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**PASSING THROUGH** Senior Alvirne High School student and President of the Spanish Club, Kristen Parziale, passes under a bridge formed during the club's second annual Quinceañera Ball on Friday night, March 8, at the school's cafeteria. See more photos page 4 and 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Selectmen Nominate Elvis Dhima For the VFW Loyalty Day Award

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen discussed who to nominate for the annual Loyalty Day awards program, for Hudson VFW Post 5791. Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, said that every year around this time they get a letter from the VFW looking for names of nominees for the awards. "This is an annual award that we have

submitted names for since 2003," he said.

He explained that the VFW was looking for someone who "has made a contribution to the wellbeing of the community."

"This year, we would like to nominate Elvis Dhima for this award. As you all know, Elvis is the Town Engineer and has been employed by the town since October 2014," Mal-

izia wrote. "During his tenure as Town Engineer, Elvis has brought in millions of dollars of grants and has worked diligently to ensure that the town's infrastructure is in the best shape it can be given our budget constraints."

"I think we all know the amount of grants and projects he's completed on the behalf of the town," Malizia

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## Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway Name Moves Forward

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the March 5 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, members received an update about legislation that would designate the portion of Route 111 through Hudson to be named Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway.

The Board of Selectmen had previously approved sending a letter of support to the Senate, in order to help get it passed.

"Thank you for your support on Senate Bill 468, relative to designating a portion of route 111 in Hudson as the Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial High-

way," Senator, Sharon Carson, wrote in a letter. "I am pleased to inform the Board that this bill unanimously passed the Senate and will now move over to the House for consideration."

In addition to the previous letter sent in support, Carson suggested that they send a letter to the House of Representatives. "It would be very helpful if the board write to the House Leadership in support of this bill, and for a member of the board to come and testify when the bill is scheduled for a public hearing in the House," Carson wrote in a letter.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved,

sending a letter in support to the House Leadership, however, due to the uncertainty on when the House bill would be heard in committee, the Board of Selectmen decided to revisit who, if anyone, would be able to go to the State House to testify in support of the legislation.

Also during the meeting, the board announced a number of different votes taken during its most recent non-public meeting. One of those votes was to hire Christopher Penny as a firefighter/EMT with a starting pay of \$18.14 per hour. On the recommendation of Fire Chief, Scott Tice, the board

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## Traffic Concerns Slow Down Proposed Gas Station Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board had a rather lengthy hearing continue on the Central Gas Plan at 77 Central Street. The plan was left unresolved from earlier meetings in December and January. The main issue being discussed is the traffic being created by adding the station to the area.

After nearly three-hours of debate on the plan, the board voted to continue the discussion on May 8.

Peter Madsen, Project Engineer with Keach-Nordstrom Associates, was at the Feb. 28 meeting with Project Attorney, Andy Perlman, and Tony Basso from Keach-Nordstrom.

"With the most recent plan set that was submitted, we have addressed the remaining peer review comments," said Madsen.

In an early public session, many Hudson residents expressed skepticism whether the town needed another gas station, especially in an area where traffic was already seen as a problem. There were questions from the Planning Board regarding the placement of a winter salt shed, and the position of lighting, all of which Madsen claimed would be resolved in the modified site plan.

"The last point brought up by some of the abutters was regarding contamination and spill prevention for

a gas station," said Madsen. "As far as what we've done to address spill prevention, all catch basins are proposed with snout debris and oil-water separators."

The Planning Board scheduled a site walk for Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m. to get an idea of what the layout of the gas station would be like in practice.

"Where are things out there?" asked Board member, James Crowley. "I think that'd be good to know."

"I can picture the land, I can't really picture the driveways and everything on where the layout is and how everything will flow," Board member, Victor

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# Chagnon Lane Property Granted Storage Exemption

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Feb. 22 meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment opened with a public hearing from Tom Golembeski, who was asking for an Equitable Waiver on a shed at 1 Chagnon Lane. The main issue was that the 280 square-foot storage structure is in violation of zoning regulations stating any comparable shed must be in the back or side of a property, away from main roads.

"We've had a shed there since 2008, and we replaced it because the old one was rotting out and falling down," said Golembeski. "The way our house is on the lot, there's actually not many places to put it. In the backyard is a septic system that goes within ten feet of the property line. We don't have any room in the side yard where there's a hill

where it's all rocky."

He noted that much of the property was uneven and covered in trees, factors that would make moving the shed difficult and expensive.

"I put the shed in a little gully and behind a row of trees along the road there, so it's hard, it's pretty well hidden most of the year," Golembeski added. "We'd like to leave it there, and to move it would be pretty close to impossible."

The shed is used as needed, typically around once per month.

"Equitable waivers are dimensional requirements, why wouldn't this require a variance?" asked ZBA Vice Chair, Norm Martin.

As a rule, the placement of a restricted building would usually be covered by a variance request. Zoning Administrator, Chris Sullivan, favored a waiver due to the age of the structure.

"No one caught it, I'm

not going to make somebody try to get a variance on something that's been there forever," said Sullivan.

Unlike a variance request, special exemptions do not include a stricter undue hardship requirement and are typically applicable to older, nonconforming structures. No members of the public had anything to say about the application.

"I'll vote in favor of the exemption because it was discovered too late: it's been there for years, said ZBA member, Tim Lanphear. "It's an innocent mistake, it's done, and it's not causing a nuisance for anyone in the neighborhood or anything."

Board member, Dean Sakati, agreed with his colleague, noting that "correction costs would be expensive and impractical" for Golembeski, adding that the shed "clearly isn't a

nuisance since nobody came here to complain, and it doesn't seem like anyone has heard any complaints."

ZBA Chair, Gary Dadario, even questioned whether a small storage

shed "could rise to the level of a nuisance from a legal perspective." The issue of a shed on the wrong part of a property has been a common matter for the board.

With little debate, the

ZBA unanimously voted to grant the requested Equitable Waiver.

The next Zoning Board meeting is set for Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room, Town Hall.

## Loyalty

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added.

Malizia noted that the police department and fire department have their own nominees, so the nominee must be an employee from a different department.

In the nomination letter for Dhima, Malizia said that prior to working in Hudson, he was a Senior Staff Engineer for the city of Nashua.

