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MAY FLOWERS

Countrybrook Farm was bustling with activity this past weekend as mom's and gardeners alike looked to add something a little special to their home's gardens.

Photo by Sam Paul

Nonprofit Leaves Nashua Resident Scrambling to Cover Medical Bills

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

Memphis Charity National Foundation for Transplants ceased operations following an April 8 announcement that it was closing, after 41 years of service, came without warning, shocking many. The organization was responsible for helping thousands of people pay for organ transplants.

In an official statement,

NFT said it was closing down due to post-pandemic economic strain "compounded by inflation impacts on the healthcare sector, increasingly higher operational costs, and a decrease in fundraising."

The abrupt shutdown led to uncertainty for many patients who had relied on the organization to help pay for transplants, including Nashua resident, Jason Stecchi Jr., who raised near-

ly \$20,000 through the organization in his name with the help of his family and local residents. The funds were designed to cover ongoing expenses.

Jason "was born with a tumor located on his neck, which paralyzed his left lung and vocal cord" according to his mother, Caroline Stecchi. As a result, Jason lived with only one functional lung for

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Committee Chair Pledges More Scrutiny to Budgetary Items

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on May 1 to look at what Hudson's upcoming budget might look like, starting with what might be done with money not specifically allocated to a department.

"One item I'm interested in and I think the Committee is across the board, is the unexpended funds, what I call the rainy day fund. I believe right now the town's fund is in the \$7.3 million range," said Budget Chair, Bill Cole, who hoped to learn what the balance might be at the end of the fiscal year.

While no action was immediately taken, he promised to follow up with the matter in the near future. He also promised to look

deeper into the School Board's facilities study and to ensure everybody got a copy of the report produced from that study.

"I personally, as a member of the Committee, and as a taxpayer, have no idea what the \$85,000 bought," said Cole, referring to the cost of the study. "It's a question I just cannot get an answer to, but I assure you we will."

Member, Shawn Jasper, shared some concerns about the facilities study.

"Not only do I have questions about what that report accomplished, but I think there were misstatements of facts in that report," said Jasper.

According to Budget Clerk, Kevin Walsh, the study was the result of it being "a long time" since

doing a comprehensive study of school building safety.

"There were some safety concerns that were just outlined in that particular study that could and should be addressed for the short-term," he explained.

The Chair also expressed disappointment there were no liaisons from the School Board or the Board of Selectmen at the meeting, and he looked forward to talking about future funding matters related to the school system in the runup to the start of the next budget season. There was also some concern over a new platform firetruck. There were questions over whether funding for the truck was properly approved by voters.

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School Board Review Access to Public School Programs Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had a first reading for an updated policy related to access to Public School Programs by Non-Public, Charter School, and Home Educated Pupils during its May 6 meeting.

"All pupils residing in the district, whether they are home educated, or are attending public chartered school or nonpublic schools (collectively, "non-enrolled district students"), shall have access to curricular courses and co/extra-curricular programs offered by the district in accordance with RSA 193:1-c," the pro-

posed policy states.

The proposed policy states that "non-enrolled district students will have the same access as enrolled students to the district's courses and programs. Non-enrolled district students shall not be subject to any policies, procedures or standards with respect to participation in the district's courses or programs that are more restrictive than those governing the district's enrolled students."

The proposed policy states that students not enrolled in the District "must meet the same eligibility criteria as the district's students as described

in paragraph B below."

"The district allows non-enrolled district students to participate on an equal basis in courses and programs offered by the district provided they meet the eligibility requirements for participation (e.g., deadlines for registration, academic progress/performance, parental permission, third party (e.g., NHIAA) requirements, physical exams/health requirements, etc.)," the proposed policy states.

As part of the proposed policy, it states that "In the event that a course or program has reached capacity,

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Budget Committee Vote to Require Request of Earlier Default Budget

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The May meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee saw its members discuss rising costs across the Hudson School District. Shawn Jasper proposed looking over recent test scores to see what level of funding might be most appropriate during the next spending cycle.

“What I would like to see is over, I’ll say 10 years, somebody might want a different set of years, how we are doing as a district in standardized testing,” said Jasper. “If we’re adding

more personnel and test scores are going down, and certainly we saw recently that proficiency scores were really terrible in Hudson, I don’t know how they are in the rest of the state, is that just COVID?”

Recently, the school district asked for more staff members due to some controversy at previous Budget Committee meetings. There were also worries about the annual tax rate from higher spending.

“I think this is a Budget Committee matter because I think it goes to the citizens

of this town getting the value for their dollar that they’re paying in taxes,” said member, Kim Rice.

Clerk, Kevin Walsh, suggested that any look at test scores needed a more in-depth look beyond simply looking at the numbers, encouraging the Committee to take factors like age-related test score progression and make-up of the student body into account.

“It’s not a simple answer,” said Walsh. “There’s a lot of great conversation that’s going to come out of

this and I think we’ll all benefit from that exchange of information.”

Budget Chair, Bill Cole, emphasized his stance that if it has to do with a single dollar going in or coming out, it belongs to this Committee.” He encouraged members to ask questions about spending items from any Hudson board, committee, or department.

Vice Chair, James Lawrence, moved to how the town and school default budgets submitted to the Budget Committee by July 20, three months earlier

than what was requested in 2023, to give the members more time to look at the numbers before the formal budget season.

“The default budget in my mind, should be what your approved spending should be for the previous year, plus whatever contractual obligations you entered into, nothing more,” said Lawrence. “If you look at the default budgets we presented to the voters this past go-around, those default budgets had substantial increases over what the budget was for the previous

year. We have no idea, because we didn’t get it in time to scrutinize those default budgets, what calculations went into deriving what that default budget was.”

The motion carried unanimously.

“It’s only going to get more interesting as we go along this year,” said Cole.

The Budget Committee is set to meet again on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the lower-level Buxton Community Development Meeting Room at Town Hall.

Med Bills

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most of his life, and was eventually left on disability with an oxygen machine “connected to him 24/7” as his remaining lung struggled to compensate by age 29.

According to his mother, Jason was always susceptible to illness, including a bout of respiratory syn-

cial virus and the growing risk from the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to the need for a double lung transplant last New Year’s Eve.

However, the transplant did not mean an end to ongoing costs related to medication and the need to travel to Massachusetts General in Boston for follow-up appointments, all of which proved expensive.

“Everything’s gone,” said Caroline, referring to money raised using peer-to-peer fundraising through. “They shut down and nobody has access to any of the money.”

