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FEATURED SINGERS Duo Alivia Ferdinand and Darian Lindsay performed "Love Story" as part of the Alvirne High School Music Department's 2025 Cabaret "Musical Monarchs" show over the weekend. See photos of the show on pages 8-9. Photo by Chris Paul

# **Moulis Not Chosen as SAU 53 Superintendent**

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

Dan Moulis was not chosen as a co-superintendent at SAU 53, after being named a finalist for the position.

The Concord Monitor recently reported that Moulis was chosen as one of the finalists, along with the SAU 53 assistant super-

intendent Jessica Bickford.

The decision by SAU 53 Hudson Superintendent came last Monday, according to a press release from the district where Bickford was chosen over Moulis.

Moulis began his tenure with the Hudson School District on July 1, 2022, after being hired as the superintendent.

Prior to coming to Hud-

son, Moulis served as the superintendent of the Barrington School District in Barrington, New Hampshire beginning in 2017.

Before becoming a superintendent Moulis was the Director of Operations, Curriculum & Instruction in Barrington, according to his biography on the Hudson

## **Residents Pass Most Articles** in Town & School Elections

CHRIS PAULS **HUDSON TIMES** 

There were just under 3,500 votes cast in the Tuesday, March 11 election in Hudson and on the Town side a good amount of the 33 Warrant Articles were passed, with the exception of the Robinson Pond Improvements and the Establishment of a Mixed Use District failing, amongst others.

eight articles passed.

Xenophon Vurgaropulos III was the top vote getting for Selectman with 1,340 and incumbent Bob Guessford was the other, with 1,223 votes. Marlilyn Mc-Grath was the first runnerup with 1,114 tallies.

In the contested oneseat, Donna Boucher was the winner with 1.579 over Eleanor Bassett, with 966.

In the Code of Ethics race, Heather Smalley had 1,849 and Shane Milley had 1,350 for the two seats. Chris Porembski finished with 1.314.

Daniel Barthelemy won the Cemetery Trustee seat with 1,677 over Tom Union Contract of 115,860 Alciere with 968.

For Town Moderator, On the school ballot, all Mark Edgington beat writein candidate Debra Stoddard 1.317-1.233.

> The only other contested race was for Planning Board, with Julia Paquin (1,521) and James Crowley (1,244) taking those seats.

The Article results are as follows:

Article 2: Operating year Budget Committee Budget of \$38,827,854 passed 1,748-1,569.

Article 3: Sewer Fund Budget of \$2,457,392 passed 2,611-694.

Article 4: Water Fund Budget of \$3,974,199 passed 2,466-1,109.

Article 5: Police Contract of \$468,780 passed 2,242-1,109.

Article 6: Support Staff passed 2,099-1,228.

Article 7: Hire Four Firefighters/AEMT's, \$527,686 passed 2,365-1,039.

Article 8: Dump Truck Replacement, \$145,399 passed 2,044-1,327.

Article 9: Robinson Pond Improvements, \$1 Million failed 1,596-1,799.

Article 10: Lowell Road/ Birch Street Improvements, \$2,553,000 passed 2,643-1,185.

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### **ZBA Takes Sober House** ecision to Town Counsel

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The Gambia Street Sober House faced heavy public opposition at the March 6 meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), with the hearing left up in the air as board members decided to bring questions to the town's attorney before making a decision.

During the ZBA meeting, an application was revisited that would allow a sober house at 12-14 Gambia Street to continue operating for the third time with a formal variance request.

The application sought to allow up to seven unrelatministrator following extensive opposition by abutters.

"My clients are seeking reasonable accommodation to use this home," said attorney Andrew Tine, who was at the meeting to speak for applicants Brendan and Julie Burke. "What was submitted since the last time we were here is an affidavit from the operator of Jerries House, which is located on the property to provide sober living, and intake paperwork."

Such paperwork is completed by those looking to reside in the house. Exact turnover rate was unclear.

"It seems like you guys ed people to live together in do a weekly rental, corcontinued on page 3 the home, which was previ-rect?" asked Board member

ously cited by the Town Ad- Tim Lanphear. "Why isn't it monthly?"

Tine confirmed that the rental was weekly, arguing it was "easier" for residents. Despite an abstinence rule, the sober home did not provide direct treatment for addiction recovery, and Lanphear questioned the apparent lack of programs provided with rent.

"We don't see programs like a nurse that comes by to make sure everyone is doing drug tests correctly," he said. "A person that's nonmedical in the field shouldn't probably be doing a test. If you have seven tenants living in this place, you're collecting several thousand a

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# Gasdia Recognized During Final School Board Meeting

During the March 10 Hudson School Board member, retiring School Board member Gary Gasdia was recognized. The meeting was the last meeting for his career, after a two-term career on the Board.

"It is my pleasure to say a few words about Gary Gasdia," Superintendent Dan Moulis said during the meeting. Moulis explained he first met Gasdia three years ago, when he became

superintendent and "quickly realized his service to the community of Hudson was paramount to who he is as a person."

Moulis noted that many know that Gasdia spends countless hours helping the community as a Hudson Lions Club member, along with working with HCTV monthly to highlight accomplishments and events in the town and schools. Moulis reflected on during the meeting, how Gasdia's first year as school board chair was during the pandemic. "Amid navigating providing instruction within the school setting. I can't thank him enough," Moulis said.

Moulis also noted that Gasdia served as Vice Chair of the school board at one point and served on many committees on the school board. "I know I will miss his analysis of the budget process," Moulis said.

But Moulis noted that he thinks Gasdia will make appearances at different events. "I am confident,

though, that Gary will stay involved in the community and will be present at many community and school events," Moulis said.

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne, who won her re-election bid last week, thanked Gasdia for welcoming her onto the board three years ago when she first got elected. "You have been nothing but sincerely helpful," she said, noting that he taught her a lot over the years, and she appreciated learning from him. "I

I would like to hope is a good school board member by watching you," Dionne said.

