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Ali Rafiymehr explains to Bryce Campbell how to best solve a programming issue with the XRP Robot last week. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Computer Scientist Spreads Excitement in Robotics

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Local Computer Scientist Ali Rafiymehr has been getting young Hudson residents in town excited about programming robotics over the past year.

He started last year with two FIRST LEGO League Explore teams and has tried to continue spurring interest in robotics throughout the year.

Last week, Rafiymehr hosted a robotics event at the Rodgers Memorial Library where a number of students attended to learn about programming.

The program focused on programming XRP Robots, an eXperiential Robotics Platform.

Rafiymehr stated, “I have been offering some robotics events/programs just to keep the interest there for the kids.” Last year, when developing the FIRST LEGO League team, Rafiymehr had more than enough participants. Rafiymehr said, “By the policy of FIRST organization, FIRST LEGO League, Explore, FLL teams can only be two to six students (second

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School Board Candidates Make Pitch to Voters

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Candidates for the Hudson School Board made their pitch for voter support before the March 11 election during the Hudson Women’s Club Candiadte Night recently.

“We have two positions on the School Board for three years and one position for two years,” explained Town Moderator Paul Inderbitzen, referring to three openings the election is set to fill.

For the three-year candidates, Randy Brownrigg was the first to speak.

“I have lived in Hudson for 30 years. I spent 20 years in the United States Navy and have travelled around the world to places like Italy, France, Morocco,

Monaco, Ukraine and other countries. On each ship, I had to do community work,” said Brownrigg. “I was a state rep for Hudson in 2012; I am currently on the Budget Committee; I am also on the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce. I served on the Conservation Commission, and I served two years as Chairman where we were able to get a bridge built at Musquash Pond to over in Pelham.”

He stressed a need to “challenge” students in AP classes and called for the demolition and reconstruction of both Library Street School and HO Smith.

Incumbent Chair Maureen Dionne emphasized the importance of a “culture of collaboration” throughout the district.

“In the last three years, the School Board and the Hudson School District have made great strides. We are well on our way to being a good school district, but there is always room for improvement,” she said. “In my three years in the Hudson School Board I have been fortunate to serve on the policy, strategic planning, and capital reserve improvement committees. Most recently I participated in the Hudson Federation of Teachers contract negotiation.”

Dionne hoped to focus on improving academic achievement and teacher retention if elected to another term.

Candidate Daniel Kilgour mentioned his 20

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Officials Choose to Hold Off on Legal Services Contract

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the most recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen, members discussed whether or not they should go out for bid for the town’s legal services contract, but held off on making an immediate decision.

“Attached please find correspondence from Town Attorney David Lefevre offering to continue to serve as general legal counsel for the Town of Hudson for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) for the current rate of \$145.00 per hour,” Town Administrator Roy Sorenson wrote in a memo. “Attorney Lefevre has served as the Town’s

general counsel for the past ten years and has not raised his hourly rate in the ten years he has been the Town’s general counsel. The Board also has the option of going out to bid for general legal services should the Board choose to do so.”

In his proposal letter to the Board of Selectmen Lefevre wrote “My office will continue to provide legal services to the Town at the present reduced rate of \$145 per hour, which is the same rate for all attorneys, will not vary between litigation and non-litigation services, and will not be increased after a certain number of hours.”

“Non-attorney paralegal

time will also be charged at the current reduced rate of \$60 per hour. As always, no retainer is requested,” he wrote. “Fees for legal services will continue to be billed in increments of 1/10 of an hour and invoiced on a monthly basis.”

He also explained that “routine overhead and expenses will not be billed to the Town. Out-of-pocket expenses such as filing fees, sheriff’s service fees, registry recording fees, etc., will be billed to the Town and itemized separately on the monthly invoices, as would other non-typical costs such as excessive

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School Board Approves Trip For AHS Future Farmers

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting, the topic of FFA came up and a convention is set to take place from March 26-28.

"We are requesting the school board permission to attend the Granite FFA State Convention, an overnight trip at the Omni Mount Washington Hotel from Wednesday, March 26 - Friday, March 28, 2025," a memo to the School Board stated.

It was explained that at the conventions FFA members will "have the opportunity to compete in various Career and Development Events (CDE's) including Prepared Speaking, Im-

promptu Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking, Animal Welfare Event, Floral Design and others. Members will also find out the results of the Veterinary Science CDE and Floriculture CDE that took place at UNH on March 7 at the banquet at the end of the convention."