"Prior to that, Elvis worked for several local engineering firms. Elvis earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell in 2004 and he is a licensed Profes-

sional Engineer," Malizia wrote. "Elvis has overseen many projects in town including bridge repairs, water system and sewer system upgrades and major road projects. Elvis has worked tirelessly to secure millions of dollars' worth of grants to help defray the cost to the Hudson taxpayers of many of the projects. Elvis works closely with the Public Works Department, the Water and Sewer Utilities and the Conservation Commission to ensure that they have the resources they need to keep the town's infrastructure and open space in top notch condition. Elvis resides in Sandown, NH with his

wife, Laura, and their two children. We are pleased to nominate Town Engineer Elvis Dhima for the 2024 Loyalty Day Award."

Board of Selectmen Chair, Marilyn McGrath, said she was glad that he was nominated.

"He has a work ethic that goes beyond reproach, I've never seen anyone work so hard for the town as he has over the last few years, so I'm happy to see this. I'm happy he's been nominated," McGrath said.

The Board of Selectmen approved nominating Dhima for the award, 4-1, with Selectman, Kara Roy, voting against it.

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# Residents Stress Negative Impact on Central Street Gas Station

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board reopened public debate on the proposed corner gas station and convenience store at Central St. and Lowell Rd. for the second time at their Feb. 28 meeting.

"I drive through this area a couple of times per day. The traffic has become horrendous," said Pamela Michael of 82 Ferry St. "The roads cannot address the traffic that we have now. We have a surplus and an awful number of car accidents now. The biggest haz-

ard from gas stations is traffic accidents."

She claimed to drive through the area often, having almost gotten into an accident at the intersection.

"I take that right-hand turn at the intersection ten times a day, I've almost gotten hit a few times," said Christopher Flemming of 76 Central Street. "I think someone just got hurt right in that area, and someone could lose a life. That is not acceptable."

He specifically worried about people speeding through the area, often turning left in a right-hand turn

lane that will be extended if the project moves forward.

"This is what happens, residents get up, they ask questions, they go away, they come back, they might get answers, they might not, it feels like a big ping pong game, and I think that's the frustration a lot of residents have," added Ed Thompson of 22 Burns Hill Rd.

By contrast, Todd Boyer of 2 Merrill St., questioned some of the other complaints regarding the impact on traffic in the area.

"People are concerned about the traffic, but yet we're concerned about the

gas station having two entrances on two different roads," said Boyer. "An entrance off of Lowell Road is going to get people off the road, out of the intersection, and into the parking lot. In my opinion, that is safer. I don't feel as though traffic is generated by a gas station."

He indicated he would be more worried about how a large apartment complex might affect traffic compared to the Central Gas Plan.

Traffic Engineer, Jason Plourde, of VHB was at the meeting to reassure Board members and members of

the public that an earlier impact study was comprehensive and within Hudson guidelines.

"We're not skipping a beat here, we're not trying to sidestep anything, we went through the proper process by coordinating with the Town Planner and the Town Engineer," said Plourde. "We generated variables for the two uses [gas and convenience] independently."

Several modifications to the surrounding streets, like the right turn lane extension, fueled concern the gas station would rather disrupt the traffic flow.

"It's already pretty wild there at nighttime, there's already a lot of traffic that backs up at the light, that traffic is going to be amplified by the widening and the turn, that's going to create short-term relief, but it's going to create more long-term damage by induced demand," stated Planning Board member, Victor Oates.

Plourde claimed that his program modeled for long-term factors.

The Central Gas Site Plan is not expected to return to the Planning Board for at least two months.

## Gas Station

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Oates, added.

They asked Perlman and Madsen to add markers to the area for the walk, showing where things like the driveways and detention pond will be.

"We're happy to do a site walk, we can stake out a location to whatever you guys want," promised Madsen.

The board also ex-

pressed interest in getting information on how loud a completed station might be, including an analysis of the potential impact on surrounding residential properties.

"In this site plan, they have a drive-thru and a gas station, with a 24/7 operation, I think we're treading on thin ice here," said Crowley. "Background noise, we know there's probably a problem."

Basso questioned how useful a noise study would be before construction.

"If we put noise sensors all over the property, what is it? If you want us to build a gas station, get it operational to use a noise study, that's meaningful," said Basso. "But a noise study can only be meaningful if there's some real thing to study. I mean, what are we studying? The noise that's out there right now?"

He raised the possibility of measuring ambient noise and one that would estimate the decibel level at a certain distance to get at least an idea of the situation. Basso promised to talk to a sound engineer, although he emphasized it did not qualify as a formal sound study.

Another request included an environmental impact report in keeping with chapter three of Hudson's Master Plan. Crowley worried about what a below-grade structure like the underground storage tank might have on groundwater. He asked for field information on the topic.

"It's just there's a lot of information that is lacking," said Crowley.

"You folks aren't being fair, my client has been before you since August of

2022, this was subject to substantive review time and time again, the application has been submitted conceptually, gone through design review, and a site plan," said Perlman. "We believe we're ready for a conditional approval."

He questioned whether

there was a precedent for calling for an environmental study at a late stage. A motion to include such a study was eventually voted down.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Highway

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of Selectmen unanimously approved the hiring of Penny.

Another personnel move was to amend the vote taken at the Jan. 30 meeting to hire Connor Roche as a firefighter/EMT, since he had

already been hired and accepted a position at a different department.

The vote by the Selectmen was unanimous to amend the vote.

Selectmen also voted in favor of authorizing Tice to "extend the probation of Firefighter Kenneth Ballou, Firefighter Gabriel Burgess-

Labonte, Firefighter Logan Falk, and Firefighter Earvin Wanjohi," for an extra three months "or the completion of their probationary requirements."

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on March 26, at 7 p.m.

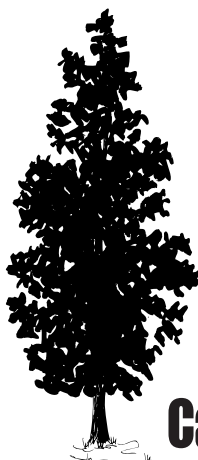


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# Editorial

## Read Across America

On March 2nd, many local schools celebrate the well-known children's author Dr. Theodor Geisel, who is better known to the world as Dr. Seuss. School celebrate Read Across America month by having many activities that focus on reading books based on this children's author through the month of march.

Read Across America was created by the National Education Association. No matter what people think of unions, we hope everyone can agree on the importance of reading, and of reading to children early and often.

This celebration comes in many different ways such as; making green eggs and ham, dressing up as Thing One and Thing Two, having "celebrity readers" pop in local elementary schools, or just by cuddling up with your child to read a bedtime story. Read Across America reminds us about the importance of what could easily become a lost art in the rush of life today.

One of the most important factors in the future success of a child is the ability to read, creating the desire to learn.

