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SOLIDARITY Members of the Alvirne Boys' Basketball team were on hand for the Lady Brocos final home game of the season to help cheer on a playoff berth. See stories on both teams in this week's Sports Section.

Easter Egg Hunt Kicks Off Benson Park's 2026 Centennial Season

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

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1926," explained Friends Board Chair Natalie Newell. "This year's events are going to focus around that as a theme, and we're working on many of those events right now as we're also looking for volunteers. If anybody is available to assist in different capacities working at the events or helping with that, we'd appreciate

it." The next major event will be an Easter Egg Hunt, currently scheduled for March 28.

"It's being managed by an organization in Hudson called Inner Dragon Martial Arts, and they have had this Easter Egg Hunt at their location for the last several years, but they

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Lowell Road Gas Station OK'd Following Debates Over Plans

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The February meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw members revisit the proposed Colbea Gas Station and Convenience Store on Lowell Road. Following ongoing concerns from several neighbors, including a nearby day-care, Attorney Chris Drescher said the applicant was willing to make additional changes.

"The fence, at least for the portion near the day-care, will be installed prior to any construction. It will be a stockade fence at six feet tall and not white, because that's hard to keep clean," said Drescher.

"We've checked that box; the day-care is good."

This change follows earlier revisions that removed a car wash and vacuum stations due to noise concerns. An on-site emergency generator was also removed after public feedback.

"The one other change from the day-care is they requested we return with the fence along the storage garage as well," added Colbea Director of Construction and Maintenance Mike Gazdacko, who said the most common request from abutters was additional fencing. "We clearly articulated this on the plans; we drew it on the plans. We added fencing along Temple

Street, we brought it along to Atwood, and we extended it beyond the suggested 100 feet of the sound study."

The sound study indicated the gas station would meet local noise regulations. Even with the changes, residents still had questions.

"The only concern is with the fencing installed, can they incorporate changes along the outside of the fence to try and mask the look of the fence to make it look a little bit nicer?" asked abutter Brian Sojka. "Can they move the fence back a little way and put in shrubbery?"

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Selectmen, Non-Profit Group Moving to Reopen Dog Park

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an update on the status of the Benson Dog Park during its most recent meeting, following the Board's earlier decision to temporarily close the facility while questions about responsibility, maintenance, and liability were sorted out.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson reminded the Board that the issue stemmed from discussions at the Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 meetings, when the Selectmen voted to formally close the dog park and pursue a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a designated group or nonprofit to oversee its opera-

tion. The goal, he said, was to establish clear responsibility for insurance, maintenance, and day-to-day oversight.

At the earlier meeting, Selectman Heidi Jakoby, who serves as the liaison to the Benson Park Advisory Committee, outlined the history of the dog park and how the current situation developed. She explained that the dog park was originally created and operated by a nonprofit organization, which had taken responsibility for insurance, liability, and maintenance. The non-profit raised funds, installed fencing, and managed the space with approval from the Board of Selectmen.

However, Jakoby said

the nonprofit eventually dissolved, leaving the Town without a formal agreement or clear authority over the dog park. "The nonprofit has gone away," she said, noting that staff could not find any record of a transfer of responsibility back to the Town. Without a managing organization, questions arose about who was responsible for upkeep, including mowing and leaf removal, tasks the Department of Public Works had never agreed to perform.

Jakoby emphasized that while volunteers had stepped in to help maintain the area, the Town itself is not structured to operate a dog park. That uncertainty led the Selectmen to temporarily

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BOS Votes to Send Letter Objecting to Changes to Budget Committees

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A discussion about proposed changes to the structure of local Budget Committees took center stage at the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, where members debated whether to oppose a bill that would remove voting rights from the Board of Selectmen and School Board liaisons who currently serve on the committee.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson briefed the Board on the legislation, explaining that the bill would formally change the role of both liaisons from full voting members to ex officio participants.

"It's a bill that wishes to remove the voting right

of the Board of Selectmen Liaison and School Committee Liaison and reduce them to ex officio members, meaning advisory only," Sorenson said. Under the proposed change, liaisons could still attend meetings and offer input, but they would no longer have a vote on the Budget Committee's final recommendations before those budgets are forwarded to the Selectmen and School Board.

Sorenson told the Board he was prepared to draft a letter to state officials if the Selectmen wished to take a formal position. "If this Board wants to bring any type of action for me to prepare a document on your behalf and send it to Concord, I

am certainly willing to do that," he said.

Vice Chair Bob Guessferd spoke strongly in favor of opposing the bill, drawing on his own experience serving on the Budget Committee.

"I think it's vitally important that we send a letter voicing opposition to this bill," Guessferd said. "I was on the Budget Committee for several years... and then served as a liaison member. I think it's important that we have a vote on that, and the School Board also has a vote on that committee." He argued that removing voting rights would weaken the connection between the Budget Committee and the elected bodies ultimately responsible for

adopting the town and school budgets.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby offered a more cautious view, saying she understood both sides of the issue. "I'm actually on the fence on this one," she said. "I feel that in our case, our Budget Committee is elected. There are elected members to that board. Having sat on the Budget Committee, I'm not sure that my vote or the School Board's vote would have really made that big of a difference in the decisions that were made." Jakoby noted that while liaisons provide valuable insight, the committee's elected members carry the primary responsibility for shaping the budget.

Selectman Xen Vur-

garopulos, who currently serves as the Selectmen's representative on the Budget Committee, said he believes voting representation is essential. "I think there's value in having voting members as liaisons," he said, adding that the liaison role helps ensure communication and accountability between the Budget Committee and the governing boards.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont, who also serves as a state representative, said he did not have strong feelings about the bill. He noted that similar proposals have surfaced at the State House before. "I'll be honest with you, I didn't really have strong feelings on this one way or the other. I wasn't a voting

member on that," he said. "I've sat on boards where you're a non-voting member. You're asked plenty of questions. I think that you can help alleviate the conversation. I think you can still have plenty of value that way."

After discussion, the Board voted 311 to authorize sending a letter to Concord expressing opposition to House Bill 1137. Jakoby voted against the motion, and Dumont abstained, saying, "I'll have my chance when it's up in Concord."

The letter will now be drafted and forwarded to state lawmakers as part of the town's official position on the proposed legislation.

ZBA Clarifies Zoning Administrator and Liaison Input at Future Meetings

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Feb. 26 to finalize discussion on proposed bylaw changes that would formalize when town officials may offer input during ZBA meetings.

"We have this bylaw amendment that we proposed to the public at the last meeting, which was the bylaw for 1439 in the decision process," explained Board member Tristan Dion. "During delibera-

tions, it would require the chairperson to permit sitting alternates, the Selectman Liaison if present, and the Zoning Administrator, or his or her designees, to ask questions and provide input should they wish to do so."

While town officials, including liaisons, regularly offer input under current practice, there has never been a formal bylaw authorizing this. Without one, there were potential restrictions on when non-voting members could speak, particularly during delibera-

tions.

Town Attorney Dave Lefevre previously described the omission as a "legal grey area," prompting debate over how the new rules would function.

"I think a good discourse is important. My pause comes from this, I was watching the meeting on Facebook and saw when the lawyer came in and he cautioned us," said Board member Dean Sakati. "I don't know if we should have this after he warned that we could be opening

ourselves up to a lawsuit if it's perceived that a liaison is biased."