Caroline accused NFT of hurting the people who claimed to help with their refusal to offer direct access to donations made for a specific patient.

“They’re messing up

everybody’s lives,” said Caroline, adding that NFT never reached out to her.

The Stecchi family still has a GoFundMe page and an account at St. Mary’s Bank for donations.

According to the official NFT website, no patient working with the company had any “personal ownership or financial account” related to funds raised and claimed it had “discre-

tionary use to support its mission.”

“NFT remains committed to offering support throughout this transition period until April 30th, 2024,” the group stated on its FAQ page. “This deadline is crucial for us to efficiently do our best in allocating resources and provide the necessary support. If your grant is approved in whole or in part, you can

expect to receive it in May 2024.”

It was unclear how many people who raised money through NFT have received a full or partial grant, nor is it clear what would happen to the remaining funds after the April deadline.

NFT did not respond to a request for more information.

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School Board Send Proposed Expense Reimbursement Policy to Second Reading

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board had a first reading for its expense reimbursement policy during its May 6 meeting.

In March, the School Board rejected a proposed rewrite of the policy with a 3-2 vote.

"We currently have a very different policy than districts around us," Business Administrator, Jen Burk, said at a previous meeting.

She previously explained that when they get employees from other districts, they have some who are confused and possibly concerned "with the board component to this."

Burk explained that traditionally the travel requests

just go up the chain of command to the assistant superintendent or superintendent level, noting that they are part of the budget.

Those who opposed the policy argued there should be some mechanism for the School Board to hear about what happened at the conferences, or other events they traveled to.

However, Burk explained that it was a concern for a number of staff members having to present in front of the School Board saying, "I've had people tell me specifically they felt physically ill having to come to the board to ask to go to a conference."

The proposed policy states "Hudson School District personnel who incur expenses in carrying out

their authorized duties may be reimbursed by the District upon submission of a properly filled out and approved purchase requisition, which must be completed in advance of the expense being incurred, and providing such supporting receipts as required by the Business Administrator."

"Such expenses may be approved and incurred in line with budgetary allocations for the specific type of expense," the proposed policy states.

The proposed policy goes on to state that any employee who wants to request to be reimbursed "for travel expenses incurred under this policy must complete a travel expense reimbursement

form, to be submitted along with the pre-approved purchase requisition, all original, itemized, final receipts, and approval confirmations for all expenses, to the SAU Business Office within fifteen (15) days upon returning from the trip."

"Reimbursement for travel expenses will only be issued after the employee has completed the trip, and only upon submittal of all items outlined in this policy," the policy states.

The policy also states that all "travel outside of NH, and any in-state travel requiring an overnight stay, must have the prior approval (written or electronic) of the Superintendent or designee, and such approval shall accompany the request for reimburse-

ment as outlined above."

It was noted that they had language added to the proposed policy related to international travel.

"Travel requests for individuals in excess of \$3,000, or requests that would require international travel even if total request is under \$3,000, will also require prior approval by the School Board," the proposed policy states.

The proposed policy also states that "All expense reimbursement forms, and travel expense vouchers must be approved by the employee's supervisor and administrator and must include all associated receipts for requested reimbursement including flights, hotel, meals and other related expenses."

"In the event that reimbursement is being made for multiple employees on a single receipt, the senior supervisor/administrator in the traveling party must charge that expense and submit the receipt for reimbursement in accordance with this policy. Receipts covering multiple employees must include a list of the employees covered by that expense. In no case shall an employee pay for the expenses of his/her supervisor," the proposed policy states.

The School Board sent the policy to a second reading without any proposed changes.

The Hudson School Board is set to meet again on May 20, at 6:30 p.m.

School

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selection between enrolled students and non-enrolled district students must be made using the same criteria, such as registration deadlines, registration dates, audition/tryout, seniority by grade, etc. If, after applying such criteria the course/program remains overenrolled, the determination should be made randomly."

The proposed policy also outlines the procedure for the use of school texts and library materials.

"Non-enrolled district students will be permitted

to use the school library, borrow school texts and borrow library materials under the same conditions and rules as pupils enrolled in the district," the proposed policy states.

The proposed policy also states that "In order to participate in district activi-

ties, non-enrolled district students must:

1. Meet the eligibility criteria for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the school district, with the exception of school attendance.
2. Meet any tryout criteria or their equivalent for participation in the activity that apply to students enrolled in the school district (see School Board policy JJA); and
3. Comply with all policies, rules and regulations or their equivalent of the governing organization of

the activity (see School Board policy JJA)."

"Non-enrolled district students participating in district co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are subject to the same fees charged for enrolled students for the activity," the

proposed policy states.

The School Board sent the proposed policy to a second reading without any proposed changes.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is set to take place on May 20.

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Editorial Preventing Lyme Disease

New Hampshire has an amazing quality of life outdoors with all four seasons, each one with different outdoor activities.

I love getting out of the house and getting some fresh air, however, my relationship with the outdoors has changed since having been diagnosed with Chronic Lyme Disease.

Since summer is around the corner and Lyme Disease Awareness Month is May, it's time for an annual refresh regarding ticks and Lyme disease.

Most people feel that you need to have a bull-eye rash to develop Lyme Disease, this isn't always the case. Typically, when a person first contracts Lyme Disease, they will develop flu-like symptoms about 7-21 days after the tick bite, with or without the rash. Lyme disease can spread to most organ systems including the heart and the central nervous system, hence the nickname "The Great Masquerader" since it could develop symptoms that mimic most any other disease.

Lyme disease can cause symptoms as serious as cardiac arrhythmias and even sudden cardiac arrest. It can cause neurological symptoms that often appear like Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease. Aside from the flu-like symptoms, some other less obvious signs of Lyme include a buzzing or tingling sensation on the skin, a burning nerve pain, a great amount of joint pain, muscle pain, and incredible muscle stiffness.

Victims can experience a lot of

"brain fog", resulting in poor memory, difficulty with language skills, and in some cases even out right dementia. Though they are most prevalent in the summer, ticks can bite every month of the year.

There are a number of ways to prevent being bitten. Permethrin, a common synthetic insecticide, can be applied to clothing to make them tick resistant. DEET or Lemon Eucalyptus Oil can also be used as insect repellent for the skin. Wearing light and bright-colored clothing can help make it easier to spot ticks. Tucking the bottoms of pant legs into socks can prevent the ticks from climbing and hiding on legs. Clothes can also be put in a dryer for 10 minutes on high heat after coming in from outside to kill ticks.

