

# THE Hudson Times

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The family of lions that have sat at a home on Highland Street for a number of years have made their way back to their original home at Benso Park thanks to the efforts of Hudson Public Works. Photo by Chris Paul

## Lions Family Make Return to Benson Park

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Benson Park Committee met on Dec. 19 to hear that with the help of Public Works Director Jay Twardosky, the town was able to move a pair of historic lion statues to Benson Park. Transportation issues related to the weight and private ownership of the statues delayed their expected donation for several months.

“Jay was able to transport the lions, so they went from their old home on Highland Street and are now back at the park. They survived the transport and are surviving in our kitchen area in the basement,” reported Committee Chair Judy Brouillette. “They need some significant work.”

The statues will need extensive restoration work before they are fit for

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## Selectmen OK Tentative Agreements With Unions

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent non-public session of the Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved a number of personnel items, according to draft minutes of the meeting, posted on the Town’s website.

One of the personnel moves was to hire Barbara O’Brien as the Sewer Utility Administrative Aide Position II with a starting salary of \$27.63 per hour, which is in accordance with the Teamsters Local 633. Her starting date will be effective Jan. 26.

Another decision was to approve the posting and

advertising for the Water Utility Clerk position.

On a unanimous vote by the Board of Selectmen it was approved to retain the services of former Sewer Utility Administrative Aide II, Donna Staffier-Sommers, on an on-call/per diem basis for a period of six months starting on Feb. 24. She will be paid at an hourly rate of \$28.45 per hour, and will not receive benefits.

For the Fire Department, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the hiring of Joseph Inamorati for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic in the Fire Department at the contracted salary of \$32.69 per hour. The

assignment will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Firefighters Local #3154.

Another decision was to unanimously approve the hiring of Michael Lewis for the position of Firefighter/AEMT in the Fire department at the contracted salary of \$31.30 per hour, which will be a non-exempt position in accordance with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #3154.

During the meeting, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the Tentative Agreement with the Hudson Police Employees Association

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## Publisher Celebrates 25 Years of Supplying News

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

This New Year’s celebration marks the 25th anniversary of the Londonderry Times, the sister paper of the Hudson Times, a publication that has been steadfast in providing weekly coverage to its community at a time when many others have lost their hometown news source.

The Times has not only survived through a number of challenging circumstances, but has also remained under the same ownership for that quarter-century.

Deb and Chris Paul began publishing the newspaper in January 2000. Like the changes in the community, some positive and

some negative, the local newspaper industry has also experienced many shifts over the years.

Since its inception, the Times has faced numerous challenges, including ice storms that devastated the entire state, financial hardships, and a worldwide pandemic and significant health issues to both partners. Despite these obstacles, the Londonderry Times has consistently delivered news free of charge to every home in Londonderry without missing a single unplanned week.

When the couple started the newspaper, Chris and Deb were relatively new to the area and saw a gap in the community’s news coverage. They initially pub-

lished a monthly paper, which transitioned to a bi-weekly schedule and eventually to a weekly publication in order to keep residents informed about local happenings in their growing community. Neither Deb nor Chris had a journalism background; rather, they aimed to keep the community updated. Deb brought a sales and marketing background, while Chris had experience in graphic design and advertising.

Together, they worked weekends to produce each issue.

The publication began during a particularly divided period in the town, as citizen groups were mobilizing against the Granite

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# Board of Selectmen Approves Contracts For Melendy Road

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the Melendy Road Over First Brook Replacement. “The Town of Hudson, in early 2024, received approval for the above listed project through an 80% (State)/ 20 % (local) program,” Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “In March 2024, the voters voted in favor of this project and in November of this year we received

the updated agreement from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) that needs to be executed.” It was explained by Dhima that they “received approval from New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the amount of \$1,448,866.65. while the Town portion is \$289,773.33 (20%).” The Board of Selectmen approved moving forward with the project during the meeting.

Another agenda item during the meeting was in regards to the construction services contract for the project. “In September 2024, we advertised in the Union Leader and our Town website for the construction of this project, and on October 4, 2024, five contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting,” Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. It was explained by Dhima that the bids came in ranging from approximately \$1.2 million up to

approximately \$1.9 million. “Our construction estimate was \$995,000,” Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “After careful evaluation of the bid items and discussions with the state, we received approval from NHDOT for the low bid contractor, for the amount of \$1,269,355, while the Town portion is \$253,871 (20%).” The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved awarding the contract to Neil Daniels, Inc. for the amount of, not to exceed, a total amount of \$1,269,355.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen was presented with a proposal for the design services during the construction phase of the project. “Wright- Pierce was selected to be the design engineer through our bid process prior to getting into the state program and they will provide design engineering services through the construction phase,” Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “A scope of work and fee was negotiated for the total amount of \$36,847, while

the Town portion is \$7,369.40 (20%). The amount was negotiated following the Independent Government Estimate process.” It was also noted by Dhima, during the meeting, that the NHDOT “has approved the additional scope of work and fee.” On a unanimous vote the Board of Selectmen approved the contract to Wright-Pierce. The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Jan. 14 beginning at 7 p.m.

