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EXTERIOR TOUCH UP The granite blocks supporting the historic Alvirne Memorial Chapel are undergoing some much-needed repointing currently. The new cement on the exterior of the building is just one of many restoration projects taking place this year. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Master Plan's Housing Chapter Outdated, Officials to Update

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on March 12 to discuss implementation strategies related to the population and housing chapter of Hudson's Master Plan, allowing the town to take now-obsolete data into account.

"This was made prior to

the town receiving the HOP grant, which was going to shift the focus and allow us to do a more major housing related initiative. All of the data you see in the chapter is dated," explained Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah. "What I would do is just move forward and update the date. There's two years in here of signifi-

cance."

He highlighted other outdated issues, such as the use of the 2010 US census, the need for accurate building permit statistics, and 2018 community survey data, although the Town Planner did not recommend using a more recent community survey for the

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Pelham Explores Building Trolley Bed Trail to Hudson

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission opened their March 10 meeting with a presentation from John Picard and James Fisher from Pelham, both of whom were interested in working to complete a trail that would end in Hudson.

"One of the things we've been talking about for years in Pelham is to re-open the trolley bed that goes through Raymond Park and exits out on Gibson Road in Hudson," said Picard, who was active in his local Trails Committee. "The majority of the trail is Pelham, but the last 600 feet is in the town of Hudson. That's why we're here tonight. We're seeking

your permission to let us back in there. It's kind of all overgrown."

There were a few questions from the Hudson side.

"Do you guys have any insurance?" asked Town Engineer Elvis Dhima. "You don't have to answer it right now, but it's something you should think about."

Fisher expected to have insurance when working on trails due to his affiliation with Pelham's Board of Forestry. The pair promised to double-check before starting any work in Hudson, saying Pelham town officials wanted to keep the process as straightforward as possible.

"I'm just one vote on Forestry," said Fisher. "But I got permission from our chair and from our conservation commission to get some input, to put out some feelers and see where it lands."

According to Picard, the rail trail will follow an undeveloped part of a streetcar system that once connected Pelham, Nashua, Hudson, Lowell, and Salem. The system declined in the 1920s as cars gained popularity. Sections of the old trolley line that have not been built over still serve as a public right of way.

"Most of the trolley bed is long gone due to development, but one in

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Student Conduct Policy Approved by School Board

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had a second policy reading for its revised policy related to student conduct during its most recent meeting.

Under general policy it states "The School Board is committed to promoting a safe, healthy, orderly, and supportive school and learning environment. To achieve that for all, it is important for students to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity, and with respect and consideration for other students, district personnel, and other members of the community. Students are

expected and required to maintain appropriate behavior that allows teachers and staff to perform their professional duties effectively and without disruption while on School District property or on property within the jurisdiction of the School District (including vehicles); and/or while attending or engaged in school activities."

"Expectations for student conduct and standards of behavior shall be communicated through written Board policies, as well as district and/or school rules. Those policies and rules should be considered in the Student Expectations and the District Student Behav-

ior Standards at each school," the policy states.

"Student conduct that causes material or substantial disruption to the school environment, interferes with the rights of others, presents a threat to the health and safety of students, employees, or visitors, and/or violates the Student Expectations or classroom rules is prohibited," the policy states. "Response to violations, however, should be designed to maximize student academic, emotional and social success, while at the same time assuring safety of all students, staff, and school visitors. With this objective, the

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Malley Appointed to Appeals Board, MacDonald Promoted

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a board appointment.

It was explained during the meeting that there was a member vacancy for the Building Board of Appeals.

The nomination for the open position was Tim Malley.

“I’d just like to add he’s a valued asset to the Town. He volunteers in a lot of capacities, he does a lot of

great work," Hudson Board of Selectmen Dillon Dumont said during the meeting, after making the motion for Malley's appointment.

It was explained by Dumont that it's essentially an appeal board for people to go to after a decision is made on a municipal level.

On the website it states, “The Building Board of Appeals derives its authority from the International Building Code (IBC). The Board acts on appeals brought forth by person(s)

aggrieved or head of any agency of the municipality from any decision of the building official. Members are individuals either familiar with building construction, or licensed professional engineers, architects, etc. The Board consists of three (3) members appointed for 3-year terms and meets on an as-needed basis.”

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the position during the meeting.

The vacancy is set to expire in April 2028.

Following the regular Board of Selectmen meeting, the Selectmen held a non-public session to discuss and vote on a number of personnel moves.

One of the agenda items during the non-public session was in regards to authorizing the Director of Community Media to promote Cameron MacDonald to a full-time Production Coordinator at \$25.21, effective March 23.

The Board of Selectmen
approved the promotion.

Another agenda item

was in regards to the Director of Community Media, Mike Johnson's, proposed staff restructure of the current organizational chart.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the proposal during the meeting.

Another agenda item was a proposal to authorize the Director of Community Media to promote Mike Pilon to a full-time Production Coordinator with a starting pay of \$25.21, effective March 23.

The proposal was unan-

imously approved during the meeting.

Also during the non-public session, the Board of Selectmen discussed a proposal to authorize the Public Works Director to hire Christopher Koziol as a full-time Truck Driver/Laborer with a starting pay of \$24.25 per hour, effective March 16.

The Board of Selectmen
unanimously approved the
proposal.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for April 8 beginning at 7 p.m.

Master Plan

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update.

“That data has become increasingly unreliable. It is typically based on a small sample size,” said Min-karah. “The only way to use it is to put a big asterisk around it.”

He outlined what he considered mostly minor changes, saying the town was unlikely to see “a major

change' in any trends related to regular population growth over the past two decades. Main highlights included continued growth of the 65 and older population, along with a decline in the 35 to 54 age group.

"In that section, we may want to talk about when the bubble will burst, as it were, because that should be in around 15 to 20 years," said

Vice-Chair Jordan Ulery, who noted demographics will almost certainly continue to shift. "After that, we'll have a more youthful population."

