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WEEDS AWAY

Resident Deb Donovan assisted in the annual clean up at Benson Park on Saturday, May 18. Her efforts help keep the park looking good and promotes growth. See more photos on page 8. *Photos by Sam Paul*

Site Plan Ok'd After Disagreement on Meaning of Financial Hardship

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on May 15 and saw a delay for an expected continuation of the hearing for the Central Gas Plan at 77 Central Street. The Board voted to defer a presentation for the Gas Plan to their next full meeting.

Another continuation of a past application went forward as scheduled. Bridget Souza from Keach-Nord-

strum was at the meeting to continue a presentation to change the use of the property at 321 Derry Road from a church to a private gym.

"Since our last meeting, there have been some minor site plan changes. We just adjusted the parking stall depths and aisle widths as discussed at our last meeting," said Souza.

Property owners also added "Do Not Enter" and direction signs at the south

end of the parking lot and removed a few parking spaces to meet landscaping requirements, although concerns over meeting the required shrub count meant a waiver request for landscaping requirements.

"We tried to put these shrubs in the best locations possible," Souza explained. "We submitted the waiver request for an unreasonable cost."

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Expanded Mental Health for First Responders Discussed

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Police and Fire Department presented to the Board of Selectmen during its May 14 meeting about a proposal to help with first responders mental health.

"Mental health is a major concern throughout all sectors of the workforce. Police officers and firefighters are susceptible to the same stressors as all employees, plus they face the traumatic stress that comes with being a first responder," Fire Chief, Scott Tice, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "The Police Department has resources for mental health in place already. The Fire Department has a program currently in the draft stage. Both Departments are col-

laborating to improve our programs and share resources to provide service to both departments."

It was explained that the Fire Department applied for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant "to fund some of these programs."

Tice explained they aren't able to start any of the projects that are part of the grant application before the award is made, since it could jeopardize the grant.

"We will move forward with the components of this program that do not jeopardize the grant as funding becomes available," the memo read.

One of the elements of the draft plan is to have annual mental health checkups.

"The purpose of these checkups is to give the

employee an opportunity to get information about stress management and coping mechanisms, general wellness, lifestyle choices, or to discuss any issues they choose," the memo stated. "These checkups can be the first step to ensuring the employee has the information they need to make appropriate choices for their wellbeing in the future. The cost for these checkups is \$150 per visit. Initiating this part of the program is dependent of funding and is part of our grant application."

Police Chief, Tad Dionne, said his proposal is to have similar checkups for the Police Department.

Tice explained that as part of the check-in, it would give them a chance

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Plan to Improve Robinson Pond Beach Area Moves Forward

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission continued an ongoing review process for the permitting fee schedule and improvements to Robinson Pond's boat launch and beach area at their May meeting. Garrison Beck from VHB was there for a presentation on the topic, warning the Commission there could be a lot of red tape before moving the project forward.

"Because Robinson Pond is a nutrient impaired water body, this site had to undergo more intensive planning efforts through the town's MS4 permitting

process," he said. "It's a municipally owned site that was a priority for potential structural stormwater treatment."

Beck had a drafted agreement to pursue the final engineering design for the project, one crafted to meet local, state, and federal requirements. Under a previous agreement with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, a water quality protection plan highlighted the need for an effective way to treat runoff in the area. Poorly controlled runoff can lead to cyanobacteria blooms, a perennial problem at Robinson Pond in recent years.

The plan will include dredging, something Beck noted complicated the permitting process.

"Because this would be a dredge project within a water of the United States, it requires US Army Corps authorization, we expect it would go under the US Army Corps general permit," he said. "Because the project would require federal permitting through the Army Corps, there also comes with it a few more requirements."

One example was the rare species requirement, meaning the pond would need a rare and endangered

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Board of Selectmen Get Briefed on Bridge Repairs

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen received an update regarding the The Taylor Falls and Veteran's Memorial bridges during the May 14 meeting.

"I know this is a hot topic right now," Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said during the meeting.

Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, in a memo to the Board of Selectmen said that the "Taylor Falls and

Veteran's Memorial bridges are in need of rehabilitation and are the responsibility of the City of Nashua and the Town of Hudson."

"We have been working with the City of Nashua to design the rehabilitation of both bridges and have secured federal funds, up to \$2.7 million for the construction phase," Dhima wrote in the memo to the Board of Selectmen. "All the necessary contracts and agree-

ments are in place, and we are planning to start the construction phase on June 3, 2024, and the Veteran's Memorial Bridge will be the first one to be worked on."

Dhima said they were going to do "one lane at a time," and said that they are expecting to have a lot of traffic on 102 saying "and when people get sick and tired of waiting there, they're going to jump on Lowell Road which is a nightmare to begin with."

"We are also planning to have a segment done about this on the WMUR channel," Dhima wrote.

Dhima said there will be an electronic board put up to notify everyone of the traffic change and that there would be a "red alert" sent out as well.

Selectman, David Morin, said there will still be traffic throughout the day with people coming back home from Nashua to Hudson after work.

"Morning will proba-

bly be the most [traffic]," Dhima said.

Dhima said originally the suggestion was to wait until school ends but said it would still be an issue when school starts up again next year.

"It's going to be closed when school opens in September anyways," Dhima said.

He said they wanted to have it going on with school for a bit to get a better sense of how it will impact school traffic, and

if needed they can make adjustments for next year.

Dhima noted that 80% of the project is being paid for by the Federal Government, and then another 10% will be paid by Hudson and the other 10% will be paid for by Nashua.

The funds Hudson will have to pay will be paid for by Bridge Aid Money, he noted.

The Board of Selectmen are slated to meet again on May 28 at 7 p.m.

Plan

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The revised site plan included 21 shrubs and 11 trees on the property.

"I'm still having issues with this landscaping request waiver," said Board member, Victor Oates, who was willing to compromise on the landscaping rule, though not to the level requested by the applicant. "I don't think the waiver as a whole should be granted,

because I do find that there's enough space that could accommodate the landscaping requirement over time."

Other members disagreed, noting that wetlands in the area made it difficult to expand the landscaping without running into different issues.

"I feel the applicant has been doing good working with what they have," said member, Timothy Lyko. "They didn't build the parking lot, so they couldn't

design it the way they wanted to."