# School Board Get Briefed on Alvirne Graduation Rate

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was briefed on the 2024 graduation rate during a recent school board meeting. For 2024, the four year graduation rate was 86.52% for Alvirne High School students, while the state graduation rate on average was 88.61%. The graduation rates are higher than 2023, when the graduation rate for Alvirne High School was 82.59%. One area Alvirne High School Principal expressed concerns about is the dropout rate, which increased in 2024, going from 1.11% in 2023, to 1.50% in 2024. “I am saddened that our dropout rate has increased,”

Beals said, but noted at the same time the 1.5% drop out rate is “half the number,” than when he first started at Alvirne High School 13 years ago. Alvirne High School’s dropout rate in 2024, is also lower than what it was for the state average which was 2.56%. In 2024, 6.74% of students part of the 2024 class completed the HiSet exam. Prior to the pandemic, Beals noted that they were getting close to 90% four year graduation rates. Superintendent Dan Moulis said that the graduation rate is “starting to climb again,” saying he thinks they are on a better “trajectory” for graduation rates. Beals said graduation

rates are something very important to him. “That graduation rate hits me like nothing else, because it’s so much to get there, it doesn’t matter if the kid comes in with pre algebra, or honors algebra 2, it’s their pathway in getting them through,” Beals said noting he hopes the graduation rates will be higher. Beals said that he thinks they need to continue with the Alvirne Improvement Plan saying that it is working. Another metric looked at during the meeting was in regards to what students do after high school. For the class of 2024, 35.5% of students went to a four year college, 17.7% went to less than a four year college, 3% joined the mil-

itary, and 38.5% went to work. In comparison 43.5% of students part of the class of 2023 went to a four year college, and 14.6% went to less than a four year college. Beals said he is surprised that the number of students who go to less than four year colleges isn’t higher, saying he thought that they would always stay at a combined 65% or above for four and two year college numbers. But Beals also noted during the meeting, that the data comes from surveys reported by students. School Board member Ethan Beals said he thinks there is a less overall push for people to go to college than ever before, even compared to when he graduated

from Alvirne High School a few years ago. The next Hudson School Board meeting is

slated to take place on Jan. 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hills Memorial Library.

## OBITUARY

### Patrick Rosario Foley



Patrick Rosario Foley, 45, of Hudson, NH passed away on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 from a massive heart attack. He was born May 14, 1979 in Haverhill, MA, son of Martin and Mary Terese Foley of Hudson.

Patrick is also survived by his soulmate Nicole J. Savage-Foley and their daughter Julia N. Foley, his brothers; Eric M. Foley, Martin E. Foley Jr. and Joseph E. Foley, his sister Stephanie M. Noyes as well as many dear friends. Patrick was a great son, an amazing father and soulmate. He was a great brother to his own siblings and to many of his friends. He worked hard to make sure his girls were always taken care of. He loved going for walks in the woods with Julia and watching the sunrises at the beach. Patrick was an amazing friend to everyone he knew and he would do anything he could do to help out anytime he was needed, no questions asked. He worked hard and took pride in building people's forever homes.

Patrick will be remembered as the most genuine person anyone knew, his funny t-shirts, his eclectic taste in all kinds of music, and his distinctive beard that he took great pride in its length. All who knew him found him to be the most kind hearted, caring, loving and funniest person they would ever meet. He had amazing big blue eyes and a great smile, his laugh was contagious. Patrick is already missed and will always be in our hearts. Know that you will never be forgotten.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Jan. 11 from 12:30 - 7 p.m. at The Backstreet Bar and Grill, 76 Derry Rd., Hudson. Any guests under 21 are welcome to attend up until 5:30 p.m., when bar hours will go into effect. 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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# Conservation Commission Wraps-Up Year with Quarry & Trails Update

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on Dec. 9 for its last meeting of the year and gave a minor update on Brox Industries' push to expand its Greeley Street quarry. As the expansion will impact the surrounding environment, the proposal has been slowly moving through the NH Department of Environmental Services approval process.

"Things move at a

snail's pace. Environmentally, when things like this come before them, there's a lot of questions and answers. We may see it for one or two meetings, but it might take six months to resolve," said Conservation Chair Bill Collins. "It's a sand and gravel operation, eventually they say Brox can go ahead and do it."

Brox will need a wetland dredge and fill permit from the DES to complete their expansion. While the paving company reported

progress in the permitting process, it was unclear when they might be back before the Conservation Commission or another town board.

"I think we've been out to the site two or three times, we know what they're up to unless the state comes back to us, things are just going to progress forward said Collins.

A separate land donation and \$10,000 payment from Brox Industry to the

Commission was also finalized.

As of November, the Conservation Commission Fund stands at \$798,966.87, an amount earmarked for the purchase of new conservation land. Anyone in town who is interested in selling undeveloped land is encouraged to contact Town Hall.

Members briefly discussed the possible formation of a trails committee following a discussion with the Pelham Conservation Commission. Unlike Pelham, Hudson does not currently have a trial committee.

"I was just curious if it was something that might be needed in Hudson or if it was worth looking into. I don't know how you would

form one or who would be one it," said Alternate Christopher Cameron.

Collins indicated it would be more of a trials subcommittee, where anyone interested would volunteer, rather than being elected or appointed. The committees would focus on trails located on Conservation land and would answer to the Conservation Commission.

"I think maybe having a separate trails committee sounds pretty exciting," added Conservation Vice-Chair Carl Murphy. "It would help maintain the trails and maybe create some new trails out there on the land we have, I think it'd be kind of a neat idea."

With the end of the year,

Commissioner Brian Pinsonneault's term is officially set to end on Dec. 31. He had no plans to stay on for another three years.

"I just wanted to thank everybody. My term expired, and there are things going on right now. I can't dedicate the time that I want to this, so I think it's smarter to step away for a bit," said Pinsonneault. "I think we did some awesome work and I was proud to be part of it."

The other members thanked him for his service to the Conservation Commission.

The Hudson Conservation Commission will meet again on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## 25 Years

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Ridge power plant, then known as AES. Interestingly, a number of citizens believed the newspaper was being financially supported by the owners of the power plant, which was never the case.

Publisher Deb Paul recollects, "We ran a few informational ads at the time that were being paid for by the pipeline company, I guess that's where that rumor started."

