed her concerns over the larger school budget for the 2026 fiscal year.

"There are line items that are budgeted but never spent," she said. "One of the areas I'd like to ask about is PandaDoc e-signing software for \$20,000."

She argued it "cost nothing" to sign a document with a pen, and that the district should go back to exclusively using physical signatures.

"The electronic signatures help us complete, in a timely and effective manner, documents that are required to be completed within certain timelines," explained Superintendent Dr. Daniel Moulis. "For instance, if there are budget documents that need to be signed in an efficient manner. They can also be for

special education documents that are required within certain timelines for compliance. Many need to get those signatures in order to be completed in a timely manner. An electronic signature allows us to do that."

Committee member Bob Wherry added that secure electronic signature systems were seen as an established, needed feature in many places.

"The efficiency is gained by such software in large places is well documented," he said. "I know in other industries this is not unusual and the price tag is not unreasonable."

The Town Deliberative Session is set for Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Hudson Community Center at 9 a.m. The School Deliberative Session is set for Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Hudson Community Center at 9 a.m.

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# Selectmen Approve a Number of Police Purchases

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was regarding a proposal from the Hudson Police Department to purchase various pieces of equipment using funds from the Hudson Logistics Center Public Safety.

"The Police Department requests to meet at the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025 to

request approval to release \$116,541.60 from the Hudson Logistics Center Public Safety money as defined by condition 61(d) of the Hudson Planning Board decision dated Jan. 11, 2023," Hudson Chief of Police Tad Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Dionne that the funds would be used to purchase several pieces of equipment "which will be necessitated by the development."

Some of the equipment the Department was look-

ing to purchase included firearms, accessories, rounds of ammunition and drones.

In addition to the drones, the funds would pay for the Drones for First Responders Training, and four FAA Drone Licenses.

It was noted during the meeting that the military recently adopted the pistols they were looking to purchase as the ones they use.

As part of the proposal, it was explained that all the patrol officers would get

them.

One question raised by Selectman Kara Roy was why they didn't go out to bid for it and why they are looking to do a sole source bid, which it was explained that they are proprietary products.

It was also explained during the meeting that the Hudson Police Department has been using the same weapon system for the last 30 years, which is why they didn't want to change to a different one.

Board of Selectmen

Vice Chair Dillon Dumont noted that the purchasing of the equipment wouldn't have an effect on the taxpayers in Town and that it makes sense to use a weapon system that they are used to as a department.

It was also asked by Dumont during the meeting who would be getting the licenses for the drones.

Hudson Police Capt. David Cayot said that they have two drone operators right now and that they were asking as part of the proposal to get four more

people with licenses from the police department.

Cayot explained that one of the drones they would be phrasing has thermal imaging, and skins can be used mostly outside but also for indoor purposes.

The smaller ones however would be specifically used for indoor purposes.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the proposal.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is set to take place on Feb. 11 beginning at 7 p.m.

# Fireproofing Installed at the Hills Memorial Basement

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Jan. 15 to discuss the latest repair update at the Hills Memorial Library building.

According to Library Director Linda Pilla, work was being done on a fire-retardant drywall in the Hills basement. This action was prioritized following fears that the building would fail a safety inspection without adequate fireproofing.

"I've just been down to see it and it's tidy looking. That is just the room that contains the furnace," Pilla

said. "It's a similar state to what it was before the flooding."

The Trustees had a few questions regarding water damage and overall building safety.

"Right now, the way it's left, it's safe, the building is safe the way it is now there's no mold there's nothing, right? Is it a safe spot?" asked Board member Margaret St. Onge. "It's not finished, but it's okay?"

The Director clarified that the building was only open to "service staff," not the general public, at least for the basement.

"No book sales, no members of the general

public can go downstairs," Pilla explained. "The space of the town was previously used for documentation storage is not set up to be used."

The Friend of the Library normally holds their Second Hand Prose book sales in the basement, something not currently possible.

Board member Lisa Weber wanted to know if anyone else planned on attending the NH Library Trustees Association (NH-LTA) next May.

"I did not go last year, and I am determined to go this year," said Weber.

Chair Mimi Guessferd

stated she wanted to go, while several others noted the event was in Manchester this year, making it easier to attend.

Trustee Margaret St. Onge encouraged residents interested in a library program to sign up without delay. She noted that her recent attempt to sign up for a sourdough bread starter class in February found her on a long waitlist.

"That was within 48 hours of me signing up. We are very popular, people are looking at the calendars and if there's something you see, don't hesitate to

sign up or you're going to lose out," said St. Onge. "We have a beekeeping one coming up as well, some really interesting stuff."

Pilla credited the Adult Programming Librarian Carrie Loring with crafting an extensive programming catalogue over the past year.

