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Sugar Season

Phil Perron has been busy collecting and boiling sap to prepare for Maple Weekend. Perron has a small Sugar Shack on Jump Lane, in Hudson with about 103 taps out this year. His business is called LMP Maple and his sugar shack is just big enough to house the equipment needed to make maple syrup. See more page 6.

Photos by Chris Paul

Revised Crisis Prevention Policy Approved by the School Board

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board approved a policy change for crisis prevention and emergency response plans during its Feb. 19 meeting.

“The board recognizes that schools are subject to a number of potentially dangerous events, such as natural disasters, industrial accidents, acts of terrorism,

and other violent events,” the policy reads. “No school is immune from these events no matter the size or location. The Board is committed to the prevention of these events, to the extent possible, in schools and at school-sponsored activities.”

As part of the plan each school will create a “site-specific school emergency operations plan (“EOP”) based on and conforming

with the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System and pursuant to RSA 189:64.”

“Each Emergency Operations Plan will address hazards as including, but not limited to acts of violence, threats, natural disasters, fire, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, **continued on page 4**

School Board Approve Changes To The Age of Entrance Policy

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had a second reading for its Age of Entrance policy changes on Feb. 19. “I know this is a policy we discussed at length with the board,” Superintendent, Daniel Moulis, said.

According to the policy, it’s the board’s policy “to admit students to first grade whose sixth birthday occurs on or before Sept. 30, in accordance with RSA 193:1 Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil:

A parent/guardian of any child at least 6 years of age and under 18 years of age shall cause such child to attend the public school to

which the child is assigned in the child’s resident district. Such a child shall attend full time when such school is in session.”

As part of the statement of the policy, a student can enter kindergarten “if the chronological age will be five on or before Sept. 30 of the year of entering school.”

“A pupil shall be required to enter grade one if the chronological age will be six on or before Sept. 30 of the year of entering school. See RSA 193:1. A birth certificate must be presented upon registration as proof of the date of birth,” the policy reads.

For students coming from a different district “in

grades 2-8, inclusive, will be placed in accordance with the data forwarded by the sending District. Such placement is tentative and subject to reassignment by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.”

“Incoming transfer students in grade 1 will be admitted to grade 1 if their chronological age will be six before Dec. 31 of the year of entering school or if previously enrolled in grade 1 in another community and attending local schools only on a temporary basis (10 months or less),” the policy reads. “Such placement is tentative and subject to reassignment by the Super-

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Selectmen at Odds Over Lack of Communication

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the end of the Feb. 27 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, tensions flared between Vice Chair, David Morin, and Selectman, Kara Roy.

Roy, during liaison reports, read a prepared statement, raising concerns about not being informed about a personnel issue that recently occurred.

“Tonight, I’m disappointed. Transparency is paramount to this board’s function,” Roy said.

“Recently there was an incident within the town,” Roy stated and “due to the nature of the incident” it would likely be discussed during a non-public session.

The personnel issue wasn’t what Roy wanted to address.

“It’s the abject failure to keep this board informed,” Roy said.

She argued that Morin, Chair, Marilyn McGrath, and Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, all knew about the incident in question, but didn’t inform the rest of the board.

“I’m not sure which dereliction is more serious. That may well be a question for the Ethics Committee,” she said. “But this was a unilateral decision disregarding their inherent duty of consulting and seeking consensus of the board. Their actions foster mistrust between board members

and that leaves three questions. What did you know? When did you know it? And when were you going to notify the board?”

Morin responded by saying he was brought into the situation after Chair, Marilyn McGrath, was notified, but was not able to make it to Town Hall.

He said that once it was turned over to Malizia, he

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Rodgers Library Sees Growing Use of Community Spaces

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Library Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting on Feb. 28, where it was discov-

ered that several lines of the Treasurer's report were close to meeting their spending limit.

"Line 235 is up to 94%, and this is the line

we use for staff registering for workshops or conferences," said Library Director, Linda Pilla. "I've got more staff engaged in and doing professional development, so I'm happy to say we're getting near the top on that one."

Spending was also higher for postage due to higher stamp prices.

The Trustees accepted several donations from the last month, including a book from Tom LaPierre. There was also a \$100 programming donation, from Pat and Donald Painchaud and a \$100 general-use donation from Ronald and Joanne Ottman. Schlichter Bogard, LLP donated \$100 and LL Lash donated \$15 in memory of Alicia Krysiak.

"We appreciate all of these donations," said Treasurer, Donna Boucher.

The Director praised several successful programs since the start of 2024 and the high public use of Rodgers Memorial Library's Community Room.

"There are some great photographs from the children's department when the kids made a giant pizza out of red tablecloth, cardboard cutouts, and shredded newspaper. They just had themselves an absolute blast," she explained. "It just continues to go along. The Community Room is being made good use of, and the police department is going to use the room for training while later in the month, we have Southern New Hampshire DHS coming one afternoon."

Pilla encouraged more use of the library for community groups, saying the high traffic "shows that Hudson is a busy place"

with a need for meeting spaces, although she did compare the calendar to a "busy jigsaw puzzle" with different groups squeezing in for a time slot.

An update to the Community Room states that "library programs take precedence over all other usage" in case of a schedule conflict. Library staff will attempt to reschedule or find an alternate meeting in case an outside party loses its reservation.

Another policy update covered unscheduled library closure and the lack of military leave for library employees.

"We have always had two different sets of rules for adult programming and child programming," said Pilla.