"Students will also have the opportunity to attend general sessions of Granite State FFA as well as participate in a variety of workshops and activities to acquire career and leadership skills," the memo stated.

It was explained in the memo that the teams coming in first place for state with their CDE's "will qualify to represent Palmer Center/Alvirne High School and

the State of NH at the 97th Annual FFA National Convention in Indianapolis in the Fall."

"Some members will also be earning their FFA State degree that will be given during the ceremony," the memo stated. "FFA Advisors have also nominated some Alvirne FFA members for various awards that will be announced during the banquet."

Students will be staying at the Omni Mount Washington Hotel - Bretton Woods NH, and the cost per student is typically \$100 to \$130, which includes the hotel room and food.

The number of students expected to attend is approximately 25 students, and there are expected to be

two or three advisors attending.

For educational value, it was explained that students "have been studying for the various CDE's after-school and are planning to study during February vacation with their advisors to prepare for their CDE's. See additional National FFA CDE Handbooks in veterinary science, floral design, and forestry."

The memo also provided an overview of what FFA is from the official FFA website.

"FFA is a dynamic

youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

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Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers, and premier profession-

als in many career fields.

FFA is an extracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.

The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change."

The School Board unanimously approved the travel request during the meeting.

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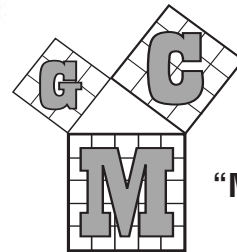
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Editorial

Prepare to Vote

Election Day is March 14th. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words and ask them about the issues that concern you.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. However, we remind you that your vote has far more impact on local government races than it ever will on the state or federal level.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots whether it's the school budget or a request for a something like funding for other things. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook; can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can put off, or is that a false economy that will cost much more later on?

If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answer. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. It shouldn't sway your vote that the budget committee or your neighbor favors or dislikes a warrant article or candidate.

There are also needs versus

wants on many ballots. Choose wisely.

Warrant articles were reviewed and have been written about for several weeks in this paper. Here are a few pointers: On a bond, pay attention to the financial obligation imposed for each year of the bond. The money will come out of your pocket for the life of the bond.

How about a union contract? If it covers just one year, its costs are likely to be clear. But most contracts are for two to four years. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year. You won't be asked to vote on it in future years, but the money will be added to the overall budget and will be part of your tax bill.

Money isn't everything. Are workers paying more of their insurance these days? Get the full picture. Because the choice is yours, each article has pros and cons, and it pays to listen to both sides.

Many people like to pride themselves on their patriotism. There's not a much better way to express your patriotism than by heading to the polls and making informed choices.

So for your own good and the good of the community, please vote March 14th.

Rodgers Memorial Circulation Numbers Up for January 2025

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

At the February meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Library Director Linda Pilla praised the library's growing circulation.

"Our circulation numbers were all up from last month, that was a nice little increase," she reported. "Audiobooks and e-books are still going up, Kanopy is still doing well, as are inter-library loans."

The Director emphasized that numbers for the interlibrary loan program routinely ebbed and flowed throughout the year. Rodgers Memorial Library remained a net borrower from other libraries using the GMILCS system.

"At this time, there's still more stuff coming into us from other libraries than we are sending out," said Pilla. "That just means it's a huge benefit to our town residents, to have access to the millions of items that are available through the GMILCS catalog."

Except for a few popular classes, Pilla indicated the first month of 2025 was relatively slow, although she expected things to pick up over the next few months.

"There's lots of programming going on for the

little ones and for you as well to take a break in the evenings," said Trustee Margaret St. Onge, who hoped to see growing participation from Hudson residents of all ages. "Things are filling up quickly, so don't assume you can just walk in."

St. Onge referred to a recent program on sourdough bread, an especially popular program expected to return next May.

"We have people from all over, not just Hudson!" she said. "Thank you to everybody who does programming, who helps us, it's so diverse. Photography, music, sourdough."

The Library Director encouraged anyone in programs to check the Rodgers Memorial website for regular updates and reminded voters that the library is funded through the town budget.

"We are part, a very small part, but part of the Hudson town budget," said Pilla. "We just ask that you support the town and then we can continue to do the work that we've been doing."