Sometimes we take our ability to read for granted, a skill that is used every day. Some of us struggle to read and have to work extra hard because we don't read well, but having something fun to read helps.

Lots of research out there shows that kids who spend time reading recreationally perform better academically. Whether it's by reading traffic signs, employment applications, college text-

books, or exam questions, reading follows us through our lives.

Teens and adults can find enjoyment just by sitting near a warm fire or relaxing by a pool, letting a good book transport them to another world, after all reading is not just for kids. During our busy lives, which can easily get out of control, when your child asks you to spend a little extra time reading at home, it is important to pause for at least 20 minutes and do it. Reading to a child helps with building memories for both of you.

Here is something fun, schedule a trip to the children's room at your local library, an entire building filled with books that can open up to anything or place in this world or out of it. A place filled with magic and knowledge, creating yet another memorable reading experience for your youngster. Have an adventure and learn something new from an informative nonfiction on your favorite figure or subject. Whatever the genre, there's nothing quite like getting lost in a good book, and these habit starts young.

Read Across America highlights the importance of the simple act of picking up a book, where it can lead your mind, and figure out what doors it can open. There are so many different options to read like; on your phone, on a computer, a newspaper, a magazine, a comic book, a graphic novel, the list goes on.

As Dr. Seuss wrote, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child".

# Quinceañera Ball Draws a Crowd at Alvirne High



CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne High School's Spanish Club hosted its second annual Quinceañera Ball on Friday night, March 8, in the schools cafeteria.

The Quinceañera Ball was billed as a fun way to experience one of the traditions of the Latin community and was sponsored by the Spanish Language Club and the Spanish Honor Society.

The Quinceañera, also known as "Fiesta de 15 Años" is the celebration of a young women's 15th birthday. It marks the tran-

sition of a young girl's step into womanhood.

The celebration is much like sweet sixteens or Bat Mitzvah parties that take place in America.

Hudson Superintendent, Dan Moulis, and Alvirne Principal, Steven Beals, opened the event by welcoming the attendees, followed by an explanation of the tradition by members of the Spanish Club and Spanish Honor Society.

To start the event, Julianna Foley was led in by Carmela Sehespi, where Sehespi was handed Foley's

"Last Doll." That led into the changing of the shoes featuring student Janelle Quintana. Following that, there was Tiara Crowning of the other girls involved in the ceremony.

Couples were led into the café after JROTC Cadets formed an Arch of Sabers for the girls to pass under.

From there, students and their partners took part in a ballroom-style dance followed by the party with food, drink and a number of birthday cakes.

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# Chase Street Home Given Variance to Replace Unsafe Stairs

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HUDSON TIMES

Alexandra Mead of 15 Chase St., asked the Hudson Zoning Board for a variance to reconstruct a stairway at the front of her house.

"I had an immediate need to replace my front stairs, the rails had previously rotted off, they weren't replaced since I purchased the house in 2015 as a foreclosure, and I think the bank put on temporary railings for it to pass," said Mead. "I was unaware I am in this zone,

technically having two front yards."

The home sits on the corner of Chase and School Street. As is, her stairs are not an issue, but the deck of the Chase Street home stands within a required 30-foot setback. Coincidentally, the home was next to Town Hall.

"Without changing the character of the house or neighborhood, I'm just making the stairs safer," she added, noting that she lives with her elderly father and thought keeping an unsafe entrance was creating mobility issues.

"We've also had the Hudson Fire Department come in across the street, and it was challenging with paramedic transport."

Mead was hoping to complete the reconstruction immediately, despite initially planning to wait until at least spring.

"Is this being constructed by wood or concrete?" asked Board member, Tim Lanphear. "Is there a ramp?"

He was told the new design would be a composite and would not include a

ramp. Other concerns were over how close the structure was to an existing sewer entrance. Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, commented that the applicant should try to "avoid building the deck over the sewer service" as this could limit town access.

"The deck was dangerous, I asked, and EMS told me, 'They need to fix it,'" Town Administrator, Chris Sullivan, clarified. "I went and looked at it for measurements, and it was done properly, it looks great, doesn't change the charac-

ter of anything at all."

No members of the public were at the meeting to speak for or against the application.

"Granting of the requested variance will not be contrary to the public interest, it will not injure public or private rights, they just need to expand it for safety reasons, and the proposed use will observe the spirit of the ordinance," said Vice Chair, Norm Martin, who re-iterated the EMS safety recommendation. "There's no evidence that's been submitted that it will dimin-

ish the values of surrounding properties, and I don't think it will."

The rest of the ZBA had much the same opinion.

"It helps her father and others in the house, it's a great looking picture, and safety is a betterment as the proposed use is extremely reasonable," said member, Dean Sakati.

The board unanimously voted to grant Mead's variance request.

Mead is also planning to discuss more extensive, cosmetic renovations on the house in the near future.

# Trustees Search for Contractors to Repair Hills Library Roof

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Library Board of Trustees got an update on repairs to the red clay roof of Hills Memorial Library, which suffered from leaking throughout the past year.

"Per a request last month, we had a Trustee who sent a list of roofing companies," said Library Director, Linda Pilla. "Viking Roofing, based out of Hollis, the gentleman came to do an inspection from the ground using binoculars. They would like us to specify a project, they will come back and

remove the tiles, remove the wood, and replace the valleys."

The Trustees got a ballpark estimate of "tens of thousands" to completely fix the roof. Another company, Skyline Roofing, did a cursory inspection in December, and there have been ongoing repairs to stop "active leaks," although it is not expected to be a long-term fix.

Hills Library is considered a historical building, and finding a company specialized enough to work on the tile has been a recurring issue. Many contractors are mainly

equipped to handle asphalt or vinyl roofs.

"I think that it requires somebody with engineering experience to look at it and to look at this building, the underlayment hasn't been touched in a hundred years, so even if the tiles are in good shape, who knows what's going on underneath that," said Trustee Treasurer, Donna Boucher.

According to Trustee Chair, Mimi Guessferd, any repairs will need to follow "historic preservation rules."

"It bothers me to see library staff time to be

spent on this, looking at the roof," added Trustee, Karen May Bohrer, who pointed out that apart from the occasional meeting, almost all operations happen at Rodgers Library, not Hills, with some uncertainty over what acceptable use for the building might be for any group looking to use it. "We don't use this building, why should library staff be spending time looking at the repairs?"

At the moment, the Trustees are considered the stewards of older buildings, although there have been several unreal-

ized proposals to change that.

Currently, Rodgers Memorial Library is considered a "net borrower," since they "pull in more items from other libraries than we send out" according to a report from the Library Director.