Vice Chair Mike Campbell joined the school board four years ago and thought of Gasdia as a good leader. "You were a great leader as chair," he said.

School Board member Ethan Beals, also thanked Gasdia. "The Town is a better place with you in it, and on board and being active in Town," he said.

During his remarks

really learned how to be what Gasdia said "I hope I treated everybody with respect."

> He noted when he first got on the School Board they were at odds with the Board of Selectmen. "The two boards hated each other," he said. "We're in a much better place."

> Gasdia stated that they accomplished a lot on the School Board during his career. "To the three of you - it's been phenomenal these past few years," he said.

> The next meeting is set for March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

**Continued from page 1** month in a four-bedroom house or whatever it may be."

Selectman Liaison Dillon Dumont inquired if the residents of the Gambia house had jobs or if they were encouraged to work.

"People are encouraged to work at the house. Just like any other group of people who live together, some may be 100% employed all the time, it varies," said Tine.

Despite his comparison of the sober house to any

other residential home, Tine conceded there were a few differences, including the ability to kick out renters without going through the normal eviction process.

Many Hudson residents urged the Zoning Board to reject the variance request.

"I've sat through several of these meetings," said Jeffrey Hudgins, who accused the applicant of dishonesty. "It started off as an LLC applying for a variance, then it goes to Mr. and Mrs. Burke as the applicants. They're lying. We know as residents

there are more than seven people living in this house. During warm weather, I've walked past the house to see mattresses in their garage."

He criticized the "selfregulated" nature of the facility, calling the vetting process "haphazard." When asked by Board member Tristan Dion if there was any loud or unruly activity between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Hudgins claimed that such off-hours disturbances happened all the time, including frequent police calls.

Other residents like Alex

Galloway, Alejandro Urrutia, Mary Ann Wigtion, and Brian Bright had similar stories, with a focus on outof-state license plates, questionable behavior from tenants, high turnover, and repeated police/ambulance to the Gambia Street property.

"There is a lack of, or poor care being given to these people," said Galloway. "Every single time I see a group, it never seems to be the same people."

William Jubinville, Jr., who was a direct neighbor of the sober house, described tenants entering and exiting the sober house at all hours of the night, accusing the Burkes of effectively running a business in a residential area.

"Can I run a business from my house? I've got 13 tractor-trailers I can park on the street. They run 24/7. I don't think our neighbors would be very happy with that. Why should I get woken up at all hours of the night with people coming and going?" asked Jubinville. "It should be cut and dry."

Tine questioned if there

was any illegal drug use or activity on the property.

Despite heavy public opposition, the ZBA was reluctant to make a decision, citing legal concerns.

"The deliberation that needs to take place on this decision involves some questions we have for our attorney," said Board Chair Gary Daddario. "We're going to meet with town counsel, deliberate this matter, and issue a written decision."

The ZBA hoped to announce that decision by its next meeting.

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# Citizen's Petition Warrant Articles Rejected by Voters

Two different citizen's petition warrant articles on the ballot this year failed in Hudson last week.

One of the warrant articles was in regards to an infrastructure study which stated:

"Shall the town of Hudson vote to support a comprehensive infrastructure study, approved in the 2024 election, to be conducted independently by a qualified third-party contractor not affiliated with the Town of Hudson or the Nashua

Regional Planning Commission? This study will assess the impact of ongoing and future development on the Town's infrastructure, services, and facilities. The study will include the following components:

- 1. Comprehensive Traffic Study: Evaluate current traffic conditions and forecast future traffic patterns, including all developments currently under construction or approved for construction
- 2. Emergency Services Review: Assess the staffing, equipment, and training

and Public Works Departments based on anticipated demands from new developments.

- 3. Impact on Schools: Examine the effects of high-density housing and other developments on the town's school system, including enrollment projections and capacity needs.
- 4. Sewer and Water Infrastructure: Determine current and future sewer and water infrastructure needs based on projected growth.
  - 5. Review of Impact

current impact fees for developers in light of the findings from this study to ensure they cover the costs of supporting new developments. Results will guide updates to the Town Master Plan, zoning ordinances, land use regulations, and budget planning for town services. The study is estimated to cost \$250,000 -\$500,000."

The Board of Selectmen did not recommend the warrant article on a 4-0 vote, and voters rejected the warrant article 1,756 to 1,592.

warrant article failed on a 2.881 to 485 vote.

The warrant article stat-

"Should the Town of Hudson stop showing the total number of votes from town boards (like the Selectmen or Budget committee) next to questions on the ballot?

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Another citizen petition tion about ballot questions at least three weeks before the election.

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Posting on the town's official social media pages.

Printing copies for Town Hall, the library, and other public places."

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Article 11: Town Hall Renovations. \$54,800. passed 1,861-735

Article 12: Mosquito Control, \$40K passed 1,981-1,421.

Article 13: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, \$25,000 failed 1,390-1,888.

Article 14: VacCon Truck Capital Reserve Fund, \$30K passed 1,940-1,347

Article 15: Drainage Capital Reserve Fund, \$100K passed 1,819-1,453.

Article 16: Fire Apparatus/Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, \$225,000 passed 2,165 1,140.

Article 17: Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Fund, \$10K, passed 2,148-1,181.

Article 18: Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund, \$25K failed 1,612-1,667.

Article 19: Public Works Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, \$150,000, passed 1.864-1.423.

Article 20: Infrastructure Study Funding, failed 1,592-1,756.

Article 21: Removing Vote Tallies from Ballot, failed 1,592-1,756.

Article 22: Establish Rural Residential District, passed 2,285-1,023.

Article 23: Amend Snow Dump Definition, passed 2,616-681.

Article 24: Amend 334-15 Parking, passed 2,221-1,104.

Article 25: Amend 334-6 Commercial Trailer Definition, passed 2,141-1,054.

