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Logan Casey, Julianna Ceder, and Stephanie Christopher display their diplomas and seeds they were given at the Class of 2424 Alvirne High School Graduation Ceremony on Thursday night, June 13, that took place at the Southern New Hampshire University Arena in Manchester.

## Alvirne High School Celebrates Graduating Class of 2024

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

On Thursday, a class of 266 young men and women gathered at SNHU Arena with their friends, families, and teachers to celebrate a major accomplishment in their lives: graduation from high school and the completion of the childhood portion of their lives.

For a class that had been through so much adversity, beginning their high school careers in the 2020-21 school year that saw a hybrid learning model turned into a fully remote learning model for upwards of two months, and

then a return to hybrid learning before returning to the classroom full-time in April thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, their moment had finally come-graduation day at last.

While there were a few students and faculty members who were allowed to speak at the commencement ceremony, few stood out as much as Alvirne Principal Steven Beals who reminded the class of 2024 of some of his biggest pieces of advice moving forward including to always be on time and to “never let a

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## Selectmen Hold Off on RC Club Use of Town Landfill

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the June 11 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was related to a request to allow limited use of the West Road Landfill for the Southern NH Radio Control Club.

Earlier this year, Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, raised the issue of the town being in violation of its landfill cap permit.

The issue was discovered following a March vote, which voters approved allowing a lease to be executed for the space, which was being used by the RC Club at the landfill for a potential solar farm.

“This project, if execut-

ed, will require state permit approval and will be subject to the current landfill closure permit restrictions in place,” Dhima wrote in a previous memo.

He explained previously that the solar farm project would be on the capped landfill area and will “include the top of the landfill, currently being used by an RC club.”

“Based on the testimony by the club members and available GIS imagery, it appears that construction activity related to the airfield took place without State or Board of Selectmen approval,” Dhima wrote previously. “Town staff at that time and present have no authority to approve any construction activity that

contradicts the current landfill restrictions and conditions in place.”

Dhima said there were a number of things done at the landfill since 1992, which were in violation of the conditions from the state.

“Significant topographic change to the landfill crown area of approximately 3 acres, where the airfield is currently located, which was achieved by bringing in fill and using heavy equipment to grade the site,” he noted as one of the changes in a previous memo.

He also noted the location of the access road “to the top of the landfill was changed.”

“Approximately 350 feet  
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## Budget Committee Hit Snag with Its Early Budget Efforts

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee ran into trouble in its effort to get an early start on the town budget at their June meeting.

“We unanimously voted to request a default budget from both the town and the SAU by July 20. The chief objective in doing that was so this Committee could have adequate time to review the calculations of the default budget, which we felt we did not have in the last budget cycle,” said Vice Chair, James Lawrence. “Since that meeting, and that request was forwarded to both the Board of Selectmen and the School Board, we were informed that we should not expect to receive

those default budgets by that date.”

He expressed his disappointment at the response, believing it was essential to get default numbers before August, also worrying that the default budgets were not being calculated correctly.

“I would like to ask for further clarification from both the Board of Selectmen and the School Board as to whether we can expect a default budget sooner than we receive the proposed budget for next year.”

The hope was to have at least some numbers by the Committee’s August meeting, along with an explanation of the default calculation process.

Selectmen Liaison, Heidi Jakoby, indicated that

at least part of the issue came from calculation requirements.

“I did receive an outline of the general fund default budget Fiscal Year 2026 with a number of question mark, there are a number of numbers they can calculate, and a number of numbers they cannot,” said Jakoby.

She went on to say that factors like workers’ compensation, dental insurance, health insurance, and proper liability insurance premium rates will not be known until at least September. Contracts with cost-of-living clauses and the biannual pension rate are unknown until mid-July or later.

“For these reasons, we do not set the default budget  
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# School Board OK Music Department Trip to England

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was presented with a request to allow a trip to England next spring for the Alvirne High School Music Department.

While the details of the proposed trip aren't finalized, Alvirne High School Director of Music, Rob Scagnelli, said the idea would be to leave towards the week before April vacation, with tentative dates set

for April 24 through May 1.

"We would be proposing leaving the Thursday before April vacation and returning the Thursday of April vacation to give students some time to recover from jet lag," Scagnelli told the School Board.

As part of the trip, which would be through CSL Tours, air transportation to and from London, bus transportation to and from Boston Logan Airport, all bus transportation in the

UK, and two nights of hotel accommodation in Bristol, and four nights of hotel accommodations in London would be provided.

The trip fee, which currently has an all-inclusive price of \$3,950 per person, would also include clinic participation for band and chorus Concert venues for band and chorus, meals, and attractions as part of the itinerary.

Scagnelli said as part of the trip, students would be able to have performances

as well as participating in different clinics.

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, asked about trip insurance, asking if it was required for the trip.

Scagnelli said trip insurance isn't part of the estimated inclusive price, but it could be included.

It was noted by Scagnelli that the estimated cost of \$3,950 is based on having 70 students, with one adult per 10 students included.

Scagnelli explained that

they were told they would still be able to lock in the price based on 40-50 students attending the trip.

One question raised was what kind of interest level there was for the trip so far.

He told the School Board that they had a poll for families to see what the interest level is for the trip. He said out of the families that responded, 49 said they were interested as of now, noting that there may be other families interested as

well moving forward.

Some of the other factors for the cost estimate are based on the exchange rate.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he thought it would be a good trip for students to go, and noted that there are many ways to fundraise for it, saying that anyone who can, should take advantage of it.

"This sounds like a great trip," he said.

The School Board unanimously approved the trip.

## RC Club

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of access road was constructed in violation of the final design closure permit in place from the state," Dhima wrote in a memo.

The Board of Selectmen, following the presentation from Dhima, agreed to restrict activities to only maintenance and compliance at the capped landfill and restrict unauthorized driving until further action

comes from the Board.

Ahead of the June 11 Selectmen meeting, Selectmen received an email from the Southern NH Radio Control Club President, Cody Wojcik, making a request to allow them to use part of the landfill again.

"I am writing regarding the use of the West Road landfill by the Southern NH Radio Control Club," he wrote in an email to the town. "We have been monitoring communications between the town and the De-

partment of Environmental Services and we have not seen any enforcement actions, recommendations, or communications of any type regarding this facility since the original notification of topographic change was sent on April 10, 2024. We have also been permitted to drive up the original section of the road for the purposes of retrieving any of our possessions from the facility."

Wojcik went on to state in his email "for these reasons, we are requesting per-

mission to use and maintain this facility while limiting vehicle traffic to ONLY the original section of the road."

"SNRCC club members would not drive past the vent pipe on the road to allow for roughly 20 feet of margin," the email stated. "Members can carry their equipment to the club's original area of operations on foot or otherwise without driving on the new section of road. This would be a temporary arrangement until engineering services

can be completed and the original use of the facility can be evaluated."

Selectman, David Morin, said he thinks it should be tabled until they speak to their attorney, and/or when the report is completed, which will look at what damage has been done there.