"It typically evens out as you go through the year, and we're still the new kids on the block, we like to make use of those mate-

rials," said Pilla. "Decisions for canceling a program or event will now be made on a case-by-case basis. Previously, if the schools were closed and the library was open, all children's programs were canceled."

The new policy will bring the children's cancellation in line with the adult policy. The Library Director makes decisions regarding any unscheduled closures regarding a large-scale event like the pandemic or extreme weather events.

While the Trustees doubted the military leave clause would come up, but agreed it would be a good idea to have one, and the change was adopted without debate.

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

OBITUARY

Craig A. Curtin



Craig A. Curtin, 78, of Litchfield, NH, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024 at his home in Litchfield.

He was born June 21, 1945 in Worcester, MA, son of the late Walter and Jeannette (Alden) Curtin. Craig was also predeceased by a brother, Robert Curtin.

Craig was the husband of Linda (Sousa) Curtin of Litchfield, NH with whom he shared 52 years of marriage.

Craig honorably served in the US Army where he was an M.P. and was a proud veteran. He was employed throughout his life at Bradley's, Ames, and later Home Depot. Craig enjoyed traveling, mowing his lawn and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving family man.

Besides his loving wife, Linda, he is survived by a daughter; Christina Smith and her husband Dean of Chapel Hill, NC, a son; Matthew Curtin and his wife Shania of Belmont, NH, three grandchildren; Mary Julia Smith, Quinn Smith, and Walter Curtin, a brother; Thomas Curtin and his wife Lucy, two sisters; Margaret Curtin and Mary Beth Holzer as well as his nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday March 22 at 1 p.m., in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. All are asked to please meet at the cemetery.

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School Board Approve Facilities Development Policy

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The Hudson School Board had a second policy reading for the district's updated Facilities Development Goals/Priority Objectives policy.

"As the Board seeks to incorporate the most appropriate and cost-effective risk management techniques for loss prevention and control, and to overcome deficiencies in its physical plant, it strives to provide new and remodeled facilities that will offer the best possible physical environment for

learning and teaching," the policy statement reads. "The Board specifically recognizes the need for and importance of regular and substantial capital maintenance, renovation, improvement and expansion consistent with realistic fiscal constraints."

According to the policy, there are six different considerations, goals, and objectives that would be looked at.

"In establishing specific facility plans, the board will use the following considerations, goals, and objectives

among others:

1. Facilities, including buildings, ground, and playing fields, that will accommodate organization and instructional patterns that support the district's educational philosophy and instructional goals.

2. Meeting all safety requirements through the remodeling and renovation of older structures.

3. Providing building renovations to meet requirements on the availability of public-school facilities to handicapped persons whenever possible.

4. Building design, construction, and renovation that will lend themselves to low maintenance costs and the conservation of energy.

5. Facilities that will also lend themselves to community use in ways consistent with the district's overall goals.

6. Keeping the community informed about the condition of district facilities as well as the perceived needs in the areas of capital improvement expansion and acquisition."

As part of the policy "Decisions pertaining to

education specifications of new buildings and those undergoing extensive remodeling will be developed with the input of teachers, students, parents, and the community."

One of the changes made is in regards to the Capital Improvement Program.

"The Facilities Director will prepare and update a long-range capital improvement program, to be reviewed at least every 2 years with Capital Improvement Committee, that identifies District school facility

goals, provides projected expenditures, and outlines procedures and guidelines to be followed to accomplish Board and District goals."

The policy goes on to state that "This program will be provided to the Department of Education pursuant to RSA 198:15-a, so that the state can project funds needed for building projects occurring in the District and elsewhere."

The School Board unanimously approved the policy.

The next School Board is to take place on March 11.

Selectmen

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took care of everything "because that was the procedure that he was given to do by the people that we needed to talk to."

Morin said McGrath was only involved "because the employees went to her because of their concerns, which is totally acceptable."

Regardless, Roy argued she felt it was a situation that she thinks the entire board should've been aware of, and that Morin, McGrath, or Malizia, should've notified the rest of them about the situation that took place.

Morin also argued that

he thought Selectman, Bob Guessferd was informed of the situation by Malizia, but Guessferd said he heard about it and then inquired about it by asking Malizia. He argued that the entire board should've been notified. Guessferd did not say from where he initially heard about the situation.

"I think this is something that probably should've been raised to the entire board's attention," Guessferd said.

Morin argued that he told Roy about issues regarding the Greeley Street fire from a few years ago and suggested that Roy interfered with the investigation.

"So, I'm not telling Selectman Roy anything until I have to," Morin said, arguing that she couldn't be trusted with sensitive information.

Roy argued the problem is that those who knew about the incident in question, didn't let the rest of the Selectmen know "about a serious issue that happened in this Town Hall."

Morin said a firefighter fell through the floor and could've been killed referring to the Greeley Street fire.

"You did everything in your power to politically protect somebody who was gonna get another job," Morin said. "That was a

serious incident, and you took all the information I gave you to make sure that an investigation wouldn't go further."

Roy argued she never interfered with any investigation and challenged Morin to prove his allegations.

"I never interfered with an investigation," Roy said.

Guessferd and Selectmen, Dillon Dumont, both agreed that there needs to be more communication between the Selectmen going forward.

"For everybody here, I do believe we need to communicate, and let me tell you, the people watching at home don't need this so let's move

forward," Dumont said.

Dumont also argued that while Roy found out, he wasn't notified, arguing it was the same situation she was concerned about.

"You did the same to me, you left me in the dark," Dumont said.

Roy apologized to Dumont.