"She's done some great things," said Pilla. "She's just getting more and more confident the longer she does it, they blew me out of the water yesterday when I was told we had 60 people registered with 32, 33 on the waiting list. It's fantastic."

With upcoming elections, Trustee Karen Bohrer encouraged anyone with the time and the interest in doing more volunteer work for Rodger Memorial Library to consider running for election on the Board of Trustees.

"We have two vacancies coming up in the spring election," she said. "If you even just thinking about it, I would encourage you to file as a candidate."

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library Building.



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The students and staff at the Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Technical Education Center held their annual open house on Wednesday night, Jan. 22 giving attendees a good look at the Career and Technical Education Center. The CTE program features studies in Accounting, Air Force JROTC, Engineering, Cybersecurity, Digital Media, Construction, Culinary Arts, Finance, Health Science, Human Services, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Marketing, Natural Resources, Veterinary Science, and Welding. Teachers and students were on-hand to demonstrate a wide variety of the programs offered through the school. Students, who are successful in the 14 Career and Technical Education programs, enter the work force, complete college and/or create and manage their own businesses.

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Boys Basketball Go To 6-3 with Two Big Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball team moved to 6-4 last week when they rolled over the Timberlane Owls and the Concord Crimson Tide by over 30-points in each victory.

Both games had the Broncos score at least 70-points and wins put them in the eighth spot in the Division I standings.

Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, the Broncos hosted a game with the winless Owls (0-10), beating the Timberlane contingent by a score of 74-43.

The AHS squad came out strong, mounting a 19-9 start and putting the Owls in a deficit they would never recover from.

In the second quarter, Alvirne kept their opponent to single-digit scoring again and finished the half with a 44-17 lead.

The Broncos eased up the attack in the second half, but still led 30-26 in scoring for the wide-margin finish.

Senior guard Sammy DeWitt led the team in scoring with 26-points. DeWitt came up with six, three-pointers and four for two-points in the victory.

Fellow senior guard, Gabe Conrow also had a solid game, hitting five shots from beyond the arc for 15-points.

Junior forward Garrett Hill had 12-points in the game, getting four, for two-points and going four-for-five at the foul line.

Senior center Andrew Deely finished with seven-points, senior Evan Betten-court had five and junior Sean Chipfunde had four in the victory.

Head coach Mitchell Roy was happy with the team's second straight win, saying after the game,

"Great shooting from our guys tonight. It was great to get going in front of a good home crowd and have a bunch of guys hit shots."

The Broncos kept their momentum going when they traveled to the State Capital on Friday night, Jan. 24, doubling up the Crimson Tide with a 70-36 win and delivering their host their tenth straight loss.

The Broncos had a 25-11 head start after the first quarter was complete and added another 15-9 in the second for the 20-point lead going into the break.

In the third, the Bronco scored 17-points, 10 more than the crimson Tide for a 30-point lead heading into the final period.

Alvirne finished the game outscoring their host 13-9 for the stress-free victory.

DeWitt was extremely focused from beyond the arc, accounting for nearly half of his team's points. DeWitt scored 36-points with nine baskets coming from outside the three-point line and he went five-for-six at the foul line.

Hall, Conrow and Betten-court all finished with eight-points.

Chipfunde and Deely each put up four in the win.



Senior Broncos guard, Gabe Conrow, collected 23-points last week in two games home and away.



Senior guard Sam DeWitt had 26-points on Tuesday and followed that up with 36-points on Friday last week.

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# Alvirne Girls Basketball Get Back-to-Back Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Basketball team bumped its season record up to 6-4 last week

with overwhelming victories over the Timberlane Owls and the Concord Crimson Tide.

Both wins were by substantial margins, the Owls were taken down by 29-

points and the Tide was stopped by 37-points.

In the 62-33 victory over Timberlane, on Tuesday night, Jan. 21, the Lady Broncos were able to keep the Owls scoring in the single-digits for three of the four quarters, while AHS maintained between 18 and 19 points in three of four.

The visitors led 19-12 after one and had a 37-20 lead at halftime.

The third period results were the same, with a 18-7 difference, until the bench players came in to finish up.

Junior guard Lexi Floyd led the way in scoring, getting all of her points in the first half, with five outside the arc and a two-pointer for 17-points.

Senior forward Ella Hartson was second in scoring with 15-points for her team.

Hartson had two, three-pointers, three for two and went two-of-three at the foul line.

Sophomore forward Courtney Anderson hit for five baskets with 10-points.

Junior forward Julia Adams finished with seven-points, while juniors Taylor Small and Haylie Christ-

man both had six in the game.