Recently, Selectman Liaison Dillon Dumont voluntarily recused himself from a case involving a family member.

"The overall advice is to be cautious, but seek your own legal counsel," said Dumont, who encouraged the ZBA to continue announcing who is authorized to vote before each public hearing. "People aren't just sitting back, wondering who these people are in nametags having a conversation. Letting somebody know who's involved and at what level is a big part of it."

He was informed that, regarding conflicts of interest, the ZBA Chair typically has broad discretion in determining whether a member should step back from a case. That standard would not change under 1439.

"Theoretically, it would be a case by case basis, if that's how we wanted to handle it," said Dion. "That would still give us leeway and leverage during deliberations. Especially if we have questions for the liaison or alternates, we can instantly pull them in."

He added that input from town officials is often essential to the Board's work.

"It's one of those things where we want to be able to make sure that the Zoning Administrator especially, of all people, should be able to comment," said Dion. "I don't want to throttle ourselves back or put us in the wrong position simply because we don't have the right answer."

No members of the public commented on the proposed change, which the Zoning Board approved overwhelmingly.

The next meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

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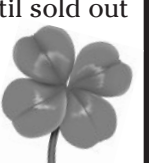
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School Board Approves Revised Age of Entrance Policy

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The Hudson School Board has approved a revised Age of Entrance policy, updating the district's requirements for when students may enter kindergarten and first grade, as well as outlining procedures for transfer students and waiver requests.

Under the revised policy, the School Board states:

"The policy of the Hudson School Board is to admit students to first grade whose sixth birthday occurs on or before September 30, in accordance with RSA 193:1."

RSA 193:1 requires parents or guardians to ensure that any child

between the ages of 6 and 18 attends school full-time in their assigned district.

Kindergarten and First Grade Requirements

The updated policy clarifies the age requirements for school entry:

- Kindergarten: "A pupil may enter kindergarten if the chronological age will be five on or before September 30 of the year of entering school."

- First Grade: "A pupil shall be required to enter grade one if the chronological age will be six on or before September 30 of the year of entering school."

The policy also requires that a birth certificate be presented at registration as proof of age.

The revised policy out-

lines how incoming students from other districts will be placed:

- Grades 2-8: Students will be placed according to records from the sending district. Placement is tentative and may be adjusted by the Superintendent or designee.

- Grade 1: Students will be admitted to first grade if they turn six before December 31 of the school year or if they were previously enrolled in first grade elsewhere. Placement remains tentative and subject to reassignment.

The policy includes a detailed process for parents seeking early admittance or delayed entry:

- Waivers are granted

for a three month probationary period.

- Before the period ends, the district will assess whether the placement is appropriate.

- If deemed inappropriate, the student may be reassigned or, in the case of early kindergarten admittance, withdrawn.

- Parents must agree in writing to accept reassignment or withdrawal if the district determines the placement is not suitable.

Parents or guardians seeking a waiver must follow this schedule:

1. March 15 – Submit the waiver request form. Students must complete the appropriate grade level screener in the spring.

2. May 1 – Screener

results and recommendations are sent to the Superintendent or designee.

3. May 15 – Parents receive written notice of the decision.

4. June 30 – All decisions and appeals must be finalized.

The district will consider a range of factors when evaluating waiver requests, including:

- The district's age of entrance policy
- Hardships (other than space or staffing) that may affect the district
- Enrollment and class

size

- The child's intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development

- Recommendations from teachers or childcare providers

- Evidence of potential harm if a waiver is denied

- Behavioral or developmental concerns

- Available resources to support the child

- Alternative options outside early admission

- Credibility of the evidence provided

All waiver reviews are confidential.

Egg Hunt

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asked if they could move it to Benson Park this year," said Newell. "There will be a rain date for April 4 in case it rains or snows. It's going to be pretty fun. It starts at noon, and the Fire Department is bringing over the Easter Bunny. There'll be various age groups and there's a registration for it."

The Hudson Lions Club will also assist with the event, offering help with registration.

The Benson Park Adopt-a-Spot program is also seeking interested volunteers and donors as

the weather improves.

"We had an update on Adopt-a-Spot," said acting Committee Chair Nate Muir. "If you would like a spot in the park that's available to maintain over the summer, then please reach out to us. You can find it on our website, or just email us. I think it's at info@bensonpark.org, and we can get you an application to fill out and you can go from there."

He added that some information on the Benson Park website is outdated or unclear, and the Advisory Committee hopes to address that soon.

"I would love to work on that at some point so

we can have all of that information ironed out if it's confusing," said Muir. "There's the old Master Plan and all of that stuff."

Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby encouraged committee members to take advantage of the new software Hudson is implementing for the town's website update.

"I actually saw what the new town website is going to look like, so you will be very excited, because we will be able to do all sorts of things with

pictures," said Jakoby. "It will be phenomenal. I'm very thankful to the Friends of Benson Park for doing our volunteer sign-ups and things. Eventually all of that might be able to move right onto the town website. So, it's perfect timing for you, and we'll talk more about access and things in the near future."

The next meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

OBITUARY

Philip J. Parker



Philip J. Parker, 83, of Hudson, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 23, 2026, at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, following a brief illness.

Born in Fort Fairfield, he was the son of the late William L. Parker and Madeline (Higgins) Parker.

Philip was predeceased by his former wife, Sheila Parker; his son-in-law, Christopher Roystan; and his daughter-in-law, Norma Jeanne Parker.

He is survived by his loving family, including; his son, Jefferey Parker of Hudson, NH; his daughters, Wendy Roystan of Hudson, NH, and Sara Ducharme and her husband, Steve Ducharme, of Litchfield, NH and his brother, Eugene Parker of Florida

Philip was a proud and devoted grandfather to Jessica Swindell and her husband, Eric, of Epping; Brandon Perkins of Vermont; Amanda Corson and her partner, Mike Rodrigues, of Hudson, NH; Shana Annesse and her husband, Brian, of Hudson, NH; Emma Ducharme of Litchfield, NH; and Travis Ducharme of Litchfield, NH. He was also a cherished great-grandfather to Ayden, Jaxon, and Blake Swindell of Epping, NH; Rylee Corson of Hudson, NH; and Aurora Annesse of Hudson, NH. Philip was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Philip worked for many years as a dedicated truck driver with Continental Paving. He took great pride in his work and felt especially fortunate to enjoy his retirement years.

He found his greatest joy in spending time with his family. He loved dancing, four-wheeling, camping, and was well known for making his famous French fries during garage parties, moments that brought laughter and lasting memories to all who attended. Philip will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Following cremation, a time of visitation will be held on Monday, March 2, from 4 - 6 p.m. at Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson. Burial will be private. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.



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Editorial

Be Prepared to Vote on March 10th

Election Day for most towns in New Hampshire is March 10. Between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates, read their statements, and ask questions about the issues that matter to you. Local elections affect every household in town. The money being requested is your tax money, and you have the right, and responsibility, to decide where it goes. This is your community, and your voice only counts if you cast a ballot.

Because there are no state or national candidates on the March ballot, turnout is traditionally low. But your vote actually carries far more weight in local government than it ever will in a statewide or federal race. A handful of votes can decide a budget, a contract, or a warrant article that affects your tax bill for years to come.

Across the world, people risk their lives for the right to vote. Here, we only need to take a few minutes out of our day. We should never take that privilege for granted.

