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The site of the new Target Logistics Center at the former Green Meadow Country Club continues to be a focus by residents and concerns were brought up at a recent Selectman meeting. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Dust & Environmental Issues Continue at the Target Site

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

At their final meeting of May, the Hudson Board of Selectmen debated the best way to move forward with the controversial Target Logistics Center at Green Meadow.

“There have been a lot of questions and concerns at some point,” said Town Engineer Elvis Dhima. “As this project started, we started having some dust events, you got the emails, it started in March of 2024. They had something in place related to fugitive dust remediation that was originally

dated to December of 2023, and it was updated as of March of 2024. What happened is that there’s not much you can do in March with winter conditions, there was a perfect scenario where the ground was exposed and they could not apply water with the low temperatures. The lines froze, and you basically saw a site out there, you saw out there that looked like it was from the Dune movie set.”

The resulting dust led to backlash from surrounding residents who com-

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Tier One Water Restrictions In Effect Through Summer

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One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to watering restrictions.

“The Town of Hudson water customers are currently advised to water their lawns on odd/even days from Midnight - 7 a.m., per Tier 1 requirements, which takes place automatically on May 1 through Oct. 1,” Hudson Town Engineer Elvis Dhima wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. “This is not applicable to private well owners.”

It was explained by Dhima during the meeting that every year they deal with situations where there is a lot of outdoor usage,

and if they have issues with things not working they could need to implement tier two or tier three restrictions throughout the spring and summer.

“The Town could implement Tier 2, which is a mandatory odd/even days, or Tier 3, which is a total ban on outside water usage, if necessary while dealing with extreme weather or major water main breaks during high water demand periods,” Dhima said. “Due to the current extreme weather, unforeseen situations such as a water main break, and being abundantly cautious, it is important to have Tier 2 & Tier 3 ready to be utilized if and when necessary.”

“This is basically being proactive to make sure that

if I need to make some changes on the operational water site we can do that without going to the Board of Selectmen,” Dhima said.

It was explained by Dhima that they would let people know through their reverse 911 system which people could sign up for on the Town’s website.

“The implementation would be through a red alert notification to the customers, which is done through text, email and a phone call and will remain in place until further notification,” Dhima said. “This will ensure we continue to provide domestic and fire protection throughout the water district.”

Dhima said that if people aren’t registered to get

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Hudson Selectmen Discuss Removal of Members RSA

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HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, a discussion took place regarding RSA 673:13 Removal of Members.

The RSA states:

“I. After public hearing, appointed members and alternate members of an appointed local land use board may be removed by the appointing authority upon written findings of inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

II. The board of selectmen may, for any cause enumerated in paragraph I, remove an elected member or alternate member after a

public hearing.

III. The appointing authority or the planning board shall file with the city or town clerk, the village district clerk, or the clerk for the county commissioners, whichever is appropriate, a written statement of reasons for removal under this section.

IV. The council, selectmen, county commissioners with the approval of the county delegation, or district commissioners may for any cause enumerated in this section remove the members selected by them.”

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont explained he wanted to have a conversation about it, after

there was an issue raised.

“The threshold is not something to be looked at lightly if it was to be used,” Dumont said. He noted that it has not been used since he has been on the Board of Selectmen.

While details were unclear about what the concern raised was, Dumont said some of the claims made include social media posts, which he said many different board and committee members make different social media posts or comments.

“I can think of almost every board where people do that,” Dumont said. He explained that he doesn’t

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Sound Study Disagreement Dominates Gas Station Site Plan Hearing

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on May 28 to continue a long-delayed discussion for a proposed gas station with a convenience store set to be located at the intersection of 14 Brenton Ave., 7 Atwood Ave., and 91, 95, 97 Lowell Rd. Despite undergoing a peer review, the applicant, Colbea Enterprises LLC, previously came under fire for the possible impact its presence could have on traffic in Hudson and the proximity of an on-site car wash to a nearby daycare facility.

"At our last meeting with the Board, a waiver was denied to allow a sec-

ond curb cut to the project at Atwood Drive," said Chris Rice of TFMoran. "We've redesigned the plans to reflect that. We have two curb cuts on Lowell Road, no curb cut on Atwood Drive, and also in removing that driveway we were able to slide the car wash a little further back away from the daycare."

There was a suggestion to have newly elected Board member Julia Paquin, who lived relatively close to the site, stand down due to possible bias. Paquin assured the applicants and other Board members of her impartiality but agreed to step aside from the debate regardless.

Recently, applicants held a sound study to address some concerns from nearby residents.

"The car wash was about 60 feet from the daycare and the operators of the daycare were concerned the children wouldn't be able to sleep during the day during naptime because of the noise," said Eric Simpson, owner of the field data firm Tg2 Solutions. "The applicant had built a similar car wash with the same equipment in Newport, Rhode Island, which was the only facility that they had with the same equipment. We didn't have any sound readings for that, so I was retained to go to New-

port to collect readings at the 60-foot distance to evaluate."

That sound report clashed with a peer review of the site plan from engineering contractor Fuss and O'Neil, which claimed the Newport sound study was "incomplete." Colbea officials rejected a broader sound mapping study as being unnecessary and expensive, arguing that the revised location and design of the car wash would comply with local regulations.

"You failed to consider nearby residential receptors. You did not evaluate impacts from car wash blowers, fueling, or drive-thru noise, and you did not measure ambient noise or model increase in a realistic context," said Board member Victor Oates, reading through the peer review. "I feel like if you had actually provided what Fuss and O'Neil had been looking for, things would be different. It sounds like you read it and dismissed it."

Simpson questioned these complaints, saying it was "impossible" to do a sound study in Hudson for an unbuilt gas station, making that part of the peer review impossible to comply with.

"The sound study does not take into account the fencing we've agreed to and the landscaping," added Rice, who reiterated Colbea's commitment to follow all Hudson regulations, even with the "expanded scope" of the project parameters.

"A comprehensive sound study was not requested, therefore it was not performed," said Simpson. "The applicant is planning to build something that would comply completely with the by-laws."

Acting Chair Jordan Ulery indicated that a request for a comprehensive sound study was nothing new for Hudson.

"I would remind the applicant to take a look at the actions of this board

regarding another similar operation at the top of Lowell Road. In that area, we requested a sound study be taken, and that was a more comprehensive one," said Ulery. "Normally when this board talks about a sound study, we're talking about a comprehensive sound study. There may have been some confusion."

After further discussion over what else Colbea should include, such as an in-depth traffic study, the applicants agreed to communicate with Fuss and O'Neil to get a better idea to win final approval from town officials.

The Planning Board voted to deny the site plan without prejudice, leaving the door open for Colbea to reapply at a later date without needing to pay another application fee.

The next meeting of the Hudson Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Community Development Conference Room.

Water

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the notifications, they wouldn't receive them.

"The main thing is if you're not signed up for it you won't get it," Dhima said, encouraging people in

Town to sign up.