Chair Mimi Guessferd joined in, encouraging residents to support the library in the upcoming election.

"We have got a great

Board right now and we've got a great library, the future is bright," she said. "Make your preferences known."

Hudson's annual town election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11. The polling location for Ward 1 voters is at Hudson Memorial School, and the polling location for Ward 2 voters is at Alvirne High School.

The Trustees also got an update from the Attorney General's Office of New Hampshire clarifying how Hudson Memorial Library can spend its portion of the Zylonis Fund.

"They have clarified that the proceeds from the fund are to be spent on books, but such books can be any format, and need not be exclusively concerned with matters Lithuanian. That's the preference as Mr. Zelonis expressed it, but it's not exclusive," reported Trustee Karen Bohrer. "With that letter in hand, we don't need to proceed with an application to petition the court."

The Charles Zylonis Trust Fund was given to several local libraries throughout Southern NH for the purchase of books and other materials related to Lithuanian heritage and history in the state.

School Board

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years' worth of teaching experience.

"I have had experience in public and private education. I have had experience in special education, and I'm currently the humanities teacher at a school in the area. I am also head of the Social Studies Department in that area," he said. "The main reason why I'm running for school board is the fact that I have two children; they're 13 and 9 years old. I want this district to be the best it can be. I want to

use stricter fiscal responsibility and more common sense and add some meritocracy to the School Board.

Candidate Stephen Meyer was the only name set to appear on the School Board's two-year position for the upcoming ballot.

"I'm passionate about education, students, and supporting families. I'm invested in the Hudson School District. My children recently attended the ELC schools; they're currently at Nottingham West,

and this term, my daughter will be at Hudson Memorial," he said. "At least two new members will be elected in this cycle, and personally, when there's a need, I'm one to roll up my sleeves and get involved."

Hudson's 2025 election will take place on Tuesday, March 11. The polling location for voting residents of Ward 1 will be at Hudson Memorial School, while the polling locations for voting residents of Ward 2 will be at Alvirne High School. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

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Library Looks to Fill Staff Openings as Trustee Prepares to Step Down

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on Feb. 19 to hear a report from Library Director Linda Pilla, who announced success in filling an open position. “We have a new part-time circulation assistant, starting on March 3,” announced Pilla. “We interviewed four candidates and found an absolutely super new team member for the circulation department.”

There was another opening in the library staff due to the recent retirement of Marguerite Grant from

the tech services department, one the Library Director wanted to be filled using internal talent.

“The jobs in tech services have always been based in skillset brought by the people in the department. Marguerite has some pretty specialized skills with regards to databases, and yet that’s not really what our need was,” explained Pilla. “We evaluated the gaps, and as it turns out, we have a member of our staff who is interested in cataloging skills from the ground up. Christa, who is currently a member of our circulation

team is going to be adding a couple of shifts to her normal work schedule, and she’ll be taking on some work in tech services.”

Despite the push to expand staff, the Trustees said goodbye to Board member Erin Henderson, whose second term is set to expire in March. She was not interested in staying on for another three years.

“It’s my last meeting. I’ve been on the Board for six years at this point, and it’s been an absolute pleasure,” said Henderson. “It’s been an honor to speak and to represent the town and people of

Hudson and the library while being a part of a stronger library community.”

“Erin, thank you for everything. You’ve been a wonderful guide, and we actually joined the Board at the same time because I came on as an alternate the same year you started,” said Chait Mimi Guessferd. “We’ve had some great adventures, and we’ve had some good things, so thank you for everything.”

Even after March, Erin promised to remain active in library affairs, especially with the upcoming strategic plan.

Trustee Karen Bohrer announced the “kickoff meeting” for a newly formed committee in charge of mapping out the library’s strategic plan with the help of a consultant.

“We’re excited about that and are ready to find out what the next steps are,” said Bohrer. “We will have an even better library in the future than we do now.”

“We will have some focus groups in the future if anybody would like to volunteer to be a part of the focus groups,” added Trustee Lisa Weber. “I’m very excited about our

strategic planning committee, I’m looking forward to it, and going to be great. We have a lot of town people who have agreed to help out and we hope to pull the library together even better than it is.”

Those interested in volunteering for a library focus group were asked to contact Director Pilla for more information.

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

Selectmen Forms Interview Committee For Finance Director Position

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to the search for the Town’s next Finance Director.