If a tick becomes latched, remove it as soon as possible. The tick should then be placed in a sandwich bag with a small piece of damp paper towel with the date and name of the person who was bitten marked on the bag. It should then be brought to a doctor or sent to a lab to see if the tick was a carrier of Lyme disease or other infections.

Despite everything I still love to be outdoors, but now I usually do so in long pants sprayed with permethrin, and double up with a natural insect repellent for good measure. I also check for ticks even if I haven't been outside.

Enjoy the fresh air this season, but be sure take preventative measures from tick bites and seek prompt treatment if necessary. Stay safe!

School Board Review Special Education Evaluation Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson school Board had a first reading for a policy related to special education evaluations during its May 6 meeting.

Director of Special Services, Rachel Borge, said it's not a required policy, but it's "strongly recommended."

She explained that it's to make sure there is a policy for the evaluations they do in the District, or that they may pay for outside the District or for ones that parents bring to them to make sure "they hit a set standard so we're evaluating using quality evaluations," Borge said.

Borge explained that some school districts have received "less than stellar" information from the evaluations, which have led to problems.

The statement of policy states that "State and Federal special education laws require that the district, as the local educational agency ("LEA"), shall find, identify, and evaluate all children suspected to be children with disabilities. The District is committed to ensuring that each child's IEP (Individualized Education Program) team bases its decisions on high quality, reliable, and educationally sound special education evaluations."

"The availability, steps, timelines, and other procedures for requesting, initiating a referral, or conducting an educational evaluation relative to a determination of whether a child is a child with a disability, are as set forth in the NH Department of Education Special Education Procedural Safeguards Handbook, a current copy of which may be obtained from the child's building Special Education Coordinator, the District Student Services/Special Education office, or from the NH Department of Education. This policy establishes the criteria for those evaluations," the policy states.

As part of the evaluation criteria, it states that the "evaluator must hold a valid license or certification from the state in which the practice is located, in the field related to the known or suspected disability. Said license or certificate must be consistent with the requirements set forth in the NH Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities."

"The evaluator must have extensive training and experience in evaluation in the area(s) of concern and be able to interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results. In instances where no "appli-

cable license or certification" exists, the district must be satisfied that the evaluator has extensive training and experience related to the known or suspected disability," the proposed policy states.

Borge explained that they wanted to allow families to go to neighboring states, noting that they often have families go to Boston for the evaluations and wanted to make sure they could continue doing so, which is the reason for not limiting it to just NH.

For cost and payment, it states that the cost "of the evaluation shall not exceed the usual and customary rate for such evaluations. The school district will not pay for the evaluation until it receives the evaluator's report."

The proposed policy also states that "The Director of Special Services or designee shall provide a copy of this policy to parents who indicate they are considering obtaining an IEE and shall make available upon parent/guardian request information about where an IEE may be obtained."

The School Board sent the proposed policy to a second reading without any proposed changes.

Budget

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"I'm not convinced that everything is being done in a prudent fashion right now," said Cole.

Member, Randy Brownrigg, was curious about getting more information about Hudson's various reserve funds.

"Is it possible to get a copy of all of our capital reserve funds?" asked

Brownrigg. "Can we see how much money is in each of the capital reserve funds, and can we also see in those capital reserve funds, what money has been taken out and gone to what place?"

The Chair stated he could provide that information should the request be put into writing.

"These capital reserve funds we have; do they earn any interest?" said Brownrigg.

He was informed that

all money Hudson has should be earning interest.

"I'm assuming it's the same way it used to be, but all the money that's in a reserve fund is in an interest-bearing account," said Jasper. "Not only that, all the money the town has at the end of the business day, it goes into a form where it's earning interest. All our money is always earning interest."

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Cemetery Trustees to Trim Trees and Bushes Following Spring Walkthrough

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Cemetery Trustees met on April 26 for their annual spring walkthrough of the Town-owned cemeteries: Sunnyside, Ford, Blodgett, Old Center, Senter, and Poor Farm, to see what items on the property were in need of maintenance. Dan Clarke from Hudson's Department of Public Works (DPW) was with the Trustees.

Their job included spotting overgrown bushes for clearance, as noted by Trustee Chair, Christina

Madden, when the Trustees found a grove of bushes in the middle of Sunnyside Cemetery, overgrowing at least on the gravesite.

"This is typical, nothing's been done to these in years," said Christina. "There are headstones in the middle, this needs to be trimmed back. It's totally obscured in there, there's a headstone obscured in the middle."

The Chair quickly spotted several other parts of the cemetery that were overgrown, although the sites appeared to see regular

work in terms of keeping the grass mowed and free of fallen leaves.

"It's been a while since anybody did that kind of maintenance, because we really weren't in possession of the cemetery. We are now," she said.

A few issues were unfixable, such as the headstone for Frank B. Durgin, which was intact but seemed to have broken before being glued back together, leaving visible stains. Other, older gravestones were simply in need of cleaning.

Overall, despite a few issues, the Chair noted that Sunnyside was "looking not too bad," noting that DPW has been keeping up with many more serious maintenance concerns.

At Ford Cemetery, Christina thanked DPW for fixing the main gate.

"It's back up and it's beautiful, obviously repainted and put up with posts. That's amazing to see."

There were a few more downed branches at Ford, along with several broken heads and footstones to be placed on a "watchlist" for future repair.

Trustee, Maryellen Gannon, agreed to put metal "guide rails" on one headstone "before it snaps."

Blodgett Cemetery needed a long-term solution to repair a stone wall along

Pelham Road.

"In conversations last year with the DPW head, we discussed getting an estimate for professional repair to this very old wall," said Christina. "Hopefully, we have enough money."

They also removed several damaged flags in front of gravestones for military veterans. One heavily cracked headstone dated back to 1758, highlighting the age of the graveyard and town.

"These are some of the older ones," said Gannon, who promised to see if there was a way to clean and refurbish the eighteenth-century monuments without further damage. "Simple Green and bleach, and stuff like that, all it's going to do is deteriorate the stone."

The Old Center Cemetery was in relatively good

condition, with some cleaning needed and a few headstones broken beyond repair. One headstone was damaged due to the use of improper cleaning products.

The Senter Burial Ground has a few headstones that need straightening. Several headstones had been knocked over and needed new rails. The stone fence around the perimeter also needed attention, part of it had been filled in by tombstones.