"A third of the property is off-limits," member, Ed Van der Veen, agreed, with the space issue. "My only argument is that I don't think it's a financial hardship thing, I think it's a space issue."

Alternate, George Hall, added that the land already lacked green space, as did many of the surrounding properties, although Oates saw this as a failure of the

Planning Board to do its job in enforcing landscaping regulations.

"They're stating a financial hardship, there's no financial hardship," said Oates. "I think we continue to grant waivers that shouldn't be granted."

In response to a direct question on the matter, Souza conceded that the issue was less of a "financial hardship" and more of an "unreasonable cost" considering the shape of the

property.

"Is their cost worth more than the product? Is it even going to be worth it to build? I call that a financial hardship," said Lyko.

Oates responded by saying the "hardship" law should be changed, rather than granting a full waiver if that's the case.

There was also disagreement as to whether shrubs and trees naturally growing in the wetland area might count as "landscap-

ing" for the purpose of zoning criteria. Interim Town Planner, Jay Minkarah, implied this could be okay, although he did not have a solid answer.

The Planning Board eventually voted six-to-one to grant the waiver request and unanimously approved the overall site plan.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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Selectmen Approve Grant Funding For Police Dept.

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen, on a 4-1 vote, approved accepting a grant from the Department of Justice during its May 14 meeting.

"The U.S Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration has granted \$20,000 to the Hudson Police Department to cover salaries and equipment used during the eradication of marijuana in Hudson," Hudson Police Chief, Tad Dionne, wrote in a memo to

the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Hudson Police Capt., David Cayot, that they have received the grant in past history.

"For the past several years the Hudson Police Department has applied for the Department of Justice Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program and has been awarded said grant," Cayot said.

He said the \$20,000 they were awarded was \$5,000 more than what they received last year.

"This is DOJ money that is used for the purposes of suppression efforts including but not limited to the investigation of drug trafficking organizations involved in marijuana production and distribution," Cayot said.

He said the funds that they receive are accepted by states where "marijuana is both legal and illegal."

"California, where marijuana is legal, is actually the highest recipient and has the most arrests and seizures under this grant,"

Cayot said.

Cayot also explained that it's not designed for the investigation and prosecution of the "end user of marijuana."

Last year, Cayot told the Board of Selectmen that \$1,500 of the funds they got from the grant, was used for equipment, which Cayot said "can be used year round outside of the grant, but it was used during the hours we worked this grant."

Cayot also pointed to a number of calls where offi-

cers were involved that they wouldn't normally have an officer on patrol for, including 67 car stops, 19 arrests, a handful of field interviews, and one accident report, among other calls they assisted with.

He also explained that some of the calls lead to the seizure of drugs like fentanyl, cocaine, meth, mushrooms, along with marijuana, noting that the majority of the arrests were for distribution not just possession.

It was explained by

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, that it didn't matter what he thought about marijuana personally and instead his vote was based on helping the department, saying it really comes down to "giving you the tools and the ability and the support to enforce the law."

Selectman, Kara Roy, was the lone dissenting vote against accepting the grant funding.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on May 28 at 7 p.m.

Mental Health

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to talk to a professional for an hour about anything they want from coping mechanisms to career advice.

"Sometimes this is their first step in getting some care they need," Tice said.

One of the areas that Tice pointed to as part of the draft plan would be to have peer support.

"The Fire Department will solicit personnel to become peer supporters when a class becomes available," Tice wrote. "The Police Department has already implemented peer to peer support managed by the police Wellness Officer. Our peer supporters would work with the Police Wellness Officer and police peer to peer supporters to benefit both agencies. The cost for this program can be covered

within our budget but is dependent on volunteers and the availability of the training."

Another aspect is to have leadership and mental health training.

"We will conduct training that informs all employees about issues related to their mental wellbeing," the memo stated. "We will conduct training that is directed at supervisors based on mental wellness issues as they relate to supervision. And we will conduct leadership training to create a supportive culture that reduces causes of stress within the organization. Both

Departments have already conducted some training in these areas, and we will collaborate to train our people in the future. We will be able to proceed with some of the leadership training."

It was noted that the training would be covered as part of the grant if it's received.

Additionally, they would be looking to have a clinician on retainer.

"This service would provide both departments with 24/7 access to a clinician to provide support and consultation during an employee mental health crisis or a critical incident," the memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. "We would also seek to add time

every month to this service for both agencies to share for consultations from the clinician on policy and program development related to wellness, training, consultation for peer teams, and assessing other mental health needs."

It was explained that the cost for the service would be about \$1,200 per month depending on the number of hours they went for.

"Initiating this part of the program is dependent on funding and is part of our grant application. Both departments already have

access to Critical Incident Stress Debriefing service if needed," the memo explained.

In terms of a clinician being on retainer, Dionne said "We never had one on retainer," noting that they use a psychiatrist, which is the same one they use for the hiring process.

Dionne said the idea would be that the clinician would be able to be in the building at various times throughout the month, which would allow the first responders to get to know them. He added that if they are needed

for a crisis then the first four hours wouldn't go towards their billable hours.

In terms of moving forward with the proposal to increase the work around mental health services for the Police Department, Dionne said it is dependent on the budget, while Tice said the Fire Department is waiting to hear back from the grant.

When asked about the time frame for when they expect to find out about the grant, Tice said, "We're hoping June, July time-frame."

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Editorial

A Day of Remembering

This year marks the 69th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War, one of the most divisive periods in our history. For those of us who were alive at that time, we remember a country divided.

On Monday, we mark Memorial Day, which began in the aftermath of another divisive war, the American Civil War, which in some instances literally pitted brother against brother.

For Memorial Day, each town does something special to remember the history with a sense of place being passed on through stories, and those stories bringing to life the sacrifices of the country's military on a day that is meant to do just that.

This year stories will be about a local man and women who have served, are still serving, or lost their life for our freedom.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed in 1868 by General John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. A time when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Evidence of an even earlier day of remembrance comes from records of the decoration of Confederate soldiers' graves by women's groups in the South before the end of the Civil

War. By 1890, the day was recognized by all northern states, while the South honored its dead on a separate date.