That same report highlighted the growing membership of book clubs since the start of 2024.

"Per the Director's report, it looks like the books clubs are the thing at our library, there are so many!" said Trustee, Lisa Weber. "If you are not in a book club, you can surely

find one to your liking. So, I highly recommend joining a book club."

Trustee, Karen Bohrer, went further, encouraging Hudson residents to look more into the many programs.

"There is a program for every person in Hudson, I guarantee that if you look at the library website, you'll find something," said Bohrer.

The Hudson Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

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# Board of Selectmen Approve Benson Park Golf Cart Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved a policy for the usage of the golf cart at Benson Park during its March 5 meeting.

"At their meeting on Sept. 12, 2023, the Board of Selectmen held a public hearing and accepted a golf cart for use at Benson Park," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The Board directed the Benson Park Committee to prepare a policy for the usage of the golf cart at the park."

As part of the proposed

policy, it explains that the purpose of the policy is to "establish standards for the use of the golf cart at Benson Park."

"The golf cart owned by the Town of Hudson may only be used for official town business by members of the Benson Park Committee, employees of the Hudson Public Works Department, and designated members of the Friends of Benson Park," the proposed policy reads. "The golf cart may not be used for personal business or recreational purposes. The golf cart may only to be used within the property boundaries of Ben-

son Park, its parking lots, and the dog park."

No one under 18, is allowed to operate the golf cart as part of the proposed policy, and anyone who drives it must have a valid driver's license, among other requirements, like not being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not wearing headsets or earplugs, and not texting or using a cell phone while driving the golf cart.

Those using the golf cart are required to maintain the golf cart in "good working condition," as part of the proposed policy, and the golf cart can't be "modified in any manner."

"Only an approved battery charger shall be used for charging the golf cart," the proposed policy reads.

When the golf cart isn't

in use, the golf cart "shall not be parked in areas reserved for emergency services (fire lanes, etc.), vehicle parking spaces, handicap accessible areas, within twenty (20) feet of any building entrance, within the traveled portions of any walkway, stairway."

The key must also be removed from the ignition, when it is not in use "and shall be in the possession of the responsible operator," the proposed policy reads.

As part of the policy, it stipulates that "Any accident involving the golf cart shall be reported immediately to the Benson Park Committee and Board of Selectmen."

"Any accident involving property damage or personal injury shall also be reported immediately to the

Hudson Police Department," the policy reads.

The proposed policy also outlines what the user agreement includes:

- Responsible operators must review the Operator's Manual and this Policy.

- Responsible operators must sign the Golf Cart Agreement and Release of Liability Form (Addendum)

- Use of the golf cart is a privilege; the privilege to use the golf cart may be revoked at any time.

Another aspect of the proposed policy is a checklist that must be followed, in order to use the golf cart.

"All operators must have reviewed the Operator's Manual and be familiar with the operation of the golf cart prior to use," the proposed policy reads.

As part of the proposed

policy, each person who uses the golf cart "must sign the User Log before taking the key."

"Prior to operation, each user must perform a safety inspection, to include visual damage, tire condition and inflation, brakes, and fluid leaks," the proposed policy states.

The proposed policy also states that if "the golf cart is damaged or in need of repair or maintenance, it should not be used; all safety or maintenance concerns must be reported to the Benson Park Committee immediately."

Selectman, Dillon Dumont, who is the liaison for the Benson Park Committee, noted that they had the proposed policy drafted by their Town Attorney.

## OBITUARY

### Sergeant Isaiah E. Mount



Sergeant Isaiah E. Mount, born Isaiah E. Hernandez, age 29, passed away on Feb. 15, 2024 at home in Edgewood, WA. Isaiah was born in Nashua, NH, Dec. 28, 1994 to Marie Roy and Domingo Hernandez.

Isaiah married Aleece Mount on March 30, 2023 in Hudson, NH. He attended schools in Hudson and joined the US Army on February 5, 2018. Isaiah was currently proudly serving his country as a Sergeant in the 4/160th SOAR Delta Company in Avionics.

Isaiah enjoyed rock climbing, hiking, and fishing. He possessed a boundless sense of humor and embodied a very bright light illuminating all his family and friends.

Isaiah is survived by his wife; Aleece Mount, his mother; Marie Roy, his brother; Ian Hernandez, his father; Domingo Hernandez as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A time of visitation was held on Thursday, March 7 with a Service of Remembrance in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Following cremation, burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family strongly encourages donations be made in Isaiah's loving memory to the Arbor Day Foundation at <https://shop.arborday.org/trees-in-memory>. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

## Selectmen Approve Legal Contract

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the March 4 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was regarding a proposal to renew Town Attorney, David Lefevre, being the general legal counsel for the town for the 2025 fiscal year.

"We received a proposal from our current attorney," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, said.

Malizia explained that they would have the same rate that they had originally nine years ago.

In a letter to the Board of Selectmen, Lefevre wrote, "My office will continue to provide legal services to the Town at the present reduced rate of \$145.00 per hour, which is the same

rate for all attorneys, will not vary between litigation and non-litigation services, and will not be increased after a certain number of hours."

"Non-attorney paralegal time will also be charged at the current reduced rate of \$60.00 per hour. As always, no retainer is requested," Lefevre wrote. "Fees for legal services will continue to be billed in increments of 1/10 of an hour and invoiced on a monthly basis."

He explained in his letter that "routine overhead and expenses will not be

billed to the Town."

"Out-of-pocket expenses such as filing fees, sheriff's service fees, registry recording fees, etc., will be billed to the Town and itemized separately on the monthly invoices, as would other non-typical costs such as excessive postage or copying charges," the letter stated.

Malizia compared the costs to other attorneys they use, including a labor attorney for \$275 an hour, and an attorney for their tax cases at \$195 an hour, and they are getting a good deal. "Just to put it into

perspective, \$145 is a bargain rate," Malizia said.

Selectman, Bob Guessferd, said he "has represented the town well as far as I'm concerned."

Chair, Marilyn McGrath, also agreed that their current Town Attorney is doing a good job.

"He's certainly done the town well over the years," she said. The Board of Selectmen approved continuing the legal counsel contract. It was noted that the deal would be for one year. The Board of Selectmen are set to meet again on March 26 at 7 p.m.

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# Hands-on, Sticky, and Tasty Learning at Nottingham West

In mid-February, Nottingham West Elementary School fifth grade teacher Eric Crivac approached the Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees with a unique request. Usually, people ask the Trustees about finding family members' graves in Hudson Cemeteries, but Crivac's request was quite different.