The Poor Farm gravesites had an issue with foliage growing over to block access to the gravesites during the summer months.

"A trim back would be a good thing," said Christina.

Apart from the trim and mowing the grass, Poor Farm did not need much maintenance.

June Road Work Coming

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School Board Approve Travel Request For SkillsUSA

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board was presented with a first reading for a policy related to school equipment during its May 6 meeting.

"No school equipment may be used for other than school, school-related, civic, or educational purposes," the proposed policy states.

The proposed policy explains that the Board "shall permit school equipment to be loaned to staff members when such use is related to their employment, and to students when the equipment is to be used in connection with their studies or extracurricular activities."

In addition, the proposed policy goes on to state that "It is the borrower's responsibility to return the equipment in the condition in which it was received, and the borrower's financial responsibility for any loss or damage."

"If District equipment is stolen while in the possession of the borrower, the borrower (and/or parent or guardian in the case of a student) must file a report with local authorities and file a claim with the borrower's insurance," the proposed policy reads. "The employee must also report the theft to their supervisor and the Business Administrator. The

student must also report the theft to the Principal or Assistant Principal."

School Board Chair, Maureen Dionne, said that if the policy is ultimately approved by the School Board, then students and families of students who have district owned devices should be made aware of the policy, and that it should be included as part of the student handbook.

"Let's keep in mind this policy should be included in the student handbooks," she said.

The proposed policy was sent to a second reading without any proposed changes.

In other news, during the meeting, the School Board was presented with a travel request for students to attend a competition this summer.

"We are requesting permission for our SkillsUSA students to attend the National Skills Conference and Competition in Atlanta, GA from June 24 to 28, 2024," SkillsUSA Advisor, Colin Stone, and CTE Director, Eric Frauworth, wrote in a memo to the School Board.

The memo explained that the students would be participating in the annual conference with "other SkillsUSA members from the state and nation during a 6-

day, 5-night stay at the Hotel Indigo in Atlanta, GA."

"Students will arrive on Monday, June 24 and leave on Saturday, June 29. At this event, SkillsUSA members compete in various skills events with other SkillsUSA students from around the country at the Conference Center," the memo stated. "These activities provide students the opportunity to gain perspectives on the abilities of peers in skilled trade competitions. Students also have the opportunity to network with other SkillsUSA students. Students are eligible for several scholarships through the national Skill-

sUSA organization."

It was noted in the memo that the cost per student is about \$1,800 per member.

"This amount will be paid through fundraising and student/family contribution," the memo to the School Board stated.

The School Board unanimously approved the request.

In personnel news, the School Board was presented with one nomination for the spring, which was to hire Daniel Pooler as the Game Manager for Hudson Memorial School for a total of \$500.

The School Board unanimously approved the hiring.

School Board Approve Bids For a Number of Supplies

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the May 6 Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board reviewed a number of bids for different supplies for the upcoming school year.

"For the fiscal year 2025, we reviewed quotes and pricing from two vendors for art supplies," Business Administrator, Jen Burk, wrote in a memo to

the School Board. "I am requesting that the Board approve the following motion so that staff may begin entering requisitions for art supplies to be purchased after July 1, 2024. This action is in compliance with policy DJE Bidding and Purchasing."

On a unanimous vote, the School Board ultimately approved the contract to National Art Supplies to

provide art supplies for the 2025 fiscal year. It was noted that the "anticipated expenditure amount with National Art Supplies is \$36,750."

Another purchasing request was for copy paper.

"For the fiscal year 2025, we reviewed quotes and pricing from two vendors for copy paper," Burk wrote in a memo to the School Board. "I am re-

questing that the Board approve the following motion so that staff may begin entering requisitions for copy paper to be purchased after July 1, 2024. This action is in compliance with policy DJE Bidding and Purchasing."

The School Board unanimously approved granting the contract to W.B. Mason for a total cost of \$59,000.

In addition, the School Board also had a purchasing request in front of them to consider for various supplies.

"For the fiscal year 2025, we reviewed quotes and pricing from three vendors for

school and office supplies," Burk wrote in a memo to the School Board. "I am requesting that the Board approve the following motion so that staff may begin entering requisitions for school and office supplies to be purchased after July 1, 2024. This action is in compliance with policy DJE Bidding and Purchasing."

During the meeting, she explained that they reached out to various vendors with a list of different items that they usually use and the quantity that they need. She added that they were requesting that they approve

the contract to two different companies in order for the district to purchase items from the particular company that has items that are the cheapest for what they need.

The School Board agreed to the request and approved contracts for school and office supplies for the 2025 fiscal year to both W.B. Mason and to Quill with the contracts being a total of \$47,000 each.

The Hudson School Board is set to meet again on May 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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Year-End Spending Requests Discussed at School Board

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed a number of year end purchase requests during the May 6 Board meeting.

District Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained during the meeting that they reached out to the different administrators about any items related to safety and security that they didn't get in time for budget season and see if they could pay for it as part of the end of the year spending.

One of the items was to add mobile generator transfer switches for Library Street School, HO Smith, Nottingham West Elementary School, and for the District.

In total, the quote for the different generator switches came to \$140,800.

Facilities Director, John Pratte, explained that they meet monthly with the town for their emergency management committee and said that it was explained that the town was able to bring in a portable genera-

tor.

"It was offered to us as part of the emergency management program," Pratte said.

He explained that the only issue is that they would need to add transfer switches in the buildings that didn't already have them, and if they were added they could use it.

Pratte said there are times when they lose power at different schools for whatever reason, explaining that a recent example was at Library Street

School, when they lost power in the morning, saying that they could've gone to the Town barn, got the generator, and then hooked it up.

Some of the School Board members said they weren't ready to make a decision one way or another during the meeting.

"I don't think I'm ready to vote on it tonight," School Board member Ethan Beals said.

Burk also noted they put it forward as a warrant article next year, asking voters

if they want to approve using end of the year reserves from this year for the items.

No decision was made during the meeting.

Another item discussed was in regards to backstop repairs for the JV baseball fields at Alvirne High School, backstop repairs for the varsity baseball fields, along with the batting cages, and backstop and fence repairs for the softball field at Hudson Memorial School.

The projects in total

would be \$201,700 based on the quotes they received for all the different projects.

Pratte explained that they recently walked the fields and said there has been a lot of "neglect there," explaining that part of the backstops that they want to fix are different hazards.

Like the generator switches, no decision was made by the School Board one way or another during the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on May 20.