The warrant articles on both the town and school ballots deserve careful attention. Treat them the way you treat your own checkbook: Can you afford it? Is it necessary? Can it wait, or will delaying it cost more later? Many articles have long-term financial consequences, and understanding them is essential. Each one has pros and cons, and many will affect your

wallet every single year.

Staying home is easy. Casting an informed vote takes effort. If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek answers before you vote. Don't rely on the recommendations of boards, committees, or neighbors. The vote is yours alone, and it should reflect what you believe is best for your family and your community.

We call your ballot the golden ticket because it is the one tool that gives every resident equal power, no matter your income, background, or connections. It is the great equalizer in local government. When you use it, you shape the future of your town. When you don't, you hand that power to others and lose your say in decisions that directly affect your taxes, your schools, and your quality of life.

We let ourselves and everyone else down when we ignore local elections. If you fail to vote and later find yourself taxed out of your home or represented by people who frustrate or embarrass you, complaining after the fact will not help. The time to act is before the results are final.

Educate yourself. Understand the full picture. Listen to both sides. Then make the choice that reflects your values and your priorities.

For your own good, and for the good of the community, please vote on March 10.

Lions Pride Statues Receive Donation for Assessment from Lions Club

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

An ongoing project to restore the "Lions Pride," two historic stone lion statues dating back to the days when Benson Park was Benson's Wild Animal Farm, moved forward on Feb. 19 thanks to a \$200 donation. After reaching out to several local organizations for help in preparing the statues for public display, acting Committee Chair Nate Muir welcomed Hudson Lions Club President Gary Gasdia to speak at the February meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee.

"The reason that I'm here is that the Lions Club is looking to do some things with Benson Park. We've talked with the Friends of Benson, and we've had Nate come in and do a nice presentation to us earlier in the year," said Gasdia. "It sounds like the first step is to go in and get an assessment as to if they can be restored, and if so, what would be the cost. Based on Nate's initial conversation, that was \$200, so I'm here

to donate the \$200 to get that ball rolling, and if it's feasible in the end, hopefully we'll be back with something else."

The Advisory Committee previously voted to accept the donation, and members thanked Gasdia and the Lions Club for their support.

"The same person who's doing our historical building plaques is going to look at the lions too," said Muir. "This will be put to good use."

Each statue weighs roughly two thousand pounds and shows visible cracks, water damage, and discoloration.

The Advisory Committee also welcomed two new members, Ellen Griffin and Evan Maloney, whose appointments were formally approved by the Board of Selectmen a few weeks earlier.

"They're our newest members, and their terms expire in April of 2028," said Muir. "Thank you for helping us out and joining the committee, we really appreciate it."

A response to the New

Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR) review of the lead paint, mold, and moisture removal plan for the old Hudson Train Station faced delays after Benson Park Committee member Jack Madden, who has been leading the restoration effort, was unable to attend due to personal obligations.

"Is there anyone else who could make that happen or take his place?" asked Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "Was this the DHR coming in?"

Muir indicated that nobody else was in a position to prepare the detailed written response DHR expects.

"I don't know of many other people who have been working on that, who would know what to do with it," said Muir. "But somebody should reach out. I may reach out to them."

"There is a report I remember Jack sending," added Jake Beauchemin. "I'll look over all of those documents too and get back to you. It was mostly Jack doing it."

American Legion Post 48 Continues its Tradition of Service and Community

For decades, the American Legion Post 48 has served as both a refuge for veterans and a hub of civic life, offering support, camaraderie, and a steady calendar of events that bring residents through its doors week after week.

Founded on the Legion's national mission of service to veterans and community, Post 48 has built a reputation for warmth and welcome. Inside the hall, the atmosphere is unmistakably familiar: friendly greetings, shared stories, and the quiet, constant work of people who care deeply about their community.

Funds raised throughout the year support veterans facing hardship, contribute to local charities, and help sustain programs

that benefit Hudson residents of all ages. Members assist with remembrance ceremonies, youth initiatives, and community outreach, ensuring that the values of service and citizenship remain at the forefront of local life.

Post 48 maintains a busy schedule of community events. Dances, raffles, seasonal celebrations, and family friendly gatherings draw residents from across town, offering a place to relax, reconnect, and support a good cause. Each event helps raise funds for veterans' programs and keeps the Post's mission alive.

Post 48 welcomes participation from veterans, families, and community members. Residents can

support the Post in several ways:

- Attend an event and enjoy an evening of music, food, and community.
- Volunteer to help with setup, food service, raffles, or event coordination.
- Donate raffle items, baked goods, or financial contributions to support veterans' programs.
- Join the Legion family through the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion, depending on eligibility.
- Share information about upcoming events to help strengthen community participation.

The Post's Facebook page provides the most up to date information on events and opportunities to get involved.

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Centennial Events Advance as Selectmen OK Friends of Benson Park Schedule

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AND ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

Benson Park's 2026 centennial celebration is moving forward after both the Benson Park Advisory Committee and the Hudson Board of Selectmen reviewed and approved a full slate of events planned by the Friends of Benson Park (FOBP). Although the two boards met separately in February, their discussions centered on the same theme: preparing the park for a busy year marking the 100th anniversary of Benson's Wild Animal Farm.

During the Feb. 19 Advisory Committee meeting, FOBP Board Chair Natalie Newell emphasized the significance of the upcoming year and the amount of planning underway.

"We have a lot going on. This is the centennial of the opening of Benson's Wild Animal Farm in 1926," Newell said. "This year's events are going to focus around that as a theme, and we're working on many of those events right now as we're also looking for volunteers."

The first major event of the season will be the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, which is moving to Benson Park after several years at Inner Dragon Martial Arts.

"It's going to be pretty fun," Newell said. "It starts at noon, and the Fire Department is bringing over the Easter Bunny. There'll be various age groups and there's a registration for it." A rain date is set for April 4. The Hudson Lions Club will assist with

registration.

The Committee also received an update on the Adopt-a-Spot program, which is seeking volunteers as spring approaches. Acting Chair Nate Muir noted that some information on the Benson Park website is outdated and said the Committee hopes to update it soon.

Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby encouraged the group to take advantage of the town's upcoming website overhaul, which she said will make it easier to share information, photos, and volunteer sign-ups.

At their most recent meeting, the Board of Selectmen reviewed FOBP's formal request to use Benson Park for its 2026 events. Town Administrator Roy Sorenson explained

that under the 2012 agreement between the Town and FOBP, the nonprofit must receive written approval before hosting activities on the property.

Sorenson said Town officials met with FOBP earlier this year and asked them to bring all proposed dates forward at once. "Everything is kind of laid out in that deed as far as how that might happen," he said.

Jakoby reiterated the importance of transparency and coordination, noting that larger events require communication with the Department of Public Works. "We know that these events will garner probably more than 50 people. We hope more than that," she said.

DPW typically allows

two permitted groups in the park at the same time, but FOBP events often exceed that threshold, making advance planning essential.

Approved 2026 Benson Park Event Schedule

The Selectmen unanimously approved the following FOBP events for the 2026 season:

- March 28, 2026 from noon - 2 p.m. (Rain date April 4) Easter Egg Hunt & Photos with the Easter Bunny

- April 14, 2026 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., (Rain date April 21) Cage Concert, Pelham High School

- June 9, 2026 at 11:30 a.m., Jazz Band, Woodwind Choir & Swing Choir Concert, Hudson Middle School

- Aug. 1, 2026 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., NH Audubon

Live Bird/Raptor Presentation, Elephant Barn

- Sept. 12, 2026 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friends of Benson Park, 6th Annual Family Fun Day

The approval allows FOBP to move forward with planning while coordinating with Town staff and DPW as event dates approach.

