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FIELD OF HONOR

Although the annual Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to weather, about 200 flags were set up at Liberty Park to honor Hudson's veterans. The flags were set up on May 18 by members of American Legion Post 48 along with the Alvirne AFJROTC Cadets. They will remain there until Flag Day.

Photo by Chris Paul

Police Look To Waive Bid Process on HVAC System

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen heard a proposal during its May 21 to allow for a waiver from the bidding process for the HVAC system at the Police Department, and to approve the contract to Control Technologies Inc. to complete HVAC improvements including the installment of a new JACE System, five VAV units and room sensors.

"The existing HVAC system has outdated software and control systems which are no longer available for upgrade or replacement, due to age," Police Chief, Tad Dionne, wrote in a memo.

He said the project would be a total of \$39,714.00 "which we are seeking to fund through the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund."

Dionne said essentially,

they were looking to be able to waive the bidding process so they can have one company handle all of the HVAC systems within the Police Department, and to be able to go with the company they have used for many years saying "our particular system has been maintained by Control Technologies for 30 years."

"They're also agreeing to do the maintenance on

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District Projects Bids Get Approved by School Board

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed a number of proposals to award various different contracts, during its May 20 meeting.

One of the projects was for the Alvirne High School fire door replacement.

It was explained by Director of Facilities, John Pratte, that they received three different bids.

"This bid includes removal and disposal of nine sets of existing fire doors, installation of new fire doors and hardware," Pratte wrote.

He said they were recommending awarding the bid to New England School Services, Inc. in the amount of \$48,600.

The budget for the fire door replacement for the FY 25 budget is \$68,000.

It was unanimously approved by the School Board to award the contract to New England School Services, Inc.

Another project was for the Alvirne High School Kitchen HVAC renovation project, which the school district received two bids.

"This bid includes full installation and commissioning of 3 rooftop HVAC systems at the AHS Kitchen (previously named Checkers), excluding electrical work to be done with in-house staff," Pratte wrote.

He said they recommended awarding the contract to Wicked Cool Mechanical, LLC, which had a bid for a total of \$97,560.

"The FY25 budget for the kitchen renovation is \$250,000, a portion of which was intended to be utilized

for this purpose (anticipated at around \$100,000)," Pratte wrote.

The School Board approved awarding the contract.

For the District Wide Waste Disposal request for proposal, the school district received one bid.

"This bid includes routine scheduled disposal of waste and recyclables for all Hudson School District buildings," Pratte wrote. "The facilities department has been very satisfied with the level of service provided by Casella Waste Services over the last five years. Casella's professional service team has played an integral role in developing a waste removal program that provides cost saving opportunities by reducing

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Committee Looks for Solutions on Dog Park Upkeep, Condition

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Committee opened its May 16 meeting to address the deteriorating condition of the dog park at Benson Park, which members worried was growing unsafe for both dogs and people.

"I go to the dog park every day, but in the five years that I've been going down there, you've lost more than 90% of the grass down there, you've lost more than 50% of the dirt that's in there, and all you've got left is rock," said member, Gary Williams. "There's pieces of asphalt in there that are breaking up. I

can't see another five years of this lasting the way it is."

Part of the problem came from rain washing dirt away during rainy months.

He talked to local company Sunshine Paving to fix some of the asphalt while adding a dry well to improve drainage. The company offered to pave the asphalt at a discount, although Williams did not have an accurate idea of what the cost might be.

"The reason I'm bringing this up now, is because we're losing this real fast. We have to get the water stoppage done now," Williams emphasized in response to an email from the

Department of Public Works that no money was available for the project before July 1. "We have to do something quickly. Let's start with trying to get the water diverted."

Public Works will need to do a study on where the dry well should be for a longer-term fix, although Williams raised the possibility of trying to redirect the flow of water toward the nearby parking lot.

Joe Undercoffer of 137 Musquash Road was pessimistic about being able to easily redirect water or dig a dry well.

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Accepting New Customers

School Board OKs Financial Requests For Alvirne Trustees

ALEX MALM
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At the May 20 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regard to requests for funding from the Alvirne Trustees.

Alvirne High School Principal, Steve Beals, explained that before they went in front of the Trustees asking for funding, he needed to get approval from the School Board first.

"These are the fewest Trustees requests I've had in 12 years," Beals said.

He explained during the meeting that staff and faculty are able to make requests for consideration.

"They can come from anybody in the Alvirne fac-

ulty or staff," Beals said.

One of the requests from the School Administration is for \$8,000 for in-school speakers. Beals explained that the funds would help them with paying for different fees for speakers that they want to bring in to speak to students.

Another proposal from the Administration was for the 75th anniversary year-book montage, with a price tag of \$7,000.

For the Senior Capstone Community Support request, Beals explained that they were asking for \$2,500. He added that the Trustees like to give back to the community and said a lot of the Capstone projects

do things to give back to the community. He noted that sometimes the students are looking for seed money for their projects.

"The trustees love to incorporate a student cause into future student learning," Beals said.