Donate Blood in Memory of Honors Student Nathan Morin

The National Honor Society at Alvirne High School is helping one of its teachers remember her son by asking others to consider donating blood. Donna Morin, a teacher at Alvirne, lost her son to suicide in 2022. Nathan Morin was a funny, brilliant young man who loved animals, and cared deeply for people. After graduating high school, he attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Mass., to major in Mechanical Engineering. On Jan. 5, 2022, the unthinkable

happened when Nate, a 21-year-old senior, set to graduate with honors just months later, tragically took his own life while at home on winter break. In an effort to save his life, doctors and nurses gave him blood that was generously donated. Now Nate's mother is calling on others to roll up a sleeve to help save lives.

Please join us for the 2nd annual Nathan Morin Memorial Blood Drive on Thursday, May 23, at Alvirne High School. This year, the Morin family and

school organizers are hoping to collect 34 pints of lifesaving blood.

"The need for blood is real; it is constant and it is part of the reason the National Honor Society is so motivated to organize this blood drive. They also wanted to honor the memory of my son, Nate, who was given a tremendous amount of blood in an attempt to save his life," said Donna Morin. "I am forever grateful for the work of the medical professionals who tried to save

him, and I am honored that Alvirne High School is dedicating this drive to Nate's memory. No parent or patient should need to wait for lifesaving blood. I encourage you to make an appointment to donate on May 23. Give the gift of life."

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Pajitnov. See RedCrossBlood.org/Tetris for details.

May is Trauma Awareness Month. The blood already on hospital shelves is what helps in an emergency. The Red Cross depends on the generosity of volunteers to ensure blood products are available at a moment's notice. Donors of all blood types – especially type O blood donors and those giving platelets – are needed now to keep the blood supply strong enough to support

patient care this summer. Often the most critical element of a medical emergency is the availability of blood. With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential for hospital patients in need of lifesaving transfusions.

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Benson Park Adds Another Trail for the Public to Use

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Did you know? Folks looking to extend their hiking experience along the Haselton Farm Trail in Benson Park can detour and wander onto the Pelham Road Conservation area for a little extra time in the woods! According to Hudson's Conservation Commission Chairman Bill Collins, the Benson's Property and Pelham Road Conservation Area are indirectly connected by way of a twenty foot by two hundred forty foot easement along property owned by residents of Oak Ridge Estates. "The Pelham Road property was purchased by the commission in 2019 due in part to its close proximity to Benson Park," Collins said. After the purchase was finalized, commission members along with their

town liaison Elvis Dhima went to work procuring the easement that allows hikers to freely traverse between Benson's and Pelham Road. Collins went on to say that "one of the commission's goals is to purchase tracts of land that connect to great properties such as Benson Park expanding hiking opportunities to all those in the town".

In 2020, Ryan Clement of Boy Scout Troop 20 in Hudson sought and received approval from the Hudson Conservation Commission and Oak Ridge Estates HOA representatives to create a hiking and mountain biking trail along the easement that connects the two properties as part of his Eagle Scout project. Ryan's project included improvements to existing trail conditions, trail markings and creating an opening in the



stone wall running along the property boundaries. Jennifer Cianciolo, a Friends of Benson Park volunteer, is an avid and experienced hiker. Jennifer discovered the trail while hiking the Haselton Farm Trail. She says that, "When you get to the Haselton Farm Trail point of highest elevation there is a marker identifying the Pelham Road Conservation Area

Trail. I recommend it for an enjoyable, quiet, scenic hike! I suggest hikers go out and back, which can be done in about an hour. There are many interconnecting trails, but for now I would stay on the main trail until additional trail markers are placed to help hikers navigate the intersecting trails." The starting point that Jennifer uses is clearly

identified. From that point, walk along the stone wall on your left until you come to a clean break in the wall where you will go left. Look for the tree with a left pointing arrow at that point. There are a couple of depressed areas in the stone wall before getting to the actual break in the wall, so don't be fooled. The actual break does not have any rocks on the ground between the two sides of the break and is also identified by the left pointing arrow. Look for the arrow mounted on a tree at the break in the wall. Jennifer says, "There are sufficient markers on trees to keep you on the path. Within about 30-40 minutes you will come to Pelham Road, where you can turn around and return to the starting point. (This turn-a-round point is across

the street from 73 Pelham road.) This is a nice hike with interesting rolling terrain. My only caution would be that this is a low lying area, so avoid wet weather when planning your hike." Bill Collins says that the Conservation Commission hopes to spend some time on the trail to evaluate placement of more trail markers. The Commission is proud of their acquisition of this land for Hudson's use and is pleased to have it as part of the Benson Park hiking system. If you are looking for another enjoyable hiking path in Hudson, the Pelham Road Conservation Trail is definitely one to explore! *Thank you to Bill Collins for providing historical information about this trail.*

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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Softball Mercied Twice, Falls Further Out of Playoffs

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's softball team got both of their games out of the way early in the week, as they matched up against a pair of contenders in the Salem Blue Devils and Concord Crimson Tide on the road this week. Alvirne dropped both games by way of the 12-run mercy rule. On Monday, it was a 16-4 loss to Salem, and then on Tuesday, the Broncos fell 14-2 to Concord.

Coming into the week at 2-8, Alvirne was not in an ideal position. Their playoff hopes were dwindling, and they could possibly dwindle more if

the Broncos were unable to pull off at least one major upset. The cards were not in their favor on Monday however, as they fell behind 3-0 in the bottom half of the first after the Blue Devils were able to take advantage of base runners and force the Broncos to play from behind early. Salem would tack on three more runs in the second to make it 6-0 thanks to a Maddie Beeley RBI single, a wild pitch that allowed a run to score, and an error.

Alvirne battled back for two runs of their own in the top of the third off Michaela Dailey on an RBI double from Ash-

leigh Ducharme and another from Shayleigh Neilson. That made it 6-2 Salem, which is as close as this game would get the rest of the way.

Salem added on for three more runs in the third and two in the fourth to answer back from the two Alvirne runs scored in the top of the fourth to make it 11-4 going into the fifth inning. After Alvirne went down without putting up a run on Bailey Ruel, who came on in relief of Dailey, Salem added five runs in the fifth to send the Broncos home early with a 16-4 loss.

On Tuesday, it was a similar story for Alvirne, as they traveled to Concord to make up an early-season rainout. After the Broncos were set down without a run despite getting their first two batters on via singles in the top half of the first, Concord started to pour on runs in the bottom half of the inning, striking for five runs in the first to put Kenzy Pooler and the Broncos in a 5-0 hole early.