"If you have the chance, sign up for it," he said. Dhima noted during the meeting it's not something he has had to do in his career with Hudson so far.

"We haven't done this in (the) 10 years I've been here," Dhima said, noting

they want to have the option just in case.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved allowing the Town Engineer to implement Tier 2 or Tier 3, if and when necessary, during the months of June, July and August of this year.

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Selectmen Plan on Members Old Home Days Participation

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One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a proposal for the Board of Selectmen to have a booth set up at the 2025 NH Old Home Days.

It was explained by Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont that he had spoken to Selectman Heidi Jakoby about them being interested in it. He said that he thought it would be a good idea to have a booth for the Board of Selectmen

at Old Home Days this year, and he had reached out to the Old Home Days Committee Chair to see what the cost would be for them to get a booth there, noting that he was considering donating it so they would have a spot.

Dumont said they then found out that since they are already a sponsor of the event, they get a booth for free. He explained that one important aspect would be making sure they only have two Selectmen at the booth at a time or less in order to avoid any issues with quor-

ums. It was explained by Dumont that his idea would be to have a meet and greet type event, so people could go up to them and ask questions, or let them know how they are doing.

Jakoby explained that the suggestion from the Old Home Days Committee was to have the booth set up next to the Hudson Police Department and Hudson Fire Department, so that way there are people still by it, even if the Selectmen aren't there. "I think any opportunity to be

out in front of the public and listening is important," she said. Dumont said his idea would be for people to do an hour or two at the booth when they are free. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of moving forward but would have more discussion on details.

Another agenda item during the meeting was in regards to the open Water Utility Clerk position and a proposal to begin looking to fill the position. "We recently had a resignation for one of our Water Utility Clerk Positions effective

May 16," a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. "At this time we would like to begin the search process for filling this position in a timely manner. Attached hereto is the updated job description and advertisement. This position is recognized in the Town of Hudson Support Staff Union represented by Teamsters Local 633." The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved allowing the Town Administrator to post and advertise for the Water Utility Clerk position position.

The Board of Selectmen also approved moving forward with finding a Production Coordinator for HCTV. "Following the resignation of Production Coordinator Cameron Macdonald, effective June 2, 2025, I am seeking the Board's approval to proceed with posting and advertising the position in order to begin the recruitment process," a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on June 10 beginning at 7 p.m.

Target Issues

Continued from page 1 plained that the dust remediation efforts were inadequate, failing to account for the possible lack of snow cover. The site had two water trucks to control dust, a method which has struggled to manage so-called "fugitive dust events," even with the return of warmer weather. "Residents were advised to reach out to the state," said Dhima, who noted that the state, not the town, regulated most environmental and permitting issues related to the site. "The owner of the site is

expected to do everything they can to reduce the dust and mitigate that, but I don't think anyone was under the impression we were going to prevent it 100%."

According to the Town Engineer, updated remediation policies included an "additional organic layer" on exposed areas of the site.

"Having visited some people down in that neighborhood and understanding that they're trying to mitigate dust and dirt, I think part of what's coming up is the amount of dirt

that's physically on their houses because of the project, and the amount of dirt that is flying in," said Selectman Heidi Jakoby. "That's some of what we're hearing."

Air quality stations were later built following an inspection from the NH Department of Environmental Services.

Due to its location near the Merrimack River, dust was not the only concern following the announcement and later expansion of the logistics site.

"The soil testing is testing the type of soil that is there. Does it also test if there are contaminants in

that soil?" asked Jakoby. "It's a lot; it's a big site."

Dhima stated contaminants were not included in the tests, which focused more on the type of soil being disturbed, although he expected soil scientists to take notice if they found a compelling reason, like evidence of oil contamination.

"As they were doing testing throughout this site, there was no indication warranting anything else," he explained. "If there's a significant discrepancy where the contract isn't being followed, or the

developer isn't listening to staff, we'll shut the job down and send it back to the Planning Board. I won't sit there and argue with the developer, but that hasn't happened."

"Was there a stop work at one point? A conversation?" asked Jakoby. "As each request or concern came up, they worked with you well?"

Dhima stated that a stop work order had never been put into effect for the project, although he did need to threaten it at one point over a disagreement

over tree line requirements and unauthorized tree removals.

"What the staff had them replace was twice as much as was there, but a healthier buffer," noted Dillon Dumont, referring to the tree line dispute. "Where there is authority, we've taken action where necessary. I understand it's not where everybody would like, but we all have to follow certain guidelines."

Information related to the Target Logistics Site is available online.

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Editorial

A Symbol of Freedom, the American Flag

On June 14, 1777, it was established to have an official flag for the 13 States, so the first American Flag had thirteen stripes, alternating white and red, with thirteen white stars over a field of blue, to commemorate the 13 States. Each color had meaning; red was for bravery, symbolizing courage and sacrifice, white stood for purity, representing the aspiration for peace and a society free from corruption, and blue stood for justice, and a commitment to protect citizens' rights along with equality and fairness. There has been only one change, and that is the number of stars that represent each state.

Flags wave for America through good times and bad times, they wave high and proud most of the time, and solemnly at half-mast to show respect during times of crisis and sadness.

Flag Day is a day set aside to retire our old and worn flags with honor and respect. It is important to show respect for the flag because our flag represents our country and what it stands for.

It has been said, by President Ronald Reagan "In honoring our flags, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for this country, patriots who set an ideal above any consideration of self. Our flag flies free today because of their sacrifice."

Flag Day isn't the only day when a flag can or should be retired. According

to the United States Flag Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Many associate the idea of flag burning with acts of desecration or disrespect. In the case of burning for retirement, this is more of an act of respect, cremating the flag, and it is carried out ceremoniously, showing deep and solemn respect.

If a flag is too tattered, dirty, or worn to save, it is time to retire it. Local Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, Elks Lodges, or American Legion posts are often able to assist in the retirement process. You can drop off your old flags with them, and they will give them a proper send-off.

While this method is preferred by the United States Flag Code, modern flags can release harmful chemicals when they are burned. For those who are environmentally conscious, donating the flag to be respectfully recycled is also an option. Americanflagdisposal.com has further information on this option.

Over a hundred years ago, President Teddy Roosevelt pointed out, "We have but one flag, the American flag." So, please, do not just toss out this beloved symbol of freedom; bring your old flags to your local post, legion, or contact a recycling company, and let them retire the flag with the honor it deserves.



Lions Donation On May 18, the Hudson Lions Club presented Jim Pinsonneault, President of Hudson Youth Baseball, with a check for \$22,600. The funds will be used to remove the bleachers at Lions Field and landscape the surrounding area, presented by 44-H Past District Governor Jerry Vaccaro.
Courtesy Photo

School Board Approves Bids For Various Projects

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board was presented with a proposal related to the Farmhouse Siding Replacement project for the Alvirne Farm.