Article 26: Amend 334-31 (A) Non-Conforming Structure Definition, passed 2,071-1,093.

9 B(4) Land Use Classification, passed 2,332-868.

tion 334 Attachment 4, table to Business, failed 813of Minimum Dimensions, 2,453. passed 2,007-1,083.

Article 29: Amend Section 334-6 Abutters Definition, passed 2,477-673.

Article 30: Permit Contractor Signs Only During Active Site Work, passed 2,449-769.

Article 31: Amend Table pf Shed Setback, passed 1,715-1,556.

Article 32: Establish Article 27: Amend 334- Mixed Use District, failed 1,512-1,768.

Article 33: Rezone

#### **School Ballot**

In the three-year term School Board seat, Maureen Dionne (2,270) and Daniel Kilgour (1,551) won with Randall Brownrigg had 1,210 votes.

seat on School Board,

Stephen Meyer received 2,438 votes.

Warrant Articles:

Article 1 - Operating Article 28: Amend Sec- Parcels from Residential II Budget - Passed - 1,738-1.635

> Article 2 - Collective Bargaining Agreement with Secretaries - Passed-2,281-1,099

Article 3 - Collective Bargaining Agreement with HFT Teachers - Passed-2,013-1,300 Article 4 - Fire Alarm

For the two-year term Panel Replacement at HMS - Passed - 2,922-402

Article 5 - Installation of Additional Emergency Alert Beacons - Passed -2,757-558

Article 6 - Science Labs at Hudson Memorial School - Passed - 2,779-546

Article 7 - Increase Funds to the School Renovation Capital Reserve Fund - Passed 2,643 -665

Article 8 - Increase Funds to the Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund -Passed- 2,757-565

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Moulis earned his doctorate in education in Learning, Leadership, and Community from Plymouth

State University, and he holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies, a Master of Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of New Hampshire, according to his bio.

It is unclear if Moulis is being considered for any other superintendent positions at this time.

Moulis did not respond to an email sent to him seeking comment on his future plans.

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# Editorial **Welcome Spring**

Although this past winter may not have been the longest on record, it certainly felt that way. Who among us isn't ready for spring, even if it arrives a little late? We celebrate the sight of bare patches of brown leaves on the lawn, welcome the muddy ground that has taken over from the treacherous ice in the driveway, and smile when the temperature finally rises above freezing. Many of us even pull out lawn chairs to sit outside, albeit briefly, as the March sun shines down on us, bundled up in gloves and

The flowering plants in stores might seem out of place-where would we actually plant them? -But their bright colors bring a promise of the warmer weather ahead. If you check your forsythia bushes, you'll see that buds have formed, which means the stark whites and browns of winter will soon be overtaken by the vibrant yellows of spring. We hope.

Still, it hardly feels like spring, despite what the calendar says. We've experienced snow showers, cold rain, and plenty of wind. Some days have just been dark and dreary. Even though there may be sunshine in the forecast, it's hard to keep the bright promise of springtime in mind with the constant hum of the furnace in the background.

But don't despair! If you can't enjoy the outdoors just yet, find ways to embrace the season indoors. Dust off your rakes and trowels so they'll be ready for use. Pull out the garden catalog and plan which seeds to buy. A glance at those bright flowers waiting to be planted, the herbs that will enhance your culinary creations, and the vegetables for your kitchen garden can help evoke a sense of spring, even if the temperature suggests otherwise. Consider visiting a nearby nursery for an extra dose of summer dream-

To brighten your spirits, think about putting up a bird feeder or two in a spot where you can see them from indoors. You might be lucky enough to spot the vibrant orange of a Baltimore oriole, which is sure to lift your winter

And if nothing else helps, congratulate yourself on surviving a classic northern New England winter. Those of us who call this area home know that blue skies and warm weather are just around the corner, and summer isn't far behind. Right?

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Helping Hands Troop 773, of Nashua, was presented a certificate of appreciation from the Benson Park Committee for their help with the Benson Park Cardboard Sled Contest. Parker, James, Josh, Jordan and Kaedyn (not pictured) were a tremendous help during the races.

### Rehearing for Burns Hill Storage Variance Denied at ZBA Meeting

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES** 

At its last February meeting, the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment discussed a request for rehearing for a variance request to allow the construction of four self-storage units in a residentially zoned area of Burns Hill Road. The original request was denied last December, with the applicant alleging that a change to Hudson's zoning regulations made it impossible to develop the property.

"The applicant's request for the use variance produced much public opposition. Unfortunately, much of the opposition to the request was based on misinformation regarding the parcel," read Chair Gary Daddario as he went through the written appeal application. "Testimony was readily taken by those in opposition on the matter that would have been more appropriate before the Planning Board, and not within the purview of the Zoning Board."

The appeal claimed the original ZBA denial was based on "prejudiced" information.

"The suggestion that there was prejudice of the board because the public was

is a really, really dangerous slope. That should be discounted," argued ZBA member Dean Sakati, who worried such a stance would encourage the Zoning Board to ignore public comments in the future. "Sometimes public input can provide insight."

Selectman Liaison Dillon Dumont clarified that the Zoning Board was a quasi-judicial body and was restricted on how it could come to a decision, even when listening to public comments.

"The way that the Zoning Board is set up is for public hearings so people can speak in favor, in opposition, or neutral. However, the board is not allowed to pass judgment based on that. It is only allowed to pass judgment based on the criteria set forward in the RSA," he explained. "The Zoning Board should not be swayed one way or the other if a request meets the criteria, even if the public is against it."

The ZBA instead focused on the more objective reasons typically required for an appeal, such as a procedural error or new information not initially available.

"I think if we'd done the variance request.

speaking their views, I think this in error, if we had some sort of procedural problem, that would have brought up in this request, it would've been the first line item that we'd done something procedurally wrong," agreed a ZBA member Tristan Dion, who noted that the appeal did not read much different than the original request. "It's a complete retelling of the entire first portion of this case. There was nothing new that was presented to us."