Then came World War I, and the day changed to a time of remembrance throughout the country for all who gave their lives in military service for the United States. Many more wars have taken the lives of American servicemen and women since then, including the current fighting in the Middle East. Even though we know our military continues to serve in the line of fire abroad, it's easy to look at Memorial Day as merely another chance for a three-day weekend, an extra day off from work and school, or a time for barbecues, mowing the lawn, and planting the garden. We suggest a different focus.

The Civil War statues, and the cemeteries where tiny American flags stand vigil are visual reminders that thousands of lives have been given in the name of their nation.

Ceremonies in towns across New Hampshire on Monday will center on the symbols, but we encourage you to remember the men and women represented by those symbols, real people who made the ultimate sacrifice. Join in working toward a time when that sacrifice will no longer be needed.

BOS Approves Various Committee Appointments

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the May 14 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regard to a number of re appointments to various committees in town.

For the Cable Utility Committee, the Board of Selectmen voted to reappoint Mike O'Keefe as a member of the Committee with a term set to expire in 2027.

For the Municipal Utility Committee, the Board of Selectmen approved the reappointment of David Leary.

The Board of Selectmen approved the reappointment of two members of the Sustainability Committee, which includes Edward Thompson, along with Karl Huber.

For the Benson Park Committee, the Board of Selectmen, on a unanimous vote, approved the reappointment of Gary Williams as a member of the Committee.

The Board of Selectmen

also unanimously approved the re-appointment of Mike Catanzaro, as an alternate member to the Conservation Commission, with his term set to expire in December 2025.

Aside from the reappointments the Board of Selectmen also heard from a number of people who were nominees for various boards and committees. Those included Alyssa Hanley, for an alternate position on the Sustainability Committee, Ed Vanderveen, who was looking to become part of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission, as a representative from the Hudson Planning Board, along with Timothy Lyko. Those appointments will be voted on during its next meeting, which is the typical procedure.

In personnel news, it was announced during the meeting that at its recent non-public session, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the hiring of Annemarie Grossi, for the Police Department, with

a starting salary of \$22.42 per hour.

Also, during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen heard a proposal from the Hudson Fire Union, who were asking permission to hold MDA Drivers on various dates.

The dates included Friday, May 17, Saturday, June 15, Friday, July 26, Friday, Aug. 23, and Saturday Aug. 24.

"This is something they do on an annual basis," Hudson Town Administrator Steve Malizia told the Board of Selectmen, explaining that they follow all the safety protocols.

He said that they were seeking permission to be out at the intersections of Ferry Street, Derry Street, Chase Street and Library Street, on the dates that they are collecting funds for charity.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the request.

The Hudson Board of Selectmen are set to meet again on May 28 beginning at 7 p.m.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The VFW Hudson Memorial Post 5791 & Auxiliary is holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2024, so add your flags in need of retirement to our many flags we've collected over the past two years. In Hudson, there are collection boxes at the Town Hall (left side door area); HPD lobby, VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd., and Veterans Bingo Hall 14 Melendy Rd. In Londonderry, there is a box at their Town Hall, and in Litchfield, there is one at

the Transfer station. Men died for that flag, folks, so we afford it the honor it deserves with a dignified retirement ceremony.

Quick reminder: if you're doing Spring cleaning and find flags that are worn, soiled, torn or otherwise unfit for service, drop them off at one of our several drop-off collection boxes in Hudson, Londonderry, and Litchfield. We're holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2024, so add your flags in need of retirement to our

many many flags we've collected over the past two years. In Hudson, there are collection boxes at the Town Hall (left side door area); HPD lobby, VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd., and Veterans Bingo Hall 14 Melendy Rd. In Londonderry, there is a box at their Town Hall, and in Litchfield, there is one at the Transfer station. Men died for that flag, folks, so we afford it the honor it deserves with a dignified retirement ceremony.

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Cruizin' for a Cure Takes Place Despite Some Rain



Even though the Cruizin' For a Cure charity car show run by Alvirne High School senior Jack Sherman was hampered by a bit of rain, the Alvirne parking lot was filled with a variety of cars and spectators who were not put out by the weather shift. The show was for Sherman's Senior Capstone Project, a recent addition to the curriculum, with all proceeds from the event going to the Jimmy Fund. Music played, cars were judged and fun throughout the day.

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Board of Selectmen Approve MOU For Water Grant

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen heard a request to approve a memorandum of understanding during its May 14 meeting.

"The Town of Hudson, Pennichuck Water Works, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services have been working together towards the possibility of building a water transmission line that will address the water needs in the region, including Hudson, and are part of the effort by the state to address the forever (pfas) chemicals situation," Town Engineer,

Elvis Dhima, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

During the meeting he said, "As you all know the entire area here has been impacted by the forever chemicals."

He also noted that for the last two years they have been engaged with Saint Gobain, along with Pennichuck Water Works and the State, to come up with long term solutions for how they are going to proceed.

"We are in the process of starting to investigate and analyze where the best location for a river crossing would be, and these efforts

will be funded by the NHDES through a grant program, similar to the grant the Town of Hudson received for the master regional study, currently underway," Dhima wrote.

Dhima said that Pennichuck Water Works, the State, and the town of Hudson have come to an agreement to "get access to about \$500,000 to \$600,000 in grants with no match required by us," Dhima said.

In his memo to the Board of Selectmen, Dhima also noted that the "river crossing investigation will be spearheaded by Pen-

nichuck Water Works, in partnership with the Town of Hudson, and will be 100% funded by the state."

"We're going to be one of two parties making decisions about this particular crossing," he said.

Dhima said the funds would get them to the design phase along with things like permitting.

"We are working to figure out what way we need to go," he said.

Dhima during the meeting said "This is a very good thing," about the grant funding, which requires no matching funds from the town, noting that in order to

move forward they needed to get the MOU approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the MOU.

The Board of Selectmen was also presented with a request to spend donation funds on equipment.

"The Land Use Division currently has a donation account and balance of 11,510.21, which could be utilized for equipment required at this division," Dhima wrote in a memo. "Recently two Fujitsu colored printers/scanners were purchased utilizing the Planning Department Office

Supplies account for the amount of \$5,019.96."

He explained that the Planning Department's Office Supplies account would then be refunded by "transferring funds from the donation account to the Planning Department Office Supplies Account for the amount of \$5,019.96."

"In addition, [the] Engineering Department is in need of additional server storage to provide back up to all the data," Dhima wrote, saying they were looking to allocate \$5,000 of the funds towards it.