It was explained during the meeting by Town Administrator Roy Sorenson that before officially taking the Town Administrator position in Hudson, they had put the search for a Finance Director on hold.

“The job posting deadline for the Finance Director closed on Nov. 25, 2024. MRI conducted the recruitment on behalf of the Town which was paused until such time as I was officially on board as the Town Administrator,” he wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Sorenson explained that he was proposing that they have a sub committee like they normally do for those levels of positions within the Town. He suggested like normal they include two Selectmen and himself on the committee.

“I am recommending that the Board form an interview committee consisting of two Selectmen, and myself, to conduct a preliminary interview of the candidates,” he wrote in a memo. “Upon conclusion of this process a final interview before the full Board could be convened for selection of the best candidate. This process will follow in practice that which the IT Director was selected earlier this year.”

It was ultimately decided to name Selectman Heidi

Jakoby and Selectman Dillon Dumont to the interview sub committee.

Also during the meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to accepting a municipal water line.

“The Planning Board in 2022 approved a site plan listed with municipality water line. This project included approximately 1,600 linear feet of proposed 12 inch connecting to two existing 12 inch mains located on Robinson Road and Christina Drive,” a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated.

It was explained that the work was recently completed.

“The work was recently successfully completed in accordance with Town standards and is ready for acceptance,” the memo stated.

It was also noted that the acceptance comes with a one year warranty “and a bond guarantee of \$22,102, which represents 10% of the original bond amount.”

“The developer is signing it over to us to become town property,” Hudson Town Engineer Elvis Dhima said during the Board of Selectmen meeting.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately unanimously approved accepting the 12 inch water line extension, as

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Hudson Selectmen Discusses Industrial Drive Property

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

An agenda item during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regard to the 9 Industrial Drive property.

"Last meeting the Board of Selectmen approved a short term lease, which takes effect March 1, 2025," Town Engineer Elvis Dhima and Recreation Director Chrissy Peterson wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The lease will be nine months long and the revenue will consist of \$1,500 for the lease and \$500 for taxes per month."

It was explained that the Board of Selectmen had also discussed potential projects "such as a pickle ball court, basketball court, tennis courts and community garden."

Staff has identified the need for six pickle ball courts, two tennis courts, and one basketball court. In addition, the rendering pre-

pared by staff illustrates the potential project and also a community garden," the memo stated.

It was explained by Dhima that they have been proactive and have had a meeting with the zoning administrator, recreation director, and town administrator to look at what was possible.

It was explained during the meeting that they have made inquiries "to local businesses about possible donations, material, equipment and labor regarding this potential project and currently have \$80,000 in preliminary commitment, as of Feb. 18, 2025."

"It's a great start," Dhima explained, noting that the idea would be that once they start, there could be potentially more community interest in helping out.

"In addition we have approximately \$13,000 in recreational account that could also be utilized," the

memo stated. "The intent is to utilize staff and Public Works Department, when time allows it, to keep the cost low and start working on this project in phases."

It was explained by Dhima that the idea is to see how far they can get with the funds and donations they have secured so far and then go from there.

"If the first phase is

successful (then) the Town could raise funds through a warrant article in the future to complete the project," the memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. "The first phase will consist of, at a minimum, additional parking spaces, site preparation, and one pickle ball court."

Selectman Heidi Jakoby said she thinks it's a "great

opportunity."

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Dillon Dumont said he thinks they should get an estimate of what ongoing maintenance would cost, but said he doesn't think they need to have a committee formed at this point to examine it.

Selectman Dave Morin

said at the end of the day the voters will have the choice on how to move forward.

The Selectmen also directed staff to look at any other funding or grant sources for the potential project.

Dhima said they could bring more information to the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting.

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PETE SESSIONS

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SELECTMAN

Robotics

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to fourth grades). After I reached out to families about starting a team, we had seven students registered. I had two options. One option was to eliminate one student from the team or start the second team. I couldn't disappoint a student. Therefore, I decided to start two teams. We had a total of 10 students on two teams. Both teams have the name "Future Techies" but with different team numbers (31034 and 32297).

Rafieymehr originally started the program to get his grandson interested in computer science, since then he has donated a lot of time and money into the effort. In addition to his donations, a great supporter and a neighbor of his provided financial support and the parents have been very generous and supportive.