In his view, it made sense to keep it tabled until the report is completed, noting that the club could still be in contact with them.

For example, some

members of the club spoke during public comment, including Wojcik, who argued for allowing them to use the space for now.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, agreed, saying if there is new information, they can hear from them, but until the study is done, no one is allowed to use it.

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-1-1 to table the proposal for now, with Kara Roy voting against it and Heidi Jakoby abstaining.

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# Planning Board Interview for an Open Alternate Seat

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on May 29 and discussed an application open alternate spot on the Board. Applicant, Tod Boyer, of 2 Merrill Street was at the meeting to explain why he wanted to join.

"I've been coming to a few meetings lately and have been studying what's going on how things work, and it is a place where I can give back to my community, I was born and raised in Hudson, my roots go all the way back to my great-

grandmother," said Boyer. "The reason I chose the Planning Board is that I'm not into budgets, I'm not into trying to make laws or change laws, I like establishment, I like having something in front of me, and real estate in something that I know."

Boyer runs a business in town but claimed he had more than enough free time with his daughter now out of the house. He also claimed to have gone through some Planning regulations to get a better idea of what proposal may or may not be compatible with

local Hudson regulations.

"My vision of future development would be following the Master Plan, and going by what the current ordinances are," said Boyer.

Selectman, Bob Guessferd, noted that yearly training programs were available to familiarize new members of the planning process.

"If you feel you have a conflict of interest on a case, are you willing to recuse yourself?" asked Board member, Ed Van der Veen.

Boyer confirmed that he "absolutely" would if needed. He emphasized the need

to "come into every meeting totally non-biased."

Boyer singled out the Central Gas Site Plan as a topic where he would need to recuse himself, as it was a topic on which he previously gave his opinion in a public session.

"I spoke in a public capacity, I don't feel as if it would be appropriate for me to be seated, even as an alternate," he said. "One of the more important things in life is to be fair and reasonable."

"You've said you've been in town a very long time, and you've made a lot

of friendships, in town over those years. Would you consider those reasons for recusal? Or would you be able to sit as a member of the Board during a presentation that maybe one of you friends or associates was involved in in the past?" asked Board member, Victor Oates.

The applicant indicated that looking at a case with someone he knew would not necessarily be grounds for stepping back.

"I do not feel as though my length in town and my knowledge of people and my running into people

would necessarily mean I would have to recuse myself for every single case," he said.

Vice Chair, Jordan Ulery, spoke in favor of the application.

"I think that's what the Planning Board needs, someone who is willing to question and look at everything."

According to Chair, Tim Malley, there was at least one other application to hear before filling the empty seat.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at 7 p.m. at Town Hall.

# School Board Approve Bids For AHS Kitchen Upgrade

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was asked to approve grant funds to make upgrades to the kitchen at Alvirne High School during its June 3 meeting.

"I would like to submit to you for your approval a grant from the State of New Hampshire for 1/2 the cost of a pizza oven," Food Service Director, Karen Atherton,

wrote in a memo to the School Board. "This oven will be used in the renovated kitchen at Alvirne High School."

It was explained by Business Administrator, Jen Burk, that the State had made a total of \$60,000 available in grant funds, with the school districts being able to apply for up to \$25,000.

Burk explained that they

were looking to be able to get a pizza oven, in order to give more opportunities for students, explaining that they usually contract out for the pizza.

It was noted that in total the quote they received was about \$14,000 and the grant would pay for a maximum of half of the cost. The remaining funds would come from the warrant article for the kitchen renovation.

tions.

The School Board unanimously approved the request.

Burk explained during the meeting that the food service has their own fund balance, which they aren't allowed to have more than three months' worth of expenditures in it.

Currently, she said they have five months' worth, mostly due to during the pandemic getting a higher reimbursement rate for lunches, with all lunches being paid for by the federal government.

The idea is to use some of those funds to pay for different equipment as part of the kitchen remodel project.

"All of these items have been approved by the state

as part of our spend down plan from the program's fund balance," Atherton wrote in a memo.

One of the projects was to update the serving line at Nottingham West, for which they received a bid of \$33,873.61.

"The equipment currently in place is over 30 years old and is inefficient. There is rust underneath the wells and no drainage, so the staff have to "bail" the water out at the end of the day," Atherton wrote in a memo.

Another project was for the walk-in refrigerator for Alvirne High School, which they received a bid for \$33,028.19.

"The current walk-in in the old CTE is not large

enough for all the produce and beverages that need to be refrigerated," Atherton wrote.

Additionally, they were looking to award a contract for \$41,171.68 for the new serving line at Alvirne High School.

It was noted by Burk that none of the funds for the projects would be coming from the kitchen warrant article. She also noted that the Fund Balance for Food Services must be used on food related items.

The School Board ultimately approved awarding the contracts for the different equipment and work to Alternative Sales.

The next School Board meeting is set for June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

## Budget

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et until October at the earliest," she explained.

However, Jakoby indicated the town would be willing to show the Budget Committee an outline of other numbers.

Lawrence thanked her for the response and welcomed the opportunity to get whatever information they could.

"The laundry list of items, which the Board of Selectmen couldn't give up by 20 July, compensation, etcetera, etcetera, you said all of those for the current fiscal year had a dollar figure?" asked Chair, Bill Cole.

Jakoby listed \$496,578 as the amount for the current year, a number the Chair suggested using as an estimate with the rest of the default numbers to see what the budget might be next

year. He also expressed interest in learning more about the process used to come up with default budget numbers.

Committee member, Kevin Walsh, added that the process was different for the town and SAU.

"I will contact the school and town and request a presentation at the August meeting, with regard to the process that's being followed by each organization," Cole promised.

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# Editorial

## The American Flag; Symbol of Freedom

In Honor of Flag Day last Friday.

"On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution to establish an official flag of the 13 United States. The flag would be 13 stripes, alternating red and white, with 13 stars, white, in a field of blue. The national flag of America was born. That flag would forever become the symbol of the United States, a symbol of a country forged in the fires of a revolution and tempered with the blood of its patriots." histoy.com

"The American flag stood firm and resolute above Fort McHenry through that perilous fight. Men willing to give their lives for what the flag represented raised it on Mt. Suribachi, on the island of Iwo Jima. It saw action on land and sea throughout Europe and the Pacific region during the Great War. It was in the mountains of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, the deserts of North Africa, and countries of the Mideast. It was raised above the rubble of the Twin Towers as an indication of America's strength and determination to survive and it shines down upon us from its place on the moon." History.com

"The flag represents those who have served this nation in the military, and those who now serve, proudly saluting that flag." Library of congress.com

Last week was Flag Day, a day, set aside to retire our worn flag with

honor and respect. For most people June 14, Flag Day will be like any other day, but its importance and meaning are being lost in the sands of time.

Freedom, opportunity, and hope are what The American flag is dedicated to represent. Symbolizing the blood shed by those who served under that flag, and those who "gave their tomorrow's so we can have our today's."

