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EAGLE WASH Local Eagle Scout candidate, in grey, Christopher Darbe, washes cars with fellow Boy Scout, Jacob Scanzani, to raise money for his future Eagle Scout project. See more photos on page 8.

Photo by Samantha Paul

Transfer Station Set to Fully Re-Open for 2024

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee opened their meeting on April 22 to discuss upcoming activities as the weather continues to warm up, starting with the Hudson Transfer Station, which will be open two Saturdays each month until November for solid waste drop-off.

“You’re going to need your 2024 passes!” reminded Committee Chair, Deb Putnam. “The number of passes automatically issued at this point in time will continue to be three, but the town will be announcing a new policy after June 30. Plenty of information will be released around an option to purchase additional passes.”

The next drop-off day for general waste is Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anyone looking to get a pass will need to visit the Department of Public Works (DPW), which is now open Monday through Thursday only, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Transfer Station will also be open every Saturday. **continued on page 5**

District’s Evaluation Committee Gives Update to School Board

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board received an update from the District’s Evaluation Committee during its April 15 meeting.

“We’re going to update you on what we’ve been doing for this year on the Evaluation Committee,” Alvirne High School Social Studies Department Head, Jeff Peterson, told the School Board.

He said they started the Committee in December 2017, and had 20 people from across the District on the Committee.

“The job was to look at the evaluation system we had in place,” Peterson said, explaining that evaluators felt the system could be improved.

He said they were

tasked with looking at a new model.

Peterson explained that as part of the research process for the Committee, they looked at what other school districts do, including Nashua, Litchfield, Windham, Merrimack, Merrimack Valley, and Oyster River.

He said it was determined almost all of them either use Kim Marshall’s evaluation system, or a variation of it.

Peterson said the different aspirations for the evaluation model include:

- Educator growth/coaching model
- Advance instructional practice – coaching as opposed to rating the educator.
- Optimize student learning through instructional practice.

tional practice.

- Provide objective and timely feedback.

As part of the new evaluation model, 20-minute unscheduled teacher evaluations are done throughout the year.

As part of the process, teachers in their first and second year have two different 20-minute unscheduled observations, which are conducted by either the direct supervisor and or the Building Administrator.

Out of those, one is a scheduled observation with pre and post conferences, and one “summative evaluation” done by the direct supervisor.

For all other teachers, they have three 20-minute unscheduled observations conducted.

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Committee Hopes to Fully Renovate Benson Park Shoe

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The April meeting of the Benson Park Committee saw a discussion on how to get their recently acquired golf cart moving after nobody was quite sure where to find a missing key. The cart, a new battery, and a charger were all donated by the Green Meadows company, which will help some of the less mobile members get around Benson Park during events without needing to walk everywhere.

“I haven’t found the key yet, but we’re going to ‘hotwire’ it soon,” said Committee member, Mike

Catanzaro, who had a plan to get the cart running. “I have a plan; we’re hoping it’s going to hold together and it should be fine.”

Chair, Jack Madden, already had the needed liability forms and golf cart procedures ready to go.

An ongoing review of the Park’s GPS trail maps is still being updated.

“I checked the website last week, and the update of the names of the lakes and ponds and so forth still have not been added,” said Madden, who promised to follow up with the Conservation Commission to see how things were going. “Because it’s in GPS, it’s a

software package you can access on your phone so you can find out where you are on the trails.”

The Committee hoped to find a rototiller to clear grass from several overgrown areas, restoring gravel trails to sections of the park.

“We had the trails where the gravel has got the grass growing in on it, I had it in the back of my mind that we need a rototiller to do some of that work, although you could do a lot of it kneeling down with hand tools,” said Madden.

He confirmed they had **continued on page 2**

Roadside Cleanup Attracts More Volunteers Than Expected

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Committee went over their recent Road Cleanup Day at their April meeting, where Chair, Deb Putnam, was surprised at how many people showed up.

"We were making up bags on the run, and each person who signed up that day was given one of our Hudson Sustainability bag with blue bags, black bags, and a safety vest," she said. "I don't think we got on the road until 9:30 at least and we were done by 11:25. Organizing it that way by breaking up into teams made a huge difference."

They filled over 30 bags of recyclables and 24 larger black trash bags.

HPD Officer, Tyler Tambouris, was assigned to our escort detail that day and provided transport to different groups of attendees to Burns Hill and the

Musquash Pond trailhead.

Scheduling the event was a "moving target," according to the Chair, who initially had trouble determining what the weather was going to be until immediately before the scheduled April 20 date. There was some light rain, although not enough to derail the event.

"I thought it was excellent communication by the Committee to get people out there, reminding people that we were a go a couple of days ahead of time or a day ahead of time was prime," said Ben Dibble of 7 Stevens Drive, one of the volunteers. "Good organization, good motivation, good communication."

"I was so pleased with the turnout, it was great, and we had someone from Litchfield!" said Committee member, Kate Messner.

Another member, Chris Thatcher, mentioned possibly setting up another road-

side cleanup towards the end of the summer.