She added, "It was a very different time back then, the town had a much more rural feel and the industry was just getting up to speed on the digital era."

Initially, the files for each issue had to be driven to Concord on Sunday nights for printing by the Concord Monitor, with distribution on Wednesdays. Although the Times has changed printers a few times to reduce costs, it now continues to be printed by the Monitor.

By 2004, when the paper began being published weekly, it was time to

move out of their home and into an office. This led to the creation of Nutfield Publishing, originally located near the airport on Harvey Road.

During that period, they launched another publication, The Nutfield News, which covered the towns of Derry and Auburn. Two years later, the Tri-Town Times was established to provide news to Chester, Sandown, and Hampstead.

Unfortunately, at the end of 2022, due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Nutfield News and Tri-Town Times ceased to be published.

However, in November of 2023, Nutfield Publishing expanded into Hudson with The Hudson Times, another weekly newspaper that serves the community by providing local news.

These publications would never have existed without the support of local businesses and their advertising. Deb Paul expressed her gratitude, saying, "We've had a lot of advertising support throughout the years, and to all of those

businesses, I can't thank you enough. It's through their support we've been able to survive."

Paul also said, "I see our biggest challenge throughout the years has been combating our competitors, we filled a niche that no publisher seemed to care about until we started the Times. Suddenly we were viewed as a threat to their revenue."

Deb also emphasized, "In the end, this paper is about keeping people informed about what's going on in their community. We've seen a trend toward social media for news; however, more often than not, that news is opinion-based. My goal is to present the news without bias and just keep people informed."

As the Londonderry Times looks forward to the next quarter-century, we hope that support continues and that residents appreciate our efforts.

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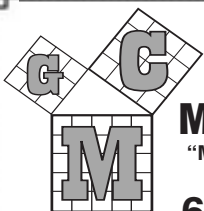
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# Editorial

## Celebrating a Milestone - 25 Years

Twenty-five years ago, a vision to create a way for Londonderry residents to obtain local information led to the first issue of the Londonderry Times.

What began 25 years ago in the basement of the home of Chris and Deb Paul was a vision to create a way for residents to obtain local information and educate them on issues that led to the first issue of the Londonderry Times. Never losing touch with our roots or our mission to help the community stay informed about local happenings, support any causes that need attention, an unwavering commitment to focus on truth, and everything local.

Newspapers across the state are experiencing cutbacks to stay afloat, us included, and some have had to close, and all of this is disheartening for democracy and government accountability. The good news is the Londonderry Times, the flagship publication of Nutfield Publishing, LLC, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this week. Additionally, we are also proud to announce our newest addition, The Hudson Times, has completed its first year.

Our readers depend on us for accurate and truthful information that is presented in digestible bites, helping to build a stronger sense of civics and community.

As the saying goes, "With great power comes great responsibility". We educate citizens about what is happening in their towns and encourage them to get involved and take action. This is no easy

task to accomplish without taking a side just the facts, driven by our passion for community service. This commitment has often translated into meaningful actions, as residents have responded to stories about local issues and have stepped up to fill gaps in services.

As time passes, fewer people are aware of town events; participation dwindles, and apathy sets in. Many do not realize the value of a community newspaper until it is gone. The bottom line, of course, is providing a place for local residents to obtain the information they need about their community non-intrusively, whether it's a school play or an update on how tax dollars are being spent the same as it was 25 years ago when we started. What's going on in Concord or Washington, D.C., or abroad is available elsewhere, mostly online, but if it happens in one of our towns, you should expect to read about it in our newspapers, the heart of the town.

We hope you will continue to be part of the community connection we have forged between the Londonderry Times and Hudson Times and their readers. As we move forward into our next 25 years, we are excited to be a part of your life and the community.

We always like getting letters, and news tips, and give us a call or send us an email, we love hearing from you after all we're here for you. There is no other place we would rather be than right here at home, bringing you the news from the place you call your own!

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# Letters

## New Find

To the editor,

Recently a friend and I discovered a new Thrift Store in Hudson. The store is located in the plaza

where Nashua Eye, Columbus Dental and The Good Place are. It's a fun place to check out and a large variety of items. The prices are very reasonable,

and the proceeds go towards animals in need.

Thanks,  
Susan Malen and  
Jane Fiske  
Hudson

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## Little Free Libraries: Helping the Environment One Book at a Time

Do you have books that you no longer need? Chances are, there's a Little Free Library in your neighborhood! These book exchange boxes provide access to free books for those who want to read more, and those who want to donate books. They rely on the system, "take a book, share a book" and the honor system to keep books intact, like a regular library. These little libraries are encouraging communities to donate books lying around the house instead of throwing them away. They can also help to give old furniture or appliances new life by turning them into Little Free Libraries.



### Why recycle books at these libraries?

Giving books to these libraries encourages the reuse system, which can reduce waste and promote a greener lifestyle for all. Environmental stewardship is something vital to communities, and these libraries can help to motivate that energy. They also encourage residents to meet their neighbors and get involved. According to LittleFreeLibrary.org, it's estimated that 400 million books have been shared because of these libraries since 2009. According to a 2012 textbook recycling study by the National Wildlife Foundation, about 640,000 tons of books go to landfills each year. This is roughly 320

million books, and with this amount, they comprise around 0.4% of total municipal solid waste generation.

These small libraries also help to support literacy by offering free books to people who can't easily access new reading materials. In fact, many of New Hampshire's public libraries participate in the Little Free Library program as a way to promote literacy, resource sharing, and community involvement beyond the walls of the library building. On average, one book is shared in a Little Free Library every day.