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Editorial

Let the Sun Shine In

There's been a lot of talk lately, both locally and at a state level, concerning residents right to know what is going on with town and state government.

Last month the state's House of Representatives passed a bill to limit the amount of information a taxpayer could ask for without being charged for it.

In a nutshell, if the request takes more than 10 hours, the person making the request will be charged \$25 dollars an hour.

The bill, HB 1002, passed early last month, 193-179, and we're happy to report all but one of Hudson's State Reps voted against it.

The bill virtually puts a roadblock in place when trying to get information from town, school and state officials for things that taxpayers have already paid for.

As taxpayers, we are paying for every hour a town and state worker puts into their job, yet this bill wants people to pay even more to give information that they are already entitled to.

It is absolutely insane to think so many of our lawmakers felt that asking the taxpayer pay for this service was a good idea.

Local Rep., Jordon Ulery, was the only District 13 representative voted in favor of the bill, all others, including District 38 Reps., voted against it.

District 14 State Senator, Sharon Carson, was a co-sponsor of the bill.

The inherent issue with this law is that only the government body will be monitoring how long it takes to complete each request and it treats public records as their property.

Thankfully, after the vote, the bill went back to be amended and will be voted on by a judiciary committee this week, with the possibility of being sent back to committee for more revisions.

In Londonderry, the problem has been that simple requests have been ignored, until the point where officials are legally required by a judge to give an answer. The process may take months for acquiring something as simple as a letter.

Evidence of how long, and how much it cost to get a single file was well documented last year by the Londonderry Times.

Open and transparent government - you could call it the battle cry of community newspapers.

The public records that shed light on government's actions are getting harder and harder to get.

March 13 - 19 is Sunshine Week, a reminder that government business conducted in the open is at the heart of a democracy.

Open government means, allowing newspapers to do there doing their job, which is act as watchdogs, asking the often uncomfortable questions, getting the information, and providing it to their readers. And if documents are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is in failure.

The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." That's the heart of what government is all about. As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates without having to pay again.

Lets hope this bill doesn't have any unintended consequences.

Letters

Hudson Chamber Opposes Article 50

To the editor,

The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce's mission is to build a vibrant and prosperous community through business leadership and positive change.

As such, the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce is speaking out in opposition of the proposed petitioned Warrant Article 50 which seeks a one-year building moratorium in Hudson. This building moratorium, as petitioned by residents, is an extreme action that will have serious long-term consequences to the local economy. It was even unanimously voted not to recommend by the Hudson Planning Board.

There is no evidence, data or analysis that substantiates that taking such a drastic step will benefit the community or solve traffic issues, and the Chamber is concerned that it will alternatively have significant repercussions to the local economy and negative impact to the Town of Hudson. Warrant Article 50 if it passes, will immediately stop the issuance of building permits and the approval of subdivisions and site plans in the Town's Business, Industrial, General and General-1 Zones. The implementation of such an extreme measure will ultimately have a negative impact on the local economy, adversely affect local jobs, implement harmful controls on landowners,

and halt added tax revenues that balance the taxpayer burden.

This petitioned warrant article along with many others that will impact the Town, local economy, and the taxpayer will be voted on at the Town of Hudson election on Tuesday, March 12th and the Chamber encourages a no vote on Warrant Article 50.

Brenda Collins,
President, Gr. Hudson
Chamber of Commerce

Editor's note: This letter was inadvertently missed last week, therefore allowed to run this week. Our policy is to not run election letters in the week prior to an election, leaving no time for corrections.

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and other hazards deemed necessary by the Superintendent or local emergency authorities," the revised policy reads. "Their EOP will be updated (or report of no changes) to the Superintendent for review before submitting the Emergency Operations Plan to the Department of Homeland Security by the date determined by the agency."

The policy also addresses the district wide crisis prevention and response plan.

"The Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate personnel, and in coordination with local emergency authorities, shall de-

velop a District-wide Crisis Prevention and Response Plan (the "District Crisis Plan"), the policy reads. "The District Crisis Plan shall serve as a compilation of each site-specific Emergency Operations Plan for each District school and shall include the current Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan as required under Board policy JLCJA and RSA 200:40-c."

As part of the policy the "District Crisis Plan shall be updated and provided to the Board for review (i.e., after the site-specific EOP's are submitted to the state)."

Coordination is also addressed as part of the policy.

"The Superintendent will establish a relationship with local and state emer-

gency services (e.g., police, fire, ambulance, etc.)," the updated policy reads. "Unless otherwise provided in a site-specific EOP, the District-wide Crisis Prevention and Response Plan or the District Communication Plan, the Superintendent, or his/her designee, will serve as the coordinator/liaison with these authorities. Additionally, the Superintendent should designate personnel to explore the availability of any training or support provided by the NH Departments of Education and/or Safety associated with risk assessment, crisis management, and other matters related to this policy."

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on March 11.

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Selectmen OK Bridge Plan, Terminate Dispatcher, Approve Member

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the Feb. 27 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regard to the Melendy Road Bridge.

"The Melendy Road Bridge is currently in the design and permitting phase, which are being funded by the Town of Hudson," Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo. "We have submitted the state wetland permit and are in the process of filing for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) permit. We recently made the case to the state that this bridge should be on the red list and could be on the ten-year plan

because it qualifies for the program and will be ready for construction in the fall of 2024."

Dhima explained that the State agreed that it was one of the projects that could be funded through the federal government. "Again, it's another project we were able to put in at the last minute," Dhima told the Board of Selectmen.