It has been stated, "In honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died years, patriots who set an ideal above any consideration of self. Our flag flies free today because of their sacrifice."

America soared upward from the ashes of a revolution to become a sovereign nation against improbable odds, by rising up, creating history, heritage, and our flag. Like President Teddy Roosevelt pointed out almost a hundred years ago, "We have but one flag, the American flag." Let us honor and respect that flag - "the star-spangled banner, o long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and home of the brave."

So, please do not just toss them out bring your old flags to your local post, legion, etc., throughout and let them retire your flag in an honor they deserve. Thank you.



## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Hudson Lions Club awarded five \$1,000 Scholarships to Alvirne Seniors on June 10th at the 25th Annual Hudson Lions Club Scholarship Dinner held at the Hudson Community Center. Pictured L-R: Ryan Gasdia, Joshua Grant, Scholarship Chair, Lion PCC Roger LaTulippe, Jack Mallet, Leo Club Recipient Sadie Rogers, and Caleb LeBlanc. Lions club members served a spaghetti dinner to about 250 people in 18 minutes, thanks to volunteers and Co-Chairs, Lion Joe Kasper & PDG Jerry Vaccaro.

*Courtesy Photo*

## Selectmen Get Budget Update

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an update on its revenues and expenditures, through the month of May, during its June 11 meeting.

Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, said they were seeing good numbers when it comes to revenue.

"Revenue continues to be outstanding," Malizia said.

He said as of May, they have had 104% of the revenue expected for automobile registrations.

Another major positive he pointed to is that they continue to do well with investments currently.

As of May, they have received \$554,000 in revenue from investments "which is really super," Malizia said. He added that right now it's a good time for investors not for borrowers, and we are a big investor," Malizia said.

Malizia explained that they can control the budget more when it comes to expenditures compared to revenues. For example, he said they can't control who registers their vehicles.

"That's much more unpredictable," Malizia said.

He said since revenues are hard to predict, they usually try to be conservative, saying it's better to have a pleasant surprise of getting extra revenue, than being behind.

Malizia explained that they have the option of using extra funds, known as fund balance, to help with things like reducing the tax rate, or a special project. He said that they also use it sometimes for capital reserve warrant articles.

"It gives you some options," Malizia said.

Malizia stated that they can decide what, if any, of the fund balance they want to use to reduce the tax rate in late September or early October, which is when tax rate setting time is.

It was explained by Malizia that they will also have some encumbrances at the next meeting, saying they will look at what isn't going to be completed this year, and needs to be carried over into next year's budget, which begins in July.

For expenditures, Malizia said they were in good shape in most areas as they

headed towards the "home stretch."

One area that he pointed to is for legal, which was addressed previously.

"As you may recall, the Board negotiated two (2) labor contracts this year which have contributed to the over expenditure. I am estimating that the over expenditure will be approximately \$25,000," Malizia wrote in the memo to the Selectmen. "I am recommending that the Board of Selectmen transfer funds from the Town Poor account in the amount of \$15,000 and the Selectmen's Contingency account in the amount of \$10,000 to cover this over expenditure."

The Selectmen approved the budget transfers previously.

Despite the legal budget, Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said he was pleased with the budget up to this point in the year.

"It looks like we've had a decent year," he said.

The Board of Selectmen are set to meet again next on June 25 at 7 p.m.

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# Hudson VFW Post 5791 and Cooties Hold Flag Day Events



Members of the Hudson VFW Post 5791 and the Military Order of the Cooties (MOC) held two events on Flag Day, Friday, June 14. At the VFW Post, Commander, Chuck Chapman, held a brief Flag Retirement ceremony, where members disposed about 2,000 flags. This was two-years of flags that had been dropped off at the post. Later in the day, members of the Post and members of the MOC visited with 12 veterans staying at the Fairview Senior Living Facility for a flag presentation. The two groups also gave the veterans MOC T-Shirts. Members, Jay Thomas and Jack Madden, displayed and folded a new American Flag with an explanation of what each fold represents.

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# Call for Periodic Updates on Hudson Revenue and Expenses

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The last Budget Committee until August saw a discussion on the feasibility of getting regular updates on spending from the town and the School Board.

"Is it too much to ask if we got a monthly report from the school and the town?" asked member, Randy Brownrigg. "Can we ask for something like every quarter?"

Budget Chair, Bill Cole, called the request, saying it was an unfeasible "bridge too far" to ask for regular,

detailed updates. He noted the school budget alone has over 2,000-line items and believed even a quarterly report would require too much work for too little return.

"I'm not going to have the school and the Town Council jumping through hoops, trying to figure out what we want," said Cole. "They have a lot of work to do, and I don't want to bog them down if we don't know what we're looking for."

Despite a lack of feasibility in getting precise numbers, member, Kevin

Walsh, favored gathering more generalized information after reading a town report regarding expected revenue for 2024 so far.

"Property taxes are running \$618,000 ahead of plan," said Walsh. "Vehicle registration is \$300,000 ahead of plan, rentals are \$637,000 ahead of plan, investments on interests are \$496,00 ahead of plan, miscellaneous is revenue \$207,000 ahead of plan. It's amazing."

He compared this to ongoing expenses like the need to repair a lift in Town

Hall and building maintenance for Hudson's Fire Department equipment and suggested pushing town officials for a periodic report to ensure these expenses were being dealt with while the higher revenue was being spent wisely. More recently, the Board of Selectmen also approved \$42,000 for a Town Hall feasibility study the Budget Committee wanted to see.

"These are the kinds of things we, as a Budget Committee, need to understand because as we look at the upcoming budget preparation for our deliberations next year, these are going to be the kinds of things that we're going to be wanting answers on," he added. "Having a periodic review, at least twice of a year, to have proper representatives come from the town and school district to sit here and talk about 'this is what the plan is.'"

Walsh also noted there had been a reoccurring concern over a higher tax rate over the last few budget cycles.

"I think that will help inform what we do and I'm looking forward to that," member, Bob Wherry, agreed.

"I'm almost daunted by the amount of responsibility you folks have, when you have to deal with the town and the school district," said School Board liaison, Grace Kennedy.

Another issue was communication. Walsh worried that email information

available online might not

be accurate. He asked every member of the Committee to confirm their contact information. The Budget Committee expects to reconvene on Aug. 7.

## OBITUARY

### Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Russell T. Ober III



Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Russell T. Ober III, affectionately known as Bear, passed away on June 10, 2024, at the age of 85, and was the beloved husband of Lynne Ober. He completed his first bachelor's degree in chemistry from Syracuse University, his master's degree in Mathematics from the Central Michigan University (while stationed with his SAC unit in Michigan), and his second bachelor's degree in German from University of Maryland (while stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany).