> Daddario was also skeptical whether the request for reconsideration had much legal standing, even when asking if the application possibly had a "good reason" behind it.

> "If anything, it might allow us to say on factor number five that there was a hardship when the zoning changed, but that leaves four other factors," said Daddario. "I don't even know if we were wrong about the timeline, but even if we were, to my recollection, there were problems with other factors, still resulting in a variance denial."

> Unable to find any compelling reason to change the original decision, the ZBA voted to deny a rehearing of

### Alvirne Hosts Cybersecurity Conference with Sen. Hassan



U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan met with superintendents from neighboring districts in the Barnyard Café at the Palmer Center on Monday morning, March 17.

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan stopped into Hudson this week to attend a Cybersecurity Conference in the Barnyard Café at the Palmer Center on Monday morning, March 17.

A number of superintendents from neighboring districts and information technology specialists were also attendance at the conference, attendees included: Senator Hassan; Dr. Daniel Moulis; Meredith Nadeau, Hampton Superintendent; Michael Barry, Superintendent from Amherst; Dr. Clifton Dancy, a Director of Information Services/Transportation Coordinator in Derry; Dr. Harry Bennett the Executive Director of Technology in Windham; personal information.

Kevin Peterson the IT Director at the Hudson School District; and Ken Weeks - the Chief Information Security Officer with the state's Department of Information Technology.

The main subject of the conference was a discussion on ways of preventing or protecting schools from cyber attacks like the one targeting schools during the holiday break in December need to make sure that com-

The data breach was focused at PowerSchool's Student Information System, a widely used tech program used throughout the country. The application helps districts keep track of student and teacher information such as their address, birthday and other

During the one-hour discussion, questions were raised as to whether Power-School had set up enough precautions in the software to protect the information.

Hassan started the discussion by stating that the government's most important job is to keep the people safe, so strengthening cybersecurity is crucial.

Hassan stated, "We panies like PowerSchool are making every effort to keep their customers safe."

Moulis told the senator that much of the breach in the Hudson School District was focused on information taken on the personal information of students, but for teachers, it was generally just directory information.

He explained there was

response time from Power-School, with districts saying the breach was not reported quickly enough and the mitigation of the problem didn't move nearly as fast as they would have liked.

Moulis asked what kinds of things are available, through federal homeland security, for grants and

In general, the group at the conference was looking for ways the federal government could help with strengthening security and schools were also looking for some kind of national contract with these thirdparty companies that would protect all school districts.

Hassan assured those attending that she would bring their concerns and questions back to Washington and see what steps security in the schools.



U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan with Hudson Superincould be taken to strengthen tendent Dr. Daniel Moulis. Photos by Chris Paul



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### Sustainability Committee Tries to Narrow Down Roads for April Cleanup Day

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee met on Feb. 24 to discuss their Community Roadside Cleanup, set for Saturday, April 19. Sustainability Chair Deb Putnam and CRC subcommittee head Karl Huber were in active contract with town officials, including the Department of Public Work and the Hudson Police Department, to prepare for the event.

"I don't expect any issue in getting support from Chief Dionne regarding a single officer with a cruiser to escort," said Putnam,

who added that any volunteers needed a police escort while working on public roads for safety reasons. Wason

Committee members debated which road to focus on for the cleanup, with ideas including Ferry Street from the Hills Library building to Central Street.

"There's two different avenues here. One is this committee picks roads, and the other is that we accept recommendations from residents," suggested Committee member Ed Thompson. "Have we gotten any recommendations in the last six months?"

Putnam stated they had not gotten any recommendations from the members of the public. Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd also wanted to ask members of the police or fire department.

'They're out on the roads on a regular basis," said Guessferd. "So is DPW."

He promised to look into the matter to see if either department had a cleanup recommendation on the matter. Guessferd reminded the Sustainability Committee that some of the messiest roads were too dangerous to host a cleanup

the roads we can't do, like Bush Hill and Wason," said Guessferd. "It's awful, and there's not much we can do there; it's such a dangerous road."

Putnam noted the Sustainability Committee once tried cleaning Wason Road, finding that it took "twoand-a-half hours to do oneeighth of it," and they did not have clearance to clean along any state roads.

Committee members aimed to come to a final decision on the matter in early March.

With several members absent from the February "The worst roads are meeting, the Sustainability Committee failed to elect a new Vice-Chair, a position that has stood vacant since the start of the year. They agreed to postpone the issue until their March meeting.

Additionally, the Alvirne High School Sustainability and Composting Group was expected to make a presentation in March. An early presentation from the school was delayed due to scheduling issues.

With the upcoming election in March and a new term, it was unclear if Guessferd would continue as Selectmen Liaison with the Sustainability Committee for another year.

"I just want to say thank you for letting me be a part of this committee," he said. "I'd like to continue if I get reelected, but we're at the mercy of the Chair, and I won't be Chair of the Board next year. The Chair will decide who are liaisons to what committees, though I think he or she will listen and I'll be back."

The Board of Selectman was not expected to fill their liaison roles until late March.

The Sustainability Committee is set to meet on Monday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

# pproves Residential Parking for Utility Truck

HUDSON TIMES

At its Feb. 27 meeting, the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a variance request from resident Alexander Galloway, which would allow him to continue parking his 22,000pound work truck at home. Under Hudson Zoning ordinances, commercial vehicles in residential areas are typically limited to 13,000

"The only time the vehicle is running is either when to spend an unaffordable

it's leaving or I'm parking amount of money on storin my yard. I'm the first house on the road, I'm not driving up and down the street, so I feel like any destruction I do to the neighbor is minimal," explained Galloway. "The vehicle is parked on the property to observe the spirit of the ordinance, and I will be able to continue parking my work truck that contains my tools near my house."