Following that convincing win, the Broncos were able to continue their winning ways when they hosted a game with the Concord Tide on Friday night, Jan. 24.

In their second lopsided contest of the week, once again, the Bronco defense was able to keep the opposition scoring to single-digits in three of four quarters and finish with a 66-29 win.

The AHS squad led 23-6 after one then had a 44-18 lead at halftime.

Needless to say, the starters got a lot of rest throughout the contest and in the second half the Broncos outscored Concord 22-11 for the 37-point win.

Anderson was the lead scorer in the game, getting 20-points from under the basket, two foul shots and on lay-ups.

Hartson had one three-pointer and five baskets for 13-points and Floyd finished with eight-points on two three-points and a basket.

The Lady Broncos hosted a game against Concord



Broncos junior guard Lexi Floyd led the scoring, with five three-pointers and one for two-points against the Concord crew on Friday night, Jan. .

Christian Academy (8-2) on Tuesday, Jan. 28, after the Hudson Times went to press. The following has the team heading to Manchester to play the Pioneers (3-7) of Trinity High School on Friday night, Jan. 31.

With ten games under their belt this season, the Lady Broncos have just nine games left before the playoffs. Alvirne currently sits in ninth place in the Division I standings.



Senior forward Ella Hartson put up 28-points in the two games the Lady Broncos played last week. The team has just 9-games left. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# Admirals Hockey Reach Mid-Point of Season, Sit at 6-3



Alvirne junior Brandon Ganas had two goals against the Warriors last week. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

After going on a short streak of winning four straight Division II games, the Alvirne-Milford Admirals dropped a tough battle with the Winnacunnet Warriors (5-3) to start the week, but bounced back over the weekend against Nashua North-Souhegan.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, the Admirals traveled to the seacoast to take on the Warriors of Winnacunnet High School. In that contest the two teams battled through two periods before the Warriors scored four goals in the final period to blow out their visitors by a score of 8-4.

The loss just the third of the season for the Admirals and put them at 5-3 as the team hits the mid-way point of their winter schedule.

Alvirne junior, Brandon Callahan put the Admirals

on the board three-minutes into the game with the assist coming from Milford senior Bryce Larco.

That initial goal of the game would be the only lead the Alvirne-Milford team would see, as Winnacunnet responded with three unanswered to finish out the first.

The Warriors tacked on a fourth goal to start the second period, separating them from the visitors with a 4-1 lead at 11:39.

Later in the second, Alvirne junior Brandon Ganas brought the game to within one-goal, scoring twice, once at the eight-minute mark and the other at 1:38.

Ganas was assisted by Milford senior captain,

Braydon Atwood for the first goal and Milford senior Bryce Larco for the second, finishing the period at 4-3.

In the third period, Winnacunnet was able to put four more goals in the Admirals net, while the Alvirne-Milford squad could only answer with one for the 8-4 final score.

Atwood got the lone Admirals goal in the final segment of the game, assisted by Milford junior, Landon Briand.

Alvirne sophomore Mason Komarek made 20 saves in the net for the Admirals, while the Winnacunnet tender needed just 18 stops for the victory.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Admirals returned to their home ice at the Skate 3

Ice Arena in Tyngsboro, Mass. and returned to winning with a 5-2 victory over the squad from Nashua North-Souhegan in a game that marked the mid-way point of the season.

The Admirals have played eight games this season with ten games left and sit at sixth place in the Division II standings.

The Admirals are scheduled to start the season's second half with two home games this week.

The first will be against Merrimack-Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield (6-2-1) on Wednesday night, Jan. 29, at 7:50 pm. The second game of the week will be against Nashua South-Pelham, a Division I team with a season record of 1-5.

## Broncos Varsity Football Coach Heads to Windham

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The head coach of the Alvirne High School football team, Matt Lee, will no longer be seen on the sidelines guiding the Broncos. The two-year coach will be heading to neighboring Windham High School to take on the leadership role there.

Former Jaguar head coach Jack Byrne, left Windham at the end of the 2024 season, after going 4-6 and reached the Division I quarterfinals, after knocking off Salem in an upset,

but then were taken out by the eventual Division I winner, Pinkerton Academy.

Byrne was the Windham head coach for six seasons before resigning last November. Before that, he served as the team's defensive coordinator for 10-years.

During his short time at Alvirne High School, Lee led the Broncos to a 6-3 regular-season record and help get the team its first Division I home playoff game, as well as a first-round win over the Concord Crimson Tide.

The team went to the

NHIAA Division I quarterfinals this season where they were defeated by the Number One seed of the tournament, the Bedford Bulldogs.

Lee was named Division I Central Coach of the Year in 2023, in his first year at the helm at AHS.