He said, "Every parent

donated money especially to cover the costs needed to start the second team. Parents and myself also donated money to cover the costs of rental space at Sensory Seekers in Hudson for our meetings."

The two rookie teams in the FIRST LEGO League N.H. Festival 2024 that was held in December at the Hollis Brookline High School. Both teams did a great job and more importantly enjoyed the Festival showing their work and also seeing other teams' work.

Leading up to the festival, the teams met once a week from September to December and in the final two weeks, they met twice each week to get ready for the Festival.

The teams will meet again when the 2025-26 season is announced in August, but until then, he hopes to continue the enthusiasm about robotics by providing robotics opportu-



Ali Rafieymehr works with students on problem solving at the Rodgers Memorial Library last week.

nity sessions like the one held during winter break.

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We aspire to gain your vote in a similar manner as the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee unanimously endorsed the contract through their analysis and oversight. We sincerely appreciate your time in reading this letter and for considering your support for Warrant Article 5. Your support is essential in helping us continue our mission to serve and protect Hudson with dedication and excellence.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Three Broncos Wrestlers Capture Titles at States MOCs



Shayne Mackey took first place in the 165-weight class at the MOCs on Saturday, at Pinkerton Academy.
Photos by Chris Paul



Shawn Boudreau went three rounds and won by a 9-0 major decision to celebrate his final win in New Hampshire as a high school wrestler.

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Wrestling team had three competitors climb to the status of "Best in the State" as they finished with a first place title at the Meet of Champions (MOCs) over the weekend.

Shayne Mackey, Shawn Boudreau and Jillian Boncore were all able to battle to championships at the MOCs and Girls State Championship on Saturday, March 1, at Pinkerton Academy in Derry.

Boudreau was coming off his Division II title-win

a week earlier and came into the MOCs as the number-one seed in the 215-pound weight class and had three overwhelming victories in capturing the title.

Starting in the quarterfinals, Boudreau won by technical fall 18-1 at 2:34 to easily move into the

semi-finals.

There, going three rounds, he captured a 10-0 major decision victory over the number-four seed, Gavin McConnell of Bedford.

In the finals, he controlled much of the match, going three rounds and win-

ning with a 9-0 major decision to celebrate his final win in New Hampshire as a high school wrestler. According to the FloWrestling results, with the finals win, Boudreau finished the year with a 41-5 record.

Mackey was also com-

ing of Division II title and came in as the number-one seed at the MOCs.

Mackey, dominated the 165-weight class through the finals, winning by fall in the quarter finals, at 5-0 at 1:58 in the match to Calvin

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Broncos Boys' Basketball to Host First Round Playoff Game



Broncos junior forward Garrett Hall finished the regular season with a 10-points. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Boys' Basketball team will be heading into the Division I playoffs hosting their first-round game after finishing the regular season with a close 53-51 victory over the Windham Jaguars.

The Broncos earned the number-seven seed in the tournament and will face the Manchester Memorial Crusaders (#10), at home, on Wednesday, March 5, to start the state championship.

The AHS squad finished the season at 13-5, they are also riding a three-game winning streak and a 10-1 record over the past month and a half.

In the team's final game of the regular season, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, the boys traveled to neighboring Windham to take on the 10-

7 Jaguars, where the Broncos were able to hold off a final quarter press for the two-point victory.

Overall, it was a fairly close contest, with Alvirne accruing six-point lead going into the final period and holding off a 15-11 point charge in the fourth.

The Broncos started with a 17-12 lead after one quarter and finished leading by four at the half. In the third-quarter, AHS outscored the Jags 15-13, which worked out to be just enough to sustain a victory in the end.

Senior center Andrew Deely led all scorers with 17-points in the game. Deely had an even amount of points throughout the first three quarters in the victory.



Sean Chipfunde

Junior forward Garrett Hall finished with 10-points, scoring six of his ten down the stretch to help maintain the lead.

Senior guard Sam Dewitt put up nine-points on two, three-pointers, a two-point basket and one free-throw.

Junior guard/forward Sean Chipfunde had eight-points in the game. He got one three-pointer early and went five-for-six at the foul line.

First year coach Mitchell Roy is excited about the opportunity to start the playoffs at home.

Roy said, "I'm excited for the opportunity to compete in the tournament. We are an experienced group, but are facing a very experienced team in Memorial as well. It will be a huge challenge and it should be a great game to check out."