Currently, there has been a growing focus on issues like accessibility for public buildings and more infrastructure aimed at helping residents age in place. Between an older population, fewer families in town, and younger resi-

dents, the Planning Board indicated that the Master Plan should reconsider its priorities with any new housing.

“When we’re looking at new developments, instead of three- and four-bedroom homes, some consideration must be given to one- and two-bedroom starter homes, with a small living room, small kitchen-type structures,” said Ulery, who added there was likely to be

a greater focus on housing density, at least to some extent.

"I think it would be fair to say that if we're talking about small lot sizes and more density on lots, then affordable housing would be a recommendation," said alternate Todd Boyer. "We also might want to look at what we need to do to get the 35 generation into the town."

He worried property tax

revenue would eventually fall off a cliff without more working residents or a greater influx of commercial growth.

Minkarah agreed to take Planning Board remarks into consideration when making his updates.

"I'll go ahead and update this data and get it back to you," he promised. "I'll try to get it back as soon as possible."

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Robinson Road Steel Laydown Yard Seeks to Merge Lots

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The first March meeting of the Hudson Planning Board heard a presentation from engineers Allison Lewis and Paul Chisholm of Keach-Nordstrom Associates on an amended site plan application allowing the S.L. Chasse Steel company to merge two separate lots at their Robinson Road facility, allowing the company to create a large outdoor store area.

"We're proposing a 121,000 square foot paved laydown yard for material storage in association with the nearby industrial building. Because it's just storage, there are no buildings or parking storage proposed

with this application," Lewis explained, saying the new yard would store everything from cranes to steel beams. "It shouldn't impact traffic on Robinson Road. The site work does require an alteration of terrain permit."

S.L. Chasse Steel already owns both lots and incorporates an extensive stormwater runoff system, including stormwater basins and an infiltration pond. The application includes waivers allowing the storage yard to operate within 200 feet of residential property and exempting S.L. Chasse Steel from certain landscaping requirements.

"Because of the sizable

paved area, the required amount of trees and shrubs is quite large, and we wouldn't be able to fit all of those on the site," said Lewis.

Under current Hudson regulations, 121,000 square feet of paved land would require 609 scrubs and 76 trees, even with a "vegetative" wetland buffer and surrounding already in place and the surrounding forest. The plan would include no more than eight trees, with a separate commitment to maintain a wooded buffer around the property.

"Right now, I'm fairly comfortable with the waivers," said Board member James Crowley, a senti-

ment other Board members agreed with as they unanimously approved all three waivers.

The pair was not worried about getting alteration of terrain approval from state regulators. No complaints were filed from nearby residents.

Board members did have a few questions about the overall plan and were worried about what the impact construction of such a large paved area could have, with Crowley noting that "ledge removal blasting" would be necessary.

"That's a significant amount of blasting," said Crowley, as he looked through the laydown plan.

Alteration of terrain

permits typically limit blasting, especially when bedrock is involved. Lewis promised to keep blasting within prescribed limitations, offering to set up groundwater monitoring during construction.

"You can't just go out and blast. There's protocols that have to be followed and permits that have to be pulled specifically for that," said Chisholm, who wanted to reassure Board members that the property owner intended to follow all blasting regulations. "All those rules will have to be abided by."

He added that the final design had "safeguards" to protect the surrounding groundwater during and

after construction.

Based on written comments about the site from Fuss and O'Neill, an engineering consulting firm tied to the development of the laydown yard, Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah suggested adding a stipulation that final approval of the site plan required a final sign-off from consulting engineers before being allowed to move forward.

"Basically, we'd need a satisfactory review from the consultants at Fuss and O'Neill," said Minkarah.

Taking everything into account, the Planning Board voted to approve the amended application with stipulations.

Conservation Commission Looks to Update Open Space Report

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The March meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission saw its members discuss their open space report as they examined property earmarked as being "high priority" for preservation by the Commission. Chair Carl Murphy noted that the old report was made over a decade ago.

"All these properties that were identified, I think back in 2012," said Murphy. "I did have a chance to go through the high priority listings, and some of them are no longer available."

A new document was considered "in progress," and although there were outstanding questions about when and how it should be updated, members agreed to stick with the current format.

"It's a Google spreadsheet. I went through the town GIS to look at potentially vacant or partially developed parcels, anything that was sizable," said Commissioner Chris Cameron, who added that going through the GIS was "tedious."

He only managed to get through a dozen properties for an updated report.

"I think the way we did it last time is one person took each side of town, there was a way of dividing up the effects, and we had six people doing it," said Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson, who thought in-person work might be faster and more effective than using GIS

data.

Members also examined land connectivity, hoping to join any new Conservation land with existing parcels, something Dickinson wanted "knocked up the priority list" after noticing connectivity was not always considered a priority in the old report.

Commissioner John Walter wanted to clarify the status of open space across Hudson, pointing out that not all open space was owned directly by the town, even land with regular recreational usage.

"Right now, in town, we have these parcels where we have trails on and some of them are listed as town

forests, some of them we have easements on, some of them are town owned, and some of the things listed as 'town forest' could be changed to or used for other purposes," he noted. "Do we need to get an easement on those properties to keep access in perpetuity?"

According to Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, anything labeled as "town forest" could not easily be changed.

"It takes a town meeting to change the rules," he

said. "What the proposed use might be takes a town vote. Usually that takes a lot of effort."

Other conservation land like the Musquash Conservation Area held slightly more straightforward rules, being regulated through the Board of Selectmen, and the Conservation Commission. Members agreed to continue with their work, promising to release an updated open space report to the public when completed.

"It's probably going to

take a long time to make the document public," warned Dickinson, who did not want anyone drawing inaccurate conclusions from an incomplete project.

While it is one of several tools, the Conservation Commission remains dedicated to land acquisition of privately owned open space parcels when possible.