In a memo Dhima wrote "We have received the Federal Aid Program Project Agreement from the NH Department of Transportation for this project... The approved contract amount for \$1,000,000 which will provide 80% in federal funds with a 20% cost match... The funding will

include the construction and construction oversight phase, while the town will remain responsible for the design, permitting, utilities and right-of-way phase."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved allowing Dhima to sign the agreement with the NH Department of Transportation.

In personnel news, the

Board of Selectmen announced different votes they took during its most recent non-public meeting.

One of the votes was to terminate Paul Bolduc from his position of Dispatcher, with an effective date of 1 p.m. on Feb. 5, and not pay out the seven (7) hours of earned time for the remainder of that shift and withhold payout of any remain-

ing earned time that he has available, as recommended by the Fire Chief. The Selectmen voted unanimously in support.

Another non-public session vote was to allow Hudson Fire Chief, Scott Tice, "to participate in an unpaid four-month internship through the Army Career Skills Program with Isaiah White-side."

The Selectmen voted unanimously in support of the request.

It was also unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen to name Nathan Muir as an alternate member to the Benson Park Committee. The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on March 26 at 7 p.m.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

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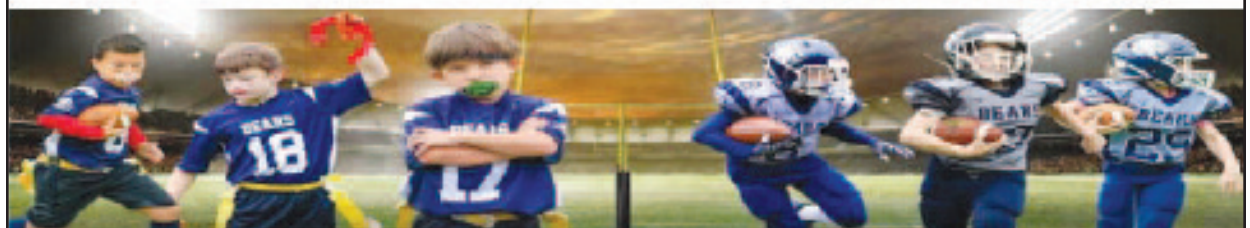


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Local Maple Sugarer, Phil Perron has been very busy over the past few weeks collecting and boiling sap to prepare for Maple Weekend. His small Sugar Shack on Jump Lane, in Hudson has been in operation for five-years and he has 103 taps out this year. So far this year, he's produced 12 gallons of Maple Syrup. Small groups are welcome to stop by his shack, but call LMP Maple at (781) 539-2087 first.

Photos by Chris Paul

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

To the editor...

My name is Gretchen Whiting, and I am running a Write-In campaign and seeking people to vote for me, Gretchen Whiting, for another 3 year term on the School Board. I am currently the Chair of the School Board and have served for 4 total years (19-20 and 21-24). Originally, I was not seeking reelection, however, recently I have been approached by several community members encouraging me to run a write in campaign for School Board.

In my time as a Board Member I have been involved in successful contract negotiations with HFT (Hudson Federation of Teachers) and PSRP (Hudson Federation of PSRP - for Paraprofessionals, Nurses and Lunch Monitors), both included pay increases and other items crucial for the recruiting and retaining of staff, and there is still more to be done.

Additionally, I have been involved in a complete review of district policies starting in 2019, obtaining feedback from District Staff, Parents/Guardians and Community members. I have also served as the ex-officio member to the Budget Committee for the last two years.

I am running a write in campaign so I can continue the work that I started. Another term on the school board will help continue to move the district forward in the right direction and make it a better place for students, staff and families.

Please consider writing in my name - Gretchen Whiting- for School Board on March 12th, 2024.

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Party Rental Company Looks to House Business at Home

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Greg McAdams of 7 Saint John Street asked for a Home Occupation Special Exception on Feb. 22 from the ZBA. McAdams was looking to operate an office for his business while using part of his home for storage.

"I'm the owner of UFO Party Rentals, basically we're a complete event rental company. I'm looking to be able to use one half of a two-car garage to store some inflatables," said McAdams.

More problematic from a zoning perspective was a request to park trailers on the property, something McAdams hoped would not be a long-term solution.

"We are trying to find a warehouse and it's been extremely difficult," he explained. "We do have storage units in Pepperell and that's our main thing, but that is quite a trip, so there are mornings where we have to leave pretty early. Being able to grab the inflatables and go saves me a bunch of time, I get to see my kids a little bit more, that sort of thing."

The business runs May through October, and despite using several trailers, McAdams claimed that a company food truck would be on the property during

his off-season. He assured the ZBA that no customers ever come to his house.

"How many pieces of rental equipment do you have in one part of the garage?" Asked Board member, Dean Sakati.

McAdams estimated that his company had about eighty pieces, with most in the Pepperell storage units and around ten of the most popular in the garage.

Two abutters were at the meeting to express opposition to the requested exception, including Andrew Cloutier of 6 Grigas St., who complained that the number of vehicles on the Saint John Street property has steadily increased over the past year.

"First, it was one truck and one trailer. Then it became two trucks, two trailers, and three employees," said Andrew. "Mr. McAdams is parking in the street as his driveway is being used for storage, none of his employees live at this house, and they end up parking on the street during visits. This has increased activity in the neighborhood with these two trucks and trailers coming and going multiple times a day."

Sue Cloutier of 25 George Street expressed a similar opinion and wanted the area to remain "comfort-

able" in keeping with its residential zoning designation.

"What the maps don't show is how tight everything is, it's smaller over there," she said, referring to limited space on streets in the neighborhood. "When he has his equipment out there, it's hard for people to get around. I question whether there's a safety

issue when he has trailers parked on the road."