A request from the Class Act Theater was for a theater microphone system for \$27,500, and the Media Center requested \$4,000 for a color poster printer.

Another event Beals said that the Trustees like to support is the Quinceanera Dance, which had a \$2,000 request from the World Language Department.

"The Trustees love that event," Beals said.

For the CTE Center, \$3,500 was requested for the floral shop display cooler, and \$2,000 was requested for the greenhouse plant tables/ benches.

For the Alvirne Farm, \$8,000 was requested for expanded farmyard fencing, and \$39,000 was requested for a krone easy cut hay conditioner.

In total the request was \$103,500, for all the different proposals.

The School Board approved allowing Beals to present the requests.

Also during the meeting, the School Board was presented with a bid request for camera upgrades at Alvirne High School.

"Minuteman Security & Life Safety has provided government procurement pricing to upgrade the AHS camera monitoring system," Director of Facilities, John Pratte, wrote in a memo to the School Board. "AHS currently has various outdated cameras and has areas where there is no monitoring coverage. Minuteman Security & Life Safety is affiliated with the MHEC Purchasing Cooperative Network of which the Hudson School District is a member. The provided quote includes the installation of 29 new cameras, cabling, licensing, and a new computer server."

Pratte noted that IT Director, Kevin Peterson,

"has reviewed the scope of work and proposed equipment to ensure the system will integrate properly with our current hardware."

"The School District applied for, and was awarded, a NH Safe Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to fund this project," Pratte said. "Additional funds required to complete the project will come out of the FY25 operating budget. We recommend the School Board award this project to Minuteman Security & Life Safety in the amount of \$102,218.50."

It was unanimously approved by the School Board to award the contract to Minuteman Security & Life Safety.

HVAC

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our new HVAC system," Dionne said.

He said it will also be important to make the move in order to have the old and new system be able to work together, which they would be able to do by making the upgrade. Currently, the two systems are not able to talk to each other, which limits

what they are able to do.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, asked if it was an immediate need.

"Would a bid process prevent you from being able to do things that you need done," she asked.

Dionne said it isn't necessarily urgent, but said he doesn't want a failure to occur.

"The whole idea is to avoid this (from) being a

catastrophe, it's not a catastrophe at this point," Dionne said.

Jakoby said she thinks they needed to have more information about the need to waive the bid.

"I'm just probably going to vote against the motion to waive the bidding process just because of where I'm sitting right now with the information I have," Jakoby explained.

It was also raised by Dionne, if he does go to a bidding process and Control Technologies Inc. is the highest bidder, if they could still award the contract to them saying "because they've been servicing the building for 30 years and that's what I feel comfortable with."

"Would that be a situation where you'd vote against it," he asked.

Jakoby explained after reviewing the rules, she noticed that they could pick the higher bidder if there are unique features.

"So, there's always some flexibility within the bidding process," She said. "But it's important for the bidding process to see the options."

Board member David Morin, made a motion to allow for the waiving of the

bid process, however, a second wasn't received, so no vote was taken, and the motion failed.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said he would suggest they have specific things in the bid requirements for what they are looking for such as "familiarity with certain systems," and other features.

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Editorial

For Graduates and Their Parents

For a brief period each June, in homes across the country, worries about mortgages, jobs, and everything else that defines daily life, pauses. All these worries are put on hold for one of those memorable moments in a child's life such as high school, college, kindergarten, trade school graduation, a stepping stone in the path of their future.

That occasion tells parents they can't ignore the passage of time. The trusting eyes of the tiny baby who looked up at them or the small hand they held on the first day of school, now belongs to a young adult who dons a cap and gown this month and heads for the stage to accept their diploma.

We rarely see ourselves getting older, with our own high school graduations seeming so far away. There's no doubting the rushing by of time when you hear the name of your child announced as a member of the graduating class.

For parents, bittersweet is one of the words that mark the occasion. Others are pride and happiness, along with sadness that this stage of your child's life and your own is gone for good.

For the members of the Class of 2024, this moment marks the end of the last days of childhood. While

they may never have it so good again, the graduates are now officially on the path to building a life for themselves, whether the next step involves college, work, travel, or military service. They're on the doorstep of being on their own person, responsible for their own decisions and for what their life becomes.

It sounds appealing and it certainly is, but it's serious business too. The life we make for ourselves on our own is the only one we'll have. Just as it is for parents, graduation is a rite of passage for the graduates themselves that's what all the robes, decorations, and parties signify. It isn't called commencement by chance. It's the beginning of the rest of your life, and not much is more exciting or scary than that.

Our advice? Consider what lies ahead as well as where you've been. Think of what has gone into all the years that brought you to this wonderful occasion. Be safe. As you're focusing on the future, don't forget to thank those who helped you reach this landmark. And remember to cherish each day as you live it. Make good choices and think about the ripple effect of those choices.

Congratulations, and best wishes for a wonderful, exciting future. And most of all be safe.

School Board Approve Changes to Expense Reimbursement Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

A revised policy related to expense reimbursements was given its final approval during the May 20 Hudson School Board meeting.