"I was thinking it'd be nice to put out, as I put on the bottom of our Facebook post, what road do people want to see done?" Thatcher wondered.

Residents were encouraged to communicate what roads they felt might be in the greatest need of cleanup.

Secretary, Ed Thompson, suggested the intersection at Watson and Lowell Road might be a future target for trash pickup.

"As you come off the bridge and take the left at Lowell Road, all you can see is garbage for 500 yards left and right and it's the first thing you see when you drive into town, just all this garbage, and it's next to the 'Welcome to Hudson' sign," said Thompson.

However, there were several concerns as to

what the best date might be, including hot weather, getting a police escort, and trying to avoid overlapping with other town events.

Alternate member, Karl Huber, called for early outreach to keep potential volunteers informed on any future dates, while Putnam

asked for help from a team to organize roadside cleanups.

They also raised the idea of helping private efforts for road cleanup, with a few limitations on busier, more dangerous streets with a clear set of guidelines.

"If you want to volunteer, and if you have a cluster of eight residents who are in it for you, we'll help," said Huber. "But at the end of the day, here's the to-do list."

A separate cleanup day for Benson Park is scheduled for May 18.

Shoe Renovation

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a supply of gravel for repairs and suggested looking into how much it would cost to rent out a rototiller.

Another conversation involved improved security around the Old Woman in the Shoe structure, which has suffered from vandalism. The Shoe is being repainted, but a recent need to remove broken glass in the area raised concerns that any renovations might be undone without better security.

"Maybe we should think about having a video camera over that way," said long-time volunteer, Sue Clement. "It is a historical site, we have a posting on it: 'Please stay off this beautiful, historical site.'"

It was unclear whether adding a security camera to the area would be feasible, although Clement had been in contact with the Hudson Police Department to have them run extra patrols in the area. She also picked up some broken

glass inside the Shoe.

Other repairs to the Shoe will include window and door replacement, complete with a new lock to control access.

"We did want to check out to see if inside the Shoe is strong enough, we were thinking about opening the door maybe this summer for a picture day," she said. "I think the kids would line up in droves."

The Benson Park Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

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Board of Selectmen Approve Search For New Mechanic

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved the town to move forward with recruiting a new employee for the Public Works Department.

"Unfortunately we had a probationary employee that didn't work out," Public Works Director, Jay Twardosky, told the Board of Selectmen.

He said he was looking

to advertise for a mechanic position, and it would be advertised on a number of sites including the town's, Facebook, Indeed, and other locations.

"This position is in the Local #1801 AFSCME Union with a starting pay of \$ 25.56 per hour. I would like to continue to advertise until the position is full," Twardosky wrote in a memo.

The Board of Selectmen

were also presented with committee appointments.

One of the proposed committee re-appointments was Craig Putnam, for an incumbent on the Sustainability Committee.

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Bob Guessferd, said he had been a very active member of the Committee.

However, due to confusion about what position he was going for, the Board of

Selectmen decided to postpone the vote on his reappointment to the next meeting.

The Board of Selectmen also re-appointed Cable Utility Committee incumbent member, Peter Lanzillo.

Guessferd said he recommended his approval saying, "he's very active, he's very much involved."

He noted that he is a "valuable member of the committee," as well.

In other personnel news, the Board of Selectmen announced votes taken during its April 9 nonpublic session meeting.

One of the votes was to approve a request from the Hudson Administrative and Support Staff AFSCME Council 93 Union to add the positions of Senior Services Coordinator and Office assistant to the unit, which will be paid at Grade 1, Step 3, and Grade 1, Step 1.

The Board of Selectmen also approved unsealing the minutes of the July 26, 2022, non-public session meeting.

The Board of Selectmen also accepted the resignation of Marcus Nicolas, a Zoning Board member, who held a seat set to expire in December.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is set to take place on May 14 at 7 p.m.

Selectmen Make Guessferd Planning Board Ex Officio Once Again

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen discussed who to make the Ex Officio for the Planning Board during its April 23 meeting.

It was explained by Board of Selectmen Chair,

Bob Guessferd, who currently serves as the Ex Officio for the Planning Board, that since it's after the election they needed to decide on the liaisons for the Board of Selectmen in general, but the one that needed to be voted on by the Selectmen,

was for the Planning Board.

However, Selectman, David Morin, said the Selectmen's Planning Board Ex Officio is able to just continue each year.

"The Board can make the decision," Morin said.

Selectman, Kara Roy,

said that under the RSA, they need to vote on it every year, or every three years, when the individual's term on the Board of Selectmen expires.

Morin made a motion, which was approved by the Selectmen, for them to

vote on it every year, "and that will take care of that," he said about the possible confusion.

"I appreciate the clarity," Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, said, noting that it's important to make it clear.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved

allowing Guessferd to continue as the Planning Board Ex Officio position.

Morin was picked as the Planning Board Alternate Ex Officio.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on May 7 at 7 p.m.

School Board

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Peterson said they have been using the new evaluation system for the past year and are making some revisions to definitions based on feedback, as well as having more dialogue between teachers and administrators on what needs to be improved.