Prior to Alvirne, Lee was a coach at Greater Lowell Technical High School in Massachusetts from 2013 to 2021.

Lee coached the freshman football team and went on to become the defensive coordinator for the varsity team.

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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](mailto:dgroger@comcast.net) or online at: [www.NHLions/Hudson](http://www.NHLions/Hudson). Application deadline April 11, 2025

## 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](mailto:etzhayim.org). Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH. See more information at [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org).

## Meat Raffle

On Feb. 15, at 2 p.m., The American Legion Post 48 will be hosting a Meat Raffle to benefit the Sons of the American Legion. You must be 16+ to play. The Post is located at 37 Central St pre-

buys are available call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

## Karaoke

On Feb. 21, from 6 - 10 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St.

## Trivia Night

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

## Legion Meet

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

Squadron 48 on March 3.

## Pancake Breakfast

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

## Adventurers Storytime

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

## Digital Navigators

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

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dun-

geons & Dragons players? Come to the Rodgers library on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 9:30 a.m., and grab a donut.

## Movers & Shakers

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

## Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday Feb. 13, 20, and 27, at 10 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

## Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

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### Postpartum Support Group

On Thursday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m., gather with other postpartum parents and new-borns to talk about how you're healing and feeling at the Rodgers Library.

### Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Monday, Feb. 3, at 12:30 p.m. This month's book pick is "Mastering the Art of French Murder" (book #1 in series) by Colleen Cambridge.

### "Be Mine" Zentangle-Inspired Class

On Monday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m., please join Diane MacKinnon at the Rodgers Library for a 2-hour class where we'll create a tile just in time for Valentine's Day.

### Making Valentine's Day Cards with A.I.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 2:30 p.m., use A.I. (artificial intelligence) to create art to be used for Valentine's Day cards at the Rodgers Library.

### Tween Tetris Puzzle Cube

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m., Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to create tetris pieces that fit together as a cube at the Rodgers Library.

### Women's Role in the Military: Then and Now

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m., a slide presentation pays tribute to the contributions of women in service to our nation's military from the Revolutionary War to the present at the Rodgers Library.

### William Tex Pointer - I Pass as White

On Thursday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m., there will be a presentation on racism and heartache,

and how one man dealt with it at the Rodgers Library.

### Rodgers Readers

On Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a lively book discussion on "How to Age Disgracefully" by Clare Pooley.

### Curious Kids: Winter

On Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m., explore learning centers with your preschooler at the Rodgers Library. Ages 2-6. Siblings welcome.

### Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams.

### Tween Bracelet Making

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., Tweens (grades 4-8) are invited to the Rodgers Library to make beaded bracelets or charm bracelets. Registration required.

### Sustainability Series: Sourdough Starter Workshop

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m., come to Rodgers Library to learn how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter from an expert sourdough baker and food blogger at [sourdoughbrandon.com](http://sourdoughbrandon.com).

### Llama Painting

On Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m., Grades 1-5 are invited to the Rodgers Library for a paint-along of a valentine llama painting.

### Access Wisdom Book Group

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Lovingkindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness" by Sharon Salzberg.

### Genealogy Club (Virtual)

On Friday, Feb. 14, at 1:30 p.m., a virtual presentation will be held with the Rodgers Library. Claire Smith will present "Piecing it Together: Discovering a Fam-

ily Secret."

### Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "I Pass as White" by William "Tex" Pointer.

### Family Storytime

Come to Rodgers Library on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m., for songs, stories, and bubbles for families with children.

### Characters & Cocoa

Come to Rodgers Library on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m., for a monthly support group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft.

### Photographer Anthony Attardo

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., join Hudson photographer Anthony Attardo for an enchanting evening as he shares the stories behind his nighttime photographs of NH at the Rodgers Library.

### Elementary Art: Penguin

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m., children in grades K-5 are invited to come to the Rodgers Library to create a mixed media penguin with paper, markers, and paint.

### Straw Mazes

On Saturday, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m., families are invited to create their own straw mazes, making for a fun hand-eye coordination test at the Rodgers Library.

### Cookbook Club

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

### Spinning Tops

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

### Read 'Em & Eat

This Rodgers Library Book Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett.

### Tween Chocolate Olympics

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

### Sustainability Series: Maple Sugaring

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

### Crime & Cookies: True Crime Podcast Club

This group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., at Rodgers Library to discuss "Sweet Bobby," a multi-part investigation in search of one of the world's most sophisticated catfishers.

### Pajama Storytime

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

### Pizza and Wire Tree

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

### Steve Blunt Sing-a-Long

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

### Engineering Lab

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

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### Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

### Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website [rogerslibrary.org](http://rogerslibrary.org)

### Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers

Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

### BINGO!

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