### How do I start a Little Free Library?

Anyone can make a Little Free Library. All you need is a place to store the books and to purchase a charter sign [littlefreelibrary.org/stewards/registration/](http://littlefreelibrary.org/stewards/registration/).

The charter sign will register your library on the official map [littlefreelibrary.org/map/](http://littlefreelibrary.org/map/) so members of your community can find your library. Currently, there are more than 175,000 little libraries in every continent except Antarctica, and all 50 states in the US – even at the Library of Congress.

You can purchase kits to build your library, but it's not required. Little Free Libraries can be made from almost anything. People have turned old appliances, furniture, and other "junk" items – like microwaves, cabinets, and old mailboxes – into Little Free Libraries. And, of course, repurposing these items is another way to reduce the waste that often ends up in landfills.



# School Board Recommends Various Warrant Articles

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

During the Jan. 6 Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board voted on making recommendations for two different warrant articles.

One of the warrant articles was in regards to Increasing Funds in the Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund.

The warrant article states: "Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$150,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund established in September 1999? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on

July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation."

The estimated tax rate impact would be zero, since it would be coming from the end of the year fund balance, if it's approved by voters in March.

On a unanimous vote, the School Board recommended the warrant article.

Another warrant article was in regards to Increasing Funds in the Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund.

The warrant article states: "Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$150,000 to be added to the Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund approved by voters in March 2024 and

established in August 2024? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation."

School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell, said he spoke to the Alvirne Farm Trustees and that "they appreciate it coming back on the ballot again this year."

Campbell explained that the School Board earlier this year took some funds from it to make improvements to the Alvirne Farm.

Campbell, said that they were on board with the number being proposed to increase the fund.

"They were OK with this number," Campbell said.

The School Board unanimously approved recommending the warrant article.

The School Board and Budget Committee previously recommended three other warrant articles.

One is in regards to the Fire Alarm Panel Replacement at Hudson Memorial School.

The warrant article states:

"Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$75,000 to replace the fire alarm panel at Hudson Memorial School? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance avail-

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

The estimated tax rate impact would be zero.

Another warrant article was in regards to the Installation of Additional Emergency Alert Beacons.

The warrant article states:

"Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$63,800 to add additional emergency alert beacons throughout the district? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation. This is a special war-

rant article."

The tax rate impact would be zero.

Another warrant article was in regards to the science labs at Hudson Memorial School.

The warrant article states:

"Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$225,000 to upgrade two Science Classrooms/Labs at Hudson Memorial School? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation. This is a special warrant article."

The estimated tax rate impact would be zero.

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public display, which is not expected until next summer at the earliest.

"We have somebody that's going to look into that when the weather is better," said Committee member Susan Clement. "It's somebody that is licensed, who knows what they're doing."

It was unclear where the Committee might place the lions once they were ready for public display. Water damage was responsible for much of the current damage, and Brouillette stated that any new location should be "covered" and "raised" to minimize future weathering.

The Board of Selectmen recently approved a \$5,000 donation to Benson Park. According to Committee member Jack Madden, the donation was originally supposed to be anonymous, although that proved infea-

sible.

"My younger sister passed away last year in Texas, and I've been taking care of her estate, so the donation is a small amount of inheritance money that actually is going to come to me, and it's going to be designated to various charities," he explained. "The \$5,000 donation is going towards rehabilitation work within the train station building. It's primarily for the inside, because after we have a contractor remove the lead and treat for the moisture, the interior will be in a position where we can safely use volunteer labor to take out the post-1916 non-standard features."

"Thank you for your family for doing that!" Brouillette told Madden.

Refurbishing the old Hudson Station has been an ongoing project slowed by the need for expensive lead and mold remediation. That

process is still ongoing.

"The next two things are we contact the list of state-approved vendors, get quotes for the interior removal of the lead and treating of the moisture, and then we will come up with the proposed list before sending it to the Board of Selectmen saying 'this is the one that we recommend and why,'" said Madden. "They give the approval, we get that work done, and then the interior of the building will be safe."

He wanted a more detailed list of what features the Committee might remove as part of the restoration effort. It was unclear when the station would be ready. Madden promised to keep the town and the rest of the Committee up-to-date on the situation.

The next meeting of the Hudson Benson Park Committee is set for Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Cable Access Center.



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# Planning Board Approves Mansfield Easement Transfer

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Dec. 11 meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw a presentation regarding a change of ownership for an easement at 28 Mansfield Dr., a move that would require a formal hearing.

“Not too long ago, the Planning Board approved a single-family, residential subdivision on Mansfield Drive and that work has been completed successfully. The applicant at developer has actually requested to handover the road,” explained Town Engineer

Elvis Dhima. “The drainage related to this road runs into a detention basin, this detention basin is on private property, and at the time the plan was recorded, there was an easement handed over to the town related to this detention basin.”

The Planning Board had been working with the owner of the basin, although there was concern over having town officials enter the private property for occasional maintenance, which risked becoming an issue after the land with the basin was fenced off. He

suggested handing the easement from the town to the property owner.

“We ran it by legal, we ran it by Public Works and Engineering, they do not have a problem handing this back to them. They would be in charge of maintaining it. We’d still own and have the right to go in there in case they don’t,” said Dhima. “It allows the town and the developer to move forward with accepting the street while respecting the owner of that lot with privacy.”

Board members had a few questions about the

easement changes.

“Way back when there must have been a stormwater management report and you usually have a maintenance manual with that, does this homeowner have to submit reports to the Engineering Department?” asked Board member James Crowley.

Dhima stated they treat the situation like one of many other communities with detention basins that rely on private landscapers for regular servicing.

“There’s a standard template by the state for checks once per year on the detention basins. If you feel comfortable with it, you can put a condition where the owner and developer will submit an annual report to the town to make sure this is being maintained,” said Dhima. “Typically, we would know if it’s not working because someone on the street is going to say ‘there’s a backup, what’s going on?’”