"Five vendors were contacted to submit a bid for the Farmhouse Siding Replacement RFP," Director of Facilities John Pratte wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Schroeder Construction Management Inc. was the only vendor to supply a bid. The total base bid for this project is \$46,985."

It was explained that the scope of work for the project "includes the removal and disposal of approximately 40 square of aluminum siding and metal wrap trim. Installation of white 4" vinyl siding on the main body of house and barn red color on 2 gable ends and area of walls under porch roof."

"Installation of new white metal wrap on all trim and windows. Installation of a new custom insulated basement door," Pratte said.

It was explained by Pratte that they were recom-

mending awarding the contract to Schroeder Construction Management Inc.

"I recommend the School Board award this project to Schroeder Construction Management Inc. in the amount of \$46,985," Pratte wrote in a memo. "The total budget for the farmhouse siding replacement is \$42,000."

The School Board unanimously approved awarding the contract to Schroeder Construction Management Inc.

Also during the meeting, the School Board had a proposal for the Hudson Memorial School fire panel replacement project.

"Two vendors were contacted to submit a bid for the HMS fire panel replacement," Pratte wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Both vendors are local representatives for the Notifier Fire Panel series and can supply the proprietary materials and panel programming."

One of the vendors was Minuteman Security & Life Safety who had the low bid of \$71,313.09 and the other vendor was BK Systems who had a bid of

\$109,340.

"The scope of work for this project includes replacement of the existing Notifier panel, adding a remote annunciator, and adding a power supply," Pratte wrote in a memo. "There will be additional components throughout the building that will also be replaced including 42 pull stations, 121 self-testing smoke detectors, 4 self-testing heat detectors, and 9 duct detectors. Existing compatible horn/ strobe devices will remain."

Pratte said that they were recommending awarding the bid for the project to Minuteman Security & Life Safety in the amount of \$71,313.09.

It was noted that the total FY26 budget for the fire panel replacement project is \$75,000, meaning the project came in under their budgeted amount.

The School Board unanimously approved the proposal during the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is set for June 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Hills Memorial Library.

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School Board Approves International Travel Request

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HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to an international travel request for a professional development opportunity.

"I am requesting 3 days of professional development while attending the NH Friendship Chorus tour of Malta 2026," Nottingham West Elementary School Music Teacher Kirsten Mohring wrote in a memo to the School Board. "The dates are April 22-24. I will be attending a choral con-

ference, working in schools with students and choirs, and performing and teaching in collaborative concerts with choir directors from Malta."

Mohring noted as part of her travel request that she was not seeking any kind of travel expenses to be paid for by the school district. "I am not requesting any compensation for travel expenses," she wrote.

It was explained by Mohring as part of her request that traveling with NH Friendship Chorus "and attending the related choral workshops are a great way

to meet and interact with colleagues, as well as get inspired by world-class performances."

"Professionals from all over the globe will participate to provide an atmosphere replete with diverse resources, concerts, and sessions to inspire and grow my career as a choral director and music educator," Mohring explained in the memo to the School Board. "Malta offers a vibrant fusion of Mediterranean, European, and North African culture and traditions. Music is a civic cornerstone, there is a gen-

erational pride in music-making. This will be an exceptional learning opportunity for myself as an educator and to bring that knowledge to my classroom and curriculum."

As part of the trip, Mohring said she plans to meet the following professional development objectives:

1. Gain access to a large network of choral musicians.

2. Benefit myself, students, and the music program with opportunities to grow professionally while learning new techniques in

vocal pedagogy, music education, and choral conducting,

3. Stay current with best practices and relevant teaching strategies for music education.

4. Hear exceptional choral performances by some of the finest choirs in Malta.

5. Network and make great and lasting professional friendships.

"Additionally, this professional development will apply to my professional and school /district goals for 2025-26," Mohring wrote.

Mohring said the trip would ultimately be a great opportunity.

"This trip to Malta promises to be a life-changing educational experience," according to Mohring. "I am excited to implement my new knowledge in my classroom and share it with the greater Hudson community. I deeply thank you for your time, consideration, and attention."

The School Board ultimately approved the travel request during the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is slated for June 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Removal

Continued from page 1 think that social media posts rise to the level of removing a board member. However, since the question was raised, he said he thought it made sense to have a general discussion

about it.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby noted that the RSA doesn't give clear guidelines on what would apply to rising to the level of removing a board member and said she was asked by a community member to see if the RSA applies. "We have elected

people, we have appointed people, everyone does go out and makes public statements. What types of public statements might rise to this level," Jakoby said.

Dumont noted that the issue when people make comments on Facebook is that it looks like they are speaking on the behalf of the board or the town. "You have certain information that a member put out that, in my opinion, could be interpreted in multiple

different ways," Dumont said. Ultimately, the question, he said, was does it rise to the level of invoking the RSA.

"My question to the board would be is somebody stating their view on what happened at a meeting on Facebook rise to this RSA being utilized," Dumont said. He said he doesn't think it does.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd said they have not removed

other members for those types of things in the past. "We've never removed people in the past for these things," he said.

No action was taken

during the meeting.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on June 10 beginning at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

James A. McLaughlin



James A. McLaughlin, 66, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 29, 2025, in Boston, MA, following a brief illness.

Born in Lowell, MA and raised in Pelham, NH, Jim was a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend. He is survived by his devoted wife of 44 years, Joanne McLaughlin of Hudson, and their cherished daughter, Danielle McLaughlin, also of Hudson. He was predeceased by his father, Andy McLaughlin, and is lovingly remembered by his mother, Kathy McLaughlin of Pelham, NH.

Jim is also survived by his siblings: brother Andy McLaughlin and his wife Diane of Lowell, sister Debby Rotondo of Pelham, and brother Joey McLaughlin and his wife Paula, also of Pelham. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews, all of whom he adored and who will deeply miss his presence.

Jim had a passion for the outdoors and lived life to the fullest. He loved spending time on the water fishing from his boat, cruising the roads on his Harley-Davidsons, and enjoying camping trips in his motor home. A true dog lover, he shared a special bond with his beloved dog, Maeve.

Professionally, Jim worked at Astrion in Bedford, MA, where he was a valued and respected colleague. He was also a warm and familiar face around town, known for his kind heart, easygoing nature, and the many friendships he cultivated over the years. Jim's memory will live on in the countless lives he touched with his humor, loyalty, and generous spirit.

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 10 from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in Jim's memory to Tunnel to Towers (T2T) at www.t2t.org. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Landscaping Company Gets Approval for Use of Secondary Storage Site

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HUDSON TIMES

At the first May meeting of the Hudson Planning Board, they heard a presentation from Jennifer DiNovo and Jim DiNovo, owners of Design Works Landscaping Architecture, who wanted to lease property at a second location for a contractor yard on Sagamore Drive.

"We have been in business since 2006," said Jennifer. "We've seen growth, and we are in need of extra space and are moving a lot of our current situation to another location."