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

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Editorial

Civic Engagement is Necessary

Quality of life can be affected by how we lead our daily lives, interact with each other, and engage in our community. Today, many of us are feeling the weight of the lack of social interactions, and economic shortfalls caused by the lack of volunteerism.

Actions and inactions have costs and consequences. Adding one more thing to our To Do List is not desirable, however that one more thing can be essential, like being involved where it counts. This addition could help our town moving forward into the future to build a better community.

When residents are actively involved in their town and community, they can ensure a better quality of life, not only for themselves but for others as well. This can be achieved through volunteering; volunteers have more impact on our community than one might realize. It makes a difference when residents are engaged in activities such as community improvement organizations, serving as volunteers at the local soup kitchen, helping in the annual town clean-up effort, serving on town boards, running for elected positions, and just showing up at meetings to speak or show support for the ones who are on the boards. These may seem small, but they carry more weight than you think.

Getting started is the hardest part so here are some ways you can get involved. Attend your Town Council, School Board, and budget meetings,

really listen and don't be afraid to speak and ask questions (if you were confused chances are good someone else was too). If those aren't your thing, try your local parent-teacher association, Women's club, any youth sports league, or one of the amazing civic groups out there. Pick what speaks to your heart; all of these are very important for a healthy, vibrant, engaged community. Your attendance at meetings and/or serving on different civic groups and various town boards and commissions will help maintain a great quality of life in the area.

It is easy to sit on the sidelines and complain, point out faults, and make posts; the challenge is to engage to make a difference for yourself and your community. It may seem hard, but being civic-minded requires us to be conscious of our community and purposeful about participating in a positive way that helps the town grow and improve.

Instead of letting another year go by being upset about your tax bill that seems to keep going up, or complaining that decisions were made that you did not agree with, show up and have your voice heard, state your ideas, and add your abilities to the mix.

Be civilly engaged benefits everyone now and in the future. We may be a big town but we can still act like a village.

School Board Approve Fund Transfer for Equipment

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to a transfer request to purchase a piece of equipment.

The proposal was originally to use funds from the paraprofessional salaries line to purchase it for a total of \$8,234.80.

"This is a piece of equipment that we had to purchase," Superintendent Dan Moulis said during the meeting.

He explained that they were required to purchase it.

"It was required (that) we purchased this piece of equipment," Moulis explained during the meeting.

He explained that they were hoping that they would be able to use a different funding source, and that they wouldn't have to purchase it through the operating budget.

However, it was explained by Moulis that the grant they looked to get it through was "pushed back" and they had to find money in the operating budget to pay for it.

Director of Special Ser-

vices Rachel Borge explained during the meeting that it's a very "specialized piece of equipment."

"This was a piece of equipment that was necessary for a particular student," she explained.

Borge explained when they put it forward to be reimbursed that there was a lot of back and forth but "ultimately it was denied with a technicality."

She noted during the meeting that they had already purchased it, and it was recommended by the finance department to use that particular pool of money.

"This is what was recommended by the finance department," Borge said.

School Board member Ethan Beals thinks they should use the rest of the equipment fund instead, and any of the other needed funds could come from the paraprofessionals salaries line.

The School Board agreed and approved using the remainder of the equipment fund, and the rest will be used from the paraprofessionals salaries line.

Another agenda item

was in regards to an overnight trip for the track team.

"The Alvine boys track team is requesting an overnight training trip during the upcoming April vacation (week), from April 28-30. As part of a Capstone Project, one of our seniors is trying to organize the team building and training activity at Pawtuckaway State Park.

Please see the enclosed documents," a memo to the School Board stated. "Our boys track coach, Phil Demers, would be the primary trip sponsor in support of his track athletes. They are looking to have ten students attend at a cost of \$100. That would include food, social activities, and camping. A second chaperone would attend to ensure student athlete safety as they train on the trails of the state park. The senior student and coach would be happy to present their request and learning to the school board as follow-up to the activity if approved. I support this joint senior capstone and track team training activity."

Pelham

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this particular section, the railroad bed is still intact," Picard explained. "It's just been neglected over the years."

The first step of their plan involved "cutting it back open" to see how viable the area might be for bike and foot traffic.

"We don't want to open it up to vehicles and so on," clarified Fisher.

Hudson's Town Engineer looked up the track

bed to confirm it was mostly empty apart from a handful of nearby homes.

"Is it currently accessible right now?" asked Dhima. "Do you plan to access it from our side to clean this?"

Picard stated it was possible for a determined hiker to "get in about 150 to 200 feet," before running into extensive overgrowth on the Hudson side, along with several fallen trees. He added that overgrowth removal could be approached from either

Pelham or Hudson.

"Do you guys want any help if we decide to do this?" asked Conservation Secretary Chris Cameron.

The pair confirmed they would not refuse help if and when things got going.

The Conservation Commission asked Pelham to watch for invasive species and made it clear they wanted the new trail closed to ATVs but were otherwise supportive of the proposal. Its members unanimously voted to support the trial.

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Alvirne Chapel Undergoes Some Much Needed Repairs

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The Alvirne Memorial Chapel is currently undergoing a number of much-needed restoration efforts.

Currently scaffolding has appeared around the historic structure and masons are in the midst of repointing the exterior stone bricks.

According to the Chair of the Alvirne Trustees, Elaine Brody, "The Alvirne Chapel, on Derry Road, was built in 1909 by Dr. Alfred K. Hills as a memorial to his late wife Virginia. It has been in constant use over these 115 years for religious services, weddings, and funerals, school tours, and other events."

Last fall, she also stated that following some serious flooding in the basement of the Chapel last spring, the Alvirne Trustees, who are responsible for maintaining the Chapel and its grounds, decided to embark on a number of projects over the next year or two to make repairs to the building.

The projects include, assessing the slate roof, repointing the granite on the outside of the building, removing a number of plantings that are impinging on the foundation, regrouting around stained glass windows and installing a drainage system around the



exterior of the foundation to keep it stable.