Normally, servicing detention basins consists of trimming back foliage and ensuring nothing is blocking the flow of water.

“Out in Sheppard’s Hill I know we had a drain pipe that was 24-inch. Here I see a 30-inch, and I see houses out there around kids and maybe they’re adventurous,

so is there any type of barrier or whatever to keep them from going in?” asked Crowley.

The Town Engineer assured Board members the basin included a metal cage for the drainage pipes to prevent anyone from falling in.

The Planning unanimously voted to approve

the Drainage Maintenance Agreement between the property owner of 28 Mansfield Dr. and the town of Hudson.

The next meeting of the Hudson Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Community Development Conference Room at Town Hall.

## Unions

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and to forward the contract to the Fiscal Year 2026 Warrant.

The Board of Selectmen also approved the Tentative Agreement with the Hudson Support Staff Union, Teamsters Local 633 and to forward the contract to the Fiscal Year

2026 Warrant.

It was also approved by the Board of Selectmen to retain the services of former Town Administrator Steve Malizia, who has been serving in the Acting Town Administrator role. Malizia had previously retired earlier in 2024.

During the liaison reports, part of the public meeting, Board of Select-

men Vice Chair Dillon Dumont, noted that he received an update from the Assessing Department, who said they wanted to remind people that the deadline for new applicants for the veteran and disabled veterans property tax credits, elderly, blind, disabled, solar property tax exemptions or current use applications is April 15.

He noted that more information could be found on the Town’s website.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Jan. 14 beginning at 7 p.m.

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## OBITUARY

### Priscilla Rejeanne (Comeau) Viens



Priscilla Rejeanne (Comeau) Viens, 88, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully at Fairview Nursing Home on Dec. 26, 2024 of natural causes after a long battle with dementia.

She was born in Nashua, NH on Jan. 19, 1936, the daughter of the late Benjamin J. Comeau and Marie Anna (Chenard) Comeau. Priscilla attended local schools in Nashua, NH and graduated from St. Louis High School in 1954. After graduation, she started work for the former Sportwelt Shoe Co. as an inspector. In the 1970's and 1980's, she was employed by the former Scottie Industries sneaker factory and the former Fashion Flair tie factory.

She was a communicant of St. Kathryn's Church and later, St. John the XXIII Parish.

She enjoyed camping, working on jigsaw puzzles and liquid embroidery projects.

She met the love of her life, Leo Viens, and they were married in 1957. They were married for 49 years when he died in 2006.

Priscilla is survived by her sister, Joan (Comeau) Lavoie and her husband David Lavoie of Nashua; three sons, Daniel Viens and his late wife, Marilyn of Nashua, Michael Viens and his late wife, Gayle of Londonderry, NH, and Roger Viens and his wife, Shawn (Flanagan) Viens of Pittsfield, NH; and her daughter, Elaine (Viens) (Davidson) Diorio, and her husband Edward Diorio of Nashua; three grandchildren, Laura (Davidson) Ferullo and her husband Patrick Ferullo, of Nashua, Stephen Viens and his wife Linda Diane (Allen) Viens of Easley, SC, and Crystal (Viens) Sprague and her husband, Bryan Sprague of Rochester, NH; four step-grandchildren, Richard Davidson of Brattleboro, VT, Jessica (Gaudet) Whiting and her husband, Wallace Whiting, Justin Flanagan and his wife, Racheal Flanagan, and Apryl (Forest) Goodwin and her husband, Chris Goodwin; also several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister, Theresa (Comeau) Levesque, the Reverend Gerard Comeau, MS of Siador-Silleda, Spain, and her step-grandson, Gordon Davidson.

Visiting hours were held on Thursday, Jan. 2 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Friday, Jan. 3 at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery in Hudson. The family requests in lieu of flowers a donation be made in Priscilla's loving memory to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). 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.

# School Board Approves Forwarding Warrant Articles

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed the draft contract agreement between the School District and the Hudson School Secretaries union.

It was explained during the meeting by Superintendent Dan Moulis, that the contract had already been ratified by the union members, and that the School Board needed to approve it in order to send it to the ballot, where voters will approve it or not.

Moulis explained that as part of the new deal, it makes changes to leave requests,

along with changes “significantly to wage levels and also to years of service.”

As part of the contract, all level positions will receive a \$1.25 an hour raise for the 2025-2026 school year, all level employees will receive a \$1.25 an hour increase for the 2026-2027 school year, and all level employees will receive a \$1 per hour increase for the 2027-2028 school year.

In terms of longevity, as part of the agreement, employees with 15-19 years of experience will receive \$750 each year, for employees who work for 20-24 years with the district will

receive an additional \$1,000 and employee who work for the district for 25 years or longer will receive a longevity pay of \$1,500 per year.

If voters approve the new contract, the impact would be \$82,123 in year one “that would be the year one cost to this agreement,” Moulis said.

The contract would have an estimated two cent tax impact for year one.

“It’s a three year contract,” Moulis said.

For year two, the contract would have an impact of \$74,642, and in year three it would have an impact of \$57,713.

The School Board unanimously approved sending the warrant article forward.

Also during the meeting, the School Board reviewed the deal between the School District and HFT, the union that represents teachers, along with full-time paraeducators, and LPNS.

“We made some substantive changes to a longevity piece that would start in year 20 for teachers,” Moulis said.

As part of the agreement, teachers with 20 or more years of teaching, would receive an additional \$100 per year of service, for a maximum amount of 30

years.

Another change made to the proposed contract is health insurance. Currently the employees part of the union were compensated for 89.5% of their insurance payments, while the district will now pay for 89%.