McAdams claimed that the ZBA meeting was the first time he had any serious problem with either neighbor and reiterated his eventual desire to find a warehouse large and cheap enough to keep equipment off his property. There was some uncertainty over what had previously been dis-

cussed between the neighbors.

Zoning Vice Chair, Norm Martin, warned that there were a few possible issues beyond the purview of the ZBA that could lead to trouble, including having an improperly parked truck towed. He also mentioned possible advertising issues in a residential area by parking trailers labeled with a business name on the street and expressed a separate issue with on-site storage.

"I would like to see some promise to the town that everything will be stored inside with no washing on the property," said Martin. "Otherwise, this is not a proper home occupation."

Home occupation exemptions are typically smaller in scale.

After extensive debate, the ZBA voted to defer the matter to the next meeting, deciding that an in-person site walk was needed.



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OBITUARY

Richard F. Oljey, Jr.



Richard F. Oljey, Jr., 62, of Hudson, NH, passed away at his residence on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024.

He was born Oct. 12, 1961 in Saugus, MA, son of the late Richard F. Oljey, Sr. and the late Martha (Baker) Oljey. Richard was also predeceased by his brother, Michael Oljey and his dear friend Dave Jackson.

Richard was the husband of Pauline Rand-Oljey of Hudson, NH.

Richard attended Rhodes College in Memphis, TN where he made many lifelong friends that he still keeps in touch with. He was employed with Textron Systems in Wilmington MA as a Security Lieutenant for most of his career and for the past 8 years was employed with Allied Security.

Richard was a lifelong fan of the New England Patriots. He attended as many games as he could and was a member of the Razor's Edge Tailgate. He enjoyed golfing, though not the greatest player, but loved being out with friends. Richard was part of the Pin Seekers Golf Group and would play multiple times a year with them. He was also a member of Hudson Fish & Game and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

Richard loved traveling with his wife and recently returned from 2 week trip in Huatulco Mexico celebrating their 10 year anniversary. Richard took many trips over the years, including: Ireland, River cruise on the Danube, where he visited Austria, Hungary, Germany & Slovakia, Jamaica, Yellowstone, Zion, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Las Vegas, Mexico, Nova Scotia and eastern parts of Canada and had plans to travel to many more places.

Besides his loving wife, Pauline, Richard is survived by a daughter; Rebecca Bradley and her husband Kenneth, a daughter; Stephanie Butler, grandchildren; Joseph Pastina, Aiden Brasley, Austin Brasley, Chase Pelletier, Sarah Pelletier, an aunt; Sister Martha Marie "Barbara" Baker, an uncle; John Oljey, a sister in law Debora Huff and her husband Troy, nephews; Peter Speropolous, Jr., Cody Speropolous, Timothy Speropolous, a stepmother; Judith Oljey, Cousins; Kristin Spencer, Cheryl Davis, Jayne Abrams, Laurie Baker Baldi, Edwin Lurvey, Jill Baker McMillen, Brian Faulkner, Ray Cipoletti, Edward Oljey and many close friends that he considered his family, such as his first wife, Dawn DeStefano Oljey, and those he called his brothers like Mark Christie and Jack Jackson.

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Friday, March 8 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., with a Service of Remembrance and Prayers at 11:30 a.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers the family encourages donations be made in Richard's loving memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.


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Article 10 Circumferential Highway Feasibility Study

Please vote **NO**. I believe the 200K can be better spent on a town-wide infrastructure study, as we know the Hudson Boulevard will not remedy our traffic issues. This project is about development as stated in the *2019 Hudson Boulevard Build Grant Application Narrative*: "the Hudson Boulevard project has the potential to unlock the economic development potential of some of the most significant commercial and industrial sites in southern New Hampshire resulting in the creation of close to 6 million square feet of commercial and industrial development..." (HudsonNH.gov)

Article 26 Ratification of Lease Agreement West Road Landfill

Please vote **NO**. The Board of Selectmen never discussed the fact the SNH Radio Control Club was currently using that land. When provided evidence of prior authorization, the BOS refused to reconsider their decision to put this Warrant Article forward to the public. The lease as written is not a very lucrative deal for the town. The sustainability committee and other knowledgeable members of our community were not given a voice in this process. When I called the Town Engineer to ask a simple question concerning this project, he was told by Selectman Morin not to return my phone call. For all these reasons, I ask you to vote no. This lease needs to go back to the BOS for review and for additional consideration. The Board of Selectmen needs to support the town-wide infrastructure study to find the best place for a solar farm. The BOS should not assume the capped landfill, currently being used as recreational space, is the best fit nor the most lucrative option.

Article 27 Study Needs for New Town Hall (by Petition)

Please vote **YES**. The Board of Selectmen have publicly stated when discussing this warrant article, they intend to move this study forward in the new fiscal year. This study is needed and the BOS, despite not supporting this warrant article, also deems this study a priority.

Article 29 Comprehensive Infrastructure Study (by Petition)

Please vote **YES**. We need a comprehensive town-wide traffic study; one that takes into consideration the entirety of the town including all the roads and intersections. There are many different options to consider when seeking traffic mitigation. Infrastructure includes but is not limited to electricity, water, sewers, drainage, emergency services, wetlands etc. This study would take a desperately needed wide view of the town and provide direction for future improvements.