Alvirne picked up their lone two runs in the top of the second after a leadoff single by

Shayleigh Neilson, a strikeout from Lexi Testa, a single from Jenna Kulick, a strikeout for Avery Willard, then an RBI double for Alyssa Abbott, and an RBI infield single for Cory Sevigny.

With the Broncos closing in to being down just three runs, Concord managed to double their lead in the bottom half of the second. The big blow of the inning being a Sarah Taylor 2 RBI single before she was brought home by an RBI double from Maggie Taylor to make it 8-2 Crim-

son Tide.

Concord added another run in the third as well as five in the fourth while Alvirne was held scoreless the rest of the way, bringing the game to a 14-2 final in five innings. In a week where Alvirne needed to come away with at least one win, they were unable to do so.

Because of these two losses, Alvirne now sits at 2-10 and 2.0 GB of Portsmouth who holds the tiebreaker over Alvirne by virtue of their 9-1 home victory over



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Alvirne Baseball Sweeps the Week, Keeps Playoff Hopes Alive

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne baseball came into last week with just one win and poised to be swiftly eliminated if they didn't manage to turn their season around. With Salem and Dover on the schedule last week, it was going to be a tough task, but the Broncos managed to be up to the task, as they took down the Blue Devils on Monday 2-1 in a walk-off, and then they beat Dover 4-1 on Friday afternoon in a pitcher's duel.

On Monday, the Broncos welcomed Salem (1-8) to town, and thanks to solid pitching from Logan Casey and Aaron Masson, the teams entered the fourth

inning the same way they started the first—deadlocked at 0-0.

In the top of the fourth, the Blue Devils managed to break through and get to Casey after Owen Doherty doubled with one out and scored on a two-out RBI double to left field to give Salem a 1-0 lead heading to the bottom of the fourth inning.

Alvirne responded quickly in the fourth as Casey led off the inning with a single, then reached second on an error by the first baseman Dom Hamman and scored on an error by Masson. The Broncos even loaded the bases with nobody out after Casey scored, but were unable to put up a

crooked number on the Blue Devils after offensive interference was called on Max Francisco.

Nobody would score until the bottom of the seventh as both Casey and Masson were dealing on the mound. The Broncos managed to walk the game off as Max Francisco blooped a single between the shortstop and third baseman to score Jameson Kruger from second base.

The Broncos, in picking up their first walk-off victory of the season, secured their second win and looked poised to potentially keep their playoff hopes alive. In order to pull that off, however, they would

have to beat a Penn State commit on the mound in Alex Cook for the Dover Green Wave.

Like Monday's game against the Blue Devils, Friday's matchup was nothing if not a pitcher's duel, as the two teams were held scoreless for the first two and a half innings before the Broncos managed to open the floodgates.

Alvirne picked up all four of their runs in the bottom of the third inning as two runs scored on an error charged to Andres

Alcapia, another on a Chase Mitchell RBI single, and the fourth run came in on a Jayden Lewis RBI single to right.

Neither team would score again until the top of the sixth when the Green Wave got their first and only run of the ballgame thanks to some small ball after a leadoff double.

Mikey Bebris would ultimately win the pitcher's duel on Friday, not only outlasting Cook by five innings but allowing three fewer runs in the 4-1 complete-game victory

for Bebris, who picked up his first win of the season, despite his excellent numbers on the mound.

For the first time this season, the Broncos made it a week without a loss, and look to continue that pattern this week with matchups against Bedford on Monday, Nashua South on Wednesday, and Manchester Central-West on Friday. The Broncos need all the wins they can get if they hope to battle for one of the final playoff spots.

Softball

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Alvirne back on April 15. Next week is do-or-die for the Broncos as their schedule gets a bit easier in the penultimate

week of the season. They'll play Bedford on Monday, Nashua South on Wednesday, and Manchester Central-Memorial on Friday, all of whom have losing records. If the Broncos fail to sweep next week, it will

be nearly impossible for them to make the playoffs with Keene, Londonderry, and Merrimack, all teams slotted higher than the Broncos currently sit, on the docket for the season's final week.

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Alvirne Boys Lax Goes 2-1, Inch Closer to Playoff Spot

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne boys' lacrosse had a busy week last week, taking on Campbell, Hanover, and Nashua North in the latter half of the week playing Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, respectively. Alvirne fell short against Division III's top dog Campbell 9-8 in 2OT, then beat Hanover 5-4 on Friday and Nashua North 12-1 on Saturday morning.

On Wednesday, Alvirne played their lone

home game of the week as they hosted rival Campbell. Campbell entered the matchup at 9-1 while Alvirne came in at 5-4. The two teams, while in different divisions, both are legitimate contenders for a playoff run, and even in seasons where one or both teams are struggling, Alvirne and Campbell don't like one another very much as the schools sit just six minutes apart from each other.

In a matchup that

was as back-and-forth as they come, the Cougars managed to outlast the Broncos 9-8 in double overtime after scoring late in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 8-8. Alvirne got goals from the usual suspects, Jon Santana with five goals, Caddy Beaulieu had two of his own, and Ryan Tobin added another while Ayden Kelly stopped 12 of 21 shots on goal. Unfortunately for Alvirne, they fell just short in a heartbreaker

that was an instant classic. The boys knew, though, that they had to have a short memory as they travelled to Hanover to play the 5-4 Bears on Friday.

Alvirne came out on top of Hanover 5-4 in regulation after Caddy Beaulieu scored his second goal of the game as time wound down in the fourth. The Bears had managed to jump out to a 4-0 lead before Beaulieu and the Broncos stormed back thanks to two goals from

Caddy and a hat-trick from Jon Santana who continues to have a stellar season on attack for the Broncos. Aiden Mills, Chris Darbe, and Preston Ball picked up assists while Kelly stopped 18 of the 22 shots he faced with seven being from point-blank range.

On Saturday morning, the Broncos played again on the road, this time a much closer trip to Stellos Stadium to play the Nashua North Titans in a game that the

Broncos had a chance to pick up an extra point with the Titans being a DI group. Alvirne did just that winning 12-1 on the back of Ryan Tobin and Jon Santana each potting four goals, Beaulieu adding two more, and Aiden Mills and Brandon LaVarnway each adding another. Ayden Kelly stopped 17 of the 18 shots he faced on the day. Brody Orr was also excellent for the Broncos, winning 14 faceoffs for Alvirne.