With both boards aligned and the event schedule officially approved, Benson Park is poised for a full season of centennial themed activities beginning with the Easter Egg Hunt in March.

The next meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

The Hudson Board of Selectmen will meet next on March 23 at 7 p.m.

Lowell Rd. Station

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The applicants said adding shrubs along the entire fence line would be difficult.

"If we're putting the fence on the property line, we can't put any planting into a right of way or property that's not ours," said Gazdacko. "I do worry about pulling the fence back and putting shrubbery on the other side. That's not really part of our site, and

it'll end up dying. My maintenance guys, if they're going in, they don't have any way to get around that side."

He also doubted abutters would want a gate in the fence.

"It was about keeping the activity on our side of the fence and nothing on their side of the fence," added Drescher. "If the Board wants something else, we're happy to com-

ply, but we walked in with what we thought was the agreed upon plan, and that has subsequently changed."

Board Chair Tim Malley said it was an "unrealistic expectation" to maintain anything on the backside of a fence.

Traffic impact and driver safety remained points of disagreement, despite a second third party traffic review.

"The last letter agreed with the original traffic study and its conclusions," said Engineer Chris Rice.

"That conclusion was that there's basically no difference in traffic patterns."

Board member James Crowley wanted more detail, particularly regarding sight distance.

"Am I reading about safe stopping distances? Am I reading intersection sight distance criteria?" asked Crowley. "What is shown in the plans?"

Rice said the sight distance measurements were

based on "the speed limit of the road," consistent with state requirements. After additional questions from Crowley, the applicant reiterated that they would remove any barriers that could obstruct a driver's view when exiting the site.

Despite these assurances, Crowley remained concerned about driveway placement and potential obstructions after heavy snowfall.

"I worry we're approving something that's going to be a hazard," he said.

Vice Chair Jordan Ulery asked that the plan reflect the nearby curve and the heavy use the area typically sees.

"Lowell Road has a history of being traveled by the Fire Department frequently for a number of activities involving two vehicles," he said.

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Selectmen Encourage Voter Participation in Upcoming Election

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During liaison reports at the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, several members took time to remind residents about the importance of participating in the upcoming Town and School District elections, scheduled for Tuesday, March 10.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby opened her report by urging residents to mark their calendars. "I'd like to just

remind people that we do have the election coming up on March 10th," she said. Jakoby noted that, as she did last year, she has recorded several informational videos with HCTV to help explain the various warrant articles appearing on the ballot.

She encouraged residents to reach out if they have questions. "Remember, if you have questions about the warrant articles, please reach out to the various

departments and ask your questions so that you can make an informed decision either way," Jakoby said.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd echoed her message, emphasizing the importance of voter turnout. "I will be there as well," he said. "We'll hopefully see all of you there. We really want to try to encourage people to come out, more than ever."

Guessferd pointed out that local elections have a

direct impact on residents' daily lives, particularly when it comes to taxes. "It's important for your tax bill," he said. "It affects you directly more so than some of the other elections that we have. Again, I strongly encourage people to come."

Board Chair Dillon Dumont added that the Town is also seeking volunteers to help staff the election. He encouraged anyone interested to contact Town Moderator Deb Stoddard. "I

would recommend if anybody would like to volunteer with that... reach out to Deb Stoddard," he said, noting that there are typically openings for various positions leading up to Election Day.

Dumont said filling all the necessary roles can be challenging, but the experience is worthwhile. "It's a good experience. It's a great way to learn about how the election works and about the entire process," he said.

This year's Town and School District election will take place on Tuesday, March 10, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The town ballot includes 25 warrant articles, along with several elected positions, including one seat on the Board of Selectmen. The School District ballot includes 12 warrant articles and two open School Board seats.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for March 24 at 7 p.m.

New TBONES Location Prepares for Soft Opening Despite Weather Delays

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Feb. 25 to hear an update from Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima on the ongoing TBONES project on Lowell Road. According to recent correspondence, additional bond requests were needed to move the project forward.

"One is for \$12,000 and another one is \$169,239. It's related to the final coat for the pavement that's required out there, the sidewalk along Walmart Boulevard,

associated pipe with the sidewalk that they can't do right now, and the \$12,000 for a handicap ramp by their main entrance on Lowell Road," Dhima explained. "The reason they can't finish this right now is, obviously, the weather. They're looking to get things settled and open the place next week with a soft opening."

Money for sidewalk construction in the area is being drawn from the fund created during construction of Hudson's Target Logistics complex.

"I think everything else

is in place: water, sewer, all of the safety features, the building has to sign off on it," said Dhima. "I feel like for a quarter of a million dollars, they're good for it to finish this work in the spring when the weather allows it. Right now, they won't be able to do a final coat. With that said, we've put bonds in place to make sure they come back and finish what they've committed to do."

Planning Board members expressed interest in seeing the project completed, though some noted con-

cerns about rising costs.

"When I look at this, I see it used to be \$169,000. Now we're up. I guess we'd better approve it quick," said Board member James Crowley.

An existing landscaping guarantee bond of \$70,500 is already tied to the project, bringing the total bond requests to \$251,739. All bond requests were reviewed and recommended by the Hudson Engineering Department, including the Director of Development Services, who urged expedited approval in light of

increasing costs.

Board member Victor Oates moved to approve the bonds for TBONES, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dhima also requested access to Corridor funds for adjustments needed to advance the ongoing Lowell/Birch/Belknap Road project.

"We have a purchase and sales agreement signed by both abutters, we have gone through our attorneys, everything is in place, the deeds are ready to go, and the only thing left to do now

is actually have a reference of a plan for those deeds," he said. "To do that, we have to have a lot line relocation we talked about the last time we were here."

He requested \$21,600 for land surveying, a permitting fee, and monument installation. Corridor funds do not come from the general fund. The request generated no debate and was unanimously approved.

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

School Board Approves 2026–27 School Board Calendar

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board approved its meeting calendar for the 2026–2027 school year during its most recent meeting, finalizing the schedule the Board will follow from April 2026 through March 2027.

The proposed calendar maintains the Board's tradi-

tional twicemonthly meeting structure, with a few exceptions due to holidays and the slower summer schedule.

Spring and Summer 2026

For April, the Board will meet on April 6 and April 20. In May, meetings are scheduled for May 4 and May 18. June meetings will

take place on June 1 and June 15.

As is customary, the Board will hold only one meeting in July, scheduled for July 13.

In August, the Board returns to its regular twomonthly meeting format, with meetings on Aug. 3 and Aug. 17.

Fall 2026

Because Labor Day

falls on Monday, Sept. 7, the first September meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, followed by a second meeting on Sept. 21.

October meetings are scheduled for Oct. 5 and Oct. 19.

In November, the Board will meet on Nov. 9 and Nov. 23.

December meetings are set for Dec. 7 and Dec. 21.

Winter and Early 2027

The Board will meet on Jan. 4 and Tuesday, Jan. 19, with the second meeting shifted from Monday due to Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day on Jan. 18.

February meetings are scheduled for Feb. 1 and Feb. 15.