Superintendent, Dan Moulis, explained that with the coaching model, if they notice things that need to be worked on, they can work on giving that teacher feedback.

School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he thought the 20-minute observations make sense, but was concerned with the lack of incentive to go above and beyond.

"There's no bite to any of this," he said, noting that the district doesn't have any type of merit pay.

Peterson, when asked about the incentive to do more than the minimum, said a lot of teachers have professional pride and want to get better.

On the issue of merit

pay, it was noted by the Committee that based on their research, they couldn't find any districts across the state who use merit pay, and the ones that have had done that in the past have moved away from it.

"Based on committee research, merit pay will have negative effects on collaboration," the Committee wrote in its power point presentation. "With PLCs

currently part of our culture, this would be a disincentive to share lessons that are highly successful or distinguished."

Moulis noted that the Committee continues to meet regularly and that they are looking to change the frequency of its meetings.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is set to take place on May 6.

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Editorial

Welcome To Town

In the good old days, when a new family moved to a town, a cheerful greeter would contact new homeowners and welcome them to the community. This greeting would be accompanied with a basket full of information, useful phone numbers, discount coupons and so on. Some of us may recall having gained some helpful knowledge of our new surroundings through such a visit, but as small towns grow and the nature of society changes, a knock on the door from a stranger is hardly as welcomed these days as it once was. With many of towns functioning more as "bedroom communities", there is often a knowledge gap about the place where newcomers have chosen to hang their hats.

Yet, residents are far from being left to navigate unfamiliar territory on their own. You have your local newspaper where local has been the source of hospitality for many decades, and of course there is social media.

Just a quick glance at the local calendar section in today's edition offers a myriad of options including; social gatherings, civic club, garden club, mothers' club, support groups for health concerns; entertainment for all ages, and plenty of sports, again, for all ages. It's like having a phone and email directory for town activities at your fingertips.

Need information on voter registration, Kindergarten registration, or

transfer station hours? Your local newspaper announces those on a regular basis, but why stop there? New residents may have little knowledge of how government operates in their chosen hometown, and the local newspaper can help provide information on what's happening in detail at things like town council or planning boards.

There are plenty of naysayers who say that type of news is boring, but if a development is going in next to the home you just bought, or the road is being realigned in front of your house, that's the kind of news you need, want, and expect your local newspaper to provide.

There is also the give and take of the letters to the editor, where residents are welcome to share their views on sundry topics, and get to know a little more about each other in the process. Along with this, of course the advertisements throughout the newspaper are letting readers know what businesses serve and support their community.

So while we aren't going to be knocking on your door with a basket of goodies and a big smile, we are indeed being distributed with news and helpful advertising full of information you can use to make yourself feel quite at home.

Whether you are brand new to town or have lived here all your life, we're here for you!

Cemetery Trustees Get a Surprise During Cemetery Walkthrough



The photo shows left to right: Christina Madden, Trustee, Fritz Weatherby, Maryellen Gannon, Trustee, and Jacquelyn Lemay, HCTV Production Coordinator. *Courtesy Photo*

CHRISTINA MADDEN CHAIRMAN, CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees received a surprise while conducting their annual walkthrough of Town Cemeteries recently. Cemetery Trustees Christina Madden, Maryellen Gannon, and Lauren Young, HCTV Production Coordinator, Jacquelyn Lemay, and Dan Clarke of the Town DPW were in Blodgett Cemetery on Pelham Road when they met WMUR TV personality and historian, Fritz Weatherby, getting ready to do a segment for New Hampshire Chronicle.

Mr. Weatherby was looking for the location of the old Hudson Town Hall. He answered some questions and then posed for a photo. Quite a surprise and a bit of fun.

The Trustees noted that the cemeteries are in good condition with the exceptions of some bush trimming, branch removal, and a few headstone and wall repairs. HCTV recorded the walkthrough so any citizens who couldn't make the meeting will be able to see the tour when it is posted on HCTV. The recording will also document the needed improvements. The Trustees

commended the DPW for restoring and installing the gate at Ford Cemetery and repairing some headstones noted during last year's walkthrough. Each year in the spring, the Trustees visit each Cemetery (Blodgett, Ford, Senter, Old Center, Sunnyside, Poor Farm/Cemetery of the Unknowns) to access the conditions after the winter. The Trustees are responsible for keeping the cemeteries in good condition and also respond to questions about the Town Cemeteries submitted through the town website.

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Board of Selectmen Approve Purchase of Police Vehicle

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen approved purchasing a new Ford Transit Cargo Van from McGovern Municipal Group, of Framingham Massachusetts, during its April 23 meeting.

"The current Crime Scene Accident Reconstruction Van no longer passes inspection and needs replacement. This is a criti-

cal piece of equipment for the Police Department," Police Chief, Tad Dionne, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Dionne explained recently, the vehicle was required to be outside in the elements, and now will be under the car port, with the hope of it lasting longer moving forward.

Asked about the use of it, Dionne explained that

they take it to any major crimes, and other events, along with any accident reconstruction scenes.