The policy change came following a 3-2 vote in March to reject the original proposed rewrite of the policy.

Business Administrator, Jen Burk, explained previously that the district had a different policy than the districts around them. She explained at the time that when they get employees from other districts, they have some who are confused and possibly concerned "with the board component to this."

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

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

The policy now states that "Hudson School District personnel who incur expenses in carrying out their authorized duties may be reimbursed by the Dis-

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

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

It explains in the new policy that for employees that wants to request to be reimbursed "for travel expenses incurred under this policy must complete a travel expense reimbursement form, to be submitted along with the pre-approved purchase requisition, all original, itemized, final receipts, and approval confirmations for all expenses, to the SAU Business Office within fifteen (15) days upon returning from the trip."

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

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

ment as outlined above." It was noted during a previous meeting that they had language added to the proposed policy related to international travel.

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

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

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

The Hudson School Board is set to meet again on June 3.

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Starbucks Could Come to Hudson Mall Shopping Center

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on May 15 to hear a new site plan application request from Earle Blatchford, Senior Project Manager from Hayner/Swanson, to build a Starbucks at 77 Derry Road. He was representing the property owner, Dan Gordon, Manager of Hudson Vickery Leasing.

"We're seeking site plan approval for a proposed drive-through coffeeshop and restaurant, which is going to be a Starbucks, and the pertinent site improvements to be located within the existing parking lot at the north end of the Hudson Mall," Blatchford explained. "It's located on the east side of Derry Street, it's abutted on the north, east,

and south by St. Patrick's cemetery and on the westerly side of Dery Road, it's abutted by several small commercial uses, the entrance drive into the Abbott Farms Condominium, and two small single-family residences at the north end."

The proposed hours of operation are Sunday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. As the coffee shop is going into an existing shopping center, utility connections are readily available and are not expected to be much of an issue. The slightly modified current plan will have 2,465 square feet, one story restaurant with 20 additional parking spaces at Hudson Mall.

The property owner also asked for a waiver for the request allowing them to build without the required

number of parking spaces. Technically, Hudson Mall should have 644 spaces, although it only has about two-thirds of this number and will have 421 spaces with the current plan. According to a report, the lot regularly has open spaces.

Board members had a few questions about the proposal.

"When you were doing your traffic survey, did you consider the traffic inside the parking lot area, the illegally parked cars that block the roadway, and particularly near the signalized intersection, where you have cars that pull out into traffic because there's no barrier to prevent them from going around?" asked Vice Chair, Jordan Ulery.

Blatchford could not

answer the question, although he pointed out traffic engineers made no note of that problem when inspecting the parking lot.

Board member, Victor Oates, asked for a more comprehensive parking and traffic study, saying he "saw a lot of issues with the traffic." Oates wanted to see the study cross-reference with other Starbucks in the area. Over 200 cars are expected to go in and out of the shop during peak hours.

"This is specific to this area, and this site," said Blatchford, who did not see the point in comparing Hudson Mall to other places.

Alternate Board member, George Hall, was concerned the parking lot analysis was not accounting for everything.

"What I think this analysis should be is Starbucks new parking lot and

what usage that parking lot is going to need, combined with two stores at the back of that building," said Hall, referring to the back parking lot, which abutted two other businesses. "Talking about parking in the front is meaningless to me."

Much of the criticism was that the parking study did not focus on the area around Starbucks, which would likely have a disproportionate number of customers during rush hour, possibly at the expense of nearby establishments.

"If you're looking for a waiver of that parking requirement, it sounds like there's a desire of this Board to prove that end of the parking lot will handle the sustained parking of businesses," said Chair Tim Malley.

Members of the public also had concerns about

parking.

"To me, even though you have an underutilized parking lot right now, what happens in two years, or three years, or sometime in the future if that plaza becomes fully occupied?" asked Todd Boyer of 2 Merrill Street. "I also have an issue with the traffic study in the packet."

He claimed the information used for trip generations coming in was outdated and from outside NH.

In his response, Blatchford stated that removing parking spaces in the back was necessary to make room for loading trucks.

The applicant was expected to return with revision at the next Planning Board meeting.

That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

Dog Park

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spot in that parking area, we were in there with a loader back in 2012," said Undercofler. "That whole area is all one solid piece ledge."

He had trouble breaking up the underground rock deposits in the area, even with heavy equipment.

"I was part of the original dog park committee, that whole dog park was put there as a volunteer effort, we had fundraising," Undercofler explained, going into the history of the park.

"Around 2016-17, the dog park committee, which was a subcommittee of the Benson Park Committee, disbanded. At that time, the Board of Selectmen decided they were going to put a lock on the gate, there'd be no more dog park."

Undercofler eventually got the park re-opened by independently working to keep the park maintained and asking for help in keeping the trash cans empty when traveling after retirement.

"I think it's amazing you've done it for so many years," said Sarah Petk-

iewicz. "Is there a landscaping company that would donate their time?"