The final month of the 2026–2027 calendar, March, includes meetings on March 8 and March 22.

The School Board voted

unanimously to approve the calendar.

Also during the meeting, the Board received a financial update for the fiscal year as of the end of January. The district is currently projected to end the year with an available fund balance of \$1,072,667.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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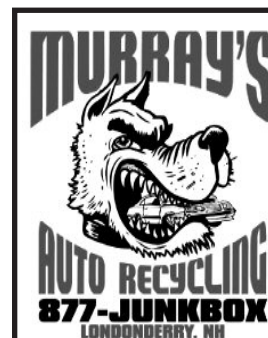
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Library to Change Policies Following Patron Feedback

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Feb. 18 to discuss new strategies related to public feedback and staff interactions with library patrons.

“We pressed on a little bit with our patron interview form. We still see the vast majority of people interviewed or talking with people who deal with patron issues as the most happens in the morning, and then the second highest is in the afternoon. Later in the afternoon is lower again, and late in the evening there are very few interactions. People are still coming into the

library, but not many are asking questions,” said Library Director Linda Pilla. “We also did a brief analysis about what kind of interactions the staff are having. Most of them are pretty quick, sometimes it’s just as quick as ‘Can you tell me where I can find the large print books? Can you tell me where the tween section is?’”

Pilla noted that many residents were seeking help with basic library operations and nontraditional services.

“At this time of year tax issues are pretty big, and that’s pretty seasonal, so that’s only between now and the middle of April,”

she added. “People ask for help with copying and printing, and some people just want to come in and chat with our lovely staff.”

She plans to continue compiling data in the coming weeks, with the goal of incorporating the information into the ongoing Strategic Plan.

Trustees also discussed their growing event list and their desire for more public input, along with continued social media engagement.

“Facebook looks great, Instagram we can bump up, but I think we should get rid of X. It doesn’t appear to be pulling in everything,” said Vice Chair Lisa Weber. A recurring patron con-

cern came from the GMILCS Consortium, which allows residents with a Rodgers Memorial Library card to check out materials from participating institutions.

“There are 13 libraries in GMILCS, and every single library has their own loan periods for various things within that library. When we got together as a group to discuss improving the patron experience, people found it very frustrating when some libraries charge

fees, some libraries don’t,

some charge for some things but not others, and then you’d get some libraries doing automatic renewals while some don’t,” said Pilla. “They have that old phrase ‘herding cats,’ and the circulation heads got together to talk about how we can slim it down so patrons can have a consistent loaning experience from all of the different libraries.”

Talks aimed at harmonizing policies have been ongoing since April 2025, with

several proposed changes for Hudson, including a fixed return day for borrowed DVDs, limitations on automatic renewals, and a shift from weeks to days when measuring checkout length.

“Three weeks for books is now 21 days,” Pilla clarified, releasing a table of updated checkout policies.

The next meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, at 6 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

Dog Park

Continued from page 1
ly close the facility until a new nonprofit partner could be identified.

During the latest meeting, Sorenson reported that he, Jakoby, and Board Chair Dillon Dumont had been in communication with Todd Pollack regarding the formation of a new nonprofit group interested in taking over management of the dog park. “We have been communicating with Todd Pollack as it relates to reopening the off-leash dog park at Benson Park,”

Sorenson said.

With a draft MOU and lease agreement prepared, Sorenson said the Town could move forward with reopening the park once the new organization provided proof of insurance coverage. The agreement outlines responsibilities for maintenance, liability, and long-term stewardship of the designated dog park area.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved entering into a memorandum of understanding with Friends of Hudson Dog Park, Inc., a newly formed nonprofit that will assume

responsibility for the off-leash area at Benson Park. The Board also unanimously approved reopening the dog park, contingent upon receiving an insurance policy and a favorable review from Primex, the Town’s insurance provider.

The decision marks the first formal step toward restoring full operations at the dog park after months of uncertainty about its future.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for March 24 at 7 p.m.



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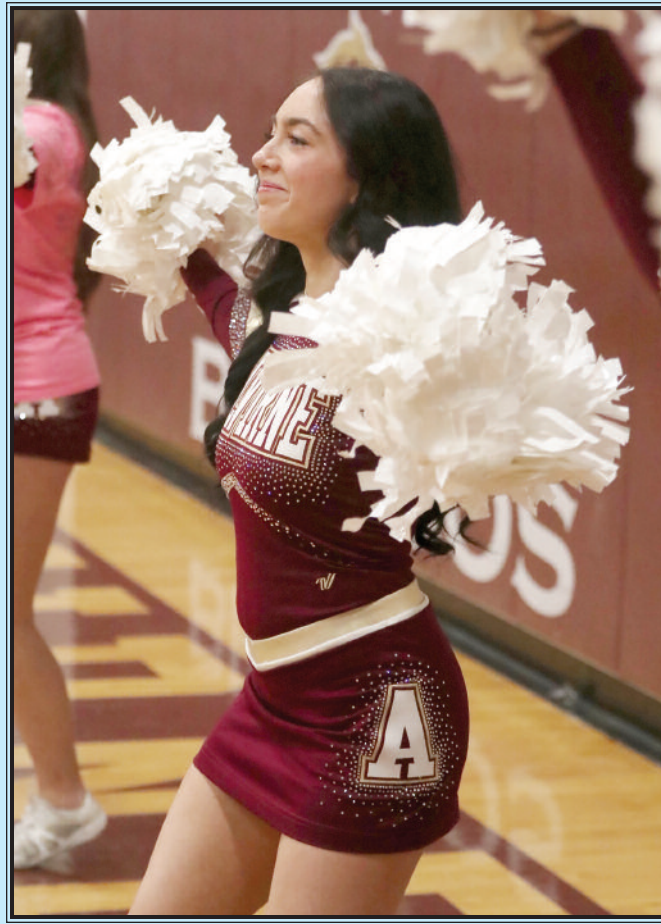
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Broncos Cheerleaders Celebrate Senior Night at Boys' Game



Senior members of the Winter Cheer team celebrated Senior Night on Feb. 24, during the final regular season home game for the Broncos Boys. Julia Alliso, Katie Considine, Shayla Dubois, Lexi Martorana, Alanna Tardiff and Teagan McTaggart were all honored at the game.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Admirals Claim Top Seed with Historic Regular Season Finish

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne-Milford High School hockey team made history this week during their final two games of the regular season. Finishing with a 14-4 record, the Admirals secured wins over Portsmouth-Newmarket-Sanborn (PNS) and the Nashua North-South Knights to edge out St. Thomas Aquinas for first

place in the Division II standings.

For the first time in the program's history, the Admirals have claimed the number-one seed heading into the state championship. While both the Admirals and the St. Thomas Saints finished at 14-4, Alvirne-Milford's 59 standings points narrowly beat out the Saints' 58. It is a sweet bit of redemption for the

Admirals, as one of their four losses this season was a narrow 4-3 defeat to the Saints in early February.

**Shutout Streak:
Admirals 7, PNS 0**

The Admirals recorded their second consecutive 7-0 shutout at home on Wednesday, Feb. 25 against PNS. Junior goaltenders Ari Scarbro and Mason Komarek were impenetrable, holding the visitors scoreless on eight shots.

Alvirne-Milford showcased a balanced attack, scoring in every period:

First Period: After a defensive stalemate, Alvirne senior Brandon Callahan broke through at 1:41 (assisted by Luke Green and Brandon Ganas). Just 19 seconds before the buzzer, Green added his own, assisted by Callahan, to make it 2-0.