She stated that the extra location on Flagstone Drive

would help the company sustain future growth. The new locations would include storage for snow equipment, landscape equipment, and concrete bins required to store landscape materials like mulch and compost. The storage was described as a "similar use" to the surrounding commercial area.

"There is a change of use here. It was trucking before, and they had trucks parked there. It's an industrial use, which is allowed, but the thing is, you're changing a category within industrial," said Board member James Crowley,

who worried the previous use of the empty lot as a garage did not entirely match with the proposed lease for storage and transportation.

Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah clarified that changing the use of a small land parcel was relatively straightforward compared to a full project with an entirely new land use.

"This was originally approved as it is now; they just want to change the use of this corner of the property," said Minkarah. "They're not proposing to increase the impervious surface area, they're not

changing the paving. This is what's out there now."

He stated that if there was no "physical change to the site," no significant category change was needed, and the zoned "industrial" use would be enough for the use of the site.

"There's going to be a printed, vinyl, hanging sign approximately 20x4 proposed to be hung on the north side of the existing maintenance garage hung on the north side of Flagstone Drive," said Crowley. "What would be printed on the sign?"

Jim stated that only "our logo and our name" would

appear on the sign.

"Will there be any fencing, planting, or screenings to buffer the equipment and material storage from any neighboring properties or roads, and what will that look like?" asked Board member Victor Oates.

Jennifer informed him that existing, natural landscaping already provided a partial buffer and that the site plan did not include any new fencing.

"We'll be doing things to make the place look nice," promised Jennifer. "We're subject to New Hampshire laws. Anything we do we'll have to follow

the right way."

Following other questions, she assured the Board that the site would only be used for storage, not active maintenance, limiting any potential impact the site would have regarding issues like dust.

After further discussion and with several stipulations, including a restriction on retail sales at the site, the Board unanimously voted to approve the application.

The next meeting of the Hudson Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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OBITUARY

Pantelis (Peter/Pete) Patistas IV



It is with Deep sorrow and enormous love that we mourn the passing of Pantelis (Peter/Pete) Patistas IV on May 28, 2025, taken from us in a tragic Motorcycle accident. He was born March 13, 2001.

Peter will be deeply missed by his mother – Anne Patistas; his "Chosen" sisters Brook Bellavance and Hailey Doiron, his grandmother Joyce Plamondon; as well as many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

He is predeceased by his father, Pantelis (Pete) Patistas III.

Pete grew up in Hudson NH, attended Alvirne High School continued his education at White Mountain Community College for Diesel Heavy Equipment Technology. Which prepared him for a positions at Boston/Logan Express as a Diesel Mechanic in Londonderry NH. He loved his job, and the people he worked with. He became a positive light and spirit of the shop.

Pete had many passions – In his younger years he was very involved in Boy Scouts & Hudson Fire Explorers. Played Lacrosse as a Goalie for Alvirne High School, Four Leaf, and HGR Lacrosse. He was an avid gamer, making friends all over the world. Loved to occasional gamble playing Roulette and 3 Card Poker. Recently became a member of Granite State Indoor Range, where he received Rifle and Holster Qualifications.

Started bowling at Merrimack Bowling Alley on a League with his Mom.

Pete brought light to everyone everywhere he went, he was so easy to accept others and talked to anyone. He was a gentle soul with a kind heart. He always made sure people around him had whatever it was they needed emotionally or physically. Making us laugh, with his goofy personality, quick wit and many jokes.

If you needed help with anything he was always there.

Pete was a light in all of our worlds! Keep his memory alive – Share his light and love. Pass it on! He would want us all to!

A Public Visitation will be held from 4 - 7 p.m., on Thursday, June 5 at Dumont Sullivan Funeral Home on 50 Ferry St., Hudson. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., on Friday, June 6 at St. Kathryn's Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson. Following the Mass the funeral will proceed to Pine Grove Cemetery, 765 Brown Ave., Manchester. St. Kathryn's Parish has invited everyone back to the hall for a luncheon after the return from cemetery. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Conservation Commission Plans Cleanup Near Tiger Road Land

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on May 12 with a discussion for their next Trail Work Day, set to take place at their relatively new Tiger Road property near Robinson Pond.

"We'll schedule the Work Day to finish up what needs to be removed and to blaze a new trail," said Chair Carl Murphy. "Does anybody want to propose a day in May?"

Commissioners noted that it was already late in the month and that they would need to work around

Memorial Day weekend, eventually fixing Saturday, May 31, as their date with plans to meet at 8 a.m.

"We'll meet on the paved side of Tiger Road at the cul-de-sac, right off Barretts Hill, I believe," Murphy clarified. "Do we need any sort of mechanized machinery to get in there?"

Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson predicted that the Commission would need to do some heavy labor to clear the land, but did not think heavy machinery was necessary.

Commissioner John Walter was also in contact

with University of NH Extension Forrester Mike Gagnon, whom he hoped would help with a walk-through of the Tiger Road property.

"This is an exercise that they do for anybody or any town interested in having a forest evaluated in terms of what we should do with any invasives and such," said Walter. "He says he'll spend two or three hours with people to walk through the area and that we can talk about harvestable timber and what we should and shouldn't do with what we have."

Dickinson thought it

would be "pretty easy" to tally up how much harvestable timber the town could sell.

"It's probably worth all the exercise doing a potential management plan for that," said Dickinson. "One of the first steps is doing this. For us it'll all be a good informational exercise if nothing else."

It was unclear whether a timber harvest would be feasible, adding that there were private residences nearby and a harvest could be disruptive. There were also concerns over cultural heritage in the area.

"I contacted the NH

Division of Historical Resources which looks out for such things as historical properties, homes, foundations, stone walls, and others on their list of things to look at," said Walter, who stated that an earlier site walk revealed what he called "interesting features of rock piles" that could be connected to the region's Native American heritage.

According to the Division of Historical Resources, there was a stone foundation on the property, indicating a former colonial-era home. Walter was in contact with archaeologist Robert Goodby, whom he

hoped would work with the town for another walk-through of the property, allowing them to get a better idea of what cultural heritage existed on the land.

"He'll give us some kind of idea of what we're looking at before we go building trails up through there," said Walter.

The Tiger Road property represents around 33 acres of Conservation-owned land.

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

NH Climate Campaign Pushes Sustainability Committee to Watch Concord Politics

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee opened its May meeting with public input from Blake Ramsey from Manchester, who was at the meeting to represent the NH Climate Campaign.

"The order of my business today is to one: observe the functioning of the Sustainability Committee, as we want to be involved within local politics as an organization everywhere and at the grassroots level, and two: to also make it aware to not only this committee, but to Hudson, that currently, the Senate Finance Committee is deliberating two provisions in the budget that are going to affect clean energy," explained Ramsey, singling

out NH House Bill 219, which would phase out the state's minimum electric renewable portfolio standard, and House Bill 224, which would limit the deposits into the renewable energy beyond administration and incentive payments. "We do not want clean energy to be affected in the budget, especially as a throwaway."