The teacher was requesting permission to tap the maple trees in Blodgett Cemetery, which is adjacent to Nottingham West School. He was planning a mini unit on the history of maple syrup in New England. He wrote, "The proximity to the school would give our students a first-hand look at the collection of sap and the production of syrup. We would propose to put up a maximum of four taps with buckets in order to collect enough sap to produce syrup on a very small scale.



We understand and respect the sacredness of this cemetery." The Trustees thought this was a great idea and gave permission. The result was a hands-on and fun lesson for the students, and a delicious pancake breakfast. Mr. Crivac included in his lesson plan reading books about maple syrup

production and presenting information about the history of the cemetery. The trip to the cemetery to tap the trees was a "field trip" like none other.

After collecting the sap, it was boiled down into maple syrup. The students then got to try the syrup at a pancake breakfast on Fri-

day, March 8 in their classroom. Moms and Dads pitched in to send in fruit, make pancakes, and serve the healthy breakfast. The Cemetery Trustees were invited, and Chairman Christina Madden was able to attend. The syrup was delicious, the students listened respectfully to her brief talk about the cemeteries, and asked some thoughtful questions. It was a great opportunity to educate the students on how the cemeteries are a part of the Town's history. The class gave Mrs. Madden a hand-made thank you card and a bottle of their syrup, which may or may not be shared with the other two Cemetery Trustees. Maple syrup season in New Hampshire is mid-February to mid-April depending on location.

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Admirals Shutout in Semi-Finals to Oyster River 4-0

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne-Milford took the trip up to Concord to take on the Oyster River Bobcats at Everett Arena in Concord, NH in the Division II semi-finals. This matchup pitted the sixth seed against the second seed, and it was anticipated to be a battle between two heavyweights, with the winner being the heavy favorite to win it all on Saturday against Spaulding, who had emerged victorious 3-1 over Dover earlier in the evening.

The first period saw Oyster River take control quickly over Alvirne-Milford with the Bobcats getting multiple chances with high-level pressure in their offensive zone. Still, as the Admirals saw in the quarters against Winnacunnet, senior netminder Trent Scarbro was up to the task.

It took Oyster River 6:27 to break the seal as Liam Eddy found the back of the net off a pass from Cam Beaupre that threaded the needle between Brandon Ganas and Cade Bouchard to make it 1-0

Oyster River.

Alvirne-Milford's best opportunity to score in the game by far was when they were on the man advantage towards the end of the first period. Tallying five shots on Oyster River's Cole Harwood in two minutes after the Bobcats took a bench minor for too many men on the ice. Unfortunately for the Admirals, Harwood kept Alvirne-Milford off the board through 15 minutes and the teams headed to the locker rooms with Alvirne-Milford trailing 1-0 to the Bobcats.

In the second period, it was more penalty trouble that got the Admirals in hot water as defenseman Landon Briand was called for hooking under two minutes into the period. Just 18 seconds later, Sawyer Levesque cleaned up the rebound in front of the net and just managed to sneak the puck over the goal line, getting an assist from his brother Cole, and making it 2-0 Bobcats.

The Admirals would kill off two more penalties while Oyster River killed one throughout the rest of the second period, and the

score would remain 2-0 Bobcats to that point. Oyster River was just 15 minutes away from the title game against Spaulding and the Admirals needed to get some momentum and quickly.

Unfortunately for the Admirals, the exact opposite happened to start the third period, as, just 29 seconds into the final frame, Cam Beaupre got a goal of his own with assists from Brayden Moriarty and Cam Miner that would make it 3-0 Bobcats with just 14:31 left in regulation. The Admirals went from needing momentum to needing a miracle.

Oyster River, instead of pressuring for more scoring, opted to play the safe game and dump-and-chase most of the rest of the way, understanding that if the puck was on the Admirals' side of the ice, they couldn't possibly lose. Even when Alvirne-Milford was able to gain the offensive zone, they were unable to get sustained pressure, despite strong efforts by the likes of James Nemeth, Brandon Callahan, Brandon

Ganas, and Mason Tomkins to keep plays alive.

The Bobcats weren't done, however, as Brayden Moriarty took being robbed of a goal personally, as he found the back of the net, beating Scarbro high on his blocker side to make it 4-0 Oyster River, which is where the game would finish with the Bobcats punching their ticket to the finals against Spaulding. Oyster River went on to win that game, as well, earning themselves their first-ever NH State Championship in seven total tries.

For the Admirals, it wasn't the way they wanted the season to end, but they did finish at 10-8-2 this season, a program best, and made a further run than any Alvirne hockey program has made since 2011-12 when they made the Division III championship and lost to Kennett.



Trent Scarbro ready himself in the Admirals net courtesy of Luca DeRosa. Athletic Awards Photo is of the boys' champs with their banners courtesy of HCTV. Have to convert the Athletic Awards file to Google Docs because Word is acting up

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# Alvirne High School Holds Winter Athletic Awards

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

Last Thursday, Alvirne held its triannual Athletic Awards Night, this one being for the winter sports teams for the 2023-24 academic year. All in all, 25 athletes took home awards last Thursday night with seven varsity squads being honored.

For girls' basketball, it was a season in which there were many accomplishments long before Thursday night, especially for a season where many pundits around the state had minimal expectations for the team. The Lady Broncos had players step up and perform eons ahead of expectations, and that, according to head coach Frank Girginis, was largely due to the hard work put into each and every game and practice.

Leading the way for the Lady Broncos was Sadie Rodgers. Earning herself the award for Hardest Worker, Sadie came to every practice and game ready to lead her team, both on and off the court. Even on the early Saturday mornings, she always had a smile on her face and wanted to get better and help her team do the same.

The Player of the Year Award went to Ella Hartson, who led the team in scoring, averaging 10.6 points per game in the regular season, and came away with a number of double-digit scoring

performances, some of them in some of the most critical games of the season.

The HART Motivation Success Award was given to Rachael Allard who, in her high school career, battled her way back from a broken ankle and a torn ACL to hit what Coach Girginis called "the biggest free throws... at least in my time at Alvirne." Shots that he claimed, "No one in this program, including myself, could have hit," with the shots he is referring to being the three free throws that clinched the victory over Goffstown in the preliminary round of the playoffs this year.

For the boys' basketball team, they gave out three awards: the Most Improved Player, a Coaches' Award, and Team MVP.

The Most Improved Player was awarded to Alejandro Valenzuela who was one of the lone "big men" to stay healthy this year and had many key moments for the Broncos down the stretch in their quest for the playoffs.

