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## Robot Shop

Hudson resident Ali Rafieymehr has been continuing to help spark interest in technology among young students. He held a robotics workshop at Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 29 during the schools spring vacation. See story on page 5.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Annual Loyalty Day Ceremony Recognizes Community Members

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HUDSON TIMES

Members of Hudson VFW Post 5791 and its Auxiliary hosted the annual Loyalty Day and Scholastic Awards Ceremony on Friday evening, May 1, recognizing several area residents

for their contributions to the community.

Post member Daniel Barthelemy served as emcee for the event and explained that Loyalty Day is observed annually on May 1. It is a special holiday dedicated to reaffirming loyalty to the United States

and recognizing the heritage of American freedom. The observance was first recognized on May 1, 1955, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and later established as an official recurring holiday through Public Law on July 18, 1958.

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## Selectmen Holds Off Decision on Sustainability Advisory Committee

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen once again postponed making a decision about the future of the town's Sustainability Advisory Committee, opting to table the discussion during its most recent meeting. Selectman Heidi Jakoby, who serves as the committee's liaison, was absent, and board members agreed it would be best to wait until she could participate.

The issue has been under debate for several weeks. At the April 14 meeting, the Board was scheduled to vote on the committee's proposed charter, but the discussion shifted toward whether the group should continue oper-

ating as a municipal advisory committee or transition into a nonprofit organization.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont has repeatedly argued that the committee would be "better served" functioning as an independent nonprofit rather than as a town entity.

"I think that they would be better served doing it that way," Dumont said previously. "They could get out from underneath some of our policies. They could run and function the way they want to. Quite frankly, I think their budget would increase significantly with the donations they would be able to bring in that way and possibly get set up for charitable gaming."

Dumont emphasized that a nonprofit could still advise the town while operating with more flexibility.

"They would be separate from the town, but they would still be able to make advice and recommendations to the departments and to the Board of Selectmen," he said. "I just see what they're going for, the bigger picture of it. I think a lot more could be achieved if looked in that direction."

However, at the April 28 meeting, Sustainability Committee Chair Karl Huber made it clear that the committee members strongly oppose the idea of becoming a nonprofit.

"This committee has no interest whatsoever in pur-

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## Miscommunication Leads to Confusion Over The Meadows Project Application

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The April meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission saw members revisit The Meadows apartment project, as representatives Don and Dillon Dumont returned for a follow-up presentation. The project, which proposes a 116-unit residential complex off Central Street, has been under review for several months, but the latest discussion revealed confusion over updated plans, wetland impacts, and communication between town staff and the applicants.

"I think we're just looking for feedback. You guys have had it for a while," said Don Dumont as the presen-

ting that to your attention because it changes the permanent impact to the wetland." Speaking as a Hudson resident, Dillon Dumont added that the team had uncovered "additional information" regarding how the development might affect the surrounding environment. He noted that a previously unknown wetland crossing already exists on the property, a remnant of a state asbestos remediation project from the early 1990s.

"A crossing to the wetland is already existing today," Dillon explained. "We're assuming, we can't find any record of it, but we're assuming that when the state went back there to mitigate back in the early 90s, they actually built out a gravel road with a 16 to 18 inch culvert. We wanted to

bring that to your attention because it changes the permanent impact to the wetland."

Because of this discovery, the projected impact on the wetland buffer was lower than originally estimated. Some details, including drainage design, had also been delayed due to March's heavy snow cover.

"Did you say anything about the drainage design? Is it a curb system? Has anything changed?" asked Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson.

The Dumonts responded that the updated plan includes "additional curbing" and that the drainage system was designed with the area's high water table

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# Plans Made for More Accessible Recycling of Styrofoam and Plastic Bags

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The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on April 27 to explore new strategies for expanding recycling options for residents, following multiple surveys showing strong public interest in alternatives beyond what Casella currently provides. Committee members focused on two major problem areas: plastic bags and Styrofoam, items that frequently end up in household recycling bins despite not being accepted by the town's waste contractor.

"Jake Keller shared an email with me about plastic bags and part of what we can do as part of our sustainability efforts," said Chair Karl Huber, opening the discussion.

Keller explained that much of the problem stems

from confusion about what Casella will and will not recycle. Many residents assume plastic grocery bags can be placed in curbside bins, but doing so creates significant processing challenges.

"Recycling is better than landfill; however, it's more expensive," Keller said. He noted that plastic bags typically must be returned to in-store recycling bins. "That got me thinking a little bit more about the problem. How many times do people go, 'I've recycled this a million times,' they throw it into their recycling bin, and then it needs to get sorted out of the recycling bin. It takes more labor for Casella, drives up their costs, and it affects how everything works."