He encourages residents opposing the bills to contact their state senator, Sharon Carson, who serves on the NH Senate Finance Committee.

"Do you folks feel that's also going to affect House Bill 303, which allows for one of the things we're invested in here: solar subdivision?" asked Committee member Bob Larson. "Do

you feel it's going to affect that as well?"

Ramsey stated that HB 303 did not make it into the latest draft of the state budget, unlike HBs 219 and 224.

"However, I do think that the rating of these two things will affect solar construction across the state," he said, singling out Hudson's push to add solar panels at the old West Road Landfill as a local project that could be impacted. "Funding that helps some of these rebates, that is also going to go away, which would make it less financially feasible for companies actually to construct solar projects."

Other members of the Sustainability Committee had questions about the

goals of the NH Climate Campaign.

"Is your primary purpose just to make us aware of these bills before us?" asked Committee member Christ Thatcher. "Or are there other functions that your organization provides?"

According to Ramsey, his organization's main goal was to focus on local activism, or what he called "a grassroots power."

"Last Monday, we were able to hold a meeting with the constituents of Senator Lang, bringing constituents, especially in clean energy,

to share their concerns personally," said Ramsey. "We kind of want to go around the state on certain tasks, especially when a new legislative session pops up, so we can be in a lot of different places, which is why I wanted to make sure I was here, getting involved and introducing myself to the Hudson Sustainability Committee."

The goal was to expand their work into more senate districts across the state in the near future.

"Will this impact any federal funding for green energy?" asked Thatcher.

Ramsey stated that his effort was entirely focused on the state and local level, calling federal clean energy funding a "very different world."

"Thank you, Blake. I appreciate you coming," said Committee Chair Deb Putnam, who wanted to see more public participation from members of the public.

The next meeting of the Hudson Sustainability Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 30, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Voter Approved Budget Forces District To Make Cuts

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At a recent Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board discussed several proposed cuts to the budget for FY 26.

It was explained by Superintendent Dan Moulis that there was a difference of approximately \$800,000 between the proposed operating budget that was approved by the voters and the Default Budget.

"There was a differentiation between the default budget and the proposed budget," Moulis explained during the meeting.

He explained that they

looked to help rectify the budget differential by looking at vacant positions, stipend costs, furniture and "some other costs that are known costs."

The recommended cuts worth \$846,020 included the following:

- Math Teacher AHS (retiring)
- Math Teacher AHS (replace FT w/2 PT)
- Remove Replacement Interactive displays
- Vacant Science Department Chair
- Vacant PT Health
- Science Teacher CTE
- Vacant SpEd Teacher, NWS

- Vacant PT Culinary Teacher CTE
- Vacant Computer Science CTE (PT)
- Move second school nurse at HMS to Alvirne
- Vacant PT PSRP LSS 3
- Vacant PT PSRP Para 7 & 8, NWS
- Vacant PT PSRP HMS 3 & 4, Paraeducator
- Vacant PT Para HOS 3
- Vacant FT PSRP 6 & 7, Paraeducator
- New Math & Reading Interventionists (1) NWS
- New Math & Reading Interventionists (1) HGS
- Vacant Summer IT Seasonal
- Business Administrator

- Pathways Classroom Supplies
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 - Furniture-Elementary Schools
 - Athletic Director at AHS
- Another \$232,887 worth of cuts were reviewed by the Administration but aren't being recommended. Those include:

- School Counselor
- HMS Computer Teacher (reduce to PT)
- General Repairs (district wide)
- Professional Development

School Board member Ethan Beals said that they ultimately have a bottom line budget, and said a lot of work went into cutting over \$800,000 from the budget.

He said that some of the things on the list of cuts are things they have been talking about for a long time, and they wanted to incorporate them into the school

district.

"Not even close to ideal," Beals said.

Beals also noted during the meeting that they have some flexibility "if needs arise" but said the cuts were a good way to get to the bottom line of where the budget needs to be based on what voters approved.

Moulis noted that if there is a need that comes up and if they have a different savings they could move forward with it.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne said she appreciated the hard work that went into looking at the recommendation, saying that there were difficult discussions at the SAU and at the buildings.

"I know this was a difficult process," she said.

During the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting, during liaison reports, Dionne again addressed the

topic.

"As we know the Budget Committee had reduced the School District operating budget by \$800,000," she said.

She explained that for the last couple of months they have been looking at different options to make cuts.

"We reduced many positions, in fact, to a dollar within our budget," Dionne said.

Dionne said she wanted to make it clear that the positions could come back if needed.

Said it's a bottom line budget so "if during the school year there is a need to fill a position," they can reallocate the money to that position in order to fill it.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on June 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Boudreau Sets New Record at Track & Field Championships

SHANE BALL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne Broncos Boys' and Girls' Track and Field teams traveled to Portsmouth High School on Friday night, May 30 for the 2025 NHIAA Division I Track & Field Champi-

onships.

The Alvirne Arm, senior Shawn Boudreau, did what he does best in Boys Discus with a throw of 173-foot 11-inch, breaking the previous Division I record by two feet and four inches.

The record was previ-

ously held by Matt Mc-Hugh of Exeter since 2006. Boudreau also placed fourth in Boys Shot Put with a 47-foot 8.5-inch throw, and seventh in Boys Javelin with a 131-foot, 8-inch throw.

Alvirne junior Shane

Plumley placed fourth in the Boys 400-Meter Run with a 50.5-second run, with Winnacunnet's Owen Janetos taking first with a 49.07-second run.

Alvirne senior Brent Dunning ran a 2-minute, 3.1-second 800-Meter Run, which was good enough for 10th among the boys. Dunning also finished ninth in the Boys 1,600-Meter Run with a 4-minute 36.35-second mile time. Carson Fitzgerald of Londonderry took first place with a mile time of four minutes and 22.88 seconds.

Alvirne junior Ava Martin placed 11th in the Girls 800-Meter Run with a 2-minute 28-second run.

Senior Anna Simpson
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Shawn Boudreau at the DI Championship.



Joey Marcotte placed second in the 300-Meter Hurdles. Photos by Chris Paul

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Broncos Varsity Tennis Fall to Lebanon in First Round

SHANE BALL
HUDSON TIMES

After a late-season push, the Alvirne Varsity Broncos Boys Tennis team snuck into the playoffs as the 11th seed after going 6-8. With the 1-4 seeded Goffstown, Winnacunnet, Hollis-Brookline, and Portsmouth all on bye, the fifth-seeded Lebanon hosted the Alvirne Broncos on Tuesday.

Christian Figueiredo (#6) took the only match for the Broncos, beating Lebanon's #6 Seth Danen-Lucier 8-3 in singles.

Alvirne opened their season at Hollis-Brookline High School, where they were shut out 0-9. They followed up the rough per-

formance with a 7-2 victory over Milford High School, securing their first win of the season in their home opener. The Broncos again lost on the road at Merrimack High School, 3-6.