Article 31 West Road Landfill So. NH RCC (by Petition)

Please vote **YES**. The Southern New Hampshire Radio Control Club has been on this land with the authorization of the Board of Selectmen since 2000. Please allow them to continue to use the land for future generations. The club has spent over \$40k on leveling and flattening the capped landfill, which made it perfect for the solar farm. After extensive investigation, the SNHRCC presented an alternative plan to share the landfill space for both purposes. Additionally, they found a substitute location for the town's solar farm.

Article 32 Adopt Town Manager Form of Government (by Petition)

Please vote **YES**. The May 2022 Staffing Assessment Report (available at HudsonNH.gov) specifically states the town of Hudson would benefit from adopting a Town Manager Form of Government. This report was requested and approved by the Board of Selectmen, yet they voted not to support this recommendation. A Town Manager implements daily oversight and authority to create a more efficient system, for staff, and all town resources. The Board of Selectmen will be the hiring authority for the Town Manager. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen will need to work closely with this individual to fulfill the goals, needs and strategic plan for the town of Hudson.

Article 48 Petition to Amend Town Code 334-38 (water quality)

Please vote **YES**. Water quality continues to be a concern throughout the country and Hudson is no different. Many in the community have individual wells. Our municipal water also comes from wells. Aquifers and ground water are an intricately connected network throughout Hudson. The more we can do to protect our precious aquifers the better for all.

Article 49 Petition to Amend Town Code 334-15.1 (distance between Gas Stations)

Please vote **YES**. Currently we have an abundance of gas stations in Hudson. I am concerned about our local businesses succeeding in our town. We need to be careful not to over saturate a particular market.

Article 50 Petition One Year Temporary Building Moratorium

Please vote **YES**. This warrant article creates a pause, not a stop. The Planning Board needs to complete the Master Plan and determine the new vision created for Hudson. This will help empower them to make the best decisions for the future of the town. Once the Master Plan is complete, the moratorium is lifted. Simple.

I want to thank my supporters for endorsing my idea to fund the mailing of one issue of the Hudson Times. I want voters to be informed. My commitment continues to be to the entire Hudson community, my forever home.



Article 28 Required Public Input (by Petition)

Please vote **YES**. As the sponsor of this Warrant Article, I am continuously frustrated with the lack of public input at the beginning of certain town meetings. The public should be welcomed at the table of any public meeting. Citizens have ideas, thoughts, opinions, thanks, experiences and more to offer the town. We need to create an easy and consistent policy for public input. Public Input, dialogue, respect, and understanding are the underpinnings of a strong and successful community.

Seek first to understand, then to be understood.

~Stephen Covey

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When I have questions, my strategy is to seek out the appropriate people in our community. In the past, I have met with many leaders in order to find comprehensive answers. I continuously support the efforts and cooperation of the Fire, Police, and the Public Works Departments. Supporting the School Board's efforts to offer a high-quality education to all students, continues to be an important goal.

The following Warrant Articles regard Hudson's labor contracts. They were negotiated and now need your approval. Please consider the importance of appropriate compensation for our hard-working town employees. Please vote YES on: Town Warrant Articles #5 Hudson Public Works Union Contract, #6 Firefighters IAFF union Contract, School District Warrant Article #2 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hudson School Board and PSRPs, #3 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hudson School Board and AFSCME.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Admirals Win First Playoff Game Since 2012, Advance to Semis

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

After finishing their regular season at 9-7-2, Alvirne-Milford earned their first playoff berth in five years and had to travel to Phillips Exeter Academy to get a rematch with Winnacunnet in the quarterfinals. If their first matchup was a thriller, this one was on another level. The Admirals took the game 4-2 and will play Oyster River in the first semifinal appearance in Alvirne-Milford program history with Alvirne's last semifinal appearance coming in 2011-12 when they were a stand-alone program in Division III.

The first period saw

Winnacunnet control action throughout with the most evident stat being that the Warriors outshot Alvirne-Milford 19-2 in the first frame. Fortunately for the Admirals, Trent Scarbro had 19 saves to Owen Helton's 2, and the score was still 0-0.

Braydon Atwood had a chance early on to give the Admirals the lead with the team's first shot on goal, but Helton got his pad on the puck, keeping things even and that's where they'd head into the intermission.

Going into the second period, Alvirne-Milford looked like they were a brand-new team. Winnacunnet was able to get on the



Admirals captain Cedrik Beaulieu (Photo Courtesy of Luca DeRosa)

board first with a tip-in by Brayden Emery 3:36 into the second period. Drew

Morelli and Alex Santora picked up assists on the goal that gave the Warriors a 1-0 lead.

Alvirne-Milford answered back very quickly, however, as they scored at 5:56 in the second. The goal was initially credited to Landon Briand, but it was then changed to James Nemeth's goal with Briand picking up the assist.

Brandon Callahan gave the Admirals the lead with 7:40 to play in the second frame. No assists were credited on Callahan's first goal of the playoffs that gave his squad the lead, where they would stay until the final horn.

Nemeth tallied his second goal of the night with 4:42 left in the second. Cedrik Beaulieu and Bryce

Larco were given assists on Nemeth's second. That would send things into the second intermission with Alvirne-Milford up 3-1 and just 15 minutes from the semis.

In the third period, Drew Morelli kicked off the scoring, clawing his team back to within a goal as he scored on the powerplay after Ryan Ricard was called for hooking with 13:20 left in regulation. Nolan Rennie and Brayden Emery were credited with the assists on the Morelli goal.

That would be as close as the Warriors would get to tying things back up, though, as Brandon Ganas buried his first goal of the playoffs with 3:50 left in the game to send the game to its

final of 4-2. Mason Tomkins and Braydon Atwood got the assists on Ganas' marker.