Second Period: Green netted his second of the night at 10:09 (assisted by Mason Tomkins), followed by another Callahan goal at 6:11 (assisted by Evan Pargas).

Third Period: The rout continued with goals from Chris Bozza (assisted by Landon Briand and Dylan MacLeod), an unassisted strike by MacLeod, and a



Head coach Kathy Griswold and her Admirals squad will roll into the Division II Championships as the #1 seed for the first time in team history.

final goal from Ganas (assisted by Green).

**Season Finale:
Admirals 3, Knights 0**

The Admirals officially closed the regular season on Saturday, Feb. 28, with a 3-0 victory over the Nashua Knights. Senior Kian Corcoran earned the shutout in net.

Six minutes into the contest, Callahan put the Admirals on the board (assisted by Briand). Four minutes later, Ganas extended the lead to 2-0 with an assist from Callahan. The final insurance goal came in the third period off the stick of Green, with Callahan picking up

yet another assist. Despite killing off every Nashua being whistled for six advantage.

penalties, the Admirals' Playoff Preview: The special teams were perfect, **continued on page 11**



Admirals senior Chris Bozza s

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Broncos Stampede in Final Quarter to Secure #6 Seed



Junior Angel Kangar runs into traffic going to the basket against Windham.



Senior Garrett Hall puts up a three-pointer against the Jaguars last week.



Senior guard Luke Norse dishes of in the paint during the victory over Windham. *Photos by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School boys' basketball team wrapped up their regular season in dramatic fashion last week, overcoming a resilient Windham Jaguars squad 60-51. The home victory secured a #6 seed in the State Championships and pushed the Broncos to a 12-6 finish.

With a three-game winning streak in their pocket, Alvirne is now set to host

the #11 seed Keene Blackbirds (9-9) on Wednesday night, March 4, at 6 p.m.

A Night of Celebration and Competition

The evening began by honoring the Alvirne Cheer-leading seniors. Julia Allison, Katie Considine, Shayla Dubois, Lexi Martorana, Alanna Tardiff, and Teagan McTaggart were all recognized for their contributions to the program in a pre-game ceremony.

Once the ball was

tipped, fans were treated to the high-stakes battle they expected. Windham arrived with 10 wins and a chip on their shoulder, keeping the score within reach for three full quarters.

The Fourth Quarter Pull-Away

Alvirne held a slim 15-11 lead after the first quarter and went into the half up 29-24. However, the offense sputtered in the third period, with the Broncos managing only seven

points. They entered the final frame nursing a precarious 36-35 lead.

In the clutch, senior Garrett Hall and sophomore Alex Bettencourt took over. The duo ignited a 24-16 fourth-quarter run that turned a nail-biter into a comfortable nine-point win. Hall finished with a game-high 23 points, including two 3-pointers and a 5-for-7 showing at the charity stripe.

Bronco Scoring Leaders:

Garrett Hall: 23 points (Two 3-pointers, five free throws)

Luke Norse: 12 points

Angel Kangar: 11 points

Jacoby Durham: 6 points (Perfect from the foul line)

Momentum from the Road

The season finale capped off a dominant February stretch for the Broncos. On Feb. 18, the team traveled to Manchester Cen-

tral and walked away with a 72-45 blowout. Bettencourt led the charge in that contest with 19 points, supported by Kangar (14) and Hall (12).

The team's defensive prowess was on full display again on Feb. 21 at Winnacunnet. Alvirne stifled the Warriors, holding them to just four points in both the second and third quarters. Hall (16), Kager (11), and Durham (8) provided the offensive spark in that 49-

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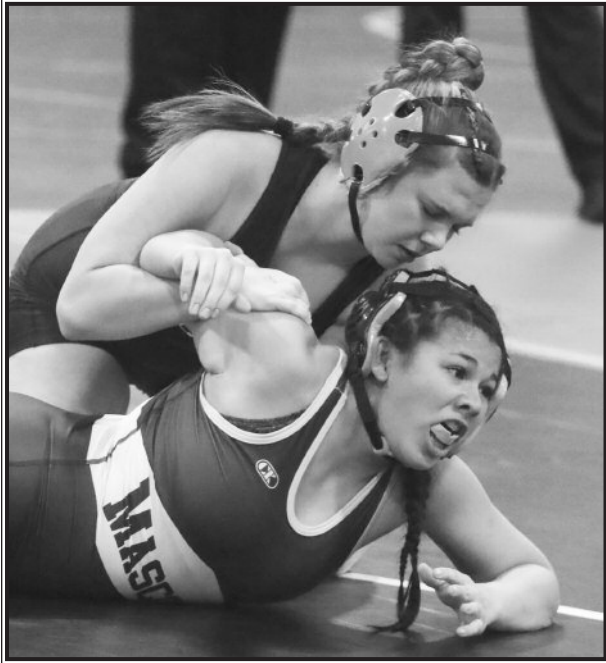
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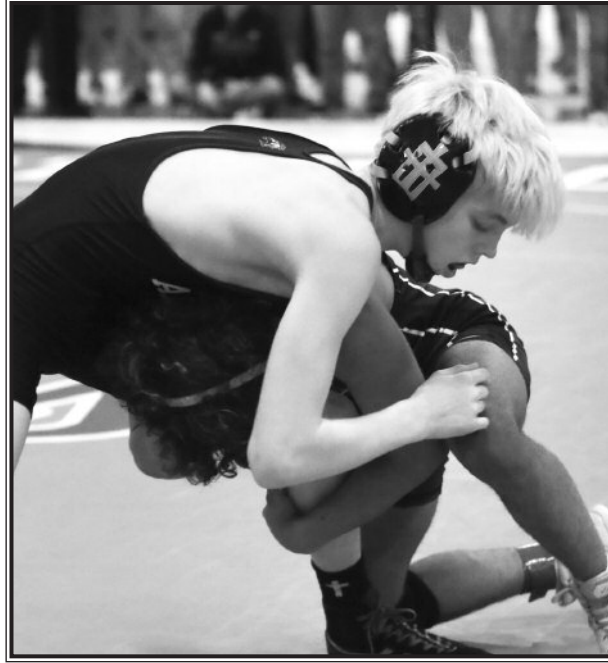
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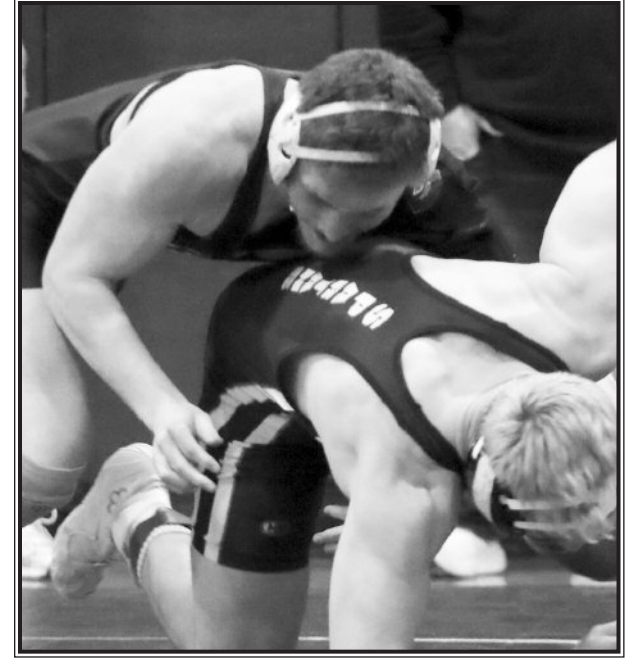
Broncos Have Six Wrestlers Compete at Meet of Champions



Alvirne senior Jillian Boncore finished the Meet of Champions in second place. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Freshman Mason Verrocchio took third at the MOCs and will move on to the New Englands.