The Coaches' Award was given to senior Aiden Mills who is no stranger to being a team leader. Mills' passion for the sport of basketball was clear all season as the lone senior on the team showed his experience, hitting clutch shots when needed and playing solid defense.

Team MVP to nobody's surprise was given to junior Sammy DeWitt who led the



Boys' Wrestling champs display their banners.

Photo courtesy of HCTV

team in many offensive categories as well as being given the honor of being named to the Division I All-State Second Team. DeWitt was a player this season who could put up a double-double on any given night and at times was scoring at will.

For the girls' winter track team, the three awards were the Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Athlete, and Most Valuable Athlete.

The Rookie of the Year Award was given to Yevenlla "Jane" Makovsky, whom the coaching staff endearingly nicknamed "G.I. Jane" as she was able to compete in many events in her first year in the track and field scene, doing well in just about anything that she competed in.

Thursday night including an Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Most Improved, and MVP.

Bryce Larco of Milford High School was awarded the team's Offensive

Player of the Year honor as he finished second on the team in points with 22, only behind Braydon Atwood who had 27. Larco's 11 goals and 11 assists came at many key moments in the season including two against Goffstown, one in each matchup, with the first being the lone goal in a 1-0 victory at home and the second being the game-tying goal in a 2-2 tie at Goffstown down the stretch.

The team's Defensive Player of the Year award was given to Cade Bouchard, also of Milford. Cade led his team in +/- this year at a +13 serving on the top defensive pair while also sporting the "A" on his jersey. Bouchard was a leader for this team on and off the ice, not only this season but throughout his high school career, earning himself the Defensive Player of the Year in his senior season.

The Most Improved Player Award went to Ryan Ricard who was fairly quiet on the score sheet this season but had numerous big plays on both ends of the ice, including a goal to give his club the lead against Spaulding. Ricard also led the team in blocked shots this season from the second defensive pairing.

Team Most Valuable Player was an award that was voted on by the players, and according to Head Coach Dave Thibeault, the player took the same direction as the coaches intended to, naming senior goaltender

Trent Scarbro MVP. Trent has been a starter for four years for the Admirals and has accounted for numerous big moments in his time in Navy and Maroon with this season being no exception. Scarbro not only won the first playoff game in Admirals history with a 48-save night against Winnacunnet, but he racked up a .936 save percentage throughout the season to the tune of a 2.46 GAA despite a bit of a rough go of things to start the season for the senior.

Trent, along with fellow award winners Bryce Larco and Cade Bouchard will join Captain Caddy Beaulieu in the All-Star Game this Saturday as Scarbro was given First Team honors and Larco, Bouchard, and Beaulieu were named as Honorable Mentions.

The swim and dive team issued five awards this season with a Most Valuable Swimmer on both the men's and women's side of things, as well as a Most Improved Swimmer, Most Improved Diver, and a Coaches' Award.

The Most Valuable Swimmer (Women's) was awarded to Mikaela Mendes, while the Men's Most Valuable Swimmer, went to the lone male swimmer, Caiden Cox.

Most Improved Swimmer honors were given to Olivia Inzenga and Most Improved Diver went to Ariana Anderson, the team's lone diver who worked as a swimmer and a diver this season.

Ella Bunk took home the Coaches' Award for her hard work this season, serving as a team leader and star swimmer throughout the 2023-24

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# EPA To Provide Over \$55 Million in Funds for Water in 2024

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In a welcome relief to many New Hampshire communities, the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation welcomed over \$55 Million in funds for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure upgrades in a Press Release dated February 21, 2024. The funding for this much needed assistance to many communities hard hit from various pollution sources.

The issues dealing with PFAS as a result of groundwater contamination by the actions of Saint Gobain in area towns, which has since decided to vacate its facility, even as a mandated Consent Order is in effect mandating remediation and correction of the contamination

to affected local domestic water users.

This funding comes from a bipartisan infrastructure law which the delegation fought for and supported. The funding is part of the larger \$50 billion+ investment in water infrastructure upgrades from that same bipartisan infrastructure law, and is structured to support critical water infrastructure that protects both the public health and pristine water bodies across the state, used for both drinking water and recreational uses, where appropriate.

"The historic bipartisan infrastructure law continues to deliver for the Granite State. This funding to support drinking water systems, wastewater infrastructure and improve the health

of our lakes, rivers and streams will benefit our communities for years to come. The dedicated funding to address PFAS comes at a critical time as our understanding grows of how widespread the problem is and how important limiting exposure is for people's health and the environment. We were proud to champion these record infrastructure investments, and it's exciting to see these funds continue flowing to New Hampshire," said Senator Shaheen, Senator Hassan, Representative Kuster, and Representative Pappas.

"President Biden's Investing in America agenda continues to transform communities for the better with this latest infusion of funds for critical water infrastructure projects," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "With \$50 billion in total, the largest investment in water infrastructure in our nation's history, EPA will enable communities across the nation to ensure safer drinking water for their residents and rebuild vital clean water infrastructure to protect public health for decades to come."

"Outdated infrastructure and aging pipes that fail; climate change impacts that cause sewer systems to

overflow; emerging contaminants, like PFAS, that may affect our health—these are challenges that communities across our region face every day, especially in underserved and disadvantaged communities. With today's announcement, we are allocating over \$408 million of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds to combat these challenges with much-needed water infrastructure projects across New England," said EPA Regional Administrator David W. Cash. "Every person, every child deserves safe and clean drinking water; and together with our state and local partners, we are financing upgrades to wastewater treatment plants, replacing old and aging water mains, and developing new filtration sites to remove contaminants from drinking water to make that a reality."

The EPA announcement targeting New Hampshire is part of the larger \$5.8 billion nationwide investment that is funded via the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF), one of the foremost of EPA's signature water investment programs. This multi-billion-dollar investment has been designed to fund various state-run, low-interest loan programs aimed at addressing key

challenges facing our domestic waterways, split up into the following buckets: \$2.6 billion towards the Clean Water SRF for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure; and \$3.2 billion towards the Drinking Water SRF for drinking water infrastructure nationwide.

The Press Release announcement also included targeted funding for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law General Supplemental funds and Emerging Contaminant funds for SRF programs for fiscal year 2024. EPA further states that the agency anticipates announcing additional allocations for billions of dollars for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Replacement fund later in the Spring of 2024.

For more information, including state-by-state allocation of 2024 funding, and a breakdown of EPA State Revolving Fund fund-

ing available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, readers are encouraged to visit the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund website: [www.epa.gov/dwsrf](http://www.epa.gov/dwsrf) and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund website ([www.epa.gov/cwsrf](http://www.epa.gov/cwsrf)) or contact Rep. Chris Pappas at: (603) 935-6710.