Keller added that recycling plastic bags requires specialized, costly sorting

machinery, equipment Casella does not have in Hudson. Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby emphasized that rising trash collection costs make proper disposal even more important.

"We know it's getting more expensive," said Jakoby. "I think if we can do some education around the monetary value of doing simple things like returning plastic bags at the store, it can be huge."

Committee members agreed that an educational campaign encouraging residents to adopt the "healthy habit" of returning plastic bags to stores could reduce contamination in recycling loads and save the town money over time.

The conversation then shifted to Styrofoam, another material that frequently ends up in household trash due to limited

recycling options. Huber highlighted an upcoming Styrofoam Collection Day in Nashua, one of the few opportunities in the region for residents to responsibly dispose of foam packaging.

"There's a Styrofoam Collection Day coming up in Nashua. The first one happened a couple of months ago, and it was very good. It's a collection day that Casella doesn't do, and Public Works in our town doesn't do it," said Huber. "It's on June 6, and it's at the parking behind 55 Lake Street, entrance on Pine Street in Nashua from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m."

The event accepts only foam items marked with the "#6" recycling symbol, a common material in packaging for electronics and appliances.

"How many times do

we get big screen TVs and stuff with Styrofoam packing in it, and what do you do with it? We can't get rid of it responsibly. Here's another venue, another outlet," Huber said. "We have a contact over there and we'll reach out if they put a schedule for these in place."

While the Nashua event is not yet held regularly, its popularity has grown, prompting the Committee to consider whether Hudson could eventually host its own collection day.

"At a recent meeting, I had notes to dig deeper into low hanging fruit from Casella, to maybe get some info from them," said Keller. "Is that something trackable? Something where we can say if Hudson throws out X amount of pounds per year of Styrofoam?"

Keller argued that if the volume is high enough, it

could justify investing in a local Styrofoam recycling program. Public Works Director Jay Twardosky has previously noted that Styrofoam recycling requires expensive, specialized equipment, similar to the challenges associated with plastic bag recycling.

"Without the numbers from them, it would be hard to figure out from us how to advise," Keller said. "With the information, we could say, 'Hey, you can save \$1,000 here, or \$500 here.' Those things add up. Also, that's now not waste, it's not just disintegrating in the dirt, and there's so many people that don't know this stuff can be reused."

The Committee plans to continue gathering data and exploring partnerships to expand recycling opportunities for Hudson residents.

## Meadows

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in mind, a concern given the neighborhood's history of flooding during heavy rain.

Commissioner Chris Cameron questioned whether the reduced buffer impact, from 75 feet to 50 feet, had triggered any staff concerns.

"Are the impacts reduced?" he asked. "Were there any staff impacts relat-

ed to reducing the buffer?"

Dillon explained that the change stemmed from different buffer requirements for residential versus commercial developments. However, Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima noted that town staff had raised concerns about the "scale of the impact" and that the applicant may need to resubmit materials.

"There's comments

from staff related to the conditional use permit. It was provided to the applicant back in February when we got it, and to the Conservation Commission related to questions you may have for this project," Dhima said. "Obviously, the applicant probably has to submit a new application related to the new wetland buffer impacts."

The discussion then shifted to a larger issue:

whether the Commission had received the most recent version of the project plans.

"You indicated there were some changes, but I don't have any updated plans," said Dickinson. "This was listed twice on the agenda, but there is nothing in the packet to tell me why this was on the agenda."

Commission member Kathy Griswold added that the conditional use permit checklist still showed numerous items pending future submission.

The Dumonts acknowledged the confusion, citing the volume of back and forth communication and multiple plan revisions.

"There's been a significant amount of conversation back and forth with many plans being submitted," Dillon said. "We're onto the second review. The goal here was to get your feedback on the project."

Dhima clarified that while staff had digital copies, hard copies must be provided by the applicant.

"We have PDFs, but we don't have hard copies,

those get provided by the applicant," he said. "If you have certain sheets you would like them to provide, you can request them."

The applicants agreed to send any missing materials and expressed interest in returning for another meeting to obtain a formal recommendation before the project moves back to the Planning Board.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall

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# Sustainability Committee Looks to Engage Public with June Cleanup

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on April 27 to determine how they wanted to proceed with a roadside cleanup following several delays caused by lingering snow through the month of March.