Dionne said in addition to the funding request, he was looking to "waive the competitive bidding requirements as outlined in Hudson Town Code 98-1C and allow us to purchase a 2024 Ford Transit Cargo Van from McGovern Municipal Group, HQ in Fram-

ingham Massachusetts."

"McGovern is part of the Massachusetts bid system that we have used in the years prior to 2024," Dionne wrote in a memo.

He explained that the vehicle will have the equipment and features needed for different things.

"This vehicle will be outfitted as a new Crime Scene/Accident Reconstruction Team vehicle,"

Dionne wrote in a memo. "The existing Crime Scene/Accident Reconstruction vehicle has extensive undercarriage rust and exhaust issues and no longer passes state inspection requirements."

Dionne said the initial down payment is \$42,965.32 and "would be from the FY24 Budget and would expend the Police Patrol Automobiles line for

this fiscal year."

"The remaining balance will be paid in FY25, payment is not due until delivery, which will be after July 1, 2024," he wrote in a memo.

In total, the cost of the purchase and "up fit" for the vehicle is \$142,225.65.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the different requests.

Transfer Station

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urday at the same hours specifically for yard waste, metal, and cardboard drop-offs. These materials do not require a pass.

"Something I personally learned over the last week in terms of the cardboard drop-off: make sure it's dry," said Selectmen Liaison, Bob Guessferd.

"They won't accept it wet because of the weight. Keep your cardboard under wraps before you bring it over, that way you'll be able to get rid of it and they can recycle it properly."

Anyone looking to recycle cardboard should take care to remove all tape, shipping stickers, or anything with sticky adhesive before turning it in.

The next hazardous waste collection will be on Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 289 South Street in Milford. Unlike the locally run Transfer Station, hazardous waste collection is overseen by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

Composting is back on the agenda after the Sustainability Committee after being postponed at the last

meeting. The Chair was looking for residents interested in sitting on a composting subcommittee to research how to implement a composting plan for the town.

"We have two individuals who have expressed strong interest, we really do need one more person," said Putnam. "We need a group to work on this. Other-

wise, it's just a lot of work for one or two people."

To the delight of the Chair, resident, Ben Dibble, who was sitting in at the meeting, volunteered to be the third member of the composting subcommittee. Putnam hopes to move forward with a more detailed plan for composting in May.

"The ultimate goal to keep in mind is whatever is agreed upon with composting is that it does not add to the tax rate of the residents as a whole," said Putnam.

The Hudson Sustainability Committee is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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These questions and many more will be part of an 'Ask the Airport Director' presentation on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of NH., 27 Navigator Rd, Londonderry, NH.

The presentation is

free, open to the public, and all are invited.

Part of the Aviation Museum's 'Exploring Aviation' series of programs, the talk is sponsored by Hoyle Tanner and Grapponne Auto.

After giving an update about recent activities and challenges at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Kitchens will take questions from attendees about the airport.

Kitchens came to Manchester-Boston Regional Airport in October 2018 from the Houston Airport System, where he served as general manager. In NH, Kitchens and his staff have continued to develop Manchester Airport as a regional economic engine as the

disruptions of the pandemic continue to recede.

In recent years, cargo traffic has continued to grow at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. The facility, now the third-busiest air cargo terminal in New England, recently opened a new cargo handling facility and welcomed a new cargo carrier, Amazon Prime Air.

On the passenger side, recent years have seen the arrival of new “ultra low cost” carriers at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport: Spirit Airlines, and Avelo Airlines. In addition, Breeze Airways will begin service in June, while Sun Country will start this coming August.

For more information,

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BENSON PARK BARN OPENS

The Friends of Benson Park are looking forward to seeing their friends, both old and new, at the Elephant barn that is now open for the season! The barn is the red building “on the hill” that was the home of the former Benson’s Wild Animal Farm elephants and lions. It is now the place to cool off and buy a soft drink, bottled water, ice cream (human and canine!), toys, a hat, or a T-shirt. It is also the future home of the Benson Park Memorabilia exhibit and children’s play area.

The barn is staffed by Benson Park volunteers and all proceeds go toward projects around the park, primarily the construction of the proposed memorabilia exhibit. The barn is open on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. and is definitely dog friendly, so bring your dog in for a treat or a drink of water!

The Friends of Benson Park volunteers look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones this season!

Pictured from left to right: Deb Federico, Don Newell, John Leone, Laurie Galbo, Natalie Newell, and Karen McLavey.

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Eagle Scout Raises Funds Through Car Wash



To fund his Eagle Scout Project, Christopher Darbe took to Soapy's Car Wash in Hudson to fundraise through carwashing. The station had a steady flow of customers to keep his fellow Boy Scouts busy, among whom was his younger brother. Christopher is hoping to fund a sign and kiosk for the Pelham Conservation area.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne's Baseball Woes Continue as Broncos Search for Win

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne baseball continued their rough start to the season last week with three consecutive losses on the road on Wednesday at Exeter, Thursday at Goffstown, and Friday at Nashua North with a 10-0 loss to Exeter, and then back-to-back 4-2 losses to Goffstown and Nashua North.