She offered to put up a sign for advertising to see if anyone would be interested, although it was unclear how feasible that plan might be. As with moving forward for fixing the flow of water, cost is an issue. Historically, Hudson does not allocate money for upkeep.

Chair, Jack Madden, promised to meet up with Undercofler later to write down what needed to be done while seeing what the Park Committee might do to help.

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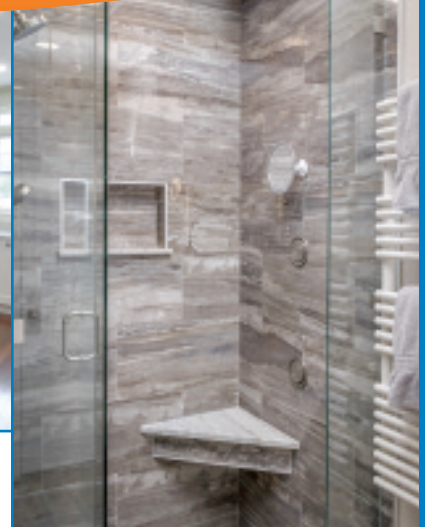
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Flooded Hamblett-Nash to be Focus of June Trail Work Day

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HUDSON TIMES

The latest meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission saw members work towards restoring the partially flooded Hamblett-Nash Trail along Musquash Pond for Hudson hikers.

“There’s nothing we can do on that stretch of the trail without materials,” said Chair, William Collins. “It is pretty nasty out there, about 300 yards up the trail you walk into quite a bit of mud with a lack of drainage up there.”

He planned to bring in materials to raise the flooded trail with drain tile to allow the water to pass through. The Town Engineer offered his help, along with whatever help Public Works was willing to spare.

“If you guys can send me some information about what this is, I can ask Public Works if they’re willing to help out,” said Elvis Dhima. “If I can go out there to have a look with the Public Works Director, and if you guys are willing to pay for the materials, we can figure

something out.”

The Chair confirmed the Commission was more than willing to pay for the materials and would appreciate whatever help they could get.

“You can see where a stream kind of got rerouted, you can see the scarring,” said Ken Dickinson, explaining the cause of the damage.

Repairs were scheduled for the June Trail Work Day set for the morning of Sunday, June 16. Anyone interested is en-

couraged to volunteer.

The Commission received important paperwork for a proposed culvert improvement project at 77 Lowell Road.

“There’s a five-foot steel pipe currently located underneath the T-BONES property, the plaza. It serves Second Brook, the water goes from one side of Lowell Road to the other,” Dhima explained. “It bottle-necks, basically to this old chimney pipe they got from an old building in the 70s, and when they were doing

T-BONES and there were no requirements and it was allowed, they dropped the pipe in, they backfilled it, slapped a building over it, and here we are 50 years later in need of this thing to be reworked.”

The area has had trouble with sinkholes and occasional flooding caused by the outdated pipe during heavy rainstorms. The property owners were hoping for the permit to install a fiberglass pipe within the existing pipe to reduce the flow of water toward Lowell Road.

“They’re moving a lot of water across the parking lot, that stream flows probably 3-400 gallons per minute,” Collins noted.

The Town Engineer was unsure whether state officials would approve the fiberglass pipe, nor did he seem to think it was a permanent solution to the problem.

Nobody from the Conservation Commission had any major questions or concerns with the proposal, although the Chair encouraged other members to review the permit application.

Conservation Commission Look into Potential of Trail Grant Program

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission discuss the potential of NH’s Trail Grant Program at their latest meeting.

“How this came about was, I’ve been walking up the trails a lot lately and I was at Rangers Town Forest, where we had a major tree harvest done last year,” said Chair, William Collins. “I looked at the property like a kind of a blank canvas, so I went online I started looking at possible fund-

ing for maybe some improvements out there.”

He found the Trail Grant Program through the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources as a possible funding source. The Program allows towns to apply for a project where 80% of the cost is funded by the grant. The money comes from a mix of state and federal sources.

“All they require is that you have a 20% matching grant. So, if you have some big projects, you can go apply up to \$80,000 for a

job, or you can, I believe, apply for as little as \$10,000,” said Collins. “I took the time to go up to Concord and attended a workshop to learn a little bit more about the program. The current grant cycle ends June 14, so I think it’d be a little premature to jump on the bandwagon this quickly if we didn’t know what we wanted to do. But seeing as there is money available every year, and the money differs in amounts, I was thinking that maybe we

should look a little closer at some of our conservation properties.”

Grants work on a reimbursement basis rather than giving town money upfront and are not designed for long-term, multi-year projects. The Chair brought up how Rangers Town Forest needs new bridges, trail work, and grading, although he encouraged others to come up with different suggestions.

Commissioner, Ken Dickinson, also singled out the Hamblett-Nash trail as a target, owing to flooding in the area that came from a waterway being rerouted.

“It’s prohibitive for a lot of people to use that trail right now because of the

amount of water on it, and mud and whatnot,” said Dickinson. “I think that’s an easy sell to get a grant awarded as a result because it’s nothing we did; it came from another source.”