The chapel will continue to be available for events throughout these restorations, but there will be changes. For the foreseeable future, the basement level, where the bathrooms are

located, will be closed to the public. The large, beautiful, Japanese Maple tree near the side entrance will be removed to protect the roof and the foundation and other planting beds will be changed to expose more of the foundation as well.

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Selectmen Approve Three Year Deal For Legal Services

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recent meeting.

The Hudson Board of Selectmen voted on a proposed contract for legal services during its most recent meeting. At the previous meeting, there was some debate over whether or not there should be some research done on whether or not it made

sense to go out to bid based on what other communities are paying.

It was pointed out during the meeting by Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson that they received a revised proposal from their attorney, to extend their contract up to three years.

"My office will continue to provide legal services to the Town at the present reduced rate of \$145.00 per hour, which is the same rate for all attorneys, will not vary between litigation and non-litigation services, and will not be increased after a

certain number of hours," Town Attorney David Lefevre wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "Non-attorney paralegal time will also be charged at the current reduced rate of \$60 per hour. As always, no retainer is requested. Fees for legal services will continue to be billed in increments of 1/10 of an hour and invoiced on a monthly basis."

It was explained in the memo that routine overhead expenses would be free, but out of pocket expenses "such as filing fees, sheriff's service fees, registry

recording fees, etc., will be billed to the Town and itemized separately on the monthly invoices, as would other non-typical costs such as excessive postage or copying charges."

Sorenson, said while he was keeping the name confidential, he reached out to communities in ranges of population from 15,000 to 34,000 and their bid was lower.

The ranges in averages per hour were between \$225 and \$300 an hour.

Sorenson said they ultimately had three different options, go with a one-year

contract, or three year contract with their current attorney no or go out to bid.

"You have three options," Sorenson said.

Selectman Kara Roy, previously said the rate is well below market rate based on her experience.

One thing Sorenson said they should add is an exit clause for either party, the Selectmen agreed with.

The Board approved going with a three-year contract with the current Town Attorney on a 4-1 vote with Selectman Heidi Jakoby opposing.

OBITUARY

Ana Paula (DaSilva) Bienvenu



Ana Paula (DaSilva) Bienvenu passed away on Friday, March 21, 2025, at the age of 55, with her husband by her side.

Ana was a truly amazing person. Unfortunately, like so many others, Ana had the misfortune of suffering terribly from the cruel ravages of cancer for the past several years.

Referred to by her middle name as "Paula" or "Paulina" by her large Portuguese family, Ana was born in Ponta Delgada, San Miguel, Azores, the daughter of Maria Valentina DaSilva of Somerville, MA and the late Manuel DaSilva.

Ana moved to the US as a young child, eventually settling in Somerville, MA. After getting married, she and husband Jay built a house in Southern NH and settled there to raise their son Bryce and meet many wonderful friends.

Ana was an outstanding mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend. She loved simple pleasures the most, such as sitting at the kitchen table or on the outdoor deck chatting with family or friends for hours with a cup of coffee or an occasional glass of red wine. Ana had a laugh that was infectious and made everyone around her laugh right along with her.

Those of us fortunate to have known Ana witnessed her unbelievable work ethic. She was a homebody, where she loved to cook and clean, and was meticulous with everything she did. For Ana, works always came first and she rarely took time to relax, much to the chagrin of her husband. At the same time, Ana had a flair for style and fashion, always dressing with class and simple elegance.

Ana loved to entertain guests at her house, which she kept spotless. She generously enjoyed helping and caring for others, and was particularly drawn to the very young as well as the elderly, caring for and supporting them whenever she had the opportunity.

Ana was small in stature but huge in spirit. She had an enormous heart but could be tough when she needed to be. Known as always direct and honest, Ana never sugarcoated issues and was a straight shooter. She tackled problems head on and never shied away from any challenges that came her way, including her cancer diagnosis, which she fought through while never complaining or feeling sorry for herself.

Ana grew into an animal lover after adopting rescue dog Tucker over a decade ago and who became her very loyal companion, staying close by her side throughout her struggles with cancer.

Ana had a long and successful career in public service, commuting to and from Boston for decades via the commuter train, where she met several friends over the years.

Ana is survived and missed dearly by her husband Jay, son Bryce, many friends and family, and her furry companion Tucker.

Ana made a mark on many, many lives and is deeply missed. After the suffering Ana has endured over several years, she deserves to rest in peace.

A special thank you to the many, many medical professionals that provided wonderful care for Ana throughout her battle with cancer, including those at Southern NH Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, Community Hospice House, and countless others. Ana's family is also very grateful for the friends and family members who visited and supported her throughout the final stages of her struggle, with particular gratitude for her close friend Sheri, who was tremendously helpful and amazing in every way possible.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, April 3 at 11 a.m., in St. Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH. All may meet at church. Burial will take place at a later date in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Manchester, NH.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Ana with an extra act of kindness - call an old friend, check on an elderly neighbor, donate to a charity or cause that is meaningful to you, or enrich your life greatly by adopting a rescue animal that deserves a safe and loving home.

To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

School Board Gets Briefed on Election

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

Following the March school and town elections, the Hudson School Board was briefed on how the election went by School District Moderator Paul Inderbitzen during its most recent board meeting.

"Attached are the Voter Participation and Statistics from the March 2025 Town and School District Elections," he wrote in a memo to the School Board.

Inderbitzen noted during the meeting that voter turnout was just under 19% for the recent election, noting it's about average for their local elections, which don't get as nearly as much participation as the presidential elections.

"The 18.8% voter turnout was disappointing but in line with past local elections," he said. "We processed an average of 265 voters an hour at both locations."

Overall, Inderbitzen said the day "went smoothly."

Inderbitzen noted during the meeting that the new ID law for voting didn't cause them too many problems, noting that some people who wanted to register to vote had to go back to get their birth certificates, but overall they heard very few complaints.

"There weren't any issues with the new ID laws at registration," he wrote in a memo. "Only a few voters had to retrieve the necessary papers in order to register to vote."