Devin Smith got the ball for the Broncos on Wednesday, and after both teams were held scoreless for an inning and a half, a costly error coupled with a pair of wild pitches allowed Exeter to put two runs on the board before an RBI double quickly made it 3-0 Blue Hawks through two frames.

Exeter would tack on five more runs in the bottom of the third, as they were rolling from the first pitch of the inning with a lead-off double and a hit by pitch brought an end to Devin Smith's night in favor of Brandon Ganas, who gave up a walk to load the bases before trading an out for a run by way of the fielder's choice, and then allowing two runs to come in on wild pitches a couple batters later to make it 6-0. Then a 2-RBI double made it 8-0 Exeter before Ganas was able to stop the bleeding.

Ganas would stay on the mound for the bottom of the fourth, as he would allow a leadoff double before getting a ground out that

pushed the runner to third, and then a sac fly that brought in the ninth Exeter run. That was all the Blue Hawks got in the fourth, however, as the game went to the fifth with the Broncos down 9-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Broncos had to keep Exeter off the board, and they, once again, led things off with a double against Ganas. After a strikeout and a flyout that saw a wild pitch advance the mercy rule run advance to third, an EBI single ended the game early 10-0 in favor of Exeter.

On Thursday, the Broncos were back in action against Goffstown. The Grizzlies jumped out to an

early 4-0 lead in the bottom of the second against Logan Casey, and that was all the run support Ryan Dutton and the Goffstown pitching staff would need, as Alvirne picked up a run in the fourth and the fifth innings to make it 4-2, but that was all Alvirne would get as Dutton tossed a complete game gem, only allowing the two runs to come across the plate.

The Broncos were right back at it on Friday against Nashua North in what was a pitcher's duel from the jump. Base runners were

hard to come by for both sides through three, as the teams had combined for just one hit through the first three frames before Alvirne got a pair of runners in Logan Casey and Devin Smith would reach before Antonio Vallante sent a ball into the right-center field gap to make it 2-0 Alvirne in the top of the fourth.

The Titans quickly got the two runs back, however, as some very lucky bounces for Nashua North came into play and loaded the bases before Bebris would hit Noah Sullivan to bring

home a run and an RBI groundout tied the game at 2-2.

Nashua North picked up their third run in the bottom of the fifth thanks to a two-out triple and a bloop single to center that made it 3-2 Titans. North added another in the sixth to make it 4-2, which was an insurmountable lead for the Broncos.

The loss for Alvirne dropped them to 0-8 on the season, and they will play Manchester Memorial on the road and then at home against Windham and Trinity this week.



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First Softball Win of 2024 After Falling to Goffstown and Exeter

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

For the first time in several years, Alvirne's softball team has struggled heavily out of the gate, as they came into the week 0-4 in their first four games before getting three home games against Goffstown, Exeter, and Nashua North. On Monday, they fell 8-2 against Goffstown, Wednesday, it was a rainy 8-0 loss to Exeter, and Friday morning, the Broncos picked up their first win of the season by way of the 16-1 route of Nashua North.

On Monday, the Bron-

cos and Grizzlies entered the second without a score before a little league home run for Goffstown gave them a 2-0 lead and a Kenzy Pooler proper home run brought the Broncos back to within a run at 2-1. Alvirne would then strand Niyah Stroming at second base after a Lexi Testa strikeout.

Goffstown tacked on a pair of runs in the top of the fifth to give themselves a 4-1 lead thanks to a one-out RBI single from Sara Roussel and a Kenzy Pooler wild pitch that allowed Roussel's courtesy runner to score.

Alvirne was able to get a run back in the bottom of the fifth on a passed ball that allowed Alyssa Abbott to score the second and final Bronco run of the contest.

Goffstown tacked on four more in the seventh that deflated the sails of the Broncos and sent them home unhappy with an 8-2 loss.

On Wednesday, the Broncos were put up against the team that knocked them out of the playoffs a year ago in the Exeter Blue Hawks. Exeter came in at 4-2 and directly

off a 24-11 win against Timberlane that looks more like a football outcome than one from a softball game.

Exeter managed to score their first run in the top of the second inning off Ashleigh Ducharme on a sequence of small-ball by Exeter moving runners up by any means necessary before getting a run just before the final out of the inning was recorded on the rare example of a timing play coming into effect.

The Blue Hawks would get a run in the third, two in the fourth, two in the fifth, and two in the seventh

while holding the Bronco bats silent throughout to pick up their fifth win by a score of 8-0.

On Friday, the Broncos matched up against a Nashua North team that hadn't won a game since April 19, 2021 against Manchester Memorial. This season, the Titans have been a bit more competitive, having a 7-0 loss being their closest game to this point.

Alvirne, however, had no interest in a close game on Friday morning, as they put up runs in bunches thanks in large part to

Alyssa Abbott, who had 7 RBI and four hits, all for extra bases with a homer and three doubles.

Alvirne put up three runs in the first, four in the second, three in the third, and six in the fourth, while North got their lone run in the top of the fourth on an attempted back-pick at first base with the bases loaded that head-up baserunning allowed the run to score.

Coming off the win, Alvirne will play at Windham on Monday, home against Dover on Tuesday, and at Trinity-West on Friday.