He added that Hamblett-Nash was a heavily used trail requiring a comprehensive solution that might be more expensive compared to some other possible projects.

The only concern was that Hamblett-Nash had already been identified as in need of immediate improvement. Even with an application before the June deadline, money for the Program would not come until 2025 at the earliest.

“I think over the next

couple of meetings, we should start really putting together a list,” said Collins. “Let’s not bite off more than we can chew.”

“We’d have to define the scope of work,” Dickinson added.

The Trail Grant Program has few limitations on use. The Chair mentioned kiosk replacement, parking lot refurbishment, wheelchair accessibility, and secondary uses like cross-country skiing as projects that might win approval with the right presentation.

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.



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Integra Volunteers Thanked For Help at Benson Park

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The Benson Park Committee of Hudson opened its May 16 meeting with a report from Chair, Jack Madden, on a recent lead paint, mold, and moisture inspection for the old train station. Efforts to identify and eventually solve airborne dangers within the station have been a perennial issue for the past few months.

"I've spoken with the contractor who did the work, he noted that he would like all of us to go

through the stuff sent out for us to review it," said Madden, referring to a copy of the report. "We are going to take a day when we can come together, and we will go through what we've got. When there's a higher level of work that needs to be addressed, we'll do that."

He emphasized there is still work to be done before the train station will be safe for public access.

A fully updated, GPS trail map for Benson Park was revealed to the Committee following the addition of previously missing

location names.

"It's something we've been working on for a bit," said Madden. "I am so happy we have finally got that moving along."

He planned to enlist the informal help of the police and fire chiefs to run a joint exercise based on the map. There were few concrete details on when this would happen, although it was probably "months out," according to the Chair.

New member, Gary Willaims, and Selectmen Liaison, Kara Roy, were at their first Benson Park

Committee, which still has two openings.

"I'm excited to be part of the Committee," said Roy.

"Welcome new folks!" added Secretary, Sarah Petkiewicz.

Members wanted to thank volunteers from Integra Biosciences, who came to the park last April 23 to help out.

"The volunteers were great," said Madden. "They did some gardening, some cut the vines off the fences, another group went on a hike in the woods with me to disassemble the tree

fence that had been made. Strangely, we couldn't find the fence, so I think somebody else disassembled it."

He called it a successful day. Integra planned to donate to the park and expressed interest in participating in the Adopt-A-Spot program. It was the second-year volunteers from the company were there to help the park.

The Benson Park Committee finally found a lost key for their new golf cart, which is expected to help park volunteers get around the park during cleanup day.

However, member, Mike Catanzaro, had the key and was not at the meeting. Anyone using the cart will need to sign a waiver first.

The Friends of Benson Park nonprofit announced they will have a petting zoo for the Family Fun Day event on Saturday, Sept. 14. It will be located next to the A-Frame on the newly repaired flagstone patio.

The next meeting of the Benson Park Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Meeting Room.

Town Wide Paving Contract Gets Approved by Selectmen

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen heard a proposal from Director of Public Works, Jay Twardosky, during the May 14 meeting regarding "rolling over" the current contract for the town's paving.

"It is my recommendation, after much research, that we waive the bid process and accept this offer to extend the Town Wide Paving contract for FY25/FY26," Twardosky wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

It was explained by Twardosky that he received a proposal from Brox Industries "to extend our town wide paving contract for 2 more years. Currently, our base price is \$73.95 per ton

to supply and install hot bituminous asphalt."

"Due to ever increasing industry costs, they are proposing a \$6.00 per ton increase to \$79.95 for FY2025, and a \$4.00 per ton increase to \$83.95 for FY2026 for a total of \$10 per ton over 2 years," Twardosky wrote in a memo.

He explained that the price for cold planning will increase from \$1.80 per square yard, to \$2.20 per square yard.

"The current price of \$1.90 per square yard for reclaiming will increase \$0.35 to \$2.25 per square yard. The current price of \$425.00 each for structure adjustments will increase \$125 to \$550 each (we very rarely utilize this line item). These increases will be split

over the 2 year extension," Twardosky wrote in a memo.

He explained that he did "extensive research" in terms of its current pricing and said he noticed "that many communities in southern NH including Nashua, Londonderry, and Derry, have also extended their existing contracts, with increases, to help slow escalating prices."

"Recent bids in the area that I have located include Pelham at \$94 per ton, Barrington at \$89.20 per ton, Bedford at \$95 per ton, Dover at \$105 and \$120 per ton) and Rochester at \$97 per ton. These are base prices and when you add in emulsion, joint trimming hand work, and mobilization to those prices, they

are significantly higher," Twardosky wrote in a memo.

Twardosky explained that Hudson on average installs 11,000 tons of asphalt per year, as part of the contract.

"Using Nashua's price of \$93.14 per ton as an example, in the first year of the extension, it would cost the town \$145,000 more in the first year of the extension, and \$101,000 more in the second year, to complete the same amount of work," Twardosky wrote. "We also complete approx. 40,000 sq. yds. of full depth reclamation. Using

Nashua's price of \$3.82 sq. yd, it would cost us \$68,800 more in the first year, and \$62,800 more in the second year, to complete the same amount of work. That is a total of \$377,600 or just over 1/3 of our yearly paving budget."