He came to Alvirne after a very impressive 27-0 undefeated season and Division IV State Championship at Profile High School in Bethlehem.

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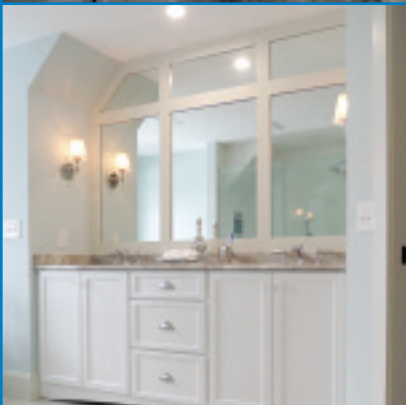
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Broncos Girls' Basketball Season Ends in First Round



Broncos sophomore Courtney Anderson goes up for two in Salem on Monday night. *Photos by Chris Paul*

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Girls' Basketball team had their season end on Monday night, March 3, in the first round of the NHIAA State Champions. In that game, hosted by the number three seeded Salem Blue Devils, the number ten seeded Lady Broncos came out flat in the first half and were never able to cover. Alvirne fell 43-29 to take an early exit from the playoffs. Rebounds and baskets were hard to come by all night for the Broncos, but they were especially hard to obtain in the beginning stages of the game. The AHS squad accrued just three-points in the first quarter, digging an early 3-14 hole going into the second. Going into the break,

the Broncos put up six additional points and trailed 26-9 at halftime. The Salem defense was able to shut down senior Ella Hartson all night, keeping her scoreless in the first half and allowing her just two-points in the final two periods. The game evened out in the third quarter, with both teams scoring eight-points, but, with Salem slowing the pace down in the fourth, there was never a chance for the Broncos to catch up. Junior Julia Adams led the AHS team with 11-points in the game, sophomore Courtney Anderson contributed seven-points and junior Haylie Christman finished with four-points. In the team's final game of the regular season, against Windham, another poor start resulted in a 47-43 loss, with Alvirne finish-



Alvirne junior Julia Adams led her team in their play-off game against the Blue Devil in Salem. Lexi Floyd had 13-points and Anderson finished with eight-points.

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Article 33

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Please vote No on Article 33

Protect and preserve our town history and our neighborhood.



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Wrestling

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Bradley of Bedford High School. In the semi-finals, against Connor Whitman (12 seed) of Nashua South, Mackey controlled the match to a 16-2 major decision.

Facing the number-two seed, Jason O'Brien of the Timberlane Owls, Mackey quickly took care of business for a pin at :57 in the

match for the best in the state crown.

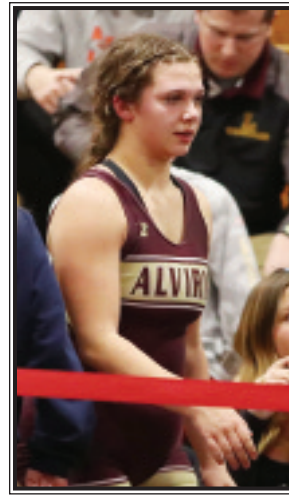
As a team, Alvirne was seventh with 91.5 points. Timberlane placed first at the tournament with 180-points, followed by Salem with 137.5 points.

The NHIAA Girls' State Championship also took place at the event on Saturday and Alvirne's Jillian Boncore was able to capture the 165-pound title with two victories.

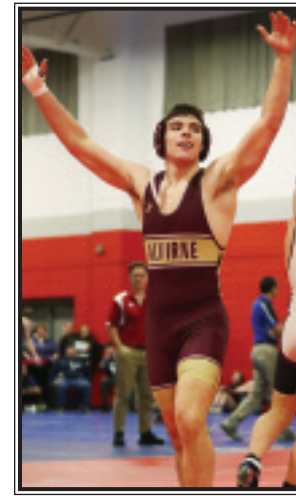
Starting in the semi-finals Boncore wrestled Aubrey Meyveagaci, of Mascoma Valley to a 14-0 Major decision win at 2:48 in the match.

In the finals, she dominated her opponent Ayla Saetern, of Bishop Guertin 10-1 before pinning her at 2:44 in the match.