The Board of Selectmen approved the requests.

Selectmen Approve Additional Funds For Legal Budget

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen received a quick update regarding the revenue and expenses and how they are doing compared to last year at this time of the year, during its May 14 meeting.

While it was explained by Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, that most of the expenses are generally on track for where they are

at this time of the year, one of the major positives was in terms of revenue.

Malizia explained to the Board of Selectmen that they are about \$243,000 ahead of where they were at this time last year in terms of motor vehicle revenue.

Another major area of positive revenue for this point in the year is the Town's revenue from interest on its investments.

"We are basically at

almost three times the amount of interest now than we were for the whole last year," Malizia told the Board of Selectmen. "So, interest [rates] again as I stated before... are bad for the consumers but they're great for the investors."

While no decisions were made or discussed during the meeting Malizia noted it could give them some options if it holds up and there is extra money at

the end of the year, including being able to provide property tax relief, or having extra funds for projects.

One of the expenses that Malizia pointed to as potentially being over budget, is for the Legal Budget, due to a number of reasons.

"We're going to most likely overrun it," Malizia said.

In a memo to the Board of Selectmen, he explained "A review of the Town's legal budget indicates that the legal budget will be over expended in Fiscal Year 2024."

"As you may recall, the

Board negotiated two (2) labor contracts this year which have contributed to the over expenditure. I am estimating that the over expenditure will be approximately \$25,000," Malizia wrote in the memo to the Selectmen. "I am recommending that the Board of Selectmen transfer funds from the Town Poor account in the amount of \$15,000 and the Selectmen's Contingency account in the amount of \$10,000 to cover this over expenditure."

Malizia noted that one of the issues is that the Budget Committee voted last

year to cut about \$13,000 from their proposed budget, and said they want to make sure they have a "cushion" going into the end of the year.

"Just to be on the safe side," Malizia said.

One piece of positive news Malizia pointed to on the issue is that they recently got a check for some of the legal fees for a recent matter that got resolved.

"We actually received a check for that yesterday," Malizia said.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on 28 at 7 p.m.



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App Now Ready for Use on Local Conservation Trails

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on May 13 to see a demonstration from Ryan Friedman from the Nashua Regional Planning Commission regarding the new trail map application for smartphones.

"You've got your kiosk maps and they have a little QR code on them. What that QR code does is it's going to take you to this app that we created to view the trails online, and also navigate," Friedman explained. "The app is called ArcGISs Field Maps; you can get it for free on your app store of choice."

The app will allow hikers to navigate the distance traveled while tracing their location on a trail. The maps include features like bridges or viewpoints and information about the different paths.

"Where there's a color-coding system out there on the trails, we tried to replicate it," he said. "You click on any trail, and get the name of the trail and the length. You can measure between any two points on the map, or from where you are standing to some other point."

Another feature includes a markup tool, which allows users to customize maps by adding

point markers, lines, and circles. Friedman demonstrated adding a point to represent a downed tree.

"Can people leave comments?" asked Vice Chair, Carl Murphy. "Can you put elevation in for the trails?"

Friedman stated that comments and elevation were not included features, although he left the door open to code in a more interactive app as things develop.

The new maps with QR are not yet posted at trailheads, although the Commission planned to do so soon. The app will see regular updates to reflect any trail changes.

"Great job, this has

been in the works for quite some time," added Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima. "I know it took a while, but I think it was right in the Conservation budget for something like this."

The Conservation Commission also received an invitation to participate in the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC).

"It's a committee formed in part by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals," explained Chair, William Collins, who had past experience with ZORC. "They're looking for a member from the Conservation Commission to sit with them and review the

current zoning regulations, how does it pertain to the community."

He asked if anyone wanted to attend the next ZORC meeting on June 3.

"Knowing some of the zoning regulations is always a good thing, but what we did when I sat on the committee, is we took regulations piece-by-piece and we looked at verbiage maybe, different setback requirements, lighting requirements, things like that, and made recommendations," said Collins.

Whatever ZORC recommends goes to a public hearing and must be approved by Hudson voters before approval. Last year,

the change in the wetland setback from 50 feet to 75 feet is an example of what the committee does every year.

Secretary, Ken Dickinson, was not sure he would make the June meeting but expressed interest in participating in the committee for the rest of the year after that. Other members of the Commission were encouraged to attend at least one meeting to see how things worked.

The next meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Robinson

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species screening run through the Fish and Wildlife Service. There needs to be involvement from the NH Department of Environmental Services to cover state-level permitting.

Other tasks included a wetland permit, alteration of terrain, and a review by the state preservation agency.

"We've basically assumed that we would have to do the most permitting," said Beck.

He conceded that such preparations were a "worst-case scenario" and would try to work to streamline the process wherever possible, like with waivers for local permitting.

There was concern from members of the Conservation Commission that extra work related to permits would not be cheap.

"If the scope gets significantly reduced is there any opportunity to have a reduced cost on this?" asked Secretary, Ken Dickinson. "The way it's laid out, it looks like a major project, like if you were going to permit a shopping center or residential subdivision. I know the cost goes higher because you have more applications involved because you're next to a water body."

Beck confirmed reducing costs might be possible, but only after he talked with state regulators to see whether every permit was necessary.

"If we don't have to do one of those permit applications, we're not going to be charging for that entire task," Beck added.

Town Engineer, Elvis Dhima, warned the Commission that "tedious work" Hudson officials were not equipped to handle.

"As far as the permitting process itself, what are we looking for once the applications for the permits are filled out? What do you think the timeframe, the turnaround, is?" asked Chair, William Collins.

Beck stated that it varied, estimating around 75 for wetland permits. By contrast, he thought the more streamlined Army Corps

process would be faster, closer to 30 days. Ideally, these permits would be submitted simultaneously.

Once the permits are approved, the town will have five years to complete things.

"Something to keep in mind is the fees associated with these permits," the Town Engineer reminded the Commission.

Beyond the cost to complete the permits and develop a final plan, Hudson will likely need to cover half the cost of the project, with the rest coming from grants. Dhima recommended having a solid idea by October when the boat launch project would need support from a warrant article.

As no other companies were interested in bidding

for the job, the Commission voted to waive the bid process. They also voted to approve a formal contract for engineering and permitting services with VHB for an amount not to exceed \$108,750, paid for from the Conservation professional services account.