“My opinion is that it’d probably be good for us to organize something now that all of the snow is gone,” said Jake Keller. “Now we’ve got people running on the roads, people biking, and you can see the trash from the whole year. It might not be a bad

idea to consider something together to put our name out there and get more people involved.”

The topic has been on the agenda for several months, with widespread interest following a successful cleanup last spring.

“Everything that was buried in the snow is now all over the place,” said Chair Karl Huber. “So, why not? Let’s organize something.”

Committee members discussed the importance of cleanups beyond making roads look nice.

“Obviously, nobody wants pollution. We can

maybe put out information on how that trash doesn’t stay in the street, it ends up getting into our water. Into the rivers, into the oceans, showing the public the big picture,” added Keller, who also called for more regular updates to the Advisory Committee’s webpage. “The goals of sustainability include less overall waste, and there’s millions of pounds of waste that make it into the oceans every single day, and that affects society. We’re just a tiny part, but what I think will capture the residents’ attention the most is the prospect of being a small

piece of that puzzle.”

Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby called it a great idea and encouraged members to go further with public outreach.

“You can do an HCTV spot on why roadside cleanups are important and then maybe even pick out four spots, put a poll out on socials, and ask, ‘Which streets are the worst?’” said Jakoby. “Let the community decide, let them provide their input.”

Keller offered to help put together an informational piece for the website. After further discussion, the Advisory Committee

agreed to tentatively schedule a formal Roadside Cleanup Day for Saturday, June 6.

The Chair reminded residents that private, smaller scale roadside cleanups are encouraged by the Advisory Committee and the Department of Public Works (DPW).

“This committee will continue to monitor the Community Roadside Cleanup Request Form that we post on our webpages,” said Huber. “Any resident, organization, or group can go to that website and we ask what the particulars are; the person’s name, the

dates, the roads that they’re interested in; and they submit it to us. This committee works with DPW and the Hudson Police Department to make sure that the roads where there’s interest in a cleanup are not hazardous.”

Safety was a “major concern” with any project involving a potentially busy road. Individuals can also contact DPW for help organizing individual pickups.

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.

# Library Staff Member Retires as Plans are Made for Future

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

At the latest meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Library Director Linda Pilla announced the upcoming retirement of a long established staff member, Karen Napo, a familiar face to patrons and colleagues for more than a decade.

“Karen has worked at Rodgers Memorial Library since 2014. I was working at the circulation desk when she came in one day to ask, ‘Are you hiring?’ I had to say, ‘We’re not hiring right now,’ and she asked me, ‘Are you accepting volunteers?’” recalled Pilla. “She started as a volunteer, she became a library assistant, and she’s been with us since then. She is one of the best people to work with.”

Napo’s last day will be May 21, though Pilla emphasized that her retirement will not mean a complete

goodbye.

“She’s not going away,” Pilla added. “She’s going to come back in her mode as a volunteer, and just cut down on responsibilities.”

Vice-Chair Lisa Weber echoed the sentiment. “I’d like to wish Karen a bon voyage and a good retirement, although she’s not going far. Best of luck in her retirement.”

While one longtime employee prepares to step back, two others are preparing to advance in their careers. Pilla shared that both assistant librarians in the Children’s Room have applied to begin their Master’s degrees in library science.

“It is exciting to see younger people being excited to work in libraries and wanting to advance to the next level,” she said.

The meeting also included updates on the development of the 2026 – 2029

Strategic Plan for Rodgers Memorial Library, a major initiative that will shape programming, space planning, and community services over the next several years.

“We have a working group for that,” Pilla announced. “I sent out an invitation today for May 11. Although it won’t be a public meeting, it’ll be the working group meeting. This is going to be a planning meeting where the group will get together, and they’re going to talk about what their processes are going to be.”

One of Pilla’s priorities is remodeling the library’s large meeting room, a space heavily used for programs, events, and community gatherings. As part of the working group, Vice-Chair Weber will report back to the Trustees as planning progresses.

Beyond long-term plan-

ning, several Trustees expressed interest in strengthening fundraising efforts to support the library’s budget and expand opportunities for patrons.

“My background is in fundraising. Can we talk a little bit about fundraising or who does fundraise for the library?” asked Board member Ali Rafieymehr. “I know some of the colleges I’ve worked at, we actually

started to do programs with fundraising to make scholarships for students. It would be great to have scholarships coming from the library.”

Pilla agreed that fundraising should become a higher priority, especially as traditional revenue sources have changed.

“The fundraising has not been a major need, because in the past we had

finances which contributed to the Trustees,” she said. “Of course, we don’t do that anymore, and so I’m excited for you to explore this, Ali, and look for partners in the town.”