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## Awards

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The final team to honor their athletes on the night was the wrestling team. The group began by honoring their Division II State Champions-Logan Jacques (157 lbs), Cam Steed (165 lbs), Shawn Boudreau (215 lbs), and Morgan Gora (120 lbs)—with Gora's title being the first girls' wrestling title in Alvirne history. They also honored Jillian Boncore, who qualified for New England's as a runner-up.

The team also handed

out four awards: Most Outstanding Wrestler, two Coaches' Awards, and Most Improved Wrestler. The Most Outstanding Wrestler Award was given to "Coach's Kid" Shawn Boudreau. The two Coaches' Awards went to Logan Jacques and Joey Lydan. Morgan Gora took home the Most Improved Wrestler Award, as throughout her high school career, she went from being someone recognized by being Kyle Gora's sister to being recognized as Morgan Gora, Alvirne's first female wrestling State Champ.



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# Hudson Veteran Honored by VFW for #StillServing

Hudson veteran Christina Madden who is being honored for dedication to country and community in the national Veterans of Foreign Wars #StillServing campaign. The VFW #StillServing (vfw.org/stillserving) campaign recognizes veterans who continue to

serve in their community after the military.

Madden is #StillServing as Wreaths Across America Location Coordinator for Hudson since 2019. When she took the position she located all veterans buried in seven Hudson cemeteries, marked their location on

cemetery maps, set up a Facebook page and wrote articles for the local newspaper to generate interest and get volunteers for Wreath Day each December.

She coordinated with the town and set up a Wreath Day Ceremony and

has involved local youth organizations such as Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Alvirne High School Air Force JROTC. She is also Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustee, member of the Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club, volunteers at over 55 condo association by bringing in speakers, help planning activities and helping with the activities.

Lastly, at Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791, she has served as commander, junior vice commander, chief of staff and now runs the scholarship committee coordinating with three local high schools.



Hudson veteran Christina Madden is being honored for dedication to country and community in the VFW national #StillServing campaign. *Courtesy photo*

## Hudson Chamber Announces Officers and Directors



The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce held its annual election and announced its board members. Rachel Guill of BAE Systems as Chairperson of the Board, Amy Gauthier of St. Mary's Bank as Executive Vice Chairperson, Brenden Mazur of Bnice Detailing as First Vice Chairperson, Karrie Benson of Morneau Law as Secretary and Timothy Malley of Malley Electric as Treasurer. Continuing to serve on the 2024 GHCC Board are Kathleen Warren of Enterprise Bank, Randall Brownrigg of Ambit Energy and Laura Perrotta of Portrait Arts Photography. Appreciation went to Kelly Goddu of Keller Williams Metropolitan as she steps down from serving on the board since 2020.

Pictured are: Tim Malley of Malley Electric, Brenden Mazur of Bnice Detailing, Laura Perrotta of Portrait Arts Photography, Rachel Guill of BAE Systems, Kathy Warren of Enterprise Bank, Amy Gauthier of St. Mary's Bank, Karrie Benson of Morneau Law, and Randy Brownrigg of Ambit Energy. *Courtesy photo*

## Alvirne Theater Group, Class Act, to Present the Musical Honk!

Alvirne High School's Theater Group, Class Act, and the Music Department proudly present the family-friendly, Quack-tastic musical Honk! on April 12th and 13th. This musical is an adaptation of the famous "Ugly Duckling" story and follows one duckling on the journey of his life after leaving his nest. Audiences will be sure to flock to the Alvirne Stage as the cast and crew gear up for another production that will charm all in the Hudson Community.

The talented students of Alvirne High School take this inspiring musical to a new level by exploring the deep themes of self-discovery, acceptance, and identity. Under the direction of Jennifer LaFrance, the audience will be snapping along while also learning the true



Darian Lyndsey and Madison Hyman of Class Act. *Courtesy photo*

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# AROUND TOWN

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## Psychic & Craft Fair

The Hudson Lions Club will host a Psychic & Craft Fair on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Hudson Community Center, Lions Ave. Hudson. Psychics will be available for readings, cash only. Check out the many vendors who will be selling their wares. For information contact Jeri 603-320-3614, or [Sholeh.sexton4@gmail.com](mailto:Sholeh.sexton4@gmail.com). Proceeds benefit of Hudson Lions Club Charities.

## Comedy Night

A Live Comedy Night Fundraiser held by the Hudson Lions Club will happen on Thursday April 18, at 7 p.m., at Chunky's Cinema Pub Pelham. Tickets are \$20 each. Doors open at 6 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact: Susan Flynn, Email: [Flynn-family60@gmail.com](mailto:Flynn-family60@gmail.com).

family60@gmail.com. Sponsored by Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Nashua, Salem Windham Lions Club. Proceeds benefit of CHAD, children with cancer.

## American Legion Post 48

On March 15, DJ Mike Entertainment will play from 6 - 10 p.m.; on March 17, Corned Beef Dinner will be held from Noon till it's gone cost is \$10 per plate; on March 23, a Meat Raffle will be held starting at 2 p.m., to fund Hudson Schools Hot Lunch program. For more information contact Valerie Mon. - Fri. from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., at the American Legion 603-889-9777.

## Lions Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will be awarding four general individual \$1,000 scholarships

to graduating High School Seniors and one individual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Senior who is a member of the Alvirne Leo's Club. Applicants must be a Hudson NH resident. Applications may be obtained at the Alvirne Guidance Office or email: [DGRoger@comcast.net](mailto:DGRoger@comcast.net). Applications are due by April 12.

## Honk Musical

Class Act and the Alvirne High School Music department are getting ready to present Honk, a musical tale of the Ugly Duckling. Show times: April 12 at 6:30 p.m., April 13 at 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Students \$10, Adults \$15. To purchase tickets go to <https://alvirneclassact.ludus.com>

## Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for people to play Dungeons & Dragons

with? Come to Rodgers Memorial Library to play and grab a donut, on Saturday, March 16, at 9:30 a.m.