He worried that without the variance, he would need

age.

"I typically don't work weekends. It's like a school bus at a driver's house," said Galloway. "It rarely starts to leave before 8 a.m., and I'm rarely back after 3 p.m. Typically, I leave after everybody gets to work, and I get home before everyone gets back from work."

Following a request for clarification from Selectman Liaison Dillon Dumont, Galloway clarified that his commercial vehicle was a "Freightliner service truck" with a utility body on the back and that he parked it on a crushed asphalt pad to prevent wear and tear.

"Can you give us an idea of maybe some other businesses in the area?" asked Board member Tim Lanphear, who noted that the area did not seem entirely residential. "Isn't there a garage down the street?"

Galloway confirmed there was a small industrial park nearby with at least two commercial garages. His variance request had the support of at least one abutter.

"Like Alex was saying, there's no noise issue. He comes in plenty of times and is not making any noise leaving," said neighbor John Colby. "There's never been an issue. I see no reason why you shouldn't

grant the variance. I think it the street, and that truck's would actually be more of a hardship if he ever had to find rent space to park it. He works out of this truck. It's not a business at his home, he leaves to go to work just like the rest of us do."

However, this support was not universal, as resident Edward Thompson expressed limited opposition to the variance request.

"I don't know if I'm entirely opposed to this application, I just want to express a word of caution," admitted Thompson. "About two years ago, I had an experience in my own neighborhood where I had a gentleman across the road who had a 25,000-pound truck. He had a girlfriend across

use went from once, twice, three times per week to every day."

"Generally, if somebody is running their truck at 5 in the morning, I get a phone call," said Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan. "I haven't had a phone call about this address at all, though we had some issues in the beginning."

The Administrator promised to enforce any viola-

Taking everything into account, the Zoning Board added a stipulation requiring the applicant to abide by townwide noise ordinances before unanimously granting the variance.



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## Twardosky Gives Winter Update to Board of Selectmen

HUDSON TIMES

son Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was an update regarding the status of winter events for the town of Hudson for 2024-2025.

During the meeting, it was explained by Hudson Public Works Director Jay asked to give an update on costs so far. Twardosky

the season thus far.

"We've had nine snow At the most recent Hud- events totaling 45 inches," Twardosky said during the meeting. Twardosky explained that they have had over 24 total snow plowing and road treatment events so far, including sanding, salting, and ice storms. "All together 24 events," he said.

In total they have had Twardosky that he was \$181,139.25 in overtime

men that they used another 2,873 tons of salt so far for a total of \$218,060.70, and they also had used a total of 3,084 tons of sand for a total of \$53,973.00. In total they had spent \$453,172.92 for the season up to that point.

Twardosky explained during the meeting that they spent about 25% of their costs on the combined this year Twardosky explained that they used about what they did last year up to this point in time. But he said when it comes to the winter maintenance budget they are "behind the eight ball" compared to where they need to be for budgets "to keep the same level of services for our roads." He said like everything else they have rising

what future pricing will be for some materials.

While they are behind on some line items, Twardosky thinks they will be able to be on budget overall. "We're gonna make it," he

Twardosky noted during the meeting that there is only one line item they can pull from for overages and that's the town-wide paving

told the Board of Select- snow and ice storm. So far costs, and it's hard to know budget. "We have to maintain a certain level of safety on the roads," he said.

> Twardosky noted during the meeting that they are one of the only towns in the state that don't use any kind of contractors at all to help with maintenance during the winter for things like plowing and sanding. "We have zero subcontractors," he said.

# Selectmen Receive Public Health Update From Fire Chief

HUDSON TIMES

update regarding public health activities in Town for the past year during its most recent meeting.

"Tonight I'm here as the public health officer," Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice said, explaining he was there to give an update for 2024.

In a memo to the Board of Selectmen, Tice explained that the fire chief in Hudson "has the collateral duty of being the Town's Public Health Officer."

He explained that combined with the Board of Selectmen they make up the Local Board of Health.

It was explained by Tice during the meeting, that the Local Board of Health is required to meet at least annually per state law to review the state of the local public health.

"Public Health Officers investigate public health nuisances, enforce local and state public health laws such as RSA 147 Public Health Nuisances and RSA 48-A Minimum Housing Standards, work to resolve local public health issues, respond to State agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Services to provide resources to residents resolve health issues, and coordinate with the Greater Nashua Regional Public Health Region," Tice explained in a memo to the

Board of Selectmen.

Tice said he assisted the The Hudson Board of deputy public health offi-Selectmen received an cers, along with a number of other town officials.

> It includes the Animal Control Officer who assists with the handling of "animal-related health issues and the Town Engineer with technical support

related septic issues."

One of the things they did in 2024 was work with two landlords of multifamily properties to remedy severe hoarding and unsanitary living conditions.

Other issues they worked with landlords on for 2024, included mold issues. rodents, and electrical

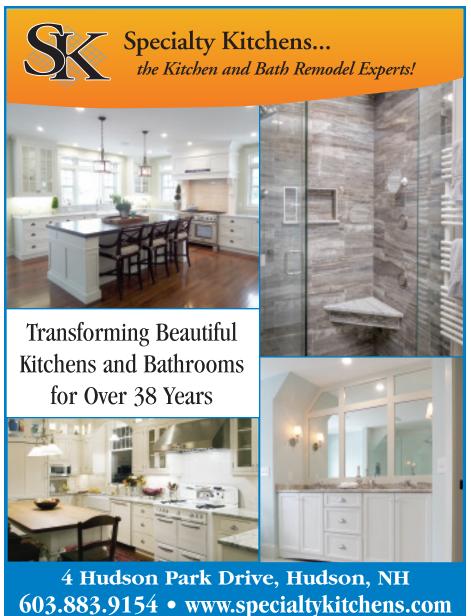
Another thing done in 2024 was facilitating the testing of the swimming water at Robinson Pond and posted the status of the testing after results were received.