Moulis explained that they also made some changes to the salary schedule in order to be competitive with other school districts in the area.

For year one, the contract would cost an additional \$1,653,593, which would be an estimated tax rate impact of 33 cents.

In year two of the two

year deal, the increase is expected to be \$1,413,676 from the increases to the contract.

School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell said he was involved with both contract negotiations and said he was thankful for both sides on how they handled it throughout the process.

“I just can’t thank everyone who was involved with these contracts enough,” Campbell said.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne agreed.

The School Board approved sending forward the teacher’s union contract.

## Trustees, Director Thank Staff & Others for Library Contributions

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Dec. 18 to close out 2024 with one last donation for the year.

“We’re very grateful to the Hudson Rotary Club, which has donated \$500 for general use,” announced Treasurer Karen Boher. “Thank you, Rotary Club.”

The Trustees unanimously voted to accept the donation.

Library Director Linda Pilla thanked library employees for stepping up through November and December, preventing Rod-

gers Memorial from having any unscheduled closures during an active cold and flu season.

“Some of the other libraries in the state have had to close on some days because they haven’t had sufficient staff to keep the building open,” she explained. I’m just so grateful to our staff, who have stepped up time and time again to cover for people who have called out sick at the last moment, or when we’ve already got one person out and somebody else calls in or something else happens where the department would be impossible

to run. Yet, there’s always been a spare set of hands from somebody willing to step up.”

With several scheduled closure days thanks to the holiday season, Rodgers Memorial saw its circulation numbers decline slightly in November.

“The numbers for circulation were down about 13% to 14% in general,” said Pilla. “Even though it’s a drop in circulation numbers, the fact that we were closed for so many hours leaves me feeling optimistic.”

She added that the total number of active library

cards was up, despite the reduction in overall circulation.

The Director also presented an outline of the library’s expected operating schedule for 2025. She did not expect many big changes compared to the previous year.

“The only possible change is a proposed staff training day for Sept. 12,” said Pilla. “We had our day training for Sept. 13 this past year and it as such a good time. We didn’t have anybody sick; we didn’t have anybody on vacation, it was just perfect. Being so close to the beginning of the

school year, we didn’t have any interruption of services.”

Her only other suggested change was to close the library the day after Christmas this year, allowing the staff to have an extra day off before the weekend.

The Trustees agreed to close the library on Sept. 13 and Dec. 26 for 2025.

Planning on ways to fix the Hills Memorial building was expected to move forward into 2025. Currently, efforts will focus on the basement.

“We really need to at least block in the boiler room with fire retardant

wool board so that it meets the code,” said Pilla. “The other thing is that Primex reached out to us, and having done some work, they have sent us an appraiser cost-repair estimate for the amount of \$13,584.56.”

That insurance payout was not quite expected to cover the cost of repairs, although the Director was optimistic it would help the town move forward. The Trustees voted to accept the check from Primex.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.



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# Palmer CTE Annual Center Open House Set For Jan. 22



The Palmer Center at Alvirne High School will be hosting an open house for prospective students on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

15 during November 2024, compared to 22 in 2023.

Gasdia noted that he thinks they should have notes attached to the data, to give them more insight into the data.

During the Superintendent report, Superintendent Dan Moulis noted that the Alvirne Course Selection Night would be held on Jan. 14, at Alvirne High School.

Moulis explained that parents can have the chance to find out about the process of selecting classes, with counselors, in an informal setting.

He said that incoming ninth graders will have the designated time slot of 5 to 6:30 p.m. and others will be from 7 to 8 p.m.

Moulis also announced during the meeting that the Palmer Center at Alvirne High School will host their open house event on Jan. 22 beginning from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. .

At the event, Moulis said there would be teachers and ambassadors in attendance from the Palmer Center to answer any questions and to also give tours.

Moulis, during the meeting, also noted that the current end of the year fund balance is approximately \$2.4 million.

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



ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, during the committee reports, School Board member Gary Gasdia gave an update regarding HCTV.

Gasdia explained that they had a meeting recently for the HCTV committee, and that the main discussion was about how HCTV receives its funding.

He explained that they primarily get their funding from franchise fees for cable, and that the amount of cable users is going down, which means also a

decrease in revenue.

Gasdia explained that they are looking at ways they can work with students and have met with Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals, and CTE Director Eric Frauwrith.

“They are looking at ways to cut into the costs,” Gasdia said.

Gasdia said that they currently have some students who help with filming different events, but said that they are looking to make it more formalized. He explained that HCTV was looking to be able to have students help with some events, which would

help with their costs.

“There’s probably going to be more of a push for that in the next year or two to try to offset some of those costs,” Gasdia said.

During the correspondence portion of the meeting, the School Board was given a report for discipline in all the different schools.

At Alvirne High School, there were 76 detentions during the month of November, which is up from 54 in 2023 during the same month.

Nottingham West had 15 compared to five in 2023, while Hudson Memorial went down with

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Boys' Basketball Defeat Astros On the Road

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball team started its winter season with two wins and a loss, to finish out the year 2024 at 2-1.

On Friday night, Jan. 3, the Broncos returned from Winter break to a game in Derry and managed to come away with a strong 52-37 victory over Pinkerton Academy, the reigning Division I

Champions.

The difference in the contest was a very strong fourth quarter effort, leading to the 15-point victory.

The Broncos began the game with a 13-9 lead over the Astros in the first quarter, but then let their opponents back into the game in the second, scoring just seven and allowing 10-points to Pinkerton.

Alvirne was able to hang onto the lead going into the second half, where they outscored the Astros by a significant margin.

The Broncos finished out the third period leading 35-31, then turned on the offense for 17-6 run.