The Broncos followed their loss against Merrimack with a 7-2 win against Kennett High School back on their home court, keeping them undefeated at home. The three-game homestand ended 2-1 for the Broncos after a 3-6 loss to Souhegan High School and an 8-1 win over Kingswood High School.

By this point in the season, the Broncos sat at 3-3 without back-to-back wins or losses. Alvirne was up against a gauntlet of higher

seeds, and it showed in their record over this stretch.

Another game being on the wrong end of a shutout came against Winnacunnet. This would start a streak that Alvirne would not want to define their season.

The games that followed would go like this: a 2-7 loss against Goffstown, a 0-9 loss in Bow, a 0-9 loss in Portsmouth, and a 2-7 loss at Oyster River. The Broncos dropped five straight games, putting their record at 3-8 with three games left in the season.

With their backs against the wall, Alvirne came out on top of Lebanon in a tough 5-4 win

decided in the final doubles match featuring Figueiredo and #5 Sam Kudikala. It was another back-and-forth match the following day against Plymouth. Alvirne and Plymouth were tied at three after singles, but Alvirne put the game away after winning the first two doubles matches.

After winning two straight in dramatic fashion, the Broncos decided to give their fans a much less stressful outing against Coe-Brown Northwood Academy. They went a perfect 9-0 on Senior Night. This included singles shutouts by #2 Sean Mendes, Figueiredo, and senior Alejandro Valenzuela. There were two dou-

bles shutouts as well, first by Mendes and #4 Cole Fitzpatrick, then by Figueiredo and Kudikala.

After the midseason skid, the Broncos ended their season on a high note. This three-game win streak didn't just fluff their record, it was essential to getting them into the playoffs. Merrimack High School dropped three of their final four games of the season as Alvirne turned their season around. This tied the two at 6-8. With Merrimack getting the tiebreaker with a win over Alvirne earlier in the season, Alvirne was placed in the 11th seed. This was good enough for a playoff spot.

A 6-8 record and a first-

round exit may not have been the expectation going into the season for Broncos players entering a new division. The resilience, even when the postseason possibility looked bleak, defines this season better than their record could. What was out of their control happened to go their way, but what was in their control to end the season was executed greatly.

Sam Hergenbahn and Sam Kudikala will be leading a new crew next season as seniors Sean Mendes, Owen Surprenant, Cole Fitzpatrick, and Chris Figueiredo all move on to bigger and better things post-graduation.

DI Track & Field

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placed sixth in the Girls 3200-Meter run with a time of 11 minutes and 44 seconds.

Joey Marcotte placed second in the Boys 300-Meter Hurdles with a time of 38.93 seconds, just a half-second behind first-place Ryan Jamison of Winnacunnet.

Victoria Oliveira, Olivia Cartagena, Sophia Berube, and Ava Martin made up the Girls 4x800 Meter Relay. The group ran in 10 minutes

and 1.17 seconds, finishing fifth.

The Boys 4x100 Relay squad of Sam Oquist, Joey Marcotte, Jaden Taylor, and Shane Plumley placed sixth with a 43.99-second run. Joining Marcotte and Taylor for the Boys 4x400-Meter Relay were Jeremiah Caraballo-Sophos and Brent Dunning. The boys placed fifth with a run time of three minutes and 29.29 seconds.

Caraballo-Sophos also placed eighth in Boys High Jump with a 5-foot 10-inch

jump. Mustafa Salman placed sixth in the Boys Long Jump for Alvirne with a 19-foot 7.5-inch jump.

The girls tied for 16th place with Bishop Guertin, scoring three points through 18 events.

Concord's girls won the day with an incredible 110 points, 16 ahead of second-place Nashua North. The boys finished eighth among the 18 teams with 30 points. Pinkerton dominated the boys events with 101 points, 37 points ahead of second-place Nashua North's 64.



Victoria Oliveira hands off the baton to Olivia Cartagena in the 4x800-Meter Relay at the DI Championships.
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Alvirne Baseball Beats Bishop Guertin in Regular Season Finale

SHANE BALL
HUDSON TIMES

A late-game push gave Alvirne a 4-3 comeback win in the seventh inning against Bishop Guertin on Thursday to end the regular season.

Alvirne opened up the scoring in the top of the first inning thanks to a double from Mikey Bebris that ran one.

Bishop Guertin finally struck back in the bottom of the fourth inning after a single from Kolby Piper that ran two. A wild pitch hitting Nate Bowen gave Bishop Guertin their third run of the inning.

The score remained 3-1

until the top of the seventh inning. Left fielder Jaxson Polleck scored after tagging up to cut the Cardinals' lead to one.

An error gave the Broncos two more runs for the lead, putting them up 4-3.

Pitcher Brody Buja earned the win for Alvirne. Buja held the Bishop Guertin Cardinals scoreless through four innings, only giving up one hit. Bishop Guertin's pitcher Jordan Delude went all seven innings, striking out 11. Despite some impressive pitching by Delude, the Broncos still managed four runs on five hits.

Matty Bebris led the Broncos with three hits in three at-bats. Carter Crawford led the Broncos with two runs, followed by Bebris and Polleck with one each.

The shorthanded Broncos did fall to Pinkerton earlier this week, but new faces got a chance to rise to the varsity level. Four freshmen and three sophomores suited up for the varsity squad.

JV pitchers Drown and Workman split the workload evenly alongside Brady Mitchell, each pitching for two innings. Drown didn't give up a single run

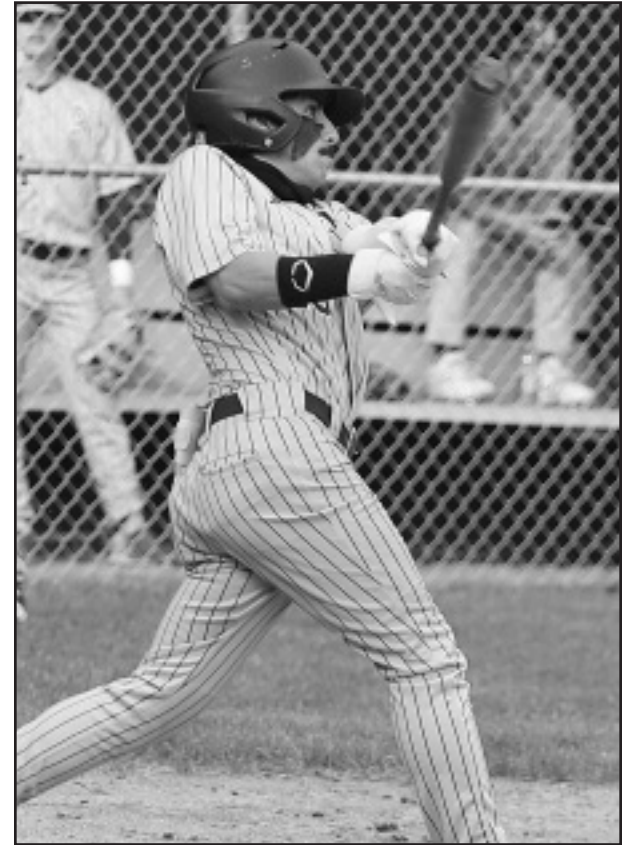
in his two innings. Workman, a freshman, gave up just two runs in two innings.