Dedicated to serving his country, Russ spent 23 years in the U.S. Air Force in SAC and TAC before transitioning to USAFE at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. During the Vietnam War he flew nearly 600 combat hours as a Wild Weasel. Russ was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in March 1971, the prestigious Silver Star in April 1971 for his role in the Son Tay Prison raid, and the Air Medal with 19 Oak Leaf Clusters during his four tours in Southeast Asia. He joined Air Force Intelligence operations in USAFE where he continued his career and garnered more recognition for his work. He was stationed with the Army at Fort Bliss from 1980 to 1982 where his mission was to convince the Army that the motto "if it flies, it dies", needed to be modified to recognize "friendly" aircraft such as flown by the Air Force in combat situations. He worked with a unit educating Army personnel about differences between American military and civilian planes and planes flown by combatants against American troops and was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for his efforts in a combat area.

After his retirement from the US Air Force, he taught high school mathematics at Alvirne High School in Hudson, NH. He found great joy in engaging with his students through coaching, teaching, conversing, and mentoring. For 17 years he passed on his love of math, life and advice for living an honorable life to his students.

After retiring as a teacher, Russ was a NH State Representative for 9 terms. He was a member on the Ways and Means Committee where he helped craft NH taxing policies, Science Technology and Energy Committee as well as the State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs, which he also chaired. Russ worked diligently to move NH to a more cohesive approach to veteran services, much of which has been implemented today.

Beyond his multiple service-related careers, Russ was a man of many interests. He enjoyed a zest for life that radiated throughout his life. He relished spending time with family. Although a quiet and self-assuming man, he was known for a dry wit that he shared with one and all, much to the enjoyment and chagrin of generations of family and friends. He was a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan. An adventurer at heart, he continued to run, ski, laugh, read and travel. He and his wife traveled extensively throughout their 53 years of marriage and visited every continent except Australia. Russ had a strategic mind, finding joy in puzzles that stretched his mind.

Russ is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Lynne Ober, his sons Michael Ober and his wife Sherri Ober, Jeff Ober and his wife Rikki Ober, and Ted Ober, his grandchildren Justin Ober, Nathaniel Ober, Elizabeth (Eli) Ober, Randy Ober, Britney Ober Courtenay married to Ryan Courtenay, and Ryan Ober, and his great-grandchildren Gabrielle Ober, Kensley Ober, Cardin Courtenay, and Scarlett Ober. Other close family members are Robin and Jim Callahan, Cindy and Rick Ressimac, Diann and Stan Lewandowski, Phil Ober, Karen Dwinell, Patricia Ober, Erin Burke, Jackie Lambert Smith.

Though he may have left this world, his legacy of caring and kindness, wisdom, and adventure will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Dana Farber Gastrointestinal Cancer Treatment Center in Boston in memory of Russell T. Ober III and their website may be found at [www.dana-farber.org/cancer-care/treatment/gastrointestinal](http://www.dana-farber.org/cancer-care/treatment/gastrointestinal)

Services will be private for family members. 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.

## Fire Department Launches New Burn Permit System

Earlier in the month, effective June 3, the Hudson Fire Department announced the town will be using our new online burn permitting system. According to a statement issued by Adam Frederick, Dispatcher, CTO, Fire Alarm Technician, the system will allow residents of Hudson to obtain their yearly burn permit at their own leisure without the need to go to the Central Fire Station to obtain one.

Each year, the Hudson Fire Department issues approximately 1,400 outdoor burning permits, and on any given day, upwards of 200-

300 people may be burning at once.

Permits are required for any outdoor fire that does not have a chimney or spark arrestor to disrupt airborne burning material. This includes commercially available fire rings and metal pits without an affixed chimney.

The new online burn permitting system will allow residents to visit the website, [hudsonnh.burnpermits.com](http://hudsonnh.burnpermits.com), to obtain their permit. Simply create an account, input your address information, and read through the applicable laws, rules, and local regulations.

Your burn permit will be available in your online account to print.

It should be noted that this new system comes with a new phone number to call to activate your permit each time you wish to have a fire. The hotline number will tell you what categories of fires are allowed for the day, as well as any additional information such as weather conditions, or if burning has been banned due to dry conditions. The new number is 1-866-260-2333.

Residents who had obtained a burn permit prior to June 3, 2024 will remain on the old system until their permit expires.

Residents may still visit the Central Fire Station on Library St., to obtain their burn permit if they wish.

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# Selectmen OK Contract For West Road Landfill Study

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen was presented with a request to award a contract in order to have a report done regarding the West Road landfill.

"We are seeking Engineering and Environmental services related to West Road landfill due to unpermitted work that took place over the capped area," Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "We notified (the) Department of Environmental Services (DES) regarding this matter and the need for an investigation, which they agreed and expect."

Dhima said they advertised for bids in a number of different locations and that

they ultimately received seven different bids.

"We did have a great turnout," Dhima said, noting that they normally don't get that amount of bids for projects.

Due to a number of different factors, Dhima said they were looking to award the contract to the second lowest bid.

"Based on the submittal and scope of work we believe CMA Engineers, the second lowest bidder, provides the most services for the best price," he wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "In addition, they are familiar with the landfill and transfer station as they worked in the past on the transfer station upgrades."

Dhima noted that they are getting everything that

they need as part of the study for less than the original estimated cost of \$50,000.

"This is the first step of I don't know what," Dhima said, explaining that they need to figure out what is going on with the site before they make any decisions.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved awarding the contract for \$36,800.

In order to pay for the contract, the Board of Selectmen needed to find the funds from within the budget.

"Should the Board of Selectmen approve a contract for the West Road Landfill Engineering and Environmental Services, I am recommending that the Board of Selectmen trans-

fer funds from the Planning Department in the amount of \$36,800 to cover this unplanned expenditure," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was noted that they had left over funds in the Planning Salaries Account and from the Benefits account.

The Board of Selectmen approved the budget transfer requests in order to pay for the contract.

The Selectmen were also presented with a procedure that would need to be followed in order to potentially use the landfills in town moving forward.

"The town is currently dealing with the consequences of unapproved alterations of the West Road

capped landfill," Dhima wrote in a memo. "While it's unclear of exactly what happened, it clearly appears that there was no written communications between Town departments and the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). To make sure this doesn't happen again in the future, a procedure is warranted for both of our landfills."

He went on to state that the "Engineering Department, which is the department in charge of the reporting, compliance, and enforcement of the landfill obligations, will receive all future requests and consult with the Department of Public Works, which assists with compliance and maintenance."

He said if both depart-

ments agree to the proposed activity, then an official request would get made to DES about the proposed activity.

"If a written approval from the NHDES is received regarding the proposed activity, then the request will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval of the activity and the agreement between the Town of Hudson and the third party," Dhima wrote.

No decision was made during the meeting, with some Selectmen agreeing that there should be a policy that goes along with the form.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved having the Town Attorney attend the next meeting for a non-public session regarding the landfill.

# School Board Accept 70K Grant From Delta Dental

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

At the June 3 Hudson School Board meeting, a public hearing was held in regards to the acceptance of grant funds.