Junior guard/forward, Sean Chipfunde scored all of his seven points in the fourth period, including a three-pointer and two of three free-throws.

Senior guard, Sam Dewitt led his team in scoring with 13-points, seven of which were on foul shots. Dewitt started the game with a basket and a three-

pointer in the first and was fouled heading to the basket in the final three periods.

Seniors guard Gabe Conrow and senior center, Andrew Deely both had 10-points in the game. Conrow had two three-pointers and two from the floor, while Deely put up five baskets.

Junior forward Garrett Hall had four baskets for eight-points and Chipfunde scored seven in the winning effort.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 7, the Broncos were scheduled to face the Nashua South Purple Panthers, who were also entering the game at 3-1.

On Friday night, Jan. 10, the AHS team was scheduled to head to the seacoast and take on the undefeated Portsmouth Clippers (4-0)



Broncos senior guard, Sam Dewitt scored with 13-points in his team's win over the Astros.



Senior center, Andrew Deely both had 10-points in the winning effort against Pinkerton.

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# Scoring Gets a Bit Spotty for Admirals Hockey Squad

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne-Milford Admirals dropped to 1-2 in the Division II standings after coming back from the holiday break to fall to Oyster River 0-7 on the road.

This was the team's second consecutive shutout loss in the young winter sports season. Just before the end of the year, the Admirals were defeated 0-

8 by the St. Thomas Aquinas squad.

In the Oyster River defeat, the Bobcats scored twice in the first period and five more time in the second of the seven-point loss.

The Admirals had 29 shots turned away by their opponents and had 26 saves of their own.

Both sides kept penalties to a minimum, with each of team having just two players ending up in the penalty box.

Before getting back to Division II action, the Alvirne-Milford squad competed in the annual MHBDS (Merrimack-Hollis-Brookline-Derryfield Schools) Backyard Brawl Tournament over the holiday break, netting one win over the three game series.

The victory came during the final game of the tournament, beating the Nashua North-Souhegan squad by a score of 9-5.

Alvirne junior Brandon Callahan led the Admirals in scoring, getting three goals in the first half of the 45-minute game and a fourth in the final minutes of the second half.

In the first of two 22:30-minute periods sophomore Dylan MacLeod scored at 6:14 with an assist from junior Chris Bozza.

At 7:08 Callahan scored his first goal from Alvirne junior Brandon Ganas.

A minute later, at 8:08 Callahan and senior Bryce Larco combined for a goal.

At 10:16, Callahan put his third goal in from Alvirne sophomore Evan Pargas.

Three unassisted Admirals goals went in before the end of the first-half. Senior Braydon Atwood scored at 11:28,



Alvirne junior Brandon Ganas prepares during a faceoff in a recent game.

Ganas put one in at 16:38 and Alvirne senior Ryan Ricard scored at 21:04.

The Admiral squad tacked on two more goals to finish with the four-goal victory

Larco and Ricard combined at 8:32 and Callahan got his fourth goal at 15:50 with an assist from Larco again.

Overall, the shots were pretty even, with the Nashua North-Souhegan squad getting 35 to the Admirals 32.

Starting Goaltender Mason Komarek and Ari Scarbro, who finished the last six minutes, combined for 30 saves.

In the two tournament losses, Alvirne/Milford was only able to come up with one goal against the series winning Nashua

South/Pelham Kings. Losing by a score of 6-1.

They also lost to series host, MHBDS, as they were defeated 5-2 in the second game of the tournament.

In the game against Nashua South/Pelham, the Admirals out-shot their opponent 38-35, but let six shots get through.

Alvirne/Milford's lone goal came at 13:07 in second period with Atwood scoring and unassisted marker.

The Admirals goal-tenders split the game with Mason Komarek giving up four goals on 19 shots in the first half and Scarbro letting two by on 18 shots in the second half.

In the game against MHBDS, on the second day of the event, Alvirne

fell 5-2 with MHBDS edging out Alvirne-Milford 37-34 in shots

Scarbro 32 saves on 37 shots in the effort.

Goals came from Callahan, at 7:56 in the first half, assisted by Larco and Larco got one in the second half with an assist from Ganas at 6:30 in the final period.

Admirals head coach Jason Dango said after the game, "After a sub par effort in the first game of the tournament, we came out and played a much better game today. Even though it was a loss, it's a game we can build on. I was very proud of each and every player today who brought a much better effort. I told the players they could leave the rink today holding their heads high."



Alvirne junior Brandon Callahan had four goals for the Admirals in the holiday game against Nashua North-Souhegan.

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# Broncos Girls' Basketball Suffer First Loss of Season

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

After getting off to a strong 3-0 start to the winter season, the Alvirne High School Girls' Basketball team suffered their first loss of the season to the Pinkerton Academy Astros in the

squad's first game of 2025. The Lady Broncos began the regular season with wins over Manchester Memorial, Goffstown and Keene, where they outscored their opponents 183-137, but in their return

to the regular season, on Friday night, Jan. 3, scoring didn't come easy and they fell 58-39 to the tough rival from Derry. The Broncos put themselves in a bit of a hole early on, allowing the Pinkerton squad to get ahead 18-7 in the first quarter, but then shaved that 11-point deficit down in the second.

The AHS defense kept the Astros girls down to 11-points in the second quarter and scored 14-points of their own to trail 21-29 heading into the break. In the fourth, the home team continued their positive trend, holding their rival to nine-points in the third, but were only able to put up ten of their own. The game got away from the Broncos in the fourth, with Pinkerton putting up 20-points with four, three-pointers and four buckets.