There were eight school health inspections, required every three years, that were

conducted this year, and of Health and Human Serthere were two foster care inspections done.

The Public Health Department also worked with one retail property to remedy unsanitary bathroom facilities in 2024, and they also assisted the Department vices with follow-up communication with educational and child care facilities related to their requirements for drinking water testing.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for March 25 beginning at 7 p.m.





## Alvirne Music Department Performs Musical Monarchs



The Alvirne High School Music Department held three performances of the 2025 Cabaret Show "Musical Monarchs" highlighting the many talents of the students. The event featured music from the school's Jazz Band, the Concert Band, the Chorus as well as a number of individual performances. The concert took place in the school gymnasium with three stages set up to surround the audience seated in the center of the gym. Additional photos on next page. *Photos by Chris Paul* 







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# Nottingham West School Gets Fire Alarm Replacement

HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a quote for a fire alarm replacement at Nottingham West.

Hudson Superintendent Dan Moulis explained during the meeting that they had on the docket the replacement of the Hudson Memorial School fire panel this year.

However, over the February break they were notified that the fire panel at Nottingham West was in a "trouble mode" which was causing the fire alarm to showing 36-38 volts when "this proprietary panel and rooms," the scope of work get an additional quote for trip.

As part of the scope of work, it was explained that "during recent troubleshooting of the fire alarm system it has been determined the main panel is failing. Zone 5 and Circuit 2 are showing troubles that have not been able to be repaired. The Master-box trip module had failed, was replaced and now the panel is showing spikes in power to this module. These spikes are causing the module to trip the master-box even with no alarm in the system. Two output circuits are currently

they should only be showing 24v. There is a small discolored area on the motherboard near where these output terminals are and may be causing some of the current issues."

"The building is currently on a fire watch with employees instructed to call 911 and pull the master-box hook if an actual alarm is received at the panel," the scope of work stated. "This fire watch will stay in place until the system can be upgraded."

It was also explained in the scope of work that all of the addressable field devices are obsolete. MSLS has verified there are no new replacement boards for this system. The panel, all existing addressable devices and modules need to be replaced. All existing conventional devices will be connected to the system by addressable/conventional zone modules until they are replaced with addressable devices."

"This existing fire alarm coverage in the building does not meet current fire alarm codes. There are no speaker strobes in the class-

stated. "There are no strobe only devices in the restrooms, break rooms or meeting rooms. There are no CO detectors in the mechanical rooms. These will all need to be added after the current panel and failed equipment replaced."

Moulis explained that the idea is for there to be two different phases with phase one costing approximately \$47,000.

"This is phase one," Moulis said during the meeting.

He said that they will

the second component to it, which would be for phase two, and that it would be an estimated \$20,000. "Unfortunately this system just broke. We need to fix it," Moulis told the School

Moulis explained that since it was an emergency situation, he had already authorized phase one work to be done.

The School Board unanimously approved both phase one and two.

The next School Board meeting is set for March 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

#### nmittee Calls for More Scrutiny on End of Fiscal Year School Spending **Budget Co**

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES** 

The March meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee saw its members question several end-of-the-year numbers found in the school district's 2024 budget.

"When you look at the most current financial report for the school district dated Jan. 31, they note that encumbrances brought forward from last year were

\$1,322,774," said Clerk Kevin Walsh, who stated that number did not match up with \$1,151,615 in encumbrances originally reported by auditors at the end of the last fiscal year. "Why is there a difference between those two numbers?"

It was not the only number that seemed off. Such encumbrances in the school budget would typically be committed to a specific, dedicated purpose.

a simple answer to that question is that they weren't encumbrances," said Committee member Shawn Jasper. "They were more a wish list without the purchase orders, because in order to be a true encumbrance, there has to be a commitment to spend. There has to be that purchase order or contract that's been signed."

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He considered the prac-"It would seem to be that tice of labeling such items as encumbrances "a problem," and called for more stringent oversight. He also called for an active "review of the rate of spend for the town and the school" at each meeting.

> "We have auditors who haven't caught these things, and they haven't been concerned about them. I don't know how we get at these problems because there doesn't seem to be any mechanism to deal with them," said Jasper, comparing it to what he saw as mislabeled exaction payments related to the Target Logistics Center. "To me, for anything to be a legal purchase order, it should be submit

ted to the vendor before the close of the fiscal year, not just recorded on the books.

One possibility was that purchase orders were being canceled and refunded, something Jasper seemed to believe should not be possible with a fully executed order

Walsh wanted to send a request for more information on the topic, along with "a couple of other issues" he had with the school district, including another endof-the-year item referring to a tax credit. While such a credit impacted the budget, nobody knew what it referred to. Jasper guessed it could mean an energy tax credit and encouraged Walsh to ask the School Board.

Chair James Lawrence agreed to forward all questions the Budget Committee had to the School Board.

"Hopefully, we can get some answers to these questions," said Lawrence.

With the end of the 2025-2026 budget cycle, members officially wound down their efforts, with some discussion over what to expect next year when a few legal changes to the budget process are expected to come into effect.

"There's a couple of new paragraphs in the municipal budget act based on the school district budget cap," noted Walsh. "We'll need to get into those new sections as we get into the new year's budget cycle, it's interesting."

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### Conservation Commission Plans New Trail Days and Stewardship Volunteer Program

PAUL CONYERS **HUDSON TIMES** 

The Hudson Conservation Commission came together on March 10 to discuss putting together its first Trail Days for 2025, taking advantage of the early spring weather.

"With trail work for March and April, does anybody have anything in mind for those two months?" asked Commission Chair Carl Murphy. "I noticed at the Pelham Conservation Area, there was a large pine down, along with another down on the perimeter trail at Robinson Pond. It seems like tree cutting is in our future."