Board of Selectmen Chairman, Bob Guessferd, noted that they should fill out the form next time explaining why they were proposing to waive the competitive bid process, in order to have documentation.

"We just need to document these things," Guessferd said, noting it could be needed for auditing purposes.

In terms of why he thought it made sense to waive it for this contract, is because companies generally know what other companies charge, and that they would likely see an increase in the price compared to what was bid.

"I've done extensive research on what bids are going for this year and this is substantially lower than a number of the bids are going for," Twardosky said during the meeting.

The Board of Selectmen ultimately approved the contract and agreed to waive the competitive bid process.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Alvirne Baseball Extends Win Streak to Five, Just Miss Tourney

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

For Alvirne's baseball team to make the playoffs, the boys needed a small miracle coming into the week, needing Concord to lose both their games, Spaulding to lose their games, and for the Broncos to beat the fourth, third, and fifth-best teams in the state in Keene, Londonderry, and Merrimack, respectively. It was a tall task, but the Broncos had the same mentality as so many Alvirne teams throughout the 2023-24 school year, "why not us?"

On Monday, the gauntlet continued for Alvirne, as they picked up their second consecutive win while fac-

ing elimination, beating the Blackbirds 7-5 on the road in what could have been a second-round playoff matchup if the Broncos played their cards right.

Alvirne took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second thanks to some poor defense and lack of command for the strike zone, followed by a timely RBI single from Kyle Dufour and a double play off the bat of Devin Smith that scored a run.

They then pushed the lead to 7-0 in the third inning as Charlie Crawford walked to lead off the inning before stealing second and third base, Jameson Kruger struck out, Max Francisco reached on an

error, Mikey Bebris singled, Logan Casey singled, Jaxon Polleck walked in a run, Bebris scored on a passed ball, Dufour walked, Casey scored on another passed ball, and Devin Smith drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Keene was held scoreless until they got on the board in the fourth with a run, then followed that up with four in the fifth to make it 7-5 Broncos. Mikey Bebris was able to come in and slam the door on the Blackbirds, however, picking up the save and keeping his team alive. Concord and Spaulding also did their part by losing their games on Monday night with Con-

cord losing to Pinkerton and Spaulding losing to Bedford.

On Wednesday, Alvirne hit the road to take on their rivals in the Londonderry Lancers. They took home the win in that game by a final score of 7-5, as well while Concord dropped their final game of the regular season to Salem, eliminating the Crimson Tide from the playoffs.

Alvirne kept to the pattern of getting out to a lead early on in games as they took a 2-0 lead before even letting Devin Smith set foot on the mound. The Broncos got their runs off a Jaxon Polleck RBI single and then a bases-loaded walk from Devin Smith, who was able to help himself out early on.



Alvirne pitcher Mikey Bebris celebrates closing out the Lancers in 7-5 victory. *Courtesy photo*

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Alvirne Softball Sputters to Finish Season at 5-13, Missing Playoffs

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Entering the week, Alvirne's softball team controlled their own destiny and knew that if they managed to win all three of their games throughout the course of the week, they were guaranteed a spot in the playoffs. They even had a somewhat winnable game against Keene to open the week before hosting Londonderry on Wednesday and traveling to Merrimack on Friday to close out the regular season.

Unfortunately for the Broncos, the Blackbirds

came to town on Monday ready to play, showing the version of Keene that beat a solid Windham squad and upset powerhouse Exeter, as the Blackbirds scored early and often and defeated the Broncos 12-0 by way of the mercy rule, spoiling Alvirne's senior night in which Alvirne celebrated their three seniors, Ashleigh Ducharme, Jenna Kulick, and Alyssa Abbott.

Keene scored early and often against starter Ashleigh Ducharme, as she allowed three runs in the first and four in the second before Alvirne's manager

Becky Radziewicz made the move to put Pooler in the circle to finish out the second frame.

Pooler went on to allow five more runs to the Blackbirds in Keene's final three turns at bat, all of which came in the fourth inning, leading to a quick, five-inning finish in the 12-0 Bronco loss. Fortunately, thanks to losses by teams that were chasing Alvirne, including Trinity-West, Dover, and Portsmouth, Alvirne kept control of their own destiny despite the loss.

On Wednesday, Alvirne

played host to the Londonderry Lancers in a scorcher of a game in which the Lancers crushed the Broncos 14-0.

Londonderry jumped out to an early lead after Flaherty singled to left to bring Browning home and Campo hit a two-run homer in the top half of the first. The Lancers would tack on one more in the inning as well as four more in the second inning off Pooler.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the ball, Liv Cutuli was dealing for Londonderry, shutting the Bronco bats down from the first pitch of the ballgame. Cutuli threw just 19 pitches in each of the first two frames, following that up with a ten-pitch third

inning, bringing her three-inning total to just 48. Pooler, on the other hand, had allowed ten runs through three innings and thrown 93 pitches.