It wasn't a lack of chances for Winnacunnet, as they were credited with 50 shots on goal, but Scarbro stopped 48 of the 50 to send his team to the semis and push them one win closer to their first title in school history.

Three stars of the night went to Trent Scarbro who picked up the win and stopped 48/50 shots he faced, James Nemeth who had two goals, including the game-winner in the second period, and Brandon Ganas who picked up the final Admiral tally of the night and sealed the deal for Alvirne-Milford.

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Alvirne Girls Get Win Over Grizzlies, Fall to Lancers

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Blake Santana

Alvirne's Lady Broncos' Basketball team met a similar fate to the boys' team, as they found themselves entering the tournament at 9-9 on the season and the 11th seed in the Division I Tournament, pitting them against Goffstown in the first round of the playoffs. The Lady Broncos pulled off a major upset at the last possible second against the Grizzlies, punching their ticket to the quarterfinals against the Lancers. The Cinderella story would end there, however, as the Lancers took care of business, winning 51-36 over Alvirne.

Alvirne's head coach, Frank Girginis, said that all Alvirne needed to do going into Tuesday's battle against Goffstown, their second in a row, was dot their i's and cross their t's, and they managed to dot just enough i's and cross just enough t's as they emerged victorious over Goffstown 50-49.

Goffstown jumped out to a very quick 7-0 lead in the first before slowing down a bit to send the game into the second quarter up 11-6 over the visiting Broncos. Alvirne's struggles carried into the second quarter as Goffstown put up 18 points to Alvirne's 12 to



Rachael Allard, at right, was the hero in the Broncos' final seconds win over Goffstown last week.

take a 29-18 lead into halftime. The Broncos had to turn things around as quickly as possible.

Alvirne did just that, storming out of the gates at halftime, and putting up 20 points in the third quarter alone. That gave them the lead 38-36 going into the fourth quarter of play. Now all they needed to do was hold on for eight minutes.

Alvirne held at least a share of the lead until there was just 4:47 to play in regulation. Goffstown held their lead as time wound down, with the game sitting at 48-47 in favor of the Grizzlies when a Julia Adams foul sent Goffstown's Keeleigh Capps to

clock to shoot three. Allard hit all three of her free throws, giving the Broncos a walk-off 50-49 victory over Goffstown and sending them to the quarterfinals.

Alvirne's next test was to "shock the state," as coach Girginis put it, and beat Londonderry. Unfortunately, they were unable to do so as the Lancers took care of business by double digits.

Ella Hartson led the Broncos in scoring with 12 points. Courtney Anderson was close behind contributing 11 of her own. Rachael Allard had 6, Julia Adams put up 3, and Lexi Floyd and Sadie Rodgers had 2 points.

For Londonderry, Sam Sullivan led the way with 22 points. Gemma Murray and Mia Giampa had 8 leading the way. Reagan Anderson scored 7 for Londonderry while Kate Sloper and Brooke Eacrett had 3 points each. Londonderry



AHS's Julia Adams makes her way to the basket around Reagan Anderson. Photos by Chris Paul

moves on to the semifinals season at 10-10 and in the against Pinkerton in Exeter #8 spot in Division I. Congrats to the Broncos on a great season.

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Alvirne Boys' Basketball Upset Keene, But Fall to Bulldogs

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

The Broncos finished their regular season at 9-9, good enough for the tenth seed in the Division I Tournament, making it back to the playoffs for the seventh time in the last eight years. They were pitted against #7 Keene in the first round, and many groups predicted the Broncos to upset the Blackbirds in the first round. Alvirne did just that, winning 51-42 and earning themselves a trip to Bedford in the quarterfinals where their season ended at the hands of the Bulldogs, as they suffered a 69-51 loss.

Alvirne finishes as the #8 team in Division I at 10-10 on the year, but in order to jump from the tenth seed to the elite eight, they had to beat the Blackbirds. Alvirne's playoff experience came in handy, as they were unphased by the pressure of a playoff game while Keene was rattled down the



Andrew Deely goes up for two against the Bulldogs on Saturday.

stretch.

Alvirne's Sammy Dewitt and Garrett Hall had 12 points each, leading the team in scoring on the night. More of the same thing that

had worked all season for Alvirne. Solid defensive play and relying on the play of their two stars. There is a reason Hall and Dewitt were named to NH Sports Page's All-State team.

Alvirne jumped out to a 9-2 lead early on and managed to take the game through the first quarter at 11-5. This lead would grow to 22-15 at the half with Keene's Andrew Prock accounting for 13 of Keene's 15 points. Prock was held to just three points in the second half, good for the game's highest scorer at 16-points.

Keene managed to cut the lead down to just four points early on in the fourth quarter at 37-33. The Broncos then responded with a 14-6 run before Prock put up his final three points of his high school career just before the buzzer sounded. The buzzer-beater proved to be a moot point, however, as Alvirne emerged vic-



Junior Sam DeWitt goes in for a lay-up between three Bulldog defenders. Photos by Chris Paul

torious 51-42, sending them to the quarterfinals, which those who didn't have this game on upset watch believed to be nearly impossible after the resig-

nation of head coach, Leo Gershgorin, right before the end of the season, which was immediately followed by losses to Bedford 69-60 and Goffstown 50-49.

The win set the Broncos up for a rematch against Bedford. They had battled the Bulldogs hard just a week and a half prior, but it almost seemed that the Bulldogs weren't putting in full effort in their regular season meeting knowing that they couldn't finish anywhere but the second seed regardless of the result.