Boys' Lacrosse Has First Winless Week, Drop to 3-3

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

As a team that came out of the gates in 2024 on a hot streak, boys' lacrosse has cooled down a bit after losing their first game to Oyster River-Newmarket before April break, as they dropped their two matchups last week, first on Tuesday 12-10 to Hollis-Brookline, and then on Friday 20-6

against St. Thomas Aquinas, both games taking place away from Veterans Memorial Stadium at Alvirne.

On Tuesday, the boys battled Hollis-Brookline in a game that could have very easily gone either way, but the Cavaliers were able to hold on 12-10 at home to improve their record to 4-1 and solidify themselves as the perennial Division II

contender that they have been for the past several seasons.

For Alvirne, Jonovan Santana continued to be white-hot for Alvirne, finding the back of the net five times in the loss. Cedrik Beaulieu and Ryan Tobin each added a pair of goals and Ryan Hurrell picked up one of his own.

This game seemed to

be on the Broncos could have won, but some timely scoring and a few borderline calls by the officials held Alvirne back, and they just couldn't keep up with the Cavs, but it was a respectable 12-10 loss.

The Broncos had a chance to bounce back against another formidable foe in the St. Thomas Aquinas Saints. St. Thomas came into Friday's game at

3-1, and coming off an 18-7 win against DI Concord. The Saints poured it on early and often, netting a whopping 20 goals against Aiden Kelley and the Broncos while Alvirne was only able to put up six of their own.

For Alvirne, Beaulieu found the back of the net three times for a hat-trick, Santana added another goal to his fantastic season, Ryan Tobin continued his

steady offensive output, scoring one of his own, and Sam Fortin scored his first goal of the season in the 20-6 loss.

This week, the 3-3 Broncos will have a chance to bounce back against Windham at home on Tuesday and Keene-Monadnock on Wednesday, as well as a road game on Friday against Hillsboro-Deering-John Stark.

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Alvirne Girls' Lax Struggles Continue as Lady Broncos Fall to 0-5

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

The Lady Broncos have had a rough go of things thus far in 2024, and unfortunately, that trend continued last week, as they dropped both games they played. On Monday, it was a 12-2 loss to Manchester Memorial-Manchester West at home, and on Friday, the girls found themselves in an early hole that led to a 24-5 road loss to Keene-Monadnock.

On Monday, the girls played what was perhaps

their best game of the year, particularly defensively, as the Crusaders were kept off the board for the first 2:29 of the game, and they wouldn't find their second goal until there was just over 5:00 left in the first quarter.

Alvirne had some quality chances early on to tie the game at 1-1 or bring themselves back to 2-1, but the play of the Crusader defense was suffocating. It almost resembled the neutral zone trap in hockey. Nobody had very much

space to operate for Alvirne, and when they did, it wasn't in the middle of the field, but along the wings and behind the net.

Through the end of the first quarter, the score was only 2-0 Memorial-West, and the Broncos felt like this was the game that they could stay competitive in and perhaps steal their first victory.

The Crusaders, unfortunately, figured out Alvirne's defensive scheme in the second quarter, as they were able to put up

four more goals to make it 6-0 at the half, but despite the large lead, this was still the closest contest the Broncos have been in all season to this point.

In the third, the Crusaders seemed to be ready to put the game away, quickly adding three more goals to push the score to 9-0 before effectively ending the game with their tenth goal to make it 10-0 and send the game to running clock with 2:46 to play in the third.

Audriena Chipperini

managed to get Alvirne on the board as time expired in the third quarter to make it 10-1, but the Crusaders would respond with 8:31 to play in the fourth and then tack on another with 5:44 left to play to ensure that the second Alvirne goal that Mikela Meighan scored to make it 12-2 would not end running clock with just over a minute left in the game.

On Friday, things didn't get much better for the Broncos, as they found themselves on the wrong

end of a 24-5 blowout against Keene-Monadnock, and while they managed to nearly double their season goal total, bringing it from 7 total goals to 12, but unfortunately for the Broncos, Keene-Monadnock came out looking for blood after their 19-9 loss to Timberlane a week prior.

This week, Alvirne will get a home game on Monday against Goffstown (3-3) and a road trip to play the Oyster River-Newmarket Bobcats (2-2) on Thursday.

U.S. EPA's Interim Guidance on the Destruction & Disposal of PFAS

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SUBMISSION

In its ongoing battle with PFAS issues, as these relate to protecting our drinking water while minimizing adverse health effects to those affected by past and present PFAS contamination in their drinking water, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) released an updated "Interim Guidance on the Destruction and Disposal of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Materials Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances" on April 9, 2024. The updated guidance reflects the latest, best available science to provide information that managers of PFAS wastes can use to evaluate the most appropriate destruction, disposal, or storage method among those currently

available. The guidance also recommends that decision-makers prioritize the use of technologies with the lowest potential for environmental release, to better protect people and communities from PFAS exposures. While noteworthy in the Agency's efforts, this new guidance comes as little solace to those residents of Londonderry who have been subject to long-term exposure to PFAS in their drinking water from past actions by the Saint Gobain Company, for which a Consent Decree was issued by the NH DES. (www.des.nh.gov/documents/final-consent-decree-between-nhdes-and-saint-gobain) As our readers may be aware, in an action that was anticipated by those affected by the ongoing aftereffects of the contamination of their drinking water sup-

plies, Saint Gobain abruptly announced that it would close its Merrimack, NH facility, announced in August of last year. (www.nh-pr.org/nh-news/2023-08-23/saint-gobain-announces-closure-of-merrimack-facility-at-the-center-of-pfas-controversy)