"The Delta Dental Plan of NH would like to support the implementation of a Certified Dental Assisting pathway within the Health & Human Services program with a donation of \$70,000," CTE Director, Eric Fraunwirth, wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Hudson would become the second school district in NH to offer such a program. The Huot Technical Center serving the Lakes Region began offering the program this school year."

It was explained that the donation could be used in several different ways, including purchasing equipment and materials "needed to convert a portion of the current health science lab space into a dental lab. This would include the purchase and installation of two dental chairs and the accompanying cabinetry, along with an assortment of dental tools and implements."

"The Health & Human Services program currently offers second year students the opportunity to pursue several certifications - LNA, medical assisting, and pharmacy tech," Fraunwirth wrote in a memo. "Students also have the opportunity to participate in clinical job

shadow rotations in various medical fields. Dental Assisting will be added as an additional option for students."

Fraunwirth also pointed to data from NH Employment Security which "indicates an increase in employee needs within the dental field over the next 10 years."

It includes an 8.3% increase for dental assistants, 8.6% for hygienists, 6% for dentists, 5.3% for oral surgeons, and a 6.3% increase for orthodontists.

"We are asking for the School Board's support in receiving this donation/grant valued at \$70,000," Fraunwirth wrote in the memo.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he thought it would be a good opportunity.

"It sounds like a great grant and a great opportunity to expand the program," Gasdia said.

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, also agreed with Gasdia.

"This is great to see. I think one thing we have seen consistently throughout the last year are a number of partnerships with

outside organizations in various departments and schools here in the district," Dionne said, explaining she views it as another opportunity.

She added: "I think this is great to see move forward."

One question raised during the meeting was where the funds are deposited that they receive from different grant funds.

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained that

they have the funds separate, to be able to track it, which then needs to be reported.

"We always put this type of money into a separate grant tracking fund," Burk said.

The School Board ultimately unanimously approved accepting the grant funds.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on June 17 at 6:30 p.m.



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**Graduation**  
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bad day be an excuse for bad behavior”.

Six students were awarded the Principal’s

Award by Mr. Beals for their “dedicated and unwavering leadership in making Alvirne a more inclusive and welcoming community for all” - Victoria Tilley, Kendra Zagzoug, Ivanna

Melendez, Nazmeen Mohammed-Sidi, and Anishka Shah.

Salutatorian Lindsay Normand opened with a speech reminding her friends and classmates that

there is always a story to tell in life and that everyone has their own story and to remember “little you” is always looking forward to being where you are now. She also reminded her classmates always to remember where they came from and who has their backs in life.

Valedictorian Jodi Waterson was next to speak. She reminded her classmates that it was time to enter the real world and reminded her classmates to be responsible even when it came as simple as folding their laundry, communicat-

ing, and being curious. “Don’t peak in high school,” she added. She reminded her friends to leave the world better than they found it and to form groups to make sure that this happens.

Jack Mallet, Alvirne’s senior class president, was next to speak, and he spoke about how skilled he and his classmates are through the CTE program and that all of his classmates are an inspiration to him and should be an inspiration to others. He reminded his classmates that as a whole, they saved over \$70,000 in college

tuition through AP classes and dual enrollment. He also reminded his classmates of all the things that they lost to COVID-19 but looked at the positives of what they missed. “You’d think we were superheroes with how many times we are knocked down and we get back up,” he said as he wrapped up his remarks.

Congratulations to the Alvirne High School class of 2024 and may your future bring you joy and prosperity. Be the change you wish to see in the world.

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Post 48 Legion Prep Wraps Up Opening Week With No-No

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

As summer quickly approaches, so begins the 2024 NH American Legion Baseball season, and while Hudson does not have a Senior or Junior team, there is a squad for Post 48 at the Prep level which is led by head coach Chris Olsen for the 2024 season. Post 48 began their season with a win over Londonderry 11-1 in a mercy rule and a doubleheader sweep over Salem Navy winning the first game 8-2 in seven innings and the second game 4-0 in five.

On Thursday, Post 48 opened their season against Londonderry and managed to take care of business

against Londonderry Post 27 as Hudson scored three runs in the third inning after poor defense cost Londonderry three runs with Cam St. Clair scoring on a passed ball and PJ Millette and Cole Baker scoring thanks to errors.

Neither team would score until the top of the fifth when Londonderry scored their lone run on an Owen Gray RBI single to left, the lone blemish on Jasper Workman's pitching line as he scattered three hits and three walks across six innings while striking out nine batters.

In the home half of the sixth, Hudson blew the doors off their hinges as they put up eight runs to fin-

ish the game an inning early thanks to a Jackson Quinn RBI single, a passed ball that allowed Memphis Beach to score, an RBI single for Cam St. Clair, an RBI groundout for Jasper Workman, a passed ball that allowed St. Clair to score again, a two-RBI single off the bat of Gavin Baviello, and finally an RBI single from Adam Willett, finishing off the 11-1 win.

Post 48 then turned around for a doubleheader against Salem Navy in which they were able to sweep at Michele Park in Salem, winning game one 8-2 in seven and game two 4-0 in five. Hudson took care of business on Friday

despite many of their pitchers being on a 35-pitch limit due to a tournament for the New England Charge over the weekend.

Fortunately for Hudson, the bats got going early in game one as they jumped out to a 2-0 lead before PJ Millette even got the ball. PJ went 1.1 innings before reaching his pitch cap and turning the ball over to Heath Haynes, who was the only pitcher not on such a stringent pitch limit. Heath managed to eat 4.2 innings while only allowing one run on three hits while striking out two and walking seven. His teammates helped him out, as well, scoring a run in the fourth and four in the fifth to make it 8-2, allowing Haynes to pitch himself into and back out of trouble repeatedly.

In the seventh, Hudson turned the ball over to Cole Baker who got himself into

a mini jam allowing back-to-back one-out singles before getting an infield fly and a flyout to center to shut the door.

In game two, Hudson handed the ball to Cam St. Clair to start the ballgame, and he was excellent in his three innings of work, striking out three batters in three perfect frames throwing just 29 pitches. His team had also accrued a 3-0 lead by the time St. Clair turned the ball over to his bullpen thanks to an RBI single by Reilly Hughes that scored Cole Baker, a balk that allowed Hughes to score, and an RBI single by Jasper Workman.

Jackson Quinn picked up where St. Clair left off in the fourth, although he lost the perfect game by allowing a walk before getting a flyout, walking a second batter, and then getting a double play on a line drive

that left fielder Holden Olsen made a sliding catch on before having the wherewithal to throw the ball into the infield quickly to double off the runner at second base.

Hudson added another run in the fifth on a Jasper Workman RBI double to left before Quinn got a quick 1-2-3 inning in the fifth, striking out a pair before getting a pop-up to Memphis Beach at second to complete the no-no with both pitchers being eligible to pitch for their respective teams on Sunday if needed.