In total Inderbitzen

noted that they had 28 new registrations during the Election Day this year.

Inderbitzen also noted during the meeting that there were a number of "spoiled ballots."

"There was some confusion by voters marking the ballot that resulted in 258 spoiled ballots," he said. "I believe that the large number of Town and School ballot pages to be voted resulted in voter error in marking their choices and having to request replacement pages. There were not many School spoiled ballots."

Inderbitzen also thanked everyone who helped out with the election this year.

"I'd want to thank Principal Beals, Ryan Leary, and the custodial staff at Alvirne and Principal Bowen, Angel Borrero, and the

custodial staff at Memorial for their assistance," he said. "Also, the GFWC Hudson Women's Club for their counting of the write-in ballots at the end of the night."

Inderbitzen noted for the school election they didn't have many write-in ballots this year. He said the next election in Hudson will be the town and school election in 2026.

At the end of the school board meeting during board member remarks, School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell said, "I'm bummed about the turnout as always," referring to the turnout for the local election.

He noted that the turnout for the November election is about 12,000 people which is significantly more than what they see for the March elections.



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Citizen Petition Warrant Article on Rezoning Overwhelmingly Rejected

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the few warrant articles on the ballot for the Town of Hudson which failed during the March 11 election was a citizen petition warrant article.

The warrant article stated:

"Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning from Residential-2 (R-2) to Business (B) the following parcels of land, Tax Map 168, Lot 118-000 (7 Greeley St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 119-000 (5 Greeley St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 120-000

(6 A & B Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 121-000 (238 Central St.), Tax Map 168, Lot 122-000 (4 Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 123-000 (6 C & D Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 124-000 (6 E, F & W Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 125-000 (8 Windham Rd.), Tax Map 168, Lot 125-001 (9 A & B Benson Ln.), Tax Map 168, Lot 126-000 (10 Windham Rd.)."

At the March 11 election voters rejected the warrant article on a 2,453 to 813 vote.

A last minute petition had been filed for the Hud-

son election next week.

"A valid protest petition, pursuant to RSA 675:5, has been submitted against the passage of Warrant Article 33 in the upcoming March 11, 2025 Town and School Election. In order for the protest petition to pass, a favorable vote of 2/3 of all the members of the legislative body present and voting shall be required," a notice on the Town's Facebook page, and other platforms from Town Moderator Paul Inderbitzen stated.

It was explained by Board of Selectmen Chair

Bob Guessferd, who is the liaison for the Planning Board, previously during a Board of Selectmen meeting, that they had a proposed zoning amendment, which came from a citizens petition warrant article, which would rezone part of the Town from Residential-2 to Business.

Guessferd said when it was asked if the abutters were given notice that there had been a citizen petition for a change in zoning, the Board was told that they were.

"We were told that it was," Guessferd said,

explaining that they took that information and voted on a recommendation for the warrant article.

Guessferd explained that since it's a citizens' petition warrant article, it automatically goes to the ballot. However, he said the one thing the Board is able to do is make recommendations on the warrant articles related to zoning.

Once the signatures are accepted and verified, "at that point it has to move forward to the ballot."

Guessferd explained that once they found out about the mistake in proce-

dures for the warrant article it was asked if they could change it or pull the warrant article back. He said that they were told that they couldn't by their Town Attorney, despite not all owners being properly notified of the proposed change.

"It's in violation of the RSA, but it still has to move forward to the ballot," Guessferd said.

Guessferd explained that he would likely have changed his recommendation on the warrant article if he had all the information for it beforehand.

Conduct Policy

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Board endorses adoption of a Multi-Tiered System of Support for Behavioral Health and Wellness ("MTSS-B") as the framework for the District Student Behavior Standards. District personnel who interact with students are expected to utilize progressive disciplinary measures, and to place emphasis on educating students so they may grow in self-discipline. Suspensions and expulsions shall be administered consistent with the applicable District Student Behavior Standards and Board policy JICD."

Under student code of conduct it states, "The School Board delegates to the Superintendent, in consultation with the appropriate building principal and counselors, the responsibility of adopting and implementing these Student Expectations and District Student Behavior Standards

with such age-appropriate rules and regulations for each school as he/she deems necessary to implement the objectives of this policy, and reflects the three-tiered support prevention of framework of MTSS-B: school-wide approaches; targeted supports for at-risk students; and individualized services for highest-needs students."

"The Student Behavior Standards for each school shall be submitted to the School Board for review each year, either separately or with the applicable student handbook," the policy states.

The policy goes on to state in part, "Consistent with the Board's statutory authority, and other Board policies regarding review of administrative rules, regulations and procedures, the School Board retains the authority to modify, supersede, or suspend any provision of the District Student

Behavior Standards."

"The District Student Behavior Standards shall include:

1. A graduated and age-appropriate system of supports and intervention strategies, such as:

- parent conferences
- counseling
- peer mediation
- instruction in conflict resolution and anger management

- parent counseling and training
- community service
- rearranging class schedules.

2. Graduated and age-appropriate disciplinary consequences such as:

- restriction from extra-curricular activities
- temporary (same day) removal from class or activity

- detention
- temporary reassignment/in-school suspension
- out-of-school suspension

- expulsion
- 3. Provisions describing how and when short term

suspensions of up to 5 days, short term suspensions up to 10 days, long term suspensions up to 20 days, and/or expulsion should be imposed.

All temporary (same day) removal from classrooms or activities, restriction from activities, detentions, suspensions, and

expulsions shall comport with applicable laws, regulations, and Board policy JICD.

4. Information regarding RSA 193:13, 193-D, this policy, Board policy JICD, and other Board policies or district/school rules regulating student conduct on and off-campus. Except

where the complete text of a statute, regulation, or policy is required, the Code of Conduct Student Expectations, and District Student Behavior Standards should include age-appropriate language. E.g., summaries for elementary grade levels."

The Board unanimously approved the revised policy.