Both votes were unanimous.



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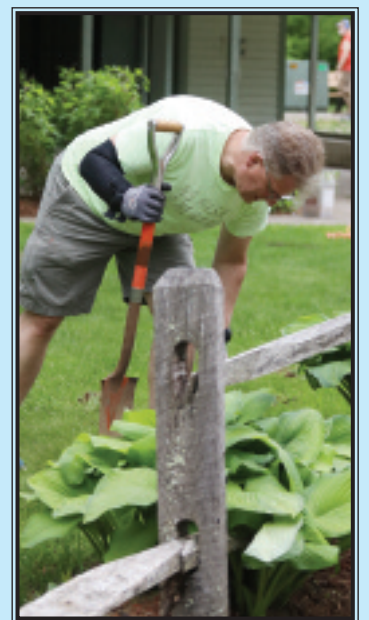
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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Broncos Baseball Get a Walk Off Against South

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne baseball has dug themselves into a hole as far as making a playoff run is concerned, but this week, the Broncos had a chance to dig out of that hole a bit, riding a two-game winning streak and having an opportunity to go 2-1 if they play their cards right, which would keep

them right in the thick of things going into the season's final week. Unfortunately for the Broncos, they fell 10-0 to Bedford on Monday and lost a heart-breaking game 2-1 to Manchester Central-West on Thursday before coming from behind to beat Nashua South in a walk-off on Saturday morning by a final score of 7-6, keeping their

playoff hopes alive.

On Monday, the Broncos hit the road to play the Bedford Bulldogs in a rematch with former head coach and current Bedford pitching coach, Adam Perkins. Perkins and the Bulldogs got the better of the Broncos, taking the game 10-0 in convincing fashion.

The Bulldogs jumped

out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first off Logan Casey and quickly made it 7-0 through just two innings. The game seemed to be destined to be one that sees the dreaded mercy rule come into effect, and sure enough, after the Bulldogs added two runs in the fourth and another in the fifth to make it 10-0, the mercy rule came into effect and the Broncos lost by that score.

After having their game against Nashua South rained out on Wednesday, Alvirne once again took to the road on Thursday to take on Manchester Central-West in a game they should have been able to come out on top of, but unfortunately, the bats went silent and the Broncos fell short 2-1.

The Knights jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning thanks to a two-out walk that later ended in a run as Alvirne ace Mikey Bebris was unable to find the zone, walking two in a row before first baseman Chase Mitchell committed a costly error. They would make it 2-0 in the third before Alvirne was able to answer with a run of their own in the fourth courtesy

of a Logan Casey RBI single.

Despite Bebris only allowing one earned run, the Broncos once again fell to an opponent they should have been able to defeat, and their elimination number dropped to just one. They now needed everything to go perfectly the rest of the way. Concord needed to beat Spaulding on Friday, Alvirne needed to win Saturday the rest of the way, then Concord and Spaulding can't win another game in order for Alvirne to make the playoffs.

After Concord beat Spaulding on Friday, the Broncos made their way to the Alvirne diamond with nothing to lose. With the expectations low, Alvirne fell behind early as the Purple Panthers jumped out to a 3-0 lead entering the bottom of the fourth. The Bronco bats responded, however with two runs in the fourth, and after a run in the fifth for Nashua South, Jameson Kruger hit his first high school homerun to left field that brought the Broncos to within one.

The Panthers got a run in the sixth to extend their lead to 5-3 before Alvirne

rallied in their half of the frame to tie the game at 5-5. Nashua South then responded with a run again in the top of the seventh to take a 6-5 lead before the Bronco bats got to work in their half of the seventh.

After a Mikey McGowan ground out, Jaxon Polleck worked a walk and stole second, Alex Small doubled to center to tie the game at 6-6. Alvirne was unable to finish off the Panthers in regulation, so the teams would head for an eighth inning.

In the home half of the eighth, Jameson Kruger led off with a walk, Max Francisco singled to center, Mikey Bebris reached on an error, and McGowan reached on a fielder's choice that put out the winning run at home, Jaxon Polleck singled to center to give the Broncos a 7-6 walk-off win in eight innings, keeping their playoff hopes alive.

To make the playoffs, Alvirne needs wins against Keene, Londonderry, and Merrimack while Concord has to lose to Pinkerton and Salem, and Spaulding needs to lose to Bedford and Central-West.

Boys Tennis Qualifies for Division I, Girls Miss Playoffs

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne tennis wrapped up their regular season on Friday with the girls' team finishing at 3-11, picking up wins against Nashua South 6-3, Londonderry 5-4, and Merrimack 6-3. The girls finished 13th out of 17 teams in D-I and missed the tournament with a crucial 7-2 loss to Salem in their opening match keeping the girls out of the playoffs.

For the boys team, things went a lot better as they finished with a .500 record, going 7-7 in the regular season and earning the ninth seed out of eleven in

the D-I tournament.

The Broncos will travel to Dover on Wednesday for the preliminary round of the tournament with the winner there going to play first-seeded Bedford in the quarterfinals.

Alvirne's boys' team picked up their wins in streaks throughout the season, losing 7-2 to Keene to open the year before beating Salem 9-0 and Pinkerton 7-2. They then lost to Nashua South 7-2 before winning their next two against Spaulding 6-3 and Manchester Central 8-1. They then lost three straight to Londonderry, Bedford, and

Bishop Guertin before beating North and losing to Exeter and Derryfield. Alvirne wrapped up their regular season on a two-match win streak after beating Merrimack 8-1 and first-round opponent Dover 5-4 on Friday.

The winner of Wednesday's match will play at Bedford on Friday at 4:00 PM. If Alvirne manages to make it past Bedford, they will square off with the winner of Nashua South/Exeter on the road on May 28 in the semifinals. The championship will be held at SNHU on Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 PM.

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Alvirne Softball Sweeps Week, Keeps Playoff Hopes Alive

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's softball team is in a similar spot to baseball in that they entered the week needing a lot to happen in order for them to make the playoffs. They first needed desperately to win their three games during the week against Bedford, Nashua South, and Manchester Central-Memorial, which they did winning 19-3 over Bedford, 10-

0 over South, and 13-2 over Central-Memorial, and they needed Portsmouth and Dover to continue to lose games, which both did.