Broncos senior Quintin Teteault took third at the MOCs and will move on to the New Englands.

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne High School had four members of the wrestling team compete in the NHIAA Meet of Champions on Saturday, Feb. 26, and two members compete in the Girls Championship on Friday Feb. 27.

On Friday, freshman

Amelia Collins competed at 132-pounds; and senior Jillian Boncore wrestled at 185-pounds.

Boncore finished the tournament in second place, making it to the championship bout before recording her first loss.

Boncore started her day in the semi-finals, where

she put forth a 5-3 lead and then pinned Aubrey Meyegaci, of Mascoma Valley at 3:18 in the match.

In the Finals, Boncore suffered a 9-0 decision-loss to Madison Beauregard of Conval High School.

Collins suffered a 3-0 fall loss at 40-seconds to Audrey Shaw of Bedford

for a third-place finish at the meet.

The following day, the Boys Meet of Champions took place at Pinkerton Academy. A number of AHS wrestlers were able to place at the Division II Championships one week earlier.

At the D-IIs, senior Bronco Quintin Teteault and freshman Mason Verrocchio both took first place victories in just three bouts to walk away medals in their respective weight classes.

Teteault captured his second straight division title

at 190-pounds and Verrocchio had three wins in the 106-pound division for his first DII title.

Also moving to the MOCs: Senior Joey Lydon, who took second at the DII in the 175-pound group, and sophomore Tim Malley who had a fourth-place finish at the DII States.

At the MOCs, Teteault and Verrocchio both finished their day in third-place.

Verrocchio only loss came in the semi-finals where he lost 0-18 at 3:50 to Biswas Darji of Conval.

He came back in his third-place match to beat Angel Diaz of Manchester West with an 8-4 decision.

Teteault also had his only loss in the semi-finals, being pinned by Bedford's Gavin McConnell at 5:40 in the match.

He finished the day with a 7-3 decision win over Tyler Osorio of Goffstown.

The top two placers for Girls and top three for Boys have qualified for the New England Championships this coming weekend in Providence RI.

Admirals

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Road to Everett Arena

With home-ice advantage secured, the #1 Admirals are scheduled to face the #8 Somersworth-Coe-Brown contingent in the state championship quarter-finals.

Quarterfinal Details:

Opponent: Somersworth-Coe-Brown

Date: Saturday, March 7
Time: 6:10 p.m.

Location: Skate 3 Arena, Tyngsboro, Mass.

The Admirals have dominated this match-up so far this season, winning

both previous meetings by scores of 3-0 and 6-1. A victory on Saturday would propel them to the semifinals at the Everett Arena in Concord on Wednesday, March 11.

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Broncos Punch Playoff Ticket on Emotional Senior Night



Senior Lexi Floyd gets fouled on her way to the basket in her final home game. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School girls' basketball team did exactly what they needed to at the tail end of the season, winning four of their final seven games to end the regular season on a high note. The Lady Broncos captured the final playoff spot in the Division I Championships with a dramatic 40-31 home victory against the Winnacunnet Warriors during the team's Senior Night last week.

High Stakes & Heavy Snow

The showdown on Wednesday, Feb. 25, was effectively a "play-in" game. Both squads entered the contest with five victories, knowing the winner would advance to the state tournament as the #16 seed. Originally scheduled

for Friday, Feb. 20, the game was delayed by heavy snow that blanketed the region. While the wait was long, it didn't dampen the spirits of the fans who gathered to honor the six seniors playing their final home game: Alexis Floyd, Julia Adams, Sam DeSilva, Haylie Christman, Natalie Cloutier, and Taylor Small. Their departure will mark a significant shift for the 2026-27 lineup.

Game Breakdown: Broncos 40, Warriors 31

After an emotional pre-game ceremony, the Broncos came out firing, putting up 12 points in the first quarter to take an early 12-6 lead. The second quarter turned into a defensive slugfest; Alvirne's defense held the Warriors to just five points, but the Broncos only managed two of their own. Despite the scoring drought, Alvirne maintained a narrow 14-11 lead at the half.

The Broncos found their rhythm in the third quarter, outscoring Winnacunnet 17-7 to build a comfortable 31-18 cushion. While the Warriors surged for 13 points in the final frame, Alvirne's lead proved insurmountable, securing their post-season berth.

Stat Leaders:

Alexis Floyd was the team leader for Alvirne on offense, tallying 14 points (two 3-pointers, three field goals, and two free throws). Adrienne Chipfunde added eight points and Taylor Small chipped in six.

Izzy Haven-Tate and Ochanya Adikwu each had



Freshman Taliah Kraus had 10 points, including the team's only three-pointer, against Windham in the team's game in Windham.

four points

Tough Road to the Finish

Before the win over Winnacunnet, the Broncos faced a difficult road test against the Windham Jaguars, falling 41-21. Windham's defense was stifling, holding Alvirne to single-digit scoring in three of the four quarters.

Stat Leaders:

Taliah Kraus (Freshman): 10 points (including the team's only three-pointer and a 3-for-4 showing at the line).

Floyd: four points

Izzy Haven-Tate: four points

Ochanya Adikwu: 3 points

State Championship Wrap-Up

The reward for claiming the #16 seed was a first-round date with the #1 ranked Concord Christian Academy Kingsmen (17-1). The Kingsmen had beaten the Broncos just a week prior, and the tournament rematch followed a similar script. Concord Christian's high-powered offense proved too much, ending the Broncos' season with a 54-29 victory.

While the playoff run was short, the Lady Broncos' grit in securing that final spot on Senior Night remains the highlight of their 2025-26 campaign.

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Take a stroll down memory lane and celebrate Alvirne's 75th as the Alvirne High School's Music department presents Diamond Jubilee on March 21 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., and March 22 at 1 p.m. Get tickets at alvirnemu-sic.ludus.com/index.php

Blood Drive

The Rotary Club of Londonderry, in partnership with the Red Cross, will be hosting a Blood Drive in March. It will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at Orchard Christian Fellowship, in the Sanctuary, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. The Blood Drive will run from noon - 5 p.m. Please call 1-800 - Red Cross

(1-800-733-2767) or visit "RedCrossBlood.org" and enter "Londonderry Rotary" to schedule and appointment for your blood donation. There continues to be a critical need for blood, so please consider making an appointment to donate.

Dungeons & Donuts

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, March 7 and 21 at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome.