Annual Easter Craft Fair, This Sunday, March 30

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The fourth annual Easter Craft Fair will take place this weekend at Hudson Memorial Middle School.

The event will feature roughly 50 local vendors

and free photos with the Easter Bunny will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also included at the fair will be Face Painting and a Scavenger Hunt for the children.

The Craft Fair will open

to the public starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 30, and is schedule to end at 2 p.m.

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Planning Board Calls for Using Impact Fees to Fund Sidewalks

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board looked to building on what Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah called a “robust discussion” on more definitive sidewalk regulations. He put up a map of existing sidewalks proposed in Hudson’s 10-year plan, and there was broad agreement that more sidewalks were needed to increase walkability. The debate around how to encourage more sidewalk construction in Hudson continued.

“You could just require everyone to do sidewalks everywhere, but I don’t think there’s a lot of support for that,” noted Minkarah. “Another way of doing this is requiring in-lieu of contributions.”

He suggested directly

adding an impact fee for sidewalks with new developments, similar to existing traffic impact fees for traffic in two selected zones in town. Such fees would give town officials flexibility.

“Do the current traffic impact fees we collect qualify for sidewalks?” asked Board Chair Tim Malley.

Town Engineer Elvis Dhima answered, saying the issue was treading a legal “fine line.”

“The impact fees are for anything related to capacity and safety,” he said, adding that it could be slightly murky whether the town could justify using impact fees on projects exclusively designed to build sidewalks, utilizing the justification of improving pedestrian safety, something Dhima argued in favor of. “I feel very strongly

that yes, the answer is yes.”

Public Works Director Jay Twardosky agreed on the safety issue and that such a use would win out if it became a legal issue. Impact funds have been used for sidewalks in the past as part of large-scale road development projects.

Minkarah argued that even if current impact fees can be used for sidewalks, adding fees earmarked for sidewalk construction would not compete with fees meant for redesigning

an intersection.

“The only trouble is that we run into maintenance of whatever we build,” said Board member James Crowley. “We hold the bag for that, and I don’t know if any impact fees, even with dedicated funds, can cover that.”

Dhima conceded that impact fees could not be allocated towards maintenance costs, though he argued that the initial capital expenditures were often the largest barrier to build-

ing new infrastructure.

Several Board members were interested in finding a way to end the so-called “sidewalks to nowhere,” referring to poorly connected and isolated sidewalk sections across Hudson.

“I think it’s a great idea to have a separate fund, to collect money and be consistent with it. If a site plan requires a sidewalk, collect the moment, pool it up, and concentrate that money to fill the map,” said Board member Ed Van der Veen.

“We want to fill the gaps.”

He singled out the roads near Benson Park as a possible area of focus.

Board members agreed a more comprehensive plan was needed to change town regulations on implementing new fees just for sidewalks. Minkarah, Dhima, and Twardosky promised to look deeper into the issue.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Board is set for Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

School Board Reorganizes, Forms a Recruitment and Retention Committee

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

Following the March election, the Hudson School Board held its reorganizational meeting on March 24. As part of the reorganizational meeting, one of the agenda items was selecting the School Board officers for the upcoming year.

For the position of School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne was once again selected as the Chair for the Board, and Mike Campbell was once again selected as Vice Chair for the School Board for the upcoming year.

Both Dionne and Campbell were the only nominees for the positions and were elected unanimously by the School Board.

Also during the meeting, the School Board reviewed a number of committee positions for the

School Board members for the upcoming year, including a newly formed one.

Dionne explained during the meeting that it would be a recruiting and retention committee. “We are actually creating a retention and recruitment committee,” she explained during the meeting.

Dionne explained that the process of the committee will be further flushed out “but there will be at least one board member.”

She also explained that they will talk more about who else should be on the committee, but said the focus will be on recruitment and retention.

“The Retention and Recruitment Committee is responsible for developing strategies to improve district recruitment and retention efforts,” the committee

website states. “The committee will identify ways to reduce turnover, enhance workplace conditions, and attract and retain teachers and staff. Included in the committee are staff from the district and a school board representative.”

School Board member Ethan Beals was picked as the committee member from the School Board.

For the Strategic Plan Committee Dionne and Beals will continue to serve on the committee for the year.

Dionne will serve on the Policy Committee along with new School Board member Stephen Meyer.

For the Capital Improvement Committee Dionne and Beals were chosen.

Meyer was chosen to serve on the Wellness Com-

mittee along with Campbell, who has been on the committee for the last year.

For the Communications Committee, Dionne was chosen to be on the committee, along with Meyer as an alternate member.

For the Teacher Grant and Incentives Fund Committee, Beals was picked to serve on the committee along with Daniel Kilgour as an alternate member.

Campbell will continue to serve as the main liaison for the Alvirne Trustees, with Meyer serving as an alternate liaison from the School Board.

For the Cable Committee, Kilgour will serve as the liaison along with Meyer as the alternate.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on April 7.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Girls Basketball Finish Better Than Expected

SHANE BALL
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne High School Lady Broncos basketball team finished the 2024-25 season with a 10-8 record. This was good enough for the 10th seed in the D1 tournament, where they would ultimately fall short against Salem in a 42-30 loss.

"We were not picked to do much this season", said Head Coach Frank Girginis, "no one in the preseason polls had us in the top 12."

Along with outperforming their polling prediction, Girginis and the team accomplished their own set of goals, one being to improve upon their previous season record of 9-9.

The girls started this season off hot, opening up with three straight wins against Manchester Memorial, Goffstown, and Keene. This included a dominant opening night in a 32-point blowout with a final score of 73-41 against Manchester Memorial.

The 3-0 start would be followed by three straight losses to Pinkerton, Nashua South, and Portsmouth, coming off of the Christmas



Senior Co-Captain Ella Hartson

Tournament.