Hudson will travel to Rochester to take on Post 7 in another doubleheader on Wednesday before heading back to Salem to take on Salem Gold in a doubleheader on Thursday and then return home on Friday to play Portsmouth on Friday at Alvirne.

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# Alvirne Baseball Season Sees a Number of Ups & Downs

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

2024 was a year of ups and downs for Alvirne's baseball squad. The team began its season at an abysmal 0-8 before even getting their first win, and then dropped to as low as 1-10 after winning their first game. It's hard to believe even three weeks after the end of the season, but that Bronco squad was only a half game away from making a playoff spot. Had Spaulding lost one more game or Alvirne won one more game throughout the course of the season, the Broncos were in the playoffs. It's not a bizarre thing to say that this was the single best 7-12 team Alvirne baseball has ever fielded.

To begin the season, Alvirne had a rough go of things, but a lot of that had to do with a front-heavy schedule.

The Broncos started 2024 with an "away" game against the eventual D-I champion Pinkerton Astros, which was played at Alvirne due to poor field conditions in Derry. The Astros traveled well and were led by a moonshot home run off the bat of Jackson Marshall that traveled an estimated 488 feet and hit JV 2B Jayden Alvarez on the fly.

The Astros took home the season opener against Alvirne for the fifth time in the last six seasons (all except 2021) by a final score of 8-1.

Alvirne then played host

to the Concord Crimson Tide in their official home opener in a game that saw two teams that eventually battled for the final playoff spot, both of whom came up just short of the dance. The score from their early-season matchup was no indicator of this, as the Crimson Tide came away with a 10-0 victory behind an excellent outing from their starter Alex Turant who went 6.1 innings, scattering four hits and striking out nine batters without walking any in the process on just 89 pitches before handing the ball to Dawson Fancher. The pair also pitched around four errors while Alvirne was unable to get anything going offensively and struggled on the mound as Craig Peder-son gave up two runs on three hits with a walk and a strikeout in four innings before handing the ball to Devin Smith who had the same stat line in two innings of work before Antonio Valante pitched the seventh and allowed six runs, just two earned, striking out three and walking two while allowing three hits. Josh Turant and Dawson Fancher led the way for Concord combining for three hits and five RBI, both hitting home runs on the day.

In game three, there was a lot of anticipation as the Portsmouth Clippers came to town on account of the highly anticipated return of Mikey Bebris to the rotation for the first time since he tore the UCL in his right elbow in the summer of 2022, requiring Tommy John

Surgery and costing him a year of his high school career. Bebris pitched well in his return, allowing four runs, three earned, on seven hits while striking out ten and walking two over the course of 4.2 innings. Dylan Page allowed the remaining four Clipper runs in the 8-0 loss as the first man out of the bullpen for Alvirne. Again, though, the story was the cold bats as the Broncos had just one run in their first three games.

The Broncos seemed to have bounced back from their rough start in their fourth straight game at the barn when they played host to Bishop Guertin, jumping out to a 5-1 lead through three innings thanks to RBI doubles from Mikey Bebris and Kyle Dufour, an RBI single from Jaxson Polleck, and a sacrifice fly that brought home a run from former Cardinal Brandon Ganas coupled with excel-

lent work on the mound from Devin Smith. Even after the Cardinals picked up a run in the fifth inning, the Broncos still looked comfortable up 5-2 looking to upset one of their rivals.

In the seventh, however, the wheels fell off for Alvirne as the Broncos sent Smith out to finish what he started and get the win. Unfortunately, Devin put the first two batters on without the benefit of a ball in play thanks to a hit batter and a walk signaling the end of his night and as he turned the ball over to Brandon Ganas, the tides turned against the Broncos. The Cardinals' bench began berating their former teammate throughout his outing as Ganas walked three and committed an error while only getting one out and allowing the Cardinals to tie the game. Mikey McGowan would relieve Ganas, and he would allow both inherited runners to

score as well as a run of his own, putting the Broncos in a 9-5 hole that they were unable to climb out of as they lost to Bishop Guertin by that score.

Alvirne wrapped up their five-game homestand with a 5-4 heartbreaking loss against the Winnacunnet Warriors. The Warriors jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but Alvirne responded with two in the home half of the first before Timmy Knight and Logan Casey exchanged zeros on the scoreboard into the home half of the fourth when the Broncos added another run. The Warriors proceeded to score a run in the fifth, sixth, and seventh to take a 4-3 lead on the Broncos before Kyle Dufour tied the game with an RBI single in the seventh.

Unfortunately, Dylan Page was unable to keep the Warriors off the board in the

eighth, as they took the lead and Timmy Knight was able to slam the door for Winnacunnet as the Warriors took home the win.

Alvirne then went on a four-game road trip that saw the Broncos falling to Exeter 10-0 followed by back-to-back 4-2 losses with the first against Goffstown and the second at the hands of Nashua North, both in competitive ballgames before the Broncos headed to Gill Stadium to take on Manchester Memorial in a battle of the two winless teams in D-I. Alvirne jumped out to a 5-0 lead through an inning and a half and, after allowing a pair of runs in the bottom of the second, the Broncos put up three in the third, two in the fourth, and three in the fifth to give themselves a 13-3 lead going into the home half of the fifth with a chance to inflict the mercy

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# Board of Selectmen Award Contract For Marsh Road Pump Station

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HUDSON TIMES

During the June 11 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to the Marsh Road Pump Station.

"The Town of Hudson currently operates only one entirely underground booster station. This booster station facility is over 36 years old and is in need of an upgrade and repair," Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "In 2022 we purchased the pumps, mot-

ors, canisters and variable frequency drive (VFD) and in 2023 purchased the building and this year we are planning to complete the construction of this booster station."

Dhima said that they had invited four different vendors to bid, and also advertised it.

"In the end only one submitted a bid," he said.

It was explained during the meeting by Dhima that they only received one bid, which was from RH White Construction, in Massachu-

setts who submitted a bid of \$484,350.

The sole bid ended up coming in higher than what they originally budgeted for.

"We budgeted \$375,000 for the last phase," Dhima said.

"RH White was the low bid for phase 2 and is currently working on phase 2," Dhima wrote in a memo. "After reviewing the scope of work the Town Engineer's recommendation to the Board of Selectmen is to hire RH White Construc-

tion."

It was explained by Dhima that they would be able to still pay for it, without impacting next year's budget.

"We currently have \$126,227 available on this current fiscal year budget for major repairs that we could utilize without impacting the next fiscal year water budget," Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the contract to RH White Con-

struction for \$484,350.

Also, during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen heard a request during the consent agenda portion of the meeting regarding The Hudson Knights of Columbus soliciting donations at Market Basket.

"One June 21-22, and September 20-21, 2024, the Hudson KofC Council #5162 would like to solicit donations to benefit the mentally handicapped of NH," the organization wrote in a handwritten letter.

It was explained in the

letter to the Board of Selectmen, that the times for the donations would be between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Market Basket in Hudson.