Meanwhile, Alvirne was only able to collect eight-points during the final period resulting in the 19-point defeat. Alvirne junior forward Julia Adams and senior guard Ella Hartson both scored 11-points to lead their team. Hartson scored in two of the four quarters with one three-pointer, three

buckets and two free-throws. Adams had five baskets and one successful point at the line. Sophomore forward Courtney Anderson scored nine-points in the game with four from inside the arc and one, free-throw. Juniors guards Haylie Christman and Lexi Floyd both had three-points. Pinkerton sophomore Brooke Benz put up 21-points to lead all scorers, with only one, three-pointer. The Alvirne girls were scheduled to face two more tough teams this week and will finish their five-game home stand. On Tuesday night, Jan. 7, they faced the Nashua South Purple Panthers (2-2) and on Thursday night, Jan. 9, the team will take on the 3-1 Portsmouth Clippers. The game is schedule to begin at 6:30 p.m.



Alvirne junior forward Julia Adams scored 11-points to lead the team in scoring in the game with PA.



Alvirne sophomore forward Courtney Anderson goes up for two-points against PA. Photos by Chris Paul

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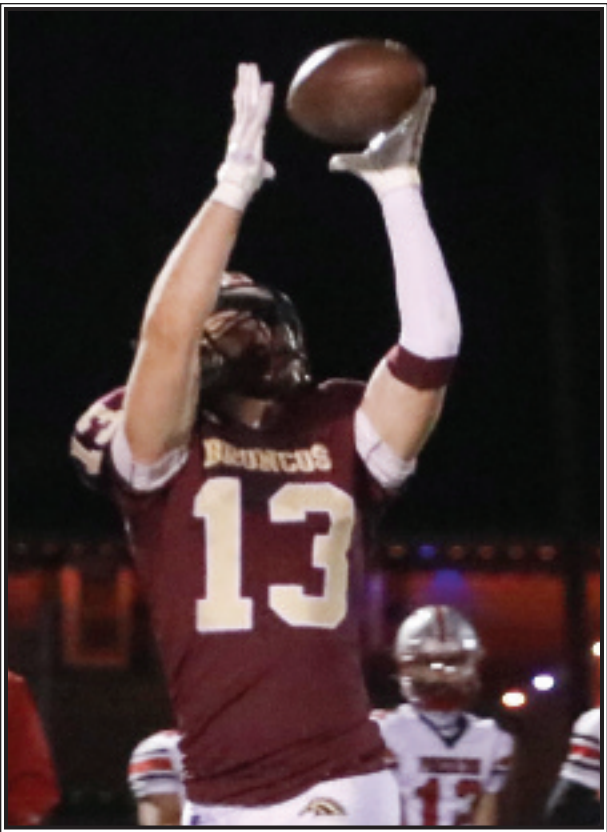
# Broncos Football Players Named to All-Conference Teams



Mike Landmesser



Shawn Boudreau



Ryan Rocheleau

**CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES**

The Alvirne High School football program made a few major leaps forward in the Division I ranking this season and with that, a number of Broncos players were recognized for their efforts by their conference coaches.

The All-Conference list was released in December, with a number of Alvirne players named.

To no ones surprise,

junior running-back, Mike Landmesser, was named to the All-Conference Offensive First Team.

Senior Defensive Lineman Shawn Boudreau and senior Linebacker Ryan Rocheleau were named to the Defense First Team.

Senior Quarterback Charlie Crawford and Outside Lineman Shayne Mackey were called out for the Second Team Offense.

Seniors Quintin Tet-

reault, Gabe Comrow and Andrew Deely were all given Honorable Mention.

All of the aforementioned players contributed greatly to the Broncos success this season.

The Alvirne squad made it to the Division I Quarterfinals as the number eight seed, where they were beaten by the Bedford Bulldogs, the number one seed of the state championship.

The Broncos were also able to host their first DI playoff game, in that first round game, AHS beat the Concord Crimson Tide (#9) by a score of 30-14.



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# AROUND TOWN

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

## Meat Raffle

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

## Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m.,

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

## 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:office@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).

## Clean Water Survey

Clean water is more than a resource; it's the lifeline of our community. Your voice holds the power to shape a healthier water future for you and for generations to come. Survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024). As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or

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## Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

## 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 brush-

## 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.

## PFOA Water Test

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# Community Roadside Clean-Up is Looking for Volunteers

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Last year's cleanup was extremely successful. The Roadside Cleanup of Musquash Road resulted in 30 Blue Bags holding recyclables, 24 Black Trash Bags plus a variety of larger items that did not fit into bags. A total of 24 residents came together on what ended up being a sunny, bright morning.

There is a saying "Many Hands Make Light Work"

and that certainly held true as the Roadside cleanup was completed about 11:25 a.m. and then everyone had a nice hour to enjoy a Thank You Lunch and chat. Members have already agreed that hosting a "make your own sub" Thank You Lunch will become an important part of each committee run Roadside Cleanup.

It is not too soon to reach out to the Sustainability Committee if you are interested in receiving updates regarding this spring's Roadside Cleanup.

After this year's cleanup the Sustainability Committee subcommittee "Hudson

Sustainability/Community Roadside Cleanup (HS/CRC)" was chartered to provide the Best Practices - Safety & Collaboration and assist with the effectiveness and efforts of the various groups looking to conduct "Community Roadside Cleanups". The protocols and rules were established through meetings with the DPW, HPD and HFD. These apply only to groups and individuals who have not already established regular Cleanups. The experienced groups and individuals need only coordinate with the DPW as they have in the past. For details on



the protocols and rules please go to the Sustainability Committee home page on the Town of Hudson

website and then click on the "Community Roadside Cleanup" banner.

If you have any ques-

tions, concerns or interest in the HS/CRC program, please contact khuber@hudsonnh.gov.

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