Freshman Baviello scored a run after working a walk. Freshman Cox's first varsity hit was a double, the only extra-base hit of the game.

The first inning was a collection of lapses that the Broncos could not come back from. Pinkerton's Brendan Horne drew a walk for one run, an error gave the Astros two more, Anthony Caruso grounded out for one, Hayden Marshall singled for one, and Michael Cioffi singled for two in this high-scoring quarter.

Though the Broncos gave up seven in a rough first inning, the rest of the game went fairly smoothly. They gave up four runs in the five following innings while scoring two of their own. The final score in this one was a 2-11 loss for the shorthanded Broncos.

The Broncos went 4-14 on the season, with five losses decided by one run. The highlight of their season was the three-game win



Jaden Lewis at bat.

Photo by Chris Paul

streak against Keene, Merrimack, and Spaulding. This streak saw three of five games with four or more runs for the Broncos this season, a rare yet notable moment. Timely hitting has been a struggle all year for

the Broncos, but they were clicking on all ends for a brief period. The 4-14 record tied them with Merrimack, who Alvirne beat earlier this season, putting them near the bottom of the Division.



Hands-On Classic Bay Farm, in Milford, had a blast with 55 students from the Palmer CTE Center from Alvirne High School in May. Equine Science and Vet Science students from Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, and Pelham came for some hands-on learning about the equine industry. Topics included Lameness and Conformation, Hoof Anatomy, Environmentally-Safe Rodent Control, and The Equine Digestive System.

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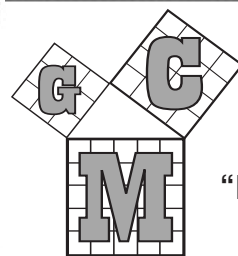


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What Seems To Be An Ordinary High School Classroom

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What seems to be an ordinary high school classroom buzzes with energy. Students are collected into groups, collaborating on a project. The energy of the room is surprising considering it is the final period of the day on a Friday afternoon.

The packed class is called "Law and Order," a social studies elective that is new to Alvirne High School as of this year. It exists thanks to Donna Morin, a passionate social studies teacher at the school.

"We've had an absolute boom in elective offerings," said Steven Beals, Alvirne High School's principal. "She was down here wearing signs promoting classes, encouraging kids to sign up."

Morin walked through the cafeteria wearing a sandwich board sign to convince students to sign up for some of her classes: "AP U.S. Government and Politics," "AP Psychology" and "Law and Order."

Her passion for teaching has now extended beyond the walls of Alvirne High

School too.

In February, it was announced that Morin was one of three educators chosen in the country to create a lesson plan for Annenberg Classroom's award-winning Constitution Project documentary series.

Annenberg Classroom originates from the University of Pennsylvania, and exists to provide multimedia teaching resources to middle schools and high schools. The resources are focused on the Constitution for civics lessons.

Morin said she first found the opportunity on Annenberg's website and decided to create a lesson plan for the Eighth Amendment, which bars excessive bail and cruel and unusual punishment.

Since her lesson plan was chosen to be featured on Annenberg's website, it is now available for other civics teachers to download and use in their classrooms.

"I really did work hard for it," Morin said. Once the lesson plan had been created she asked a former colleague to critique it. She even explored Annenberg's

website to see what kinds of lesson plans they had chosen before.

Morin was also recently recognized by the NH Council for the Social Studies with the Mary Susan Leahy Civics Educator Award.

Beals said she was recognized for these achievements at a school pep rally, but Morin continues to insist that it wasn't a big deal.

While she admits she is proud of her Annenberg Classroom lesson plan that was selected, she would prefer if people didn't fuss over her state recognition.

Beals said that Morin tends to regard her accomplishments in a self-deprecating way, but he's certain she understands the significance of her recognition. "I'm equally confident that she is as proud of herself as other people are," he said.

Morin grew up in Manchester, NH, before attending the University of NH.

She went into college with an undeclared major, but eventually decided on psychology because she had a deep interest in it.

Initially, she wanted to

become a therapist, but she ended up changing her mind. One semester, she decided to take an introduction-level education class that required her to observe classrooms and write reflections about her experience.

"I took that class, and then I went to the high school setting. It was just so much fun," Morin said.

She was also heavily influenced by Bill Benson, one of her high school teachers.

"He's one of the reasons I went into teaching because I loved the way he taught," Morin said. Despite being rather strict, he also had a humorous side. Morin also credits him with preparing her well for college. She even completed her internship with him.

When asked what her favorite part about teaching was, Morin answered in a heartbeat. She was quick to say that the best part is the students she gets to work with.

Whether a student is extremely interested in a topic or they are struggling, Morin values the connections she makes with all her students.

"There's no question she cares. There's no question she's genuine," said Beals.

Morin highlighted one of her students that she recently caught up with. She said she had this particular student during her freshman year and believes

she has come so far.

"She has just made huge strides, like socially, emotionally and academically," said Morin. She made it clear that she is so proud of this student and being able to have that experience with all her students is the most rewarding part of teaching.

David Wilder, a math teacher at Alvirne High School, has worked closely with Morin over the years.

He said that her connection with her students is the most important thing to her. "They respect her, but they know that they can trust her," Wilder said.

Morin works alongside Wilder as an adviser to the school's National Honor Society. She started advising the club in 2022, and her reason for doing so reinforces how much she cares about her students.

"It was the first year I was teaching AP students, and I wanted to get to know the students better— to have a better relationship with that group of students," Morin said.

She is proud of all the events organized by the National Honor Society, but the one she is most passionate about has a very personal connection to her.

Each year the club organizes a blood drive in her son Nate's memory.

Morin previously wanted to do a blood drive in her son's memory, and the idea

got picked up by one of her students as their senior capstone project. Now, the event is put on annually by the National Honor Society.

"They don't have to do it in Nate's memory, like there really is no connection with my son in the school. He's never set foot in the school. But, the fact that they're like, 'Oh no we definitely want to honor your son,' is just...that's really meaningful to me," Morin said.

The impact Morin has within the school and community is clear to many.

"What is probably remarkable to me is the resilience the woman has shown through her own family trials and tribulations and challenges, and keeping the aspect of 'How can we keep making things better?' And our blood drives are an example of that," Beals said.

With all the time they spend together, Wilder knows her on a personal level. "She's my best friend," Wilder said, explaining why talking about her made him emotional.

He admires how open she is to new ideas. She carries the same energetic spirit both in the classroom and out, he said. Wilder sees her as an inspiration.

"She's inspiring. She has just a beautiful heart, like she's just a wonderful friend, a wonderful person— just amazing," Wilder said.