"Our members will stand outside wearing aprons and holding containers. In return for a donation we would offer them a 'tootsie roll.' All monies collected will be distributed to local NH charities like Plus Co., Gateway, and NH Special Olympics," the letter stated.

Selectmen approved the request to solicit donations.

## Baseball

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rule on the Crusaders. Unfortunately, Memorial put up four runs in their half of the fifth before the Broncos got a crucial insurance run in the sixth and the Crusaders scored six in their half of the frame to make it 14-13 Alvirne heading into the final inning. While the Broncos were unable to score in the seventh, the first time the Crusaders kept the Broncos scoreless all night, Manchester Memorial was also unable to score in the seventh, giving Alvirne the 14-13 win in what looked more like a football score than a

baseball one.

Alvirne proceeded to lose to Windham and Trinity at home to wrap up the week, dropping them to 1-10 after their 11-5 loss to Windham and 11-3 loss to Trinity. At 1-10 their playoff hopes were in serious jeopardy, but Coach Houle's Broncos were still hungry and wanted to prove teams wrong.

"Farmball", as the team has dubbed themselves, then went on a run. It started with a 2-1 walk-off win over Salem courtesy of a Max Francisco RBI bloop single. Then a 4-1 win over Dover that Mikey Bebris dominated on the mound to earn his first win, beating Penn State

commit Alex Cook in the process. Alvirne then dropped a game in Bedford 10-0 before being stunned by Manchester Central-West 2-1 in a game that all but ended Alvirne's playoff dreams. The elimination number was down to one.

AHS ran with the idea of being the underdog, though, as they beat Nashua South in a walk-off win 7-6 to keep their season alive before a gauntlet of a final week of the season. At Keene on Monday, at Londonderry on Wednesday, and home for senior night on Friday against Merrimack. Teams that entered the week as the fourth, third, and fifth best

teams in the state. If Alvirne was gonna stay alive, they had to make it interesting.

The Broncos continued their hot streak, beating Keene 7-5 on the road thanks to an early offensive rally that saw them up 7-0 on the Blackbirds through three innings with Logan Casey dealing for Alvirne. The Blackbirds managed to crack Casey for a run in the fourth, but up 7-1, the Broncos trusted the process. Even after Keene struck for four more in the fifth, Casey got out of the jam before handing the ball to Mikey Bebris who picked up the save, going two innings to slam the door on Keene while only allowing a walk and striking out one. Concord and Spaulding both lost, as well, keeping the Broncos alive.

Alvirne then traveled to Londonderry to meet with their rivals on Londonderry's senior night. The Broncos came away with another 7-5 win, this time in a game that was far more back-and-forth, as Alvirne took a 2-0 lead in the first, Londonderry got a run in the first and second to tie the game at 2-2, Alvirne and Londonderry each got runs in the third to

tie the game at 3-3 through three innings. Both teams picked up two in the fourth and were held scoreless in the fifth. By the time the sixth inning rolled around, both teams were into their bullpens as Londonderry turned the ball over to Sully Daron and the Broncos had given the ball back to Bebris to slam the door. Alvirne managed to pick up a pair of runs in the sixth thanks to a couple of errors that allowed Charlie Crawford and Mikey Bebris to score and give the Broncos the 7-5 lead, which was all Bebris needed to pick up the win. All Alvirne needed to make the playoffs was a win and a Spaulding loss to Central-West.

On Senior Night, the Tomahawks jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning before Alvirne responded with two of their own on a Jayden Alvarez two-RBI single to left. Merrimack then scored three in the fifth after Logan Casey walked in two runs and then allowed a third run on a sacrifice fly to right to make it 4-2 Merrimack. The game would head into the bottom of the sixth with the same score before Chase Mitchell drove in a run

to cut the deficit to 4-3 in favor of the Tomahawks. Mikey Bebris then drove home the tying run on an RBI double to left field that had a slim chance of getting out of the ballpark, but just stayed in. After a Logan Casey intentional walk, Alvirne had the bases loaded in a tie game with nobody out.

Ryan Mainey appeared to be losing his control at that point for the Tomahawks, and he proceeded to sail the 2-2 pitch to the backstop, allowing Max Francisco to score and keep the Broncos alive. All they needed now was a Spaulding loss.

Unfortunately, the Red Raiders picked up the win over Central-West, but if there is one takeaway from the end of the season, it's that Colton Houle may be the answer as far as the Broncos' managerial issues go, and that this team should be on a lot of people's radars in 2025. As Coach Houle mentioned at Athletic Awards night that one coach said to him, "Everyone was rooting for Alvirne to make it to the playoffs," and while they fell short, 7-12 is a big step from back-to-back seasons of 4-14.

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## Family Lawn Games

On Monday, July 1 at 10 a.m., come join the fun with games like Cornhole, Bean Bag Toss, and Giant Jenga on the Rogers library lawn.

## Tween Mario Kart Tournament

The ultimate Mario Kart challenge for tweens entering grades 5-8 will be held on Tuesday, July 2, at 3 p.m., at Rogers Library. Prizes awarded to top racers.

## Tie Dye for Everyone

On Wednesday, July 3, at 2 p.m., Bring a shirt, the Rogers Library has the dye (t-shirts only please). This year will be dip-dyeing shirts. It only takes 10-15 minutes.

## Downsizing and Decluttering

On Monday, July 8, at 1 p.m., Rogers Library will tackle practical, easy-to-follow downsizing and decluttering tips to get your home and office organized.

## Fairy Tale Party

On Monday, July 8, at 1:30 p.m., Drop in at the Rogers Library to enjoy STEM activities related to fairy tales. For students entering grades K-5. Siblings welcome.

## Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rogers library lawn.

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come and grab a donut, at the Rogers Library on Saturday, July 6 & 20, at 9:30 a.m.

## Cookbook Club

On Tuesday, July 9 at 11:30 a.m., join the Rogers Library to sample and discuss recipes from popular cookbooks and food themes. July's Cookbook is "100 Morning Treats: With Muffins, Rolls, Biscuits, Sweet and Savory Breakfast Breads, and More" by Sarah Kieffer.

## Tween Polymer Clay

On Tuesday, July 9, at 3 p.m., make beautiful clay creations with guidance from Ms. Marissa at Rogers Library. For students entering grades 5-8.

## Fizzy Magic Potions

On Wednesday, July 10, at 6 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for this drop in family event. Create your own magic potion and watch it bubble and fizz.

## Tween Anime and Ramen

On Thursday, July 11 at 2 p.m., relax, color, and snack at the Rogers Library while watching anime and talking about favorite manga and animated series. For students entering grades 5-8.

## Medicare and Managed Care

On Friday, July 12, at 1 p.m., please join the Rogers Library for an information session given by Cheryl Field on understanding the differences of Medicare and Managed Care with a question and answer session at the end.

## Genealogy Club

On Friday, July 12, at 1:30 p.m., join Rogers Library circulation librarian Dana Benner for a short presentation and discussion on researching Native American people and culture.