Londonderry added four more runs in the fourth inning before pulling Cutuli. Austen would pick up right where Liv left off, however, keeping the streaky Bronco bats at bay, and completing the second straight shutout against Alvirne, slamming the door on the Lancers' 14-0 win.

Fortunately for Alvirne, thanks to a Portsmouth loss on Thursday evening, Alvirne still controlled their own destiny on Friday, only needing a win against Merrimack to sneak into the playoffs.

The Broncos and Tomahawks battled early with Alvirne jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the visitors' half of the first inning after Niyah Stroming singled with two outs and scored on a Kenzy Pooler RBI double.

Merrimack got the run back quickly off Ashleigh Ducharme on an Aiden Hui RBI groundout.

Alvirne then tacked on two runs in their half of the third inning to take a 3-1 lead after Alyssa Abbott reached on an error and scored on a Niyah Stroming RBI hit. Kenzy Pooler would then double to score Cory Sevigny to make it 3-1 Alvirne.

Merrimack quickly tied the game at 3-3 in their half of the third inning before Aiden Hui found herself in a groove in the latter half of the ballgame, shutting the Broncos down in their final three turns at the plate.

Merrimack scored two runs in the fifth and five in the sixth, eliminating Alvirne from playoff contention for the first time since before the pandemic. Alvirne finishes the season at 5-13 as a team that could have made some noise if it weren't for some bad losses throughout the year.

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Boys Lax Splits Week, Will Enter Playoffs as Tenth Seed

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's boys' lacrosse team came into the final week of the regular season with a minuscule chance at a home playoff game, but guaranteed to play a game

in some fashion on Thursday, May 30. After splitting the week, Alvirne earned themselves the tenth seed and a road date with Oyster River-Newmarket on Thursday, May 30 at 5:00 PM after they beat Pembroke

Academy 17-8 on Tuesday and lost 8-6 to Winnacunnet on Friday in what could be an outlier semifinal matchup.

On Tuesday, the Broncos hit the road to play Pembroke Academy in

Pembroke, and thanks to stellar play from the likes of regulars Caddy Beaulieu, who scored three goals with five assists, and Jonovan Santana who scored eight goals and added two helpers while Brandon LaVarnway scored two of his own with a pair of assists, and Ryan Tobin, Chris Darbe, and Preston Ball each added a goal. Ayden Kelly also stopped nine out of the 16 shots he faced throughout the game, keeping the Broncos in the game from the opening faceoff.

Friday's game was a battle with Division II's third-seeded Warriors and one that the Broncos used as a battle test for the playoffs. While they fell just short, losing 8-6, they did play well and stay in the game throughout, showing that they are certainly a team capable of making a

deep playoff run and potentially vying for Alvirne's first team state championship of the year.

Ayden Kelly played well in net while traditional contributors Caddy Beaulieu, Jon Santana, Brandon LaVarnway, and Ryan Tobin kept the Broncos in the game offensively. Brody Orr continued to dominate on faceoffs for Alvirne, just barely being unable to get the Broncos a major upset win.

Alvirne's first-round

playoff matchup will be against the Oyster River-Newmarket Bobcats on Thursday. The Bobcats beat the Broncos handily by a score of 14-2 in Alvirne's first loss of the season back on April 19. Alvirne enters as winners of seven of their last ten games whereas Oyster River-Newmarket enters 8-2 in their last ten contests. The winner of their game will travel to Derryfield to take on the Cougars in Manchester on Saturday at 5:00 PM.

Alvirne Boys Tennis Eliminated in First Round of DI Playoffs

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

On Wednesday, May 22, the Alvirne High School boys' tennis team traveled to Dover High School to take on the Green Wave in their second consecutive match after Dover had come to Alvirne and beaten the Broncos 5-4 to close out the regular season.

Alvirne came into the matchup with a high level of confidence. Alvirne sports had proven all season long that once they get into the

playoffs, there's no telling where they will stop. Especially in the winter when both boys' and girls' basketball made the elite eight and hockey was just two wins away from a title.

Riding the high of "anything is possible" Alvirne's tennis team took to Dover to take on the eighth-seeded Green Wave, and unfortunately, they were unable to recreate the magic some of Alvirne's teams have had in the playoffs this school year, as they fell to Dover 7-

2 in a battle for the right to play against Bedford in the quarterfinals. Dover proceeded to lose 8-1 to the Bulldogs on Friday, so it is doubtful that the Broncos would have been able to get by Bedford, who beat them earlier in the year 9-0 and has only given up 11 games all season, with eight of them being in back-to-back mid-season matches against #3 Derryfield and #2 Hanover.



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Girls Lacrosse Team Loses Three Contests, Finish 0-14

BLAKE SANTANA
HUDSON TIMES

It is no secret that Alvirne's girls' lacrosse team had their struggles this season, and their final week of the regular season was no exception to this rule. The Broncos found themselves losing 18-2 to Timberlane on Monday, 4-1 to Manchester Memorial-West on Tuesday, and 20-0 to John Stark-Hillsboro-

Deering on Friday afternoon.