On Monday, the Broncos played host to the one-win Bedford Bulldogs, taking care of business 19-3 with all 19 runs being unanswered.

Bedford jumped out to an early 3-0 lead thanks to a three-run homer in the top of the first inning. From

there, though, it was all Broncos, as they scored 19 runs over the course of their four turns at-bat including eight extra-base hits, six of them being doubles in addition to homers from Kenzy Pooler and Cory Seigny.

Wednesday, the Broncos did not fall victim to the rainout, and Alvirne took care of the Purple Panthers, winning 10-0 in convincing fashion behind

a huge first inning offensively and great pitching from senior Ashleigh Ducharme.

Alvirne jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first and just about put the game into cruise control from there, not scoring again until they added a run in the sixth on a Kenzy Pooler sacrifice fly the brought Alyssa Abbott home.

The Broncos added four more in the seventh to

move the score to 10-0, which is where the ballgame would come to an end.

On Friday, Alvirne returned home to take on winless Manchester Central-Memorial, and they did their jobs winning 13-2 thanks to excellent pitching in the circle by Kenzy Pooler and the Bronco bats remaining white-hot, putting up 13 unanswered runs with help from homers

from Pooler and Seigny.

In order to keep their playoff hopes alive, Alvirne needs help from Portsmouth and Manchester West-Trinity, as the Broncos lost to both teams earlier in the year, but they will also need to take care of business on their own next week against Keene, Londonderry, and Merrimack if they want to have a shot at the playoffs.

Boys Lacrosse Goes 2-1, Clinches Playoff with Berth

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne boys lacrosse became the first team to clinch a playoff berth this spring after winning their first two games of the week 14-2 over ConVal and 13-4 over Merrimack

Valley before falling 18-9 to the top-seeded Portsmouth Clippers.

On Tuesday, Alvirne was carried by seven goals from Jonovan Santana as well as two from Ryan Tobin and Brandon LaVarnway and Cedrik

Beaulieu, as well as one from Ryan Hurrell. Alvirne was also helped by Brody Orr who won eight faceoffs for the Broncos. Ayden Kelly stopped seven of the nine shots he faced on Tuesday night.

Alvirne quickly turned around to beat Merrimack Valley 13-4 behind six goals from Santana, five from Beaulieu and one apiece from LaVarnway and Chris Darbe. Brody Orr added ten faceoff victories, and Kelly stopped 18 of the 22 shots he faced, earning a stat line looking more like what we saw from Trent Scarborough for the Admirals than a lacrosse goalie.

On Friday, Alvirne

played host to Portsmouth in what was their final home game of the regular season, and they left Veterans Memorial Stadium with a sour taste in their mouths after a 18-9 loss to Division II's number one seed.

The Broncos picked up four goals from Ceddy Beaulieu, two from Jon Santana, and one from Brandon LaVarnway, Chris Darbe, and Ryan Tobin in the loss.

Alvirne will be on the road the rest of the season as they will play at Pembroke Academy on Tuesday and then finish their regular season at Winnacunnet on Friday. These games cannot eliminate the Broncos from playoff contention, but they still mean a lot to the Broncos as they could be the difference between a home game and an away game in the first round.



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Alvirne Girls Lacrosse Drop Both Games, Fall to 0-11

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

After being eliminated last week, Alvirne's girls lacrosse team has been relegated to the role of spoiler, and going against a star-studded Winnacunnet squad and a rebuilding Pembroke Academy crew, the Lady

Broncos fell in both their matches this week, losing to Winnacunnet 20-1 on the road on Monday and 11-1 to Pembroke Academy on Friday.

On Monday, the girls hit the road for a game by the beach in Hampton at Winnacunnet High School, and

unfortunately, it went about as well for the 0-9 Broncos as one would expect when an 0-9 team plays a team that entered at 10-1 with two separate five-game win streaks. The Broncos lost their tenth straight game this season and 31st straight game by a final

score of 20-1 with running clock coming into play very early on in the contest.

On Friday, Alvirne hit the road again for an away matchup against Pembroke Academy, who entered with just three wins, one against ConVal, one against Milford, and one against

Spaulding. This was a team that it felt like Alvirne could, at the very least, stay competitive against.

Alas, the Broncos met the same fate they have met in 10 of their 11 games this season, falling by 10+ goals and seeing a running clock come into the fold.

After falling to 0-11 on the season, the Broncos will play their final home game on Monday where they will celebrate senior night before traveling to Manchester Memorial-West and John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering next week to close out their 2024 season.

United Way of Greater Nashua to Host "Kevin Slattery Memorial Food Drive"

Thirteen food pantries in Nashua and surrounding towns will receive a generous influx of food donations during the first week of June, thanks to United Way of Greater Nashua's annual "Kevin Slattery Memorial Food Drive." This event, held in memory of longtime United Way board member Kevin Slattery, will take place on June 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 10 local stores each day.

"Kevin was passionate

about addressing food insecurity and homelessness," said Mike Apfelberg, President of United Way of Greater Nashua. "This food drive is a testament to his legacy and our ongoing commitment to supporting the community."

Individual volunteers and groups from local faith communities, schools, and charitable organizations are encouraged to help achieve the target of 2,000 lbs. of food donations. Volunteers can register at

<https://tinyurl.com/KSFood-Drive-2024> or contact United Way directly at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603) 882-4011.

Volunteers will engage with shoppers, encouraging them to purchase extra food items to donate. Each store will host up to 8 volunteers to collect food and hygiene products. Nonperishable items needed include canned soup, pasta, tomato sauce, crackers, shampoo, toothpaste, peanut butter, coffee, and rice.

Feeding America reports that 1 in 15 people in NH face hunger, translating to 93,940 food-insecure individuals, including 21,670 children. This drive is part of United Way of Greater Nashua's broader effort to combat food insecurity in the region.

In addition to the food drive, United Way collaborates with Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter to provide fresh food to residents

through daily "Pop-Up Pantries." They also conduct smaller weekly food drives at various stores and offer free grocery delivery to homebound individuals from food pantries.

"With 93,940 food-insecure people in NH, including many children, our work is more crucial than ever," noted Apfelberg. "We're dedicated to fighting hunger and making sure no one in our community goes without."