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Flag Day

VFW Post 5791 will hold a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday June 14, Flag Day, at 9 a.m., at the Post, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson. After a brief retirement ceremony conducted by the Commander and members of the post, close to 2000 US Flags which were deposited in flag retirement bins around Hudson will be honorably retired by burning.

Second Hand Prose Grand Reopening!

New location, same great gently used book selection and same low prices of \$2 or less! The Friends of the Library proudly announces a Second Hand Prose Book Sale Grand Reopening on Sunday, June 8 from 11 a.m. -

3 p.m., at its new location on the main floor of the Hills Memorial Library building 18 Library St. Enter at the parking lot door with stairs or elevator. Proceeds support library events, programs and a scholarship. Come, stroll through this historical building with all its beauty and memories of little ones excited by reading, students learning and seniors savoring literature.

Free Health Screening

Medical professionals from AFC Urgent Care Hudson will be holding a Free Health Screening at George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson, to provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. - noon.

No registration is necessary. Learn more at www.afcurgentcare.com/hudson or Call them at (603) 634-8614.

Cemetery Group?

Would you like to assist the Hudson Cemetery Trustees? Interested in helping those with genealogical needs such as finding a relatives grave, cleaning it and sending photos? Then the board would like to hear from you as they are currently seeking to create a new volunteer group to help fulfill requests that do not currently fall under their duties. All interested parties should go to the Hudson Cemetery Trustees Facebook page to send a direct message about their interest, www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Hudson%2C%20NH%20Ceme-

tery%20Trustees.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rodgers Library play and grab a donut, on Saturday, June 7 & 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Water Play

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

Fillet a Fish

On Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m., Circulation Librarian Dana Benner will teach participants how to fillet a fish at the Rodgers Library. Bring a fish; he'll handle the knives.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This month's book pick is "The Kamogawa Food Detectives" by Hisashi Kashiwai. The group will meet on Monday, June 9 at 12:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library.

Couponing with Carrie

On Tuesday, June 10, at

6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a money-saving tutorial with Carrie. Learn couponing strategies to maximize savings.

Story Safari

On Tuesdays and Thursdays starting June 10, at 10 a.m., meet at Benson Park near the playground. Bring blankets and chairs. If you register, you will receive an email if we cancel due to inclement weather.

Access Wisdom Book Group

This month's book is "On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old" by Parker J. Palmer. The group will meet on Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m., at Rodgers Library.

Stitchers' Circle

Come and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams at Rodgers Library on Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m.

Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join the Friends of

Benson Park for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be 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.

Cupcake Caper & Birthday Party

On Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m., solve the puzzles in the Rodgers Library Cupcake Caper Scavenger Hunt. Help "Color Our World" by making decorations for the library. Play outdoor games. Eat a cupcake.

Summer Romance Beach Read Recommendations

In this virtual event with the Rodgers Library, on Mon-

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day, June 16, at 7 p.m., Lorelei, of Lorelei's Lit Lair, will be chatting about the books she's looking forward to reading this summer - the best of romance beach reads.

Afternoon Book Group

This month's book is "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. The group will meet on Tuesday, June 17, at 1:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library.

Window Cling: "Color Our World"

On Tuesday, June 17, at 2 p.m., use the Rodgers Library's special paint to create a colorful painting to decorate the library for the summer.

Characters & Cocoa

This is a monthly support group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. It will meet on Tuesday, June 17, at 6 p.m., at Rodgers Library.

True Crime Podcast Club

On Wednesday, June 18, at 7 p.m., this month's podcast will be "Father Wants us Dead." at the Rodgers library. Listen to all episodes for free wherever you listen to podcasts. Cookies will be Chocolate peanut butter no-bake.

Tie Dye for Everyone

On Wednesday, June 18, at various times, bring a shirt, and Rodgers Library will supply the dye (t-shirts only please).

Tween Candy Olympics

On Friday, June 20, at 2 p.m., Tweens entering grades 5-8 are invited to the Rodgers Library to join in the Candy Olympics.

Ukulele Workshop

On Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m., The Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group (SNHUG) will present a workshop for beginners at the Rodgers Library.

Artist Study: Hokusai Wave Painting

On Monday, June 23, at 2

p.m., Children entering grades 1-5 are invited to learn about artists from around the world, then complete projects that reflect the artists' styles at the Rodgers Library.

Tween Mario Kart Tournament

On Tuesday, June 24, at 1:30 p.m., Rodgers Library will host the ultimate Mario Kart challenge for tweens entering grades 5-8.

Pressed Flower Candle Jar

On Tuesday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library to create a candle holder that will add a touch of light and color.

Teen Inspiration Journal

On Wednesday, June 25, at 6 p.m., for teens entering grades 8-12, the Rodgers Library will provide you a journal that you can keep for whatever inspires you. Decorate with your own designs.

Break-A-Record: Sticky Notes

On Thursday, June 26, at 11:30 a.m., test your speed and see how many sticky notes you can stick to your face in one minute at Rodgers Library.

"Dead End Road"

On Monday, June 23, at 7 p.m., Rodgers Library will host a virtual discussion with True Crime Author E.C. Hanson. Join for this conversation with E.C. as he discusses his book, research, and goal in pursuing this cold case.

Simple Bushcraft

On Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m., join Circulation Librarian, Dana Benner, as he reviews a few simple bushcraft skills using an axe, knife and items around you; namely sticks at the Rodgers Library.

Music Around the World

On Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m., students entering grades 1-5 are invited to the Rodgers Library for a cultural adventure to Cameroon.

Summer Concert

[mix]tape a cappella will perform at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, June 28, at 2 p.m. Get ready to experience the smooth sounds of [mix]tape, the dynamic a cappella group that will have you clapping and tapping!

Teen Smash Bros. Tourney

On Friday, June 27, at 2:30 p.m., teens are invited to challenge one another in a "Super Smash. Bros Ultimate" tourney at the Rodgers Library.

Magician Mike Bent's AbraKIDabra!

On Wednesday, June 25 at 2 p.m., Rodgers Library will host AbraKIDabra!™ This combines amazing magic, big laughs, audience participation and hilarious surprises for a one-of-a-kind, interactive experience.

Cookbook Club

This month the club will be using a database on our website AtoZ Food America, and will meet on Monday, June 30, at 11:30 a.m., at Rodgers Library.

Artist Study: Alma Thomas Colorful Painting

On Monday, June 30, at 2 p.m., Children entering grades 1-5 are invited to learn about artists from around the world, then complete a project that reflects the artists' style at the Rodgers Library.

Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m. (except last week of month) at the Rodgers Memorial Library Teens are invited to relax in our teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available. A different theme each week.

Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Memorial 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.

Adventurers Storytime

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

Movers & Shakers

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

Digital Navigators

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

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.

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)

A Good Yarn

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

Drop In Stitchers

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.

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. As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contri-

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.

Laptop Donation Program

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

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