The girls would start the month of January with a dominant 66-29 outing versus Spaulding, followed by a tough 34-62 loss to Londonderry. The Broncos were firing on all cylinders when the girls took on Timberlane and Concord, starting with a 62-33 win against Timberlane and following that up with a 66-29

win against Concord just three days later. The girls would fall to Concord Christian Academy 36-58 and again fall short in a nail-biting 46-49 loss to Trinity.

Coming into February off of some ups and downs, the girls seemed to find some consistency to close out the season. They went 4-2 in the month, starting

off with a three-game winning streak against Nashua North, Manchester Central, and Merrimack.

The Broncos would fall short to Salem in the first round of the playoffs with a final score of 29-43. Despite a tough way to end the season, this girls' team has many bright spots.

Senior Co-Captain Ella Hartson will be missed next season as she heads to college. Hartson led the team in scoring with 12.6 PPG. This led to her second straight All-State Honorable Mention by the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization (NHBCO).

Girginis had coached Hartson for all 4 of her seasons with the basketball team, as well as two seasons as her middle school soccer coach at HMS.

"It's not every day a player like her comes around that puts the team ahead of personal accolades and accomplishments," said Girginis.

Senior Avery Willard's presence on and off the court was felt this season. Not only did she win the team's Heart Motivation Success Award, but she was named Jr. Citizen of the Year by the Hudson Chamber of Commerce. Despite the loss of these talented players, there is much to be excited about for next season.

One player the team will be happy to see returning for the next few seasons is Courtney Anderson. She was just shy of Hartson's team leading PPG average with 12.4 PPG of her own. Not only did she improve

on the offensive end this season, but her impact on defense has also been made known.

Lexi Floyd was awarded the teams Most Improved Player Award where she nearly doubled her offensive production from the previous season, totaling 10 PPG. With a drastic jump in improvement like that, Floyd will be another name to look out for next season.

The steady improvement season by season is a trend that the Alvirne Broncos hope to continue. Head Coach Frank Girginis has nothing but praise for his girls and is looking forward to another season with the team.

"The program is in good hands and I know the girls will work hard in preparation for it," said Girginis.

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Police Dribble for Dollars Benefits Special Olympics



Members of the Hudson Police Department held a "Dribble For Dollars" basketball tournament event at Alvirne High School gymnasium on March 22 to benefit the New Hampshire Special Olympics. A number of teams took on the Hudson Police



at the event which was deemed successful with the department appreciative to the community who attended and the support they received in raising money for charity. They hope to run the event again next year. *Courtesy photos*

Hudson-Litchfield Bears' Registration is Open for 2025

With spring around the corner, Bears are shaking off their winter slumber and getting ready for an exciting 2025. No, we're not talking about the furry creatures of the forest: we're talking about Hudson and Litchfield Bears' youth football and cheerleading program.

"It's been great to watch the program grow over the last few years," said Chris Morris, President of the program. "I can't tell who's more excited about the upcoming season: the par-

ents or the kids!"

Registration for the 2025 season opened March 1st, with the program featuring flag football, tackle football, and cheerleading.

Flag Football is open to ages 5-7 years old; Tackle Football is open to ages 6 - 14 years old; Tiny Mite Cheerleading for ages 5 and 6 years old; and general Cheerleading ages 7-14 years old.

"It's a program that offers something for everyone, while teaching every one of the kids the value of

teamwork and responsibility," said Morris, who has had 2 children enrolled in football and a third in cheerleading.

Registration is open through June 1st, with the season running from August through November.

Football players and cheerleaders see practices taking place multiple nights a week.

Football players can to travel across southern NH; while cheerleaders will participate in weekend compe-

titions in the fall against area teams.

"I'm always amazed at the development of skills," said Sara DeCologero, whose 3 daughters participate in the program, and who took over as the league's Vice President of Cheerleading for 2025, after coaching the last 2 seasons. "I love that our athletes develop their athletic skills, but it really is something truly meaningful to see how each athlete wants to support their peers - on and off the field. That's what makes it so special."

Morris noted that the athletes are divided up by grade level, with there being six football teams in

2024, and four competitive cheerleading teams.

"I'm proud that so many of our teams got so far in 2023, then again in 2024, representing the very best of Hudson and Litchfield," said Ryan Michie, the league's Vice President of Football, who has a daughter enrolled in cheerleading and a son in football. "I know 2025 will be even better!"

DeCologero noted that an Adaptive team was being added to the cheerleading program for the 2025 season.

"We're happy to welcome individuals with a range of physical, intellectual, and developmental abilities to participate," said

DeCologero. "Inclusive cheerleading is a dynamic, empowering sport that opens the door for athletes of all abilities to shine."

Prices for participation in the football and cheerleading programs vary depending on age, with discounts for families enrolling more than one child. The Adaptive cheerleading program has participation fees waived, with athletes enrolled in that team also receiving the support of peer leaders so as to provide them the best experience. To learn more about the Hudson Litchfield Bears program, please visit www.HudsonLitchfieldBears.com

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Boncore Wins Girls' States, Places Sixth at New England's

SHANE BALL
HUDSON TIMES

Being the only girl on an all-boys wrestling team may sound intimidating to some, but to Alvirne Broncos wrestler Jillian Boncore, it's just another day on the mats.

Back in sixth grade, Boncore first asked her mom, Brenda Boncore, if she could join the wrestling team. Brenda, though unsure if they would even let her daughter wrestle at

first, has given her daughter her full support since day one. One of the biggest factors and hopes for the two of them was for her not to be seen or treated any differently by her coaches and peers.

There has only ever been a handful of girls on the teams along the way, but that never discouraged her as she continues to push herself all these years later. The boys on the team don't treat her any different. They

give it their all, and so does she.

"Being the only girl on the team can be challenging," said Boncore, "but it also offers a unique opportunity to stand out."

Boncore would finish her junior year season with a record of 13-6 against other female competitors, though it should be made clear that she has competed in a fair amount of co-ed tournaments along the way as well. She would then go

on to win the Girls' All-States in New Hampshire, an achievement she has had her eyes on for quite some time. This was an especially sweet victory after placing second in the All-States just a year prior. Winning that state championship made it feel like all of her hard work had finally paid off.