For more information on how to volunteer or donate, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/KSFood-Drive-2024> or contact United Way of Greater Nashua.

Those interested in donating food to the drive may do so at the following stores on June 8 and 9 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Hannaford Nashua, Hannaford Hudson, Shaw's DW Highway Nashua, Shaw's Main St. Nashua

The food and personal hygiene supplies collected at this drive will go to the following food pantries serving Greater Nashua residents:

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OBITUARY

David C. Howe



David C. Howe, 72, of Nashua, and formerly of Hudson, NH and Chester, NH, passed away suddenly at home Saturday, May 18, 2024.

He was the husband of Mary Ann (Dion) Howe, to whom he was married for 52 years.

Born and raised in Lynn, MA, Mr. Howe attended Alvirne High School in Hudson. He worked for more than two decades as an auto body technician and later as auto body shop manager at Gateway Volkswagen in Nashua. He was employed most recently in automotive sales at Werner Mazda in Manchester, NH.

An avid trout fisherman and hunter, David was a longstanding member of Lone Pine Hunters Club in Hollis, NH. For many years, he especially enjoyed making annual deer hunting excursions with friends in South Carolina. In his retirement, he used his creative talents to fashion homemade bird baths, and looked forward to yearly vacations with his wife, children, and grandchildren in Siesta Key, FL, where he could be found grilling, relaxing in the pool, and swimming in the ocean. At home, his beloved hobbies included landscaping his yard, playing board games, and cooking meals for family and friends. Most of all, he enjoyed admiring the view of his garden oasis from the back yard swing with his wife. He was known by those who loved him for his generosity, quick wit and sense of humor, and handiness around the house and garage. In his own words, "There is no problem too small or too large that I can't solve, because I am Papa."

The son of the late Ralph E. and Cora E. Howe of Hudson, he is survived by his wife Mary; daughters Maureen A. Granger and companion James Villemare of Hudson, and Kelley A. Paquin and companion Craig Adrian of Bedford, NH; brothers Ralph Howe Jr. of Litchfield, NH, and Stephen M. Howe of Virginia Beach, VA; and grandchildren Samuel J. Paquin of Nashua, Thomas S. Granger of Hudson, Elise M. Paquin of Clarksville, TN, and Lilah B. Paquin of Bedford; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends, and neighbors.

Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, May 22 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home. A Service of Remembrance with prayers was held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, May 23 in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, followed by burial in Saint Patrick Cemetery in Hudson. 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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Low Mow Spring: Give Your Lawn (And Your Wallet) A Break

Have you ever heard of the No Mow May movement? No Mow May is a recent annual campaign started by Plantlife. The goal of this campaign is to discourage people from mowing their lawns during early spring, some people simply refer to this as Low Mow Spring. Why pump the brakes on mowing? A key benefit is giving diverse plant species the time to grow to sustain native pollinators just emerging from hibernation. Flowers are already scarce during early spring, especially in cities or suburban areas, so waiting to mow your lawn could help bees and other critters get the boost of nutrients they need early in the season. A natural lawn will help support different native species of flowering sprouts, thus helping local pollinator populations.

And, hey, the time you'll be saving by not mowing will amount to more time available to rest

and relax in your yard and garden. In addition to time, you will also be saving money by not using gas for the lawnmower, not using fertilizers and not watering your lawn as often as usual. Taller grass develops longer and stronger roots, which means less water will evaporate from the ground and the overall drought tolerance of your lawn will increase. The EPA has noted that lawnmowers and other gasoline-powered lawn/garden equipment release harmful and hazardous air pollutants, so taking a break from mowing will also be beneficial toward your health and local air quality.

A Few Alternative Low-Mow Lawn Styles

The No Mow May movement is a great concept for helping local bees, butterflies and other insects, but is there a way to keep this movement throughout the year without sacrificing

the look of a beautiful lawn? Well, there are many kinds of alternative lawn styles. Choosing specific plants to implement into your yard could help ease your yardwork load during the warmer months. For example, switching out turfgrass for another type of ground cover will help with less mowing during the year. Also, adding sections of additional biodiversity and flowers into your yard will shrink your lawn size, thus making mowing quicker and less harmful. Plus, an alternative lawn will be popular with bees and other beneficial insects and animals year-round.

White Clover Lawns

All-clover lawns, or hybrid grass and clover lawns, are a simple and sustainable option for a low-mow maintenance lawn. Clover is not just a pesky weed; it actually has a lot of lawn potential. This plant manages to remain a

vibrant green even throughout the hot summer, and the white clover flowers are a favorite of the bee population. White clover provides a lush green cover for your yard from spring through fall. It is also a natural fertilizer as it creates its own nitrogen supply in the soil that also helps keep your regular grass looking green and fresh. Plus, it's affordable. Clover seeds are quite inexpensive and will only need to be reseeded every couple of years to keep them looking full and thick.

Moss Lawns

Moss is certainly an unconventional lawn alternative, but in shaded and acidic areas of your lawn, consider letting the moss blanket stay! It usually grows where turfgrasses have a weak presence, and its soft texture makes for a comfortable ground cover

that requires very little to no maintenance. It is also a great home for pollinating insects to take shelter in. Moss is a unique plant and will require no weeding, fertilizing, mowing or watering from you.

Meadow Lawns

Meadow lawns or "tap-estry lawns" are easily the most biodiverse and pollinator-friendly lawn alternative there is. While grasslands are defined as having more than 50% grass cover, meadows contain more than 50% "forb" cover. Forb includes wildflowers and some non-flowering native plants like ferns. Meadows only require mowing a couple of times per year to increase plant diversity and they require significantly less watering than a regular turf lawn. These lawns are visually appealing, cost-effective, low maintenance and great

for the environment.

Hybrid Lawns

Who said you need to choose just one type of lawn style? Some prefer the traditional look of a turf lawn, which is A-okay. If this is more of your style, consider setting aside just a small section of your yard for wildflower growth, clovers, or any kind of garden. Additionally, there are specific no-mow/low-mow grass species that keep the "green blanket" look of a traditional lawn.

There are a multitude of benefits to choosing a no-mow/low-mow alternative to traditional turfgrass. Not only will it save you time and money in lawn upkeep, but integrating diverse plants into your yard will make a difference in the overall health of your lawn while helping local pollinators too.