Alvirne Girls Lacrosse Falls to Hollis-Brookline, ConVal, Drop to 0-9

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Girls' lacrosse, like softball, played both their games this week on Monday and Tuesday, and they fell short in both efforts with Monday's loss coming at the hands of Hollis-Brookline in a 19-3 blowout, and on Tuesday, the girls played their closest match of the season, falling 12-6 to ConVal in a battle of two winless squads that ended with the Broncos being the lone team to fail to get into the win column.

On Monday, the girls played host to a perennial title contender-the Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers. The Cavs came into Monday's game at 6-3 and fresh off a 15-2 win

over Pembroke Academy a couple of days before. Alvirne, on the other hand, entered at 0-7 while having the running-clock mercy rule inflicted in all seven of their contests to that point.

Both trends continued for the teams, as Hollis-Brookline scored at will on the Broncos, taking the game by a final score of 19-3. The

Broncos had taken their eighth consecutive running-clock loss of the season and eleventh straight dating back to last season. The Cavaliers looked like they could be title contenders while the Broncos continued to struggle. Alvirne, with the loss fell further away from a playoff spot, and closer to elimination.

The Broncos had to

have a quick memory, however, as they turned around and played ConVal on the road on Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately for Alvirne, the Cougars managed to pick up their first win of the season by a score of 12-6. This was a step in the right direction for Alvirne, however. It was the first time that running clock did not come into play for the Broncos

since May 19 of last season when the Broncos fell 11-5 to Pembroke Academy.

With this loss, the Broncos fall to 0-9 on the season and seem to be destined to be on the outside looking in to the playoff picture in 2024. The schedule does not get any easier for Alvirne, as they take on a one-loss Winnacunnet

team on Monday, a Manchester Memorial-West team that already beat them 12-2 at home this season and a Pembroke Academy team that beat the ConVal Cougars 15-6 earlier in the season this week before closing out the season with Timberlane and John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering in the season's final week.


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This Week In Concord - May 13 to May 19, 2024

The goal of this column will be to provide an unbiased update on legislation pertinent to citizens, updates on progress through the legislature, and information on how State Representatives and Senator are working in Concord.

House Bill 1291, as amended: Bipartisan; AN ACT relative to accessory dwelling unit uses allowed by right. Hearing by Special Committee on Housing, May 14.

Senate Bill 442-FN, as amended: Bipartisan; AN ACT relative to student eligibility for education freedom accounts and the scholarship organization's costs of administering the program, extending phase-out grants for education freedom accounts, and revising the definitions of average daily membership in attendance and average daily

membership in residence. Pending vote by the Senate May 16.

Senate Bill 330-FN, as amended: Moderately partisan; AN ACT relative to allowing the ability to work from home to count toward unemployment benefits eligibility. Hearing May 14 in the House Labor, Industrial, and Rehabilitative Services Committee

House Bill 1399: Slightly Partisan; Allowing municipalities to permit 2 residential units in certain single-family residential zones. Referred by Senate for interim study, scheduled for May 16.

House Bill 1596, as amended: Bipartisan; Requires political advertisements to disclose if they are using photoshop or AI to create fake media. The Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee voted

unanimously in favor of this bill. The Senate Judiciary Committee is also recommending the passage of other bills criminalizing harmful deepfakes, HB 1319 and HB 1432. Hearing May 15 in the Senate

House Bill 82: Partisan; Requires employers to make reasonable accommodations for legal marijuana patients. The Senate Commerce Committee voted 2-2 on whether or not to pass this bill. Hearing May 15 in the Senate.

House Bill 1312: Partisan; Requires school districts to notify parents two weeks before any curriculum related to sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression. This bill also prohibits school districts from adopting policies that prohibit employees from notifying parents about students'

"mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being, sexuality, or a change in related services or monitoring." Hearing May 15 in the Senate

House Bill 1656: Bipartisan; Greatly increases the per-pupil state education funding for each student receiving special education services. The House

amended the bill to establish three weighted categories for special education differentiated aid, with more funding going to students who need more services. May 15 in the Senate

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Karate Champ

Josh Brouillette a student at Hudson Memorial School won Grand Championship at Alliance Karate Tournament that was held at Londonderry High School on May 5.

He is a 2nd degree Black-belt who has been in this sport since he was 3 years old. He is also a co-captain of the demonstration team and a Sensai at the studio. He earned Grand Champion by competing in open hand forms, weapon forms, sparring, musical forms, blade fighting, and self defense.



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Cruizin for a Cure

A charity carshow will take place Saturday, May 18 from noon - 4 p.m., at the Alvirne High School parking lot in Hudson, with a rain date of Sunday the 19. There is no entry fee for people that want to bring a car to show and there will be prizes in several categories to be awarded. There will be a few area food trucks, a DJ, and raffles. Families are welcome to join the fun and come and vote on the People's Choice award.

Please come and support this great event! All proceeds will benefit The Jimmy Fund, a research fund for childhood cancer at The Dana Farber Cancer Center.

Plant Swap

Benson Park first ever Plant swap, leave a plant take a plant, will take place on Saturday May 18, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Red Elephant Barn. Please also consider joining in on the Volunteer Benson park pick up from 9

a.m. - 2 p.m., to help keep the park looking beautiful.

Boot Drive

Professional Firefighters of Hudson IAFF Local 3154 will host a boot drive to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. It will be held on May 17 from 2 - 6 p.m., at the intersection of Ferry, Derry and Chase Streets in Hudson. Additional boot drives dates; June 15 at 8 a.m., July 26 at 2 p.m., Aug. 23 at 2 p.m., and Aug. 24 at 8

a.m.

Blood Drive

Please join the 2nd annual Nathan Morin Memorial Blood Drive on Thursday, May 23, at Alvirne High School from 2 - 7 p.m. This year, the Morin family and school organizers are hoping to collect 34 pints of lifesaving blood. Donate blood in memory of Nathan Morin. To make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), visit RedCrossBlood.org or download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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 rodgersli-brary.org

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Red Cross Blood Drive

The ETZ Hayim Synagogue will hold its 3rd Annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 17, from noon - 5 p.m., at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. You can donate at age 17 with parental permission, it is (almost) painless, and what a MITZVAH! Blood supplies are dangerously low! Your donation is needed and appreciated. Questions? Contact Beth at ETZHAYIM-GIVEBLOOD@GMAIL.COM. Please Make Your Appointment At Redcross.Com Or 1-800 Red Cross.