The EPA guidance, includes a new technology evaluation framework that enables technology developers to assess emerging innovative destruction and disposal methods. A key component of the guidance is that it underscores the need to generate and publicly release data that can be synthesized to determine and validate whether existing and new technologies may be suitable for larger-scale use. The guidance describes new EPA test methods and improved screening tools to identify

and prioritize safeguards for communities located near destruction and disposal facilities and overburdened by pollution. A key question here for the residents of Londonderry, can this newly updated guidance be used retroactively to help

NH DES officials and private industries, like Saint Gobain, make informed decisions regarding PFAS destruction and disposal technologies. The guidance, according to EPA, can also aid in the implementation of forthcoming rules to protect

public health from exposure to PFAS.

"This guidance is another important step in the agency's efforts to protect communities from PFAS pollution," said Cliff Villa, Deputy Assistant Adminis-

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Ovation Theatre to Present Rock of Ages, May 3 & 4

Get ready to rock the first weekend in May, as Ovation Theatre Company presents Rock of Ages: Teen Edition at the Derry Opera House, with a cast that will bring back dozens of hits from classic '80s rock and roll.

It's the tail end of the big, bad 1980s in Hollywood, and the party has been raging hard. Aqua Net, Lycra and Heavy Metal flow freely at one of the Sunset Strip's last legendary venues, a place where legendary rocker Stacey Jaxx takes the stage and groupies line up for their chance at an autograph. Amidst the madness, aspiring rock star Drew longs to take the stage as the next big thing (and longs for small-town girl Sherrie, fresh off the bus from Kansas with stars in

her eyes). But the rock 'n' roll fairy tale is about to end when German developers sweep into town with plans to turn the fabled Strip into just another capitalist strip mall. Can Drew, Sherrie and the gang save the strip - and themselves - before it's too late? Only the music of hit bands Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Whitesnake and more can hold the answer.

Lorelei Stahl (Lonny) came into rehearsals familiar with most of the songs. "My parents played them. I'm excited for them to come in with a fresh pair of ears and be like 'I know this one!'" Knowing as much of the music as I did and a lot of the audience is going to be middle-aged people who also know the music, there's a lot of energy to it, when you know everybody's going to want to sing along.

This is going to be a party!"

Bridget Berry was also familiar with most of the songs - at least all of the "good ones." While she's been in other "jukebox" musicals, "this show is more energy-packed. You can really put your own spin on all of the dance moves we're doing. It's fun to improvise a lot more."

Jonathan Uber (Drew) did this show when he was in middle school, but in a smaller role. He notes that he's grown as a vocalist and an actor through Ovation's shows. "I'm more free in my acting and I've come a long way as a singer. I'm excited to bring that authentic rock voice."

Greer Danzey (Stacey Jaxx) knows his parents are looking forward to this production. "They love it. They



are so excited for the show. They keep saying they're going to sing every song!"

Rock of Ages: Teen Edition features a talented cast drawn from all over southern NH and northern MA. This production is led by a creative team that includes a couple of people who remember the '80s: Directors Meg Gore and Ryan Kaplan, Music Directors Ella Burroughs and Kevin Fisher, Choreographer Bethany Cassidy and Stage Manager Audrey Labbe. The cast includes Avenley Allen, Bridget Berry, Hanna

Carroll, Kelly Egan, Michaela Horan, Cooper Jean, Kami Latour, Ava Leahy, Malia Smith, Lizzie Sosa, Dylan Torre-Moody and Eva Zarembo of Londonderry; Emma Cassier, Greer Danzey, Parker Danzey, Kennedy Furner, Lily Genetti, Deontae Lepine, Lorelei Stahl and Allison Zenga of Derry; Avery Barcelos, Quinn Snyder and Jonathan Uber of Hampstead; Adri Dionne, Jackson Kirsch and Jake Pessotti of Chester; Taylor Lowe and Grace Perkins of Auburn; Madison Johnson and Jil-

lian Mastroberte of Windham; Janet Sesay of Manchester; Carson Michael Curtis of Brentwood; Via Richardson-Brown of Dracut, MA; Grace Bellardino of Boxford, MA and Ethan White of Groton, MA.

Rock of Ages: Teen Edition will be presented on Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m., and 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry, NH). Tickets are \$18 through April 26 and \$20 beginning April 27 and are on sale at ovationtc.com.