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Memorial Day Parade

The American Legion parade in honor of Memorial Day will start at 2 p.m., on Monday, May 27, at the Hudson Mall, and proceeds to the Library Park/Town Common where there are speeches and placing of flowers at the Veterans Memorial. Those who wish to march should meet in the Hannafords Parking lot at 1:15 p.m. The parade then reforms and heads to the American Legion where the parade ends.

Field of Flags

The annual Field of Flags at Library Park is set up. The Flags will remain up until just after Flag Day. Thanks to the Town of Hudson for their continued support and Alvirne High School AFJROTC Cadets for their assistance in setting up. The Field has grown to almost 200 flags this year. Over the next few days weather permitting you will see our members adding more lights to cover the flags, and

inspecting them daily over the next month.

Party Affiliation Change Deadline

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting in Town Hall Tuesday, June 4, from 7 - 7:30p.m. To change your party affiliation before the State Primary Election. The public is welcome. Please use the side door entrance and proceed downstairs.

A Good Yarn

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

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow people Dungeons & Dragons players? Come to the Rodgers Library and grab a donut on Saturday, June 15 and 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Cookbook Club

On Tuesday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m., join the Rodgers Library to sample and discuss recipes from popular cookbooks and food themes. June's cookbook is "Treasures Of The Mexican Table:

Classic Recipes, Local Secrets" by Pati Jinich.

Family, Memory, Place: Writing Family Stories

Come to Rodgers Library on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m., for his interactive workshop led by Maura MacNeil. It explores how the landscapes of our lives shape the stories that we tell.

Rodgers Readers

On Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m., Come join the Rodgers Library for a book discussion on "Murder Your Employer: The McMasters Guide to Homicide (Vol.1)" by Rupert Holmes.

Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, June 8 at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rodgers Library and

stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams. Not a formal class, but people willing to help.

Story Safari

Come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles. It will take place on Tuesdays, June 11, and 25 at 10 a.m., Thursdays, June 13, 20, and 27 at 10 a.m. All ages welcome. Geared to ages 3-8.

Native Wars: The Untold Story

New England history is full of confrontations between Native people and the settlers. Join Rodgers Library Circulation Librarian Dana Benner on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m., to take a look at a few of these con-

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Preschool Water Play

Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rodgers library lawn on Wednesday, June 12, and 26 at 10 a.m.

Access Wisdom Book Club

On Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Library, certified life coach Diane MacKinnon leads a club highlighting books that help us gain more access to our own wisdom. This month's book is "Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone" by Brené Brown.

Genealogy Club

This month, on Friday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m., Rodgers Library will have a research jam session. Either join from home on Zoom or bring your device and do some research in the community room with fellow genealogists whom you can ask for advice.

Library Birthday Party

Rodgers Memorial Library's 15th Birthday Party will take place on Saturday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m. Please join for a lunchtime party celebrating 15 years of reading, learning, making friends, and inspiring ideas. The festivities will include music and dancing, food, laughter, and fun while reminiscing about the past and look forward to exciting chapters yet to come.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

You know you love it - murder, mystery and mayhem all in one place. This month's book pick is "Death by Cashmere" by Sally Goldenbaum. The club will meet on Monday, June 17 at 1 p.m., at Rodgers Library.

Tween Anime and Ramen

On Monday, June 17 at 3 p.m., come to Rodgers Library to relax, color, and

snack with us while watching anime and talking about your favorite manga and animated series. For students entering grades 5-8.

Concert: Let's Play Music

On Monday, June 17 at 6 p.m., come hear young local musicians from Let's Play Music share their musical talents with you at an outdoor concert at Rodgers Library.

Steve Blunt at Benson's

On Tuesday, June 18 at 10 a.m., Mr. Steve will be under the pavilion near the pond. Bring chairs or blankets and be prepared to move and groove.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind

On Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m., join the Rodgers Library for this information session with Guiding Eyes for the Blind and learn how dogs are trained.

Family Candy Bingo

On Monday, June 24 at 10 a.m., come play BINGO with the whole family and win candy at Rodgers Library.

Rolling Video Games

On Thursday, June 20 at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m., the Rodgers Library will host a video game trailer equipped with widescreen high-def TVs and speakers in front and back! For students ages 9-12 at 5 p.m., and 6 p.m., 12-18 at 7 p.m.

Teen Candy Bar Bingo

On Friday, June 21 at 1:30 p.m., Play BINGO and win candy at Rodgers Library! For teens entering grades 9-12.

Lithuanian Cooking

On Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m., join Chef Oonagh Williams for a program on Lithuanian cooking at Rodgers Library. She will demonstrate several Lithuanian dishes.

Characters & Cocoa

Come to the Rodgers Library on Thursday, June 20

at 5:30 p.m. for Characters & Cocoa. This is a monthly group for writers to socialize and talk about the craft. The emphasis will be more on discussion than workshoping. Hot chocolate will be served.

Tween Candy Bar Bingo

On Monday, June 24 at 1:30 p.m., Play BINGO and win candy at Rodgers Library! For teens entering grades 5-8.

Read 'Em & Eat

Come to T-Bones on June 24 at 7 p.m., 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 Guncle" by Steven Rowley.

Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m., Join the Rodgers Library for the third Tuesday of every month for an in-depth discussion of quality best-selling fiction and non-fiction books including biographies. This month's book is "Hell of a Book" by Jason Mott.

The Silver Circus

On June 25 at 1:30 p.m., Andrew Silver explores the concept of perseverance as he is faced with the daunting task of presenting a full circus show all by himself at the Rodgers Library. Featuring tons of audience participation.

True Crime Podcast Club

Crime & Cookies! True Crime Podcast Club will meet on June 27 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month podcast is "American Scandal Season 56: Aaron Hernandez: A Football Tragedy" and "Root of Evil: The True Story of the Hodel Family and the Black Dahlia."

Teen Paint Night

Hang out and paint with watercolors or acrylic on June 27 at 6 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. Try out new tools and techniques. No experience required. Ages 13-18 only.

Brunch Bunch

Eat pancakes and talk about books you love (and books you love to hate) on June 28 at 11 a.m., at Rodgers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades.

Family Movie

Come watch Shrek on June 28 at 1:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library. Enjoy snacks and coloring pages while watching.

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 rodgerslibrary.org

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.

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 contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

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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 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 May 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.

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.

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