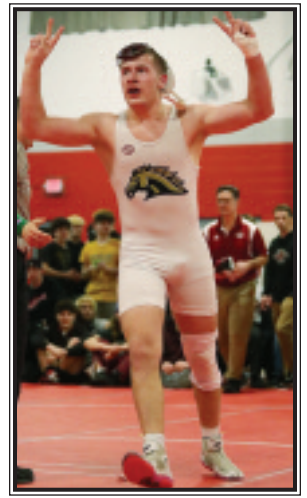
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Jillian Boncore



Shayne Mackey,



Shawn Boudreau

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Meet Rep. Goodlander

Rep. Maggie Goodlander will be at Rodgers Memorial Library Community Room on March 20 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Bring your questions.

Karaoke

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

Meat Raffle

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

buys are available. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

Trivia Night

On March 15, from 5 - 7 p.m., the Foxhole will be hosting Trivia Night. This event is open to American Legion Post 48 members and bona fide guests 21+. The Foxhole is located at 1 Fulton St. Call the Foxhole at (603) 889-9777 for more information.

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.

St Patrick's Day Dinner

The American Legion Post 48 will hold their Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner on March 16, starting at noon until sold out. The cost for this event is \$10. 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.

Easter Basket Drive

The Hudson Lions Club will be holding an Easter Bas-

ket Drive on Saturday, March 8 at the Dollar Tree, 68 Derry Rd., Hudson from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Items to fill Easter Baskets for ages 10 to Teens such as candy, ear buds, shampoo, conditioner, hair scrunchies, sketch pads, color pencils, soccer balls, football, wiffle ball, frisbees. Small gift cards for Dunks, Gas, & MacDonalds. Monetary donations are also accepted. Easter Baskets will be distributed by the Hudson Community Food Pantry.

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 applica-

tions and guidelines.

Lions Club Scholarships

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Around Town

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complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

Brunch Bunch

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.

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. Eliza-

beth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

A Good Yarn

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

Buy-A-Brick

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

Dino the Therapy Dog

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

BINGO!

Bingo is back at the

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

Laptop Donation Program

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets,

and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointment email info@unitedway-nashua.org if you have any questions.

Drop In Stitchers

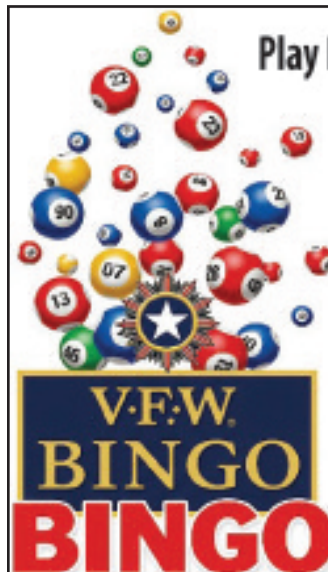
Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this group! If you're starting a new skill or brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free zone.

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Why am I running?

I noticed a need for fresh eyes and a new perspective. I really enjoy having multiple views on a subject, because one person isn't always right. My goal is to work in a team environment and collaborate with others to represent the entire town.

Who am I?

I'm a husband, father, United States Marine, community volunteer, and proud Hudson resident. I'm running to be your next Selectman because everyone deserves to have a Select Board that is responsive, accessible, and ready to serve all of Hudson. With your vote on March 11, we can move Hudson forward, together.



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Important Warrant articles

Article 7 Hire Four Firefighter/AEMT's

During the deliberate session, it was noted that Hudson is stretched thin when answering multiple emergency calls. Hopefully, you never need their services, but that's unrealistic. Having new firefighters for our town that are also EMTs could mean the difference between life and death. These brave individuals make the difference. Homes, businesses, and personal property can all be replaced, but lives cannot.

Please join me and vote YES, our heroes deserve the same support they give us.

Article 33 Petition to Rezone Parcels from Residential 2 to Business

I believe a well-planned and carefully designed zoning is essential for both fostering development and preserving the unique character of Hudson. Establishing the right zoning areas is crucial to maintaining vibrant neighborhoods and supporting thriving businesses.

Please join me and vote No, Hudson needs balance to build town stability.

Xen Vurgaropulos is a committed resident of Hudson, where he has proudly lived for over a decade. With deep roots in the community, he believes that with teamwork and service, Hudson will continue to be a town to cherish.

"Let me carry your voice to the Board of Selectmen"

"We need to do the right thing for the right reason"

Facebook: Xen Vurgaropulos-Hudson

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