Leprechaun Fork Painting

On Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m., Families are invited to make a silly leprechaun painting using a fork at the Rodgers Library.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Monday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. This month's book pick is "The Stranger Diaries" by Elly Griffiths

Chili and Chowder Cook-off

Bring Your Appetite to St. Peter's 9th Annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off, on Saturday, March 21, from 4:30 - 6 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Mammoth Road at 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Attendees are invited for a \$15 donation (\$7 for children 10 and under). Proceeds will support the Liberty House, a program of Catholic Charities, in Manchester and St. Peter's various missions. Pre-

pare to taste a variety of delights and bring your best chili or chowder if you wish to enter, while kids are encouraged to participate in the Kids' Dessert Competition. Cast your ballot for the winners and then check out the many popular raffles. There is an entry fee of \$10 for chefs, while kids may enter the dessert competition for free. Cooks can register by emailing church@stpeterslondonderry.org or calling 781-801-8161. Late entries will be accepted in person on the 21st at 4:15 p.m. For more information, please visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

"Vacations Can Be Murder"

On Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m., Dawn M. Barclay will be chatting about her new book "Vacations Can Be Murder: A True Crime Lover's Travel Guide to the Mid-Atlantic States." In this virtual event hosted by Rodgers Library.

Cozy Yoga Storytime

On Tuesday, March 10 at

7 p.m., join the Rodgers Library for a storytime adventure with songs, stories, and yoga! For families with children.

Lego Spinning Tops

On Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m., come build a spinning battle top out of LEGOs to battle in the arena at the Rodgers Library. This is for Ages 4+

Nonfiction Book Group

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. This month's book "The Best Land Under Heaven" by Michael Wallis.

Pizza & Pokemon Trivia

On Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m., Tweens are invited to the Rodgers Library for 5 rounds of Pokemon Trivia. Work in teams or on your own and try to guess them all.

Curious Kids: Ocean

On Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m., explore learning centers with your preschooler at the

Rodgers Library.

Genealogy Club

This Rodgers Library club will meet on Friday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. This month's lecture will be "A Quick and Dirty Guide to Reading Old Handwriting & Script" by Kelley Barrett.

Blood Pressure Screening

On Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m., Medical professionals from American Family Care in Hudson will be at Rodgers Library to provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book pick is "Where the Forest Meets the Stars" by Glendy Vanderah.

Friends of the Library

the Friends of the Library will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m.

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Around Town

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CollabLab Science Storytime: Rock & Roll

Join Miss Tanya at Rodgers Library for a science storytime about Rock & Roll on Wednesday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m. This event is for Ages 5-9.

Crime & Cookies

The Monthly meeting of the Rodgers Library true crime podcast club will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.

Painted Pasta Craft

Come to the Rodgers Library on Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m., to create art with pasta and paint. Decorate eggs and other shapes.

Tween Escape Room: Pirates

On Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m., Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to solve a pirate themed scavenger hunt/escape room at the Rodgers Library.

Elementary Sheep Art

On Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m., Grades 1-5 are invited to make a sheep with paper doilies and black paper at the Rodgers Library.

Family Pizza Shabbat

On Friday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue will old the Monthly Family Pizza Shabbat for all generations. A free pizza dinner will be followed by an intergenerational service for everyone. There will be kids' activities while adults enjoy a sermon. Bring a nosh for our potluck oneg. Join us to share in the mitzvah of L'Dor V'Dor, transmitting Jewish heritage and values across generations. RSVP by March 5 to office@etzhayim.org.

Mah Jongg Tournament

On Sunday, April 26, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a fun-filled day of tiles, prizes and friendship! Entry fee is \$30. There will be 4 rounds of game play, 4 games per 1-

hour round. There will be prizes for placement, a 50/50 raffle and additional raffles, and sandwiches, desserts and refreshments. Sign up by April 12. Doors open and check-in from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Pre-register and pay at www.etzhayim.org/mah-jongg-tournament. Rules and scoring provided after payment receipt. Questions? Contact Jean Lisien at jbortz@comcast.net or Deb Eisner at rlc800@aol.com.

Sunday Family Camp

Come to the Etz Hayim Synagogue on Sunday, March 8, from 10 a.m. - Noon for a Monthly Sunday Family Camp for ages 4 - 6. This month's theme is Purim. March's class will focus on Purim in preparation for the holiday in March. Children will learn about the Purim story (using an age-appropriate text) and how we celebrate this fun holiday. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by March 6 to ensure we have enough materials. To learn more about this free program, visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/grades-0-1

Veterans Assistance

American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, will host representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. noon, to provide direct assistance to veterans in the community. During the event, VA representatives will be available to: Sign veterans up for VA benefits and services; Help resolve existing VA-related issues; Answer questions about eligibility, health-care, and benefits; and Provide guidance on navigating the VA system. This event is open to all veterans, not just members of the American Legion. Veterans who need to sign up with the VA are asked to bring a copy of their DD-214. Veterans, family members, and caregivers are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity for one-on-one support. For more information, veterans may contact American Legion Post 27 directly via mail@alpost27.com or stop

by during the event.

Purim Carnival & Spiel

Join Etz Hayim Synagogue for a joyful, laughter-filled Purim Celebration on Saturday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Whether you want to make a grogger, meet new friends, enjoy wine and snacks, or simply sit back and laugh at a hilarious performance, there's something for everyone! Interactive Purim Activities, Costume Parade - come dressed up!, Small Bites, BOO Haman, Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet with Rabbinical Candidate Rabbi Eitan Krul. Then at 7 p.m., take your seat for our Purim spiel: Chaos in the Shul: A Shul with No Rabbi! Free popcorn and hamentaschen! Costumes encouraged. Laughter guaranteed!

The History Of Etz Hayim Synagogue

On Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m., -Jill Pelunis will describe how The Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS") evolved out of a Torah Study Group taught during the winter of 1991 into the center of Judaism in the Derry area. She will talk about the Interfaith Campus, building of the synagogue, and the many facets of its spiritual, educational, social, and community involvement growth. 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.

2026 Hudson Lions Club Scholarships

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ing. Applications are available at Alvirne High School Guidance Department or email: scholarships@hudsonlions.org. Application deadline April 10, 2026

Inhouse Secondhand Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rogers Memorial Library, running during normal library Hours. The book selection offers something for everyone, is restocked frequently and offered at the same bargain price as the big sale. Stationary featuring work of local artists, adorable tote bags, and handmade gifts are also available. The prices are extremely reasonable.

Legion Meat Raffle

American Legion Hudson Post 48's Meat Raffle will be held at Post 48, located at 37 Central St. On the following dates: Saturday, March 21, beginning at 2 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, beginning at 2 p.m. This event is open to the public. You must be 16+ to play. The proceeds from this event are to benefit the Alvirne HS CTE Honor Society. Pre-buys are available in the Foxhole. For more information please call 603-889-9777.

Legion Karaoke

American Legion Hudson Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on the following dates: Friday, March 20, from 6 - 10 p.m.; Friday, April 17, from 6 - 10 p.m. In the Foxhole located at 1 Fulton St for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. For more information please call 603-889-9777.

Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., the Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Adventurers Storytime

Come to the Rodgers Library for songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rodgers Library's teen space after school, most Weekdays at 2:30 p.m. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. Contact the Library with any questions.

Buy-a-Brick and Show Gratitude

Preserve a memory and help the Friends of the Library support programs, events, museum and entertainment venue passes, and scholarships. FOL will engrave your purchased bricks with two lines (\$55) or three lines (\$80) with your special message. The order form is on Rodgers Memorial Library website click on the Friends page. The bricks are placed in the RML Walkway twice a year and will become an enduring legacy. For an inanimate object, each brick can speak volumes.

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.

A Good Yarn

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

Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rodgers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by play-

time.

Movers & Shakers

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

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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)

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