## Yoga Storytime

On Friday, July 12, at 10 a.m., bring a towel or yoga mat to the Rogers Library for stories and yoga with Ms. Lauren Young. For families with children ages 4-9.

## Library Concert

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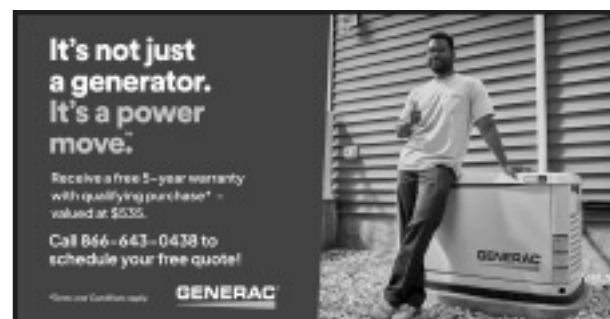
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## Around Town

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### Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m., come the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams. Not a formal class, but people willing to help.

### Trauma Medicine Class

In this important and informative class John Watkins will cover topics such as scene safety, conversing with 911, patient assessment, and the 3 Killers - Bleeding, Breathing and Shock. It will be held on On Saturday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m., at Rogers Library.

### Teddy Bear Picnic

On Monday, July 15, at 10 a.m., bring your favorite stuffed friend for a picnic on the Rogers library lawn. Lemonade and cookies will be served. Please bring your own picnic blanket and chairs.

### Mystery Lovers Book Club

You know you love it - murder, mystery and mayhem all in one place. This month's book pick is "Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake" by Sarah Graves, will be held on Monday, July 15, at 1 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

### Senior Sports

On Wednesday, July 31, at 1 p.m., come to the Rogers Library for an exhilarating afternoon of friendly competition at our 55+ indoor sports event.

### Family Obstacle Course

On Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m., drop in at the Rogers Library and try an obstacle course for the whole family.

### Wildlife Encounters

On Tuesday, July 16, at 6 p.m., enjoy learning about seven live animals at this junior zookeeper encounter at

the Rogers Library. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for this outdoor event.

### Library Donation

Do you have gently used books in excellent condition you wish to donate to the library? Bring them to the All-Day Book Donation Event on Thursday, July 18. Conditions and exceptions apply; see events.rodgerslibrary.org for details.

### Characters & Cocoa

This is a monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshoping. Hot chocolate will be served. It will be held on Thursday, July 18, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

### Pokemon Party

Drop in for Pokemon activities at the Rogers Library on Monday, July 22, at 1:30 p.m.

### Storytime On the Lawn

On Tuesday, July 23, at 10 a.m., meet on the Rogers library lawn for stories, songs, and bubbles. Bring blankets and chairs.

### Button-Making & Pizza

Eat pizza and make your own buttons at the Rogers Library. For teens entering grades 8-12 only on Tuesday, July 23, at 3 p.m. For teens entering grades 8-12 only on Thursday, July 25 at 6 p.m.

### "Name That Tune"

Test your musical knowledge as John Watkins, our skilled host, guides us through an engaging journey of melodies at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, July 24, at 1 p.m.

### Musical Adventure

A thrilling musical adventure with award winning musician Mr. Aaron will be held at Rogers Library on Wednesday, July 24, at 2 p.m.

### Flower Pot Painting

Paint a flower pot then plant some flowers at the Rogers Library. For tweens

entering grades 5-8 only on Wednesday, July 17, at 3 p.m. For teens entering grades 8-12 only on Thursday, July 18, at 6 p.m.

### Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park on the third Saturday of each month to make the beautiful park even more beautiful! Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. Great people. Great fun. Great exercise. Lunch provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website (friendsofbensonpark.org) and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

### Field of Flags

The annual Field of Flags at Library Park is set up. The Flags will remain up until just after Flag Day. Thanks to the Town of Hudson for their continued support and Alvirne High School AFJROTC Cadets for their assistance in setting up. The Field has grown to almost 200 flags this year. Over the next few days weather permitting you will see our members adding more lights to cover the flags, and inspecting them daily over the next month.

### A Good Yarn

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

### Story Safari

Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles. It will take place on Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m., Thursdays, June 13, 20, and 27 at 10 a.m. All ages welcome. Geared to ages 3-8.

### Preschool Water Play

Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the

Rodgers library lawn on Wednesday, June 26 at 10 a.m.

### Family Candy Bingo

On Monday, June 24 at 10 a.m., come play BINGO with the whole family and win candy at Rodgers Library.

### Teen Candy Bar Bingo

On Friday, June 21 at 1:30 p.m., and Tuesday, July 2, at 6 p.m., Play BINGO and win candy at Rodgers Library! For teens entering grades 9-12.

### Lithuanian Cooking

On Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m., join Chef Oonagh Williams for a program on Lithuanian cooking at Rodgers Library. She will demonstrate several Lithuanian dishes.

### Tween Candy Bar Bingo

On Monday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m., Play BINGO and win candy at Rodgers Library! For teens entering grades 5-8.

### Read 'Em & Eat

Come to T-Bones on June 24 at 7 p.m., to discuss books over good food and drinks! You can pick up a copy of the book from the library. May's book is "The Guncle" by Steven Rowley.

### Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m., Join the Rodgers Library for the third Tuesday of every month for an in-depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and non-fiction books including biographies. This month's book is "Hell of a Book" by Jason Mott

### True Crime Podcast Club

Crime & Cookies! True Crime Podcast Club will meet on June 27 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Libray. This month podcast is "American Scandal Season 56: Aaron Hernandez: A Football Tragedy" and "Root of Evil: The True Story of the Hodel Family and the Black Dahlia."

### Teen Paint Night

Hang out and paint with watercolors or acrylic on June 27 at 6 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. Try out new tools and techniques. No experience required. Ages 13-18 only.

### Brunch Bunch

Eat pancakes and talk about books you love (and books you love to hate) on June 28 at 11 a.m., at Rodgers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades.

### The Silver Circus

On June 25 at 1:30 p.m., Andrew Silver explores the concept of perseverance as he is faced with the daunting task of presenting a full circus show all by himself at the Rodgers Library. Featuring tons of audience participation.

### Family Movie

Come watch Shrek on June 28 at 1:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library. Enjoy snacks and coloring pages while watching.

### 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 rodgerslibrary.org

### Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will be holding their monthly book sale - Second Hand Prose (SHP) the second Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Hills Memorial Library location. Your purchases support the friends to help the library - summer reading program prizes, museum passes, and also our annual High School scholarship awarded to a graduating senior living in Hudson.

### Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays in June at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. This event is or ages 3-5. There will be a different theme each week.

Caretaker participates with their child or children. Children should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome.

### 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.

### Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

### Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

### Laptop Donation Program

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

### Teen Hangout

On Tuesdays in June at 2:30 p.m., the Rodgers Memeorial Library will have a Teens only time for snacking, playing board games and video games, doing crafts after school, and just hanging out. Ages 13-18 only.



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