To say that this team is in its rebuilding phase is an understatement, but the 4-1 thunderstorm-shortened loss to Memorial-West seems promising, as the game had entered the second quarter before being halted and ultimately ended early due to thunderstorms.

Losing 18-2 to Timberlane was not a good look,

especially on senior night, and obviously wasn't how the team wanted to send their seniors off, but the Owls had beaten three playoff teams (Kingswood, Kennett, and Oyster River-Newmarket) with running clock coming into play. Timberlane is not a team to sneeze at, and the fact that Alvirne didn't allow them to see running-clock until the dying moments of the

third quarter is, in many ways, a victory in and of itself.

Then, on Tuesday, they had their arguably most promising loss of the season with the 4-1 weather-shortened game against Memorial-West. While that doesn't help anything for this season, it could possibly serve as a sense of team pride and hope that next year, things could get bet-

ter.

Lady lax finished off their 14-game calendar with a 20-0 defeat at the hands of sixth-seeded John Stark-Hillsboro-Deering, who scored early and often on Friday as the Broncos defense had no answers for the home squad, and the General-Cats were able to lock down a home game in the first round of the playoffs against Kennett with

the winner of their matchup going on to play against third-seeded Timberlane.

As for Alvirne, the Broncos finish their season at 0-14, scoring just 27 goals while allowing 228, good for a -201 goal-differential. Alvirne has not won a game in their last 35 games, while also losing 44 of their last 45 games dating back to their last playoff appearance in 2021.

Baseball

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Londonderry got a run back in their half of the first and tied the game at 2-2 in the second before Alvirne regained a slim 3-2 lead thanks to an RBI fielder's choice off the bat of Kyle Dufour. The Lancers would tie things back up at 3-3 in their half of the third inning.

Alvirne quickly responded, however, scoring two in the fourth inning on a Logan Casey two-RBI

hit. Londonderry would tie the game one more time, this time at 5-5 through four innings.

Alvirne jumped out to a 7-5 lead in the top half of the sixth, and after turning the ball over to Mikey Bebris once again in the fifth inning, the Broncos shut the Lancers down in the sixth and seventh innings and picked up their sixth win of the season, moving the magic number down to just two in order to make the playoffs. All they needed on Friday was a win

against the Tomahawks and a Spaulding loss to the Central-West Knights.

On Friday, Alvirne celebrated senior night in a thrilling 5-4 walk-off win. They had, against all odds, done their part to keep their playoff hopes alive. Unfortunately, the clock struck midnight on Alvirne's Cinderella run to the playoffs despite their best efforts as Owen Nesbitt and the Spaulding Red Raiders would end up beating the Central-West Knights in the nightcap.

As for the game at Alvirne, there have been very few games that have been more well-played by both sides at the barn in recent memory. Merrimack jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second, Alvirne answered back quickly on a two-RBI single from Jayden Alvarez to make it 2-1. The score held there until the fifth when Dylan Page was pulled in favor of Logan Casey, who allowed Merrimack to take a 4-2 lead on account of some sloppy defense and a lack of command on the mound for much of the inning.

In the sixth, Alvirne got one of the runs they were chasing back after Devin

Smith led off with a double and was brought home on a Chase Mitchell RBI double. Mitchell's double brought in Merrimack reliever Ryan Mainey to finish the job. Unfortunately for Merrimack, he was unable to do so, even after keeping the tying run at second with one out in the inning.

In the seventh, it was do-or-die for Alvirne, and it was clear the Broncos wanted to show off what they could do in the playoffs. Jameson Kruger led off with a single, Max Francisco reached on an error, Mikey Bebris doubled to tie the game, and Logan Casey was intentionally walked. Bases loaded, nobody out with the winning run 90'

away. On the 2-2 pitch, Mainey sailed the pitch to the backstop, allowing Francisco to score on the wild pitch, giving Alvirne a 5-4 win and keeping their playoff hopes alive.

Alvirne finishes the season at 7-11, missing the playoffs by just one win. If they had managed to beat Central-West, hang on against Bishop Guertin, or pick up any other wins, they would have made the dance, but unfortunately, they fell just short this season. It was a step in the right direction, however under Coach Colton Houle, who nearly brought Alvirne to the playoffs for the first time in three years after back-to-back 4-14 seasons

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donderry NH. The gathering will include an interfaith prayer service, where we will reflect on the importance of inclusion, love, and acceptance, with the amazing St. Peter's choir, and a special guest speaker The Very Reverend Denis Brunelle. A social hour will follow the service, where attendees can meet and socialize while enjoying delicious, light refreshments. For St. Peter's, our annual PRIDE Service gathering is an opportunity to celebrate the beautiful diversity of God's creation. All are welcome to attend this very special gathering and we look forward to seeing you there! For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org/>.

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 1 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 "Trea-

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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 confrontations and try to separate the truth from the story.

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.

Tween Candy Bar Bingo

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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

.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.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

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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

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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 June 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

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