Characters & Cocoa

Come to the Rogers Library on Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m., and join this monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the

craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshopping. Hot chocolate will be served.

Surviving, Thriving, and Finding Purpose

On Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m., Beth Hudson will tell her story of Surviving, Thriving, and Finding Purpose, at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Beth Hudson was involved in a near-fatal accident on June 29, 2017. She spent a year hospitalized and then had a left-below-knee amputation two months after arriving home. This is a story of courage, determination, and resilience. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH 03038. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. For more information, please

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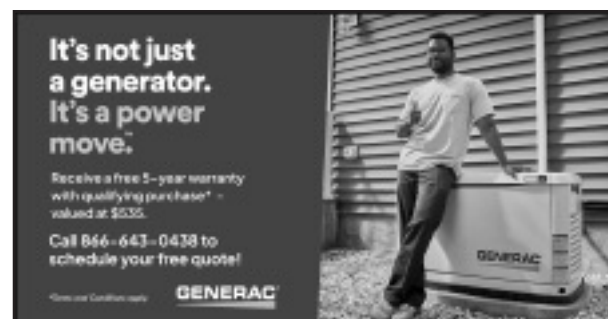
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Mystery Lovers Book Club

Murder, mystery and mayhem all in one place, also laugh....a lot, on Monday, May 20 at 1 p.m., at Rogers Library. This month's book pick is "The Marlow Murder Club" by Robert Thorogood.

Read 'Em & Eat @ T-Bones

On Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m., come to T-Bones to discuss books over good food and drinks. You can pick up a copy of the book from the library. May's book is "The Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m. join the Rogers Library third Tuesday of every month for an in-depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and nonfiction books including biographies. This month's book is "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

Adult Craft Night

On Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. come to the Rogers Library to create an American flag out of recycled wine corks.

Library Fundraiser.

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website <https://rogerslibrary.org/buy-a-brick>

Yard Sale Donation Dropoff

Spring cleaning? Have a box of stuff headed for donations? Drop it off at the Hudson Historical yard sale drop off event. All proceeds of the yard sale event go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Hills House. There are two dates to drop off your donations: May 25 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items NOT accepted: Car seats, baby swings, strollers, clothing, caustic chemicals, rugs, food, medical equipment, weapons

of any kind, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, tube TVs and monitors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them: <https://hudsonhistorical.com>

Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will be holding their monthly book sale - Second Hand Prose (SHP) the second Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Hills Memorial Library location. Upcoming date is June 9. Your purchases support the friends to help the library - summer reading program prizes, museum passes, and also our annual High School scholarship awarded to a graduating senior living in Hudson.

Book Donation

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will hold a book donation day each month at Rodgers Memorial Library from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. It's the Thursday immediately following Second Hand Prose (SHP). Upcoming dates are May 16, and June 13. Books are dropped off at Rodgers in a study room. Do not use the donation bin in the parking lot, the bin donations do not go to the friends. In April, they will also accept puzzles. In May we they will accept games. No missing pieces and good condition please.

Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays in May at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. This event is for ages 3-5. There will be a different theme each week. Caretaker participates with their child or children. Children should be able to sit through a story. Siblings welcome.

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.

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

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Cruizin' for a Cure Charity Car Show Saturday May 18

Jack Sherman is a Senior at Alvirne High School and for his Senior Capstone Project, he has created a car show called "Cruizin for a Cure". All proceeds will benefit The Jimmy Fund, a research fund for childhood cancer at The Dana Farber Cancer Center. The show will take place Saturday May 18th from 12 to 4 at the Alvirne High School parking lot in

Hudson NH, with a rain date of Sunday the 19th 12-4. There is no entry fee for people that want to bring a car to show and prizes in several categories will be awarded. There will be a few area food trucks, a DJ, and raffles. Many local area businesses are supporting this event: The Ink Club Tattoo Studio, Timeless Treats, Granite State American Kenpo, Regis

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Movers & Shakers

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. there will be a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Songs, stories, games, and activities for ages 1-3. Registration is required. Please indicate how many will attend including adults, infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

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.

Teen Hangout

On Tuesdays in May at 2:30 p.m., the Rodgers Memorial Library will have a Teens only time for snacking, playing board games and video games, doing crafts after school, and just hanging out. Ages 13-18 only.

Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their

babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

OBITUARY

Donald Richard Ouellette



Donald Richard Ouellette was an affectionate, dedicated and hardworking, son, brother, husband, father and friend. He would always put the needs of others ahead of his own. Born on Nov. 14, 1968 in Lowell, MA., to his loving parents Richard Ouellette and Viviane Ouellette. Donald passed away on May 7, 2024. Donald's unexpected passing comes as a shock and a deep wound, and it is gravely felt by the entire family, friends and loved ones, who are still reeling at the loss.

Donald graduated from Greater Lowell Regional Vocational High School. He was passionate about his work. He had 25 years of experience working in advertising and printing, specializing in image re-touching. Throughout his career he worked at Chromadyne in Salem NH, Quad in Woburn MA, and Graphic Packaging International in Lowell MA.

As a young child, Donald loved to draw and his love for art carried him throughout his life.

He will always be remembered for his kindness, good sense of humor, always willing to help and putting the needs of his family first. He was a loving son, brother, husband and father.

Donald Ouellette was preceded in death by his father Richard Ouellette waiting for him at the Door to Heaven. Don is survived by his loving mother Viviane Ouellette, his 18 year old daughter Natalia Ouellette, 7 year old daughter Amelia Ouellette and his wife of 20 years, Joanna Ouellette, who will never forget the love he brought to their lives.

He is also survived by his older sister Suzanne Ford and her husband Eric Ford, his nephews Andrew and Matthew Ford, his uncle Leo Gregoire, Leo's wife Brenda Gregoire, his aunt Cecile Burke, uncle Robert Ouellette and his wife Donna Ouellette and number of other amazing family members and friends.

Donald had the biggest heart. He was kind and passionate. Although people may have seen him as a private and reserved person, he was a bright, fun soul to be around. He made an impact on many lives. He loved sharks, golf, taking trips to North Conway, working on wood projects seen throughout his home and spending time with his loving family. He was the most supportive father who loved spending time with his daughters who treasured every moment spent with him. He will be forever missed. Until we meet again.

Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 16 at St. Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH. All may please meet at church. Burial will be held after mass in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Ledge Road in Hudson NH. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson was in charge of arrangements.

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