At least one trail at Musquash Pond and Colburn had several fallen trees that Commission members wanted to clear. Parking areas were also singled out for post-winter cleanup.

Saturday, March 22 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. was chosen as a tentative date for their March Trail Day. Commissioners also agreed on a tentative date of Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a second Trail Day.

Looking into other possible volunteer options, Commissioner John Walter asked to start looking into creating a Hikers Volunteer Stewardship program.

steward the trails we have now, to work with us and inform us of hikes that they've made, to find problems or other issues," outlined Walter, who was looking for new ways to monitor Hudson's extensive trail system. "They could also participate in trail cleanups and upgrades if they want to and report volunteer efforts, documenting any trail issues by photo or notations while helping us find any resources we might need."

He added that trail upkeep was often an issue for the Conservation Com-

"People would agree to mission, which has only a servation Chair, allowing handful of members, other duties, a relatively limited budget, and one or two members of the town staff specifically trained in land oversight.

"Everybody has a responsibility to protect our natural resources for this generation and future generations," said Walter. "People would just keep a little notebook of trails they hike and if, say, they have a report that a tree is down, they can drop a report off at the town office."

The idea was to have a representative who would pass those notes to the Conthe Commission to know what trails may need attention. Walter mentioned making presentations on the new program to the Hudson Senior Center and the local Boy Scout Troop, emphasizing the importance of communication in making the program work.

One resident suggested leveraging the town's field maps phone app, possibly using it to screenshot and email trail issues as they arise.

"To attract more volunteers, we can also put something at our kiosks on the trailheads," suggested Murph. "I think this whole thing is a

Walter gave a small update on a proposal to build a bridge and trail to Gumpus Pond in Pelham. He suggested getting in contact with the Pelham Conservation Commission to coordinate the project.

"We should get in touch with them for our proposal, maybe send a letter with a diagram or drawing," said Walter.

The proposed bridge would be two feet wide and 20 feet long.

The next Conservation meeting is set for Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## School Board Approves Revised Visitors to the Schools Policy

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

The School Board reviewed a number of policies during its March 10 meeting including one policy in regards to a policy related to visitors in schools.

The proposed revised policy is titled Visitors to the Schools.

Hudson Superintendent Dan Moulis explained that the last time the policy was updated was in 2014.

**Under School Visitation** and Observation it states "Persons wishing to meet with a teacher shall do so only at a time when it does

not interrupt the normal school program. Persons wishing to make such arrangements may do so by securing an appointment with the teacher through the office of the principal or by direct contact with the teacher."

school without first reporting to the office of the principal as to the purpose and place of the visit," the proposed revised policy goes on to state.

It also explains as part of the policy that:

"In an effort to minimize disruptions for stu-

service providers, and to protect instructional or planning time, all those visiting or wishing to observe a student during the school day are to adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. Visitors must make a "No person shall visit a request to the building principal or designee for approval prior to observing a child in the school.
  - 3. The principal/designee will determine the most appropriate observation location, mutually agreeable time, and duration to conduct the observation.
    - 4. All visitors must sign

dents, teachers, and related in at the main office in each building and wear a visitor's pass.

5. In the interest of not disturbing the educational process, visitors are asked not to interfere with the teaching/learning process and to comply with all policies, rules, or regulations of the Hudson School District.

6. In order to protect the privacy or confidentiality rights of other students, observations shall not include the use of devices to record audio, still, or video images without the prior approval of the building principal or designee.

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7. In instances where observations are specific to a special education student, the principal or designee will contact the Director of Special Services to ensure consistency in observation practices.

8. Outside specialists not contracted by the Hudson School District visiting schools must possess proper certification and hold liability insurance.

9. In addition, all outside specialists not contracted by the Hudson School District will report to the administrator in the building, not a staff member or

9. a. All persons not contracted by the Hudson School District who are visiting for the purpose of observing a student or classroom activity must sign the Hudson School District Receipt of FERPA Regulations and Confidentiality Requirement.

The School Board unanimously approved the revised policy during the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is set to take place on March 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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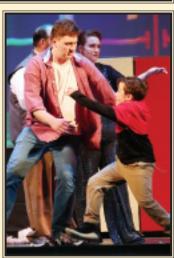
# **Local Theatre Groups Perform "The Prom" in Derry**



The Kids Coop and Actors Cooperative Theatre groups performed "The Prom" at the Derry Opera House over the weekend. Nearly 20 local actors performed three shows directed by Angelica Forcier Rosenthal, Breanne Battey, Music and choreographed by Rose Chaffe. Malia Smith, Adri Dionne, Erin Balestrieri, Ro Gavin Spellman, Jesse Drake and Mackenzie Goodwin played the lead characters in the musical *Photos by Chris Paul* 









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#### **Food Pantry Collection**

The Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club members will be at the Hudson Community Food Pantry to help collect and sort food items brought in by individuals and organizations on Saturday, April 5 between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Club members will be there to help unload items from your car and carry them in. The pantry needs: Jello/pudding cups or pkgs; instant ramen noodle pkgs; Nutri-grain bars; cake mix & frosting; flour; cereal; soup of all kinds; corned beef hash cans; sugar; hamburger helper; sugar; brownie mix; diapers sizes 4,5, & 6; baby wipes, tissues; toilet paper. Please check the expiration

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This screening will be hosted by the Hudson Lions Club on April 22 & 23 at the Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd0, Hudson, from 10 - 11:30 a.m., for Ages 6 months & older. No appointment or health insurance is needed. The vision screening procedure is safe and non-invasive. No device comes in contact with your child. No eyedrops and no puffs or air used. Children under five cannot reliably read an eye chart. Screening helps to identify children at

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#### **Leprechaun Traps**

Families are invited to drop-in to Rogers Library on Saturday, March 22 any time between 11 a.m. - noon to create a Leprechaun Trap.