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On Friday, May 3, at 10

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Friends of the Library - Meet and Greet

Come and meet the "friendliest" Friends in Hudson. At the Rogers Library on Monday, May 6, at 9 a.m.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for people to play Dungeons & Dragons

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Women in Native Culture: Past, Present, Future

On Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m., join Dana Benner (Mi'kmaq/Penobscot/Piqwaket) to discuss the roles women have played and continue to play in Native American Society, as well as current issues facing Native women at the Rogers Library.

Teen Anime Club

Watch Anime and Eat Ramen at Rogers Library on Thursday, May 9, at 2:30 p.m. This club is for teens ages 13-18.

Crime and Cookies

On Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m., join Rogers Library and discuss this month's listen while enjoying a tasty dessert. This month the group will discuss Who Trolled Amber? by Tortoise.

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.

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.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rogers Library to Stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams. Not a formal class, but people willing to

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Cookbook Club

Come to Rogers Library on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m., and prepare a recipe from this month's topic, One Pan Wonders, then engage with others about your recipe adventures.

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.

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Around Town

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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 11 & 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>

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Come to the Mad Hatter Tea Party sponsored by the Hudson Historical Society! This family event will be held at the Hills House on Sunday, May 19, from 1 - 5 p.m. Welcoming parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. and all children. Tea Party attendees will have afternoon tea

with light snacks, create a craft to bring home, and meet characters from Alice in Wonderland including the Queen of Hearts and Alice! This fundraiser will be benefiting the historic Hills House. One adult plus one child is \$25 with each additional adult or child being \$10 a piece. Seats must be pre-bought by May 12. Seating is limited. Contact Jess at HillsHouseTeaParty@gmail.com

Library Fundraiser.

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

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 dates are 5/12, and 6/9. 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.

Coffee and Causes

United Way's next "Coffee and Causes" will take place at St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua, on Friday, May 3 from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This event will be focusing on the NH State Plan on Ageing and St. Joe's will speak about their Behavioral Health Unit. Register at tinyurl.com/May-Coffee. For more information contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or call 603-882-4011.

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 5/16, and 6/13. 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 April 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.

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 A) low-income, and B) living in our Greater Nashua catchment 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. Please email info@unitedwaynashua.org if you have any questions.

PFOA Water Test

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

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 April 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.

EPA

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trator for EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management. "It is a testament to the Biden-Harris Administration's unwavering commitment to advance scientific understanding on methods to remediate, dispose of, and destroy PFAS contamination."

EPA Administrator, Michael Regan, says the rule is the most important action the EPA has ever taken on PFAS.

"The result is a comprehensive and life-changing rule, one that will improve the health and vitality of so many communities across our country," said Regan.

The updated interim guidance retains the 2020 guidance's focus on three existing technologies: un-

derground injection, landfills, and thermal treatment under certain conditions. It also incorporates public comments on EPA's 2020 interim guidance, integrates years of government and private sector work developing and accessing technologies, and highlights innovation and emerging technologies that warrant further evaluation. The new document identifies key data gaps and uncertainties that ongoing research is working to address to achieve efficient destruction of PFAS and minimization of environmental PFAS release. The document calls for actively undertaking more of this important work, including EPA collaborations with the private sector, to inform data-driven decision-making that protects public health and the environment.

This interim guidance is part of the EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap, which describes the agency's commitment to all US citizens to confront PFAS contamination head-on - by following the science, leveraging all available tools and authorities, holding polluters accountable (another question for Londonderry residents, can Saint Gobain still be held accountable, despite closing its local facility?) and investing historic resources to protect communities. For more info about EPA's work to address PFAS and to access PFAS informational tools, visit EPA's Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) website. www.epa.gov/pfas.

The USEPA will accept comments on the interim guidance for 180 days following publication in the Federal Register to help

inform a future update to this guidance. Comments can be submitted to the public docket at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OLEM-2020-0527.

For further information: EPA Press Office (press@epa.gov)

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OBITUARY

Julia Pitarys



Julia Pitarys, 95, of Nashua, NH, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the Courville at Nashua. She was born Feb. 8, 1929 in Nashua, daughter of the late James and Maria Couronis. Julia was also predeceased by her husband; Aristides Pitarys in 1988, her son in law; Richard Rioux in 2006,

as well as by all ten of her brothers and sisters.

Julia was the owner of Hudson True Value for many years and loved serving the community as well as talking with her customers. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and family was the most important thing in her life.

Her loving family includes a daughter; Cynthia Rioux of Nashua, a grandson; Gregory Rioux and his wife Alexandra of Merrimack, NH, a grandson; Nicholas Rioux and his wife Maura of Grafton, MA, four great-granddaughters; Kali Rioux and Elise Rioux of Merrimack, NH, Olivia Rioux and Charlotte Rioux of Grafton, MA as well as two sisters in law; Helen Dabilis and Marlene Couronis.

The family also like to thank the staff at Courville at Nashua for the wonderful care they provided Julia.

All services are private. A memorial mass will be held in St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church in Nashua at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those choosing to make a donation in Julia's loving memory are asked to please consider either St. Philip Greek Orthodox Church Memorial Donation at www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=MWHKYWBG7YU3J or Home Health & Hospice Care at www.hhnc.org/how-to-help/memorial-gifts. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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