## Girls Softball League

Tryouts for Hudson Girls Softball League will be held at Hudson Memorial School's Gym, on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. - noon, and Saturday, March 23, from 2 - 4 p.m. Divisions 6U-14U are encouraged to attend! TRY-OUTS! Tryouts are held to evaluate the skill level of players to ensure teams are as evenly matched as possible. Every player will make a team. Any NEW player (8U or older) or player wishing to advance a division must attend tryouts. Early advancement is not guaranteed. If you have questions prior to registration, please contact us at [playhgsl@gmail.com](mailto:playhgsl@gmail.com). Interested in sponsoring a team? Contact Meg Radziewicz at [hgsl.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:hgsl.fundraising@gmail.com) or go to [www.hgslnh.com](http://www.hgslnh.com) (Returning players are not required to attend tryouts unless they wish to advance to a higher division.)

## Live Zentangle Class Series

On Thursday, March 21

and 28 at 6:30 p.m., join Diane MacKinnon for a 3-class series that will result in a beautiful spring wreath, created by you, and ready for framing at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

## Crime and Cookies

This True Crime Podcast Club will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Join and discuss this month's listen while enjoying a tasty dessert.

## Characters & Cocoa

On Thursday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m., Rodgers Memorial Library will host this new monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshopping. Hot chocolate will be served.

## Five Scholarships

The Hudson Lions Club will be awarding four general individual \$1,000 scholarships to graduating High School Seniors and one individual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Senior who is a member of the Alvirne Leo's Club. Applicants must be a

Hudson NH resident. Applications may be obtained at the Alvirne Guidance Office or email: [DGRoger@comcast.net](mailto:DGRoger@comcast.net). Applications are due by April 12.

## Read 'Em and Eat at T-Bones

Come to T-Bones to discuss books over good food and drinks on Monday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m. March's book is "One Of Us Is Lying" by Karen M. McManus.

## Starry Messenge

On Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. The Starry Messenger, presented by Michael Francis, a dramatic fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Sidereus Nuncius.", will be held at Rodgers Memorial Library. Come to the Library as Galileo (dressed in 17th-century costume) arrives to present a public lecture on his most recent discoveries made using his newly-devised spy-glass.

## Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m., join the Rodgers Memorial Library the third

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# New Avelo Airlines Adding and Expanding Flights

KYLE MONTIBELLO  
HUDSON TIMES

Manchester Airport's newest airline is expanding service in the Granite State. Avelo Airlines took baby steps last June when they started twice weekly flights to Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) in North Carolina. Now it

seems the airline is ready to walk with last week's announcement that they are doubling flights to Raleigh and starting new flights to Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) in South Carolina.

New twice weekly flights to Greenville start operating May 10 and Raleigh service

expands from twice weekly to four times weekly starting May 2. MHT's flight to Greenville will be operated on Mondays and Fridays. Raleigh will be operated on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The addition of Greenville brings MHT to ten cities with nonstop

service from the Granite State.

"I am excited to see Avelo Airlines grow at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport," said Manchester Mayor Jay Ruais. "Avelo's low-cost flights to Greenville and Raleigh will not only give our community more opportunities to

travel but will also drive economic development for our entire region.

The Manchester-Boston region is one of our most requested destinations.

In the press release Tom Tyra, Vice President and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer for the Greenville-Spartanburg In-

ternational Airport said "The Manchester-Boston region is one of our most requested destinations. As we celebrate this new connection, we know Upstate South Carolina travelers will be drawn to the opportunities for leisure and business travel awaiting them in the Manchester-Boston region."

## Giving Girls Something to Look Up To in Astronomy

Science educator Jenny Powers to present 'Women of the Night Sky' at the Aviation Museum of N.H. on Thursday, March 14

Have you ever looked at the constellations and wondered about mankind's place in the universe? Jenny Powers, Director of Science at the Springfield Museums, invites you to ponder women's place among the stars as well.

This Women's History Month, hear a sneak preview of some of the stories in a show Powers is developing for the Seymour Planetarium in Springfield, MA, which she hopes will help

spark curiosity in girls and women about what lies beyond Earth's atmosphere.

The presentation, titled 'Women of the Night Sky,' will take place on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of N.H., 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, NH. Admission is \$10 per person; museum members are admitted free.

The program is part of the Aviation Museum's 'Exploring Aviation' lecture series, sponsored in part by Grappone Auto.

As a planetarium enthusiast, Powers has attended many shows that often focus on men as masters of the

night sky, from early astronomers who first mapped the heavens to more recent times when male astronauts walked on the moon.

Powers' goal is to create new programming that will allow girls and women to see themselves as heroines, scientists, and explorers of space in their own right.

Powers is an experienced museum professional with a focus on STEM education and the power of simple, positive interactions. She fell in love with astronomy while visiting the Seymour Planetarium at the Springfield Science

Museum.

An avid amateur astronomer, she loves to share her love of the night sky through museum programs, helping Girl Scouts earn their space badges, and sidewalk astronomy in her own neighborhood.

In early 2022, Powers became the second woman to ever take the helm of the Springfield Science Museum, and the first woman to hold the position in more than 70 years.

The program takes place on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of NH and is open to the public. Admission to the



Astronomer and educator Jenny Powers

Courtesy photo

event is free for Aviation Museum members and \$10 per person for non-members.

For more information, visit [aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://aviationmuseumofnh.org)

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## Around Town

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Tuesday of every month for an in-depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and nonfiction books including biographies. This month's book: "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult.

### Candy Poker

On Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial Library for a monthly game of Texas Hold' Em poker. Play for candy and take your winnings home. Beginners welcome.

### Spring Storytime

On Saturday, March 30, at 10 p.m., come to the Rodgers Memorial Library for songs, stories, dancing, and bubbles that will have the whole family moving and grooving.

### Mystery Lovers Book Club

On Monday, March 18 at 1 p.m., murder, mystery and

mayhem all in one place, also laugh....a lot at the Rodgers Memorial Library. This month's book pick is "The Verifiers" by Jane Pek.

### Tween Spring Snack Bonanza

On Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m., for grades 4-8, make a few fun spring themed snacks at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

### Curious Kids

On Fridays in March and Saturday, at 10 a.m., explore learning centers with your preschooler with a different theme each week at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

### Adventurers Storytime

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

dren should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome.

### Friends of the Library Meeting

On Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m., The Friends of the Library of Hudson, NH, will hold their regular business meeting. Everyone is welcome.

### 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](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) if you have any questions.

### 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.

### Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial

Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

### 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.

### Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays in March 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.

### Crocheting with Linda

On Tuesdays in March at 5:30 p.m., the Rodgers Memorial Library will host a four weeks series with an

amigurumi project. This is not a beginner class, and you will need to purchase your own supplies. A list will be sent out to all registrants two weeks before the first class.

### PFOA Water Test

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### Teen Hangout

On Tuesdays and Thursdays in March at 2:30 p.m., the Rodgers Memorial 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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