Alvirne took the lead under a minute into the game, and they did not relinquish that lead until there was 2:03 left in the first quarter. The teams traded the lead back and forth before Bedford went up 19-16 at the end of the first.

Bedford wouldn't look back, outscoring Alvirne 16-6 in the second quarter to give them a 35-22 lead going into halftime. They then went on to outscore the Broncos 34-29 and win by a final of 69-51, sending them to the semifinals against #3 Nashua North on Wednesday night in Exeter.



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Age Policy

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intendent.”

One of the aspects of the policy is for waivers.

“Waivers covered by this policy shall only be granted for a three-month probationary period. Before the end of the probationary period, the District will assess whether the waiver/placement is appropriate. If the District determines that the waiver/placement is not appropriate, the student will be subject to reassignment by the Superintendent or his/her designee. For a waiver of early admittance into kindergarten, reassignment shall mean withdrawal from school. Parents requesting a waiver for early admittance to kindergarten must agree in writing or by facsimile to withdraw their child if the waiver/placement as determined by the District is not appropriate,” the policy reads. “Likewise, parents requesting any other waiver under this policy must agree in writing to reassignment if the placement (as determined by the district) is not appropriate. Such agreement to poten-

tial reassignment/withdrawal shall be made at the time of application for waiver to age of entrance requirements.”

A concern raised by members of the School Board is making it clear that there are conditions as part of being granted a waiver, and that it wouldn't be unconditional.

Director of Special Services, Rachel Borge, explained that they would work with the IT department, to make it so people couldn't go past it on the online form until they acknowledge there are conditions and would make it very clear on the form.

Parents/guardians would be required to request a waiver “for delayed entry or early admittance.” As part of the timeline, a parent or guardian needs to submit the waiver requests by March 15, prior to the school year. “All students applying for a waiver will need to take the appropriate grade-level screener in the spring,” the policy reads.

According to the policy, on May 1, screener results “with recommendation from the screening team will be delivered to the Superinten-

dent.” On May 15, “Superintendent or designee will inform parents/guardians in writing of the decision relative to the request,” the policy reads. Any decision and appeals would be concluded by June 30.

The policy also outlines the information that is considered as part of the process.

“A waiver of the school entrance age policy will be granted in those cases judged to be appropriate in all assessed areas. All reviews relative to waiver requests are confidential,” the policy reads.

Any parent or guardian “who wishes to request a waiver should be aware that considerations may include, but are not limited to, the following information:

1. The school entrance age policy, as stated in Section A above
2. Any hardship other than space or staffing which may result to the School District if the child is granted a waiver to the school entrance age policy
3. Enrollment, class sizes and space
4. Information regarding the child's intellectual



Lions Club Members Recieve Award for Years of Service

N.H. Lions District 44-H Governor, Kamal Masand, presented years of service chevrons from Lions International to Hudson Lions Club Members, Marily Vaccaro (20 yrs.), PDG Jerry Vaccaro (20 yrs.), Ann Mason (30 yrs.), Margaret St. Onge (15 yrs.), Pres. Kim Fournire (20 yrs.), Phil Nichols (20 yrs.), PCC Scott Wilson standing in for son Ian Wilson (10 yrs.), Daughter-in-law Trisha-Taylor-Wilson (10yrs.), and daughter Molly Slombo (10 yrs.). Randy Pierce (15 yrs.), Leona Shanholtz (15 yrs.) Barbara Bouley accepting for Ray Bouley (10 yrs.).

abilities

5. Information regarding the child's social and emotional development

6. Information regarding the child's physical abilities

7. Written recommendation(s) of a kindergarten teacher(s), preschool teacher(s), daycare provider(s), or other individuals with specific knowledge of the child's intellectual, social, and physical abilities

8. Information regarding the academic and/or

social success of children who are admitted to school at a young age

9. Evidence of whether the child will be harmed if he or she is not granted a waiver, and evidence of what kind of harm may result

10. Any behavioral or developmental issues which the child may face as a result of early admittance to school, and the resources available to help prevent and/or address such issues

if they arise

11. Options, other than early admission to school, which are available to the child

12. Issues relating to the credibility of the evidence presented “

The School Board ultimately approved the policy.

“I appreciate all the changes that have been made from the first reading” School Board Vice Chair, Maureen Dionne, said.

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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. 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

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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.

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Genealogy Club

On Friday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m., join genealogist, speaker, and educator Katherine Wilson as she goes over free available resources for beginning online research in any of our immigrant ancestors' home countries at Rodgers Memorial Library.

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 "Siderius 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 spyglass.

Cookbook Club

On Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 p.m., prepare a recipe from this month's topic, Ottolenghi Simple, then engage with others about your recipe adventures at Rodgers Memorial Library.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m., come and Stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroidery, knit, crochet, hand craft, at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Not a formal class, but people willing to help.

Afternoon Book Group

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

Preparing for Spring Planting

On Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m., Rodgers Memorial Library circulation Librarian Dana Benner will discuss what you should be doing now so everything goes smoothly when the time comes to get your garden planted.

Pokemon Party

On Thursday, March 14 at 6 p.m., grades 1-5 are invited to come watch Detective

Pikachu, design your own Pokemon card, and enjoy a snack at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

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.

Access Wisdom Book Club

On Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m., certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a book club highlighting books that help us all gain more access to our own wisdom at Rodgers Memorial Library. This month's book is: Young Forever: The Secrets to Living Your Longest, Healthiest Life by Dr. Mark Hyman.

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.



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