#### **Sustainability Series**

On Tuesday, March 25 at

6:30 p.m., at the Rogers Library John Burkitt from Gate City Bike Co-op shares his mission and presents ways we can help.

#### **Rabies Vaccination Clinic**

Alvirne's Vet Science program will be hosting a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. -Noon at the Palmer CTE Center. The event is being sponsored by the GFWC NH Hudson Women's Club and vaccines will be administered by the Hudson Animal Hospital. In addition The Hudson Town Clerk will be on premises this year issuing dog licenses. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship for the vet science students.

#### Marble Run

On Wednesday, March 26 at 4 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to play with their marble run. Caregiver participates with their child.

#### **Rhinestone Tote Bags**

On Thursday, March 27 at 6 p.m., Design your own (stencils will also be provided) tote bag with rhinestones and enjoy a mocktail at the Rogers Library.

#### Cookbook Club

This Rogers Library club will meet on Monday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "The Snowy Cabin Cookbook: Meals and Drinks for Adventurous Days and Cozy Nights" by Marnie Hanel.

#### Karaoke

On March 21, from 6 - 10 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting DJ Mike for Karaoke and Music. This event is open to American Legion Post 48 members and bona fide guests 21+. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

#### **Meat Raffle**

On March 22, at 2 p.m., The American Legion Post 48 will be hosting a Meat Raffle to benefit the Hudson Girls Softball League. You must be 16+ to play. The Post is located at 37 Central St and prebuys are available. Call the

Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

#### **How to Plan the Perfect Vacation**

Come to the Rogers Library for Stress-Free Travel Tips & Tricks on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Learn step-by-step how to choose the perfect destination, find the best deals, and create a stress-free itinerary.

#### Read 'Em & Eat

This Rogers Library club will meet on Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Dead Romantics" by Ashley Poston.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

On March 30, from 8:30 11 a.m., American Legion Post 48 will host a Pancake Breakfast with proceeds to benefit Veterans and their families. Cost is \$10 and last meal served at 10:30 a.m. The Post is located at 37 Central St., Hudson. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

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#### **Legion Meeting**

The next Monthly General Membership Meeting for American Legion Post 48 will begin at 6 p.m., followed at 6:30 p.m., for Squadron 48 on April 7. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

#### **Lions Club Scholarships**

The Hudson Lions Club will award multiple scholarships consisting of four individual \$1,500 scholarships, two \$1,500 memorial scholarships, honoring Lion Al Rodgers and Lion George Philip Rodgers, a \$2,000 memorial scholarship in memory of Lion Joe Kasper, and a single \$1,500 scholarship for an Alvirne Leo's Club Member. Applicants must be a Hudson resident, graduating from any high school and have been accepted at a school of higher learning. Applications are available at Alvirne High School Guidance Department or by email: dgroger@comcast.net or online at: www.NHLions/ Hudson. Application deadline April 11, 2025

#### Adventurers Storytime

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

#### **Digital Navigators**

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

#### Library Scholarship

The Friends of the Library are eager to assist area high school seniors in their quest for higher education by offering the \$1,000 Leonard A. Smith Memorial Scholarship. High school seniors must be Hudson residents for at least six months and plan to attend a college, university, or vocational/technical school. Applications need to be submitted by May 1, with an essay explaining

how participation in the library community aided their high school success. Visit High School Guidance Departments, Rodgers Memorial Library and Friends of the Library webpage for applications and guidelines.

#### **Movers & Shakers**

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

#### **Teen Hangout**

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

#### **Clean Water Survey**

Clean water is more than a resource; it's the lifeline of our community. Your voice holds the power to shape a healthier water future for you and for generations to come. Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024. As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

#### Brunch Bunch

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#### Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

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

#### A Good Yarn

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

#### BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

#### **Laptop Donation Program**

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#### **Buy-A-Brick**

questions.

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website rodgerslibrary.org

#### **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.

#### **PFOA Water Test**

You can request a water sampling here: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well-Testing Request Form Survey (surveymonkey.com) Questions contact Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau-@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

#### Family Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat Services

On Friday, April 4, from, 5:30 - 7 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by potluck desserts. At 6:15 p.m., Book Bubbe, Leslie Kirshman, will read a story. By 6:30 p.m., a family Shabbat service will start. All are welcome. Please RSVP to office@etzhayim.org by March 31. Many thanks to the anonymous donors for covering the cost of the pizza.

#### **Sunday Family Camp**

This Etz Hayim Synagogue will meet on Sunday, April 6, from, 10 a.m. to Noon. This month learn about Passover. This free monthly program is for ages 4-6. The teacher uses a mix of music, crafts and games to introduce students to the Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew. The program is free, and no membership is required. Please RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by Friday, April 4 to ensure enough materials for the proj-

#### The Camera As A Weapon

On Thursday, April 10, from 7 - 8 p.m., Tom White, Coordinator of Educational Outreach, Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, will discuss how photojournalism, not just print journalism, became a respected arbiter of "fact" with the liberation of the camps. A potential pitfall in

teaching about the Holocaust is using Holocaust imagery without ever teaching students how to evaluate and decode those images. Nazi photographers were designated as "weapons" of the Nazi effort, and their images continue to have power to shape the narrative in ways that serve the perpetrator. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

### 2nd Night Community Passover Seder

On Sunday, April 13, from, 6 - 8 p.m., join Etz Hayim Synagogue to recount the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. There will be a catered vegetarian Seder consisting of appetizers, including gefilte fish with horseradish, vegetable matzo ball soup, stuffed peppers with farfel & vegetables, vegetarian carrot tzimmes. potato kugel and Passover desserts. This second night Seder has been an Etz Hayim tradition for over 30 years! Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the charge is only \$18 per adult member, \$23 per adult nonmember, with children under 13 free. RSVP by Friday, April 4, by 4:30 p.m. To RSVP and pre-pay, please visit www.etzhayim.org.



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