"It's a moment of pure joy and pride, proving that dedication truly does lead to success," said Boncore.

After the All-States, Boncore and her teammates Senior Captain Shawn Boudreau and Senior Captain Shayne Mackey would head down to Rhode Island to compete in the New England Wrestling Championships. There were six matches for Boncore over the span of two days.

On Saturday, March 8, Boncore would win her first match. She would then go on to face off in a grueling battle that lasted over 13 minutes and three overtimes before heading to sudden death. Though she fell short



Jillian Boncore

in the second match, she bounced back and won her third match, which was good enough to bring her back the next day for more. On Sunday, March 9, Boncore would win her first match. This got her a placement on the podium. She would ultimately lose the following two matches. But through wins or losses, there is always something to gain.

"We call them wins or learns," said Brenda, "not

losses." A defeat is seen as nothing more than an opportunity for growth.

Boncore ultimately placed sixth at the New England Wrestling Championships in Rhode Island. She came out as the only female from Alvirne to ever place in this tournament and the first Bronco since 2021.

"Jillian has been an absolute joy to coach over the last three years," said Head Coach Conor Gannon. "Her consistent hard work has led to all of her success, and I'm looking forward to see how she performs next year."

Boncore's journey is bigger than tournaments. It's about breaking stereotypes and proving that passion and talent know no gender. She does face her fair share of obstacles along the way, but she gains resilience and an opportunity to grow women's wrestling and pave the way for future generations of female athletes here in Hudson.



MEDFLIGHT EXPLORERS The Hudson Explorer post took a trip to the Boston MedFlight base in Bedford, Mass. recently. They learned what MedFlight does and how they operate. They viewed aircraft, ground transport vehicles and also received a tour of the communications center and mannequin simulation lab. The group was thankful for the opportunity to come out and learn more about the organization. For those interested in learning more about the Explorer Program please contact the Hudson Fire Department.

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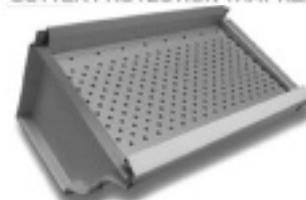
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Food Pantry Collection

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 date of any items donated as the pantry cannot use expired items. All items must be unopened.

Free Kids Vision Screening

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 risk for vision problems, particularly amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (misaligned eyes), and other vision issues.

VITA Tax Assistance

Mondays and Saturdays VITA provides free tax preparation. Call the Rogers library or visit www.events.rodgerslibrary.org to schedule an appointment.

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.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rogers Library on Saturday, April 5, and 19, at 9:30 a.m., to play and grab a donut.

Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., (except April 28, and 29) Teens are invited to relax in a teens only space at Rogers Library. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch will be available. There will be a different theme each week.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursday, April 10, 17, and 24 at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rogers Library.

Postpartum Support Group

On Thursday, April 3 at 10 a.m., gather with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about how healing and what thoughts and feelings you're exploring at Rogers Library.

Zentangle Class: ZenGem

On Wednesday, April 2 at 1 p.m., please join Diane for a two-hour class where to create a beautiful tile consisting of black and white tangles with a "gem" in the center at the Rogers Library.

Rodgers Readers

Come to Rogers Library on Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m., for this monthly group. This month's book is "Grandma Gatewood's Walk: the Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail" by Ben Montgomery.

Hexbug Play

On Friday, April 4 at 10 a.m., families with children are invited to play with the Rogers Library's hexbugs.

Rally 'Round the Flag

On the 160th anniversary of General Lee's surrender, Marek Bennett presents an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Sustainability Series: Composting

On Monday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., Meagan Saviano from Renewal Compost will be at Rogers Library to give a presentation on the basics of composting.

Egg Carton Geodes

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Access Wisdom Book Group

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meet on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Bird by Bird" by Anne Lamott.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m., come and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft at the Rogers Library with Oonagh Williams.

Fly Swatter Painting

On Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m., families are invited to make their own fly swatter splatter painting at the Rogers Library.

Crime & Cookies: True Crime Podcast Club

This Rogers Library group will meet on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. This month's podcast will be "The Clearing." Listen to all episodes for free on Spotify, Amazon Music or Apple Podcasts, or wherever you listen

to podcasts.

Liberty or Death! Revolutionary Spy Escape Room

Can you recover the general's letter, destroy the enemy's ammunition supply and escape before dawn arrives in an hour and exposes you as a spy? Come to the Rogers Library to try and make it through the escape room on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen: Spring Wreath

On Friday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m., High school students can create their own spring wreath with ribbon and flowers at Rogers Library.

Spring Storytime

On Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m., families are invited to Rogers Library for stories, songs, and bubbles.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This Rogers library group will meet on Monday, April

14 at 12:30 p.m. This month's book is "How to Solve Your Own Murder" by Kristen Perlin.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rogers Library group will meet on Tuesday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean.

Mason Jar Aquarium

On Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m., families are invited to the Rogers Library to make a mason jar aquarium for a toy fish.

Adventurers Storytime: Ice Cream

On Tuesday, April 22 at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rogers Library. This program is for ages 3-5.

Hexbug Mazes

On Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m., families with children are invited to build a

maze for a hexbug at the Rogers Library.

Pokemon Trivia

On Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m., families are invited to the Rogers Library for 5 rounds of Pokemon Trivia.

Marble Run

On Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m., come play with the Rogers Library's marble run!

Tween Minecraft Party

On Tuesday, April 29 at 2 p.m., join the Rogers Library for Minecraft-themed activities and crafts. Snacks provided.

Family Storytime

Come to the Rogers Library on Wednesday, April 30 at 6 p.m., for Songs, stories, and bubbles for families with children.

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.

Read 'Em & Eat

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

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

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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.

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On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

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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 project.

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 visit 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 non-member, 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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