The next meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 6 p.m. in the HCTV Building on Kimball Hill Road.

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# Editorial

## Nothing Pairs Better With May Flowers Than Mom's Love

May arrives with its familiar promises of blossoms opening, birds returning, the world remembering how to breathe again. And tucked inside all that renewal is Mother's Day, a reminder of the person who taught us how to bloom in the first place.

Mothers don't ask for much, a phone call, hug, a moment, a memory that says, "I see you. I remember what you did for me."

Motherhood is a lifetime of quiet work, the kind that rarely makes headlines but shapes entire lives. It's the lunches packed before sunrise, the late night talks when the world felt too heavy, the steady voice saying, "You can do this," even when you weren't sure you could.

It's the way a mother carries her children long after they've learned to walk. It's the way she worries long after they've grown. It's the way she loves long after she's gone.

The role hasn't changed much over the years. It is still tireless. Still demanding. Still rooted in unconditional love, even when that love requires hard truths and tough decisions. Mothers guide, comfort, correct, encourage, and yes, worry, because that's what mothers do. They may cut the umbilical cord at birth, but the real cord, the bond, never goes away.

For many, Mother's Day is a joyful celebration. For others, it carries a mix of gratitude and ache. Some mothers are here. Some are remembered. Some relationships are simple. Some are complicated. And for the mothers who have lost a child, whether recently or long ago,

this day holds a tenderness that words can barely touch. We often speak of losing a mother, but losing a child is a grief that reshapes the heart forever. To those mothers, we hold space for you today. Your love, your strength, and your courage are seen.

If you're lucky enough to spend the day with your children, soak it in. If they're far away, may the phone ring. If your mother is no longer here, may her memory sit gently beside you.

Look around your home, your yard, your life, every plant, every photo, every small thing they once handed you with pride. These are the threads that stitch a family together. These are the gifts that outlast the wrapping paper. I look at the plants in my own yard and remember which child gave me which one. Those memories bloom long after the flowers fade.

And if someone cooks for you today, let them. If they take you out, let them pay. If they tell you they love you, believe them.

Because motherhood is not measured in perfection. It's measured in presence. In patience. In the thousand invisible acts that made someone else's life possible.

To every mother, grandmother, step-mother, foster mother, guardian, and woman who has ever loved a child into becoming, thank you.

May you feel, in your bones, what we already know: You mattered. You still matter. And the world is better because of you and your unconditional love.

## Local Educator Inspires Young Minds With Robotics Workshop



Ali Rafieymehr gives workshop attendees tips on creating the code required to complete the task given to them for a XRP robot. *Photos by Chris Paul*

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

Hudson resident Ali Rafieymehr is continuing his mission to spark interest in technology among young students, most recently through a hands-on robotics workshop held at Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 29.

Originally designed for just eight students in grades 4 through 8, the four-hour

workshop quickly grew in popularity. Due to overwhelming interest, enrollment was expanded multiple times—eventually reaching 20 registered participants ranging in age from 7 to 15.

Despite the wide age range, Rafieymehr ensured an inclusive learning environment by organizing students into small teams, pairing younger participants

with more experienced peers. On the day of the workshop, 13 students attended and were divided into four teams of three to four members.

Throughout the session, students were introduced to programming concepts using XRP robots and tasked with completing a "Parking Challenge."

Within just a few hours, most teams successfully programmed their robots to complete the task—an accomplishment Rafieymehr said reflects both the students' enthusiasm and the effectiveness of hands-on learning.

"One team in particular did an outstanding job," Rafieymehr noted. To recognize their efforts, he awarded each member of the top-performing team a small gift card, adding a fun, competitive element to the learning experience.

Rafieymehr's passion for robotics education is rooted in a long career in higher education, where he has served in roles including faculty member, department chair, dean, vice president, and interim president.

Over the years, he has remained focused on encouraging young people to explore computer science and engineering.

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# Robotics

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His involvement with the FIRST Robotics Competition further deepened that commitment. After attending a competition with his grandson and discovering a lack of local youth teams, Rafieymehr decided to take action by founding his own group, known as "Future Techies."

Workshops like the one held at Rodgers Library also serve as a way for Rafieymehr to identify and mentor students who may be interested in joining

competitive robotics teams in the future.

In addition to the main workshop, Rafieymehr extended his outreach to even younger learners. On the following day, he hosted a small session introducing second-grade students to programming using Ozobot robots, demonstrating his belief that exposure to technology can begin at any age.

Rafieymehr also main-

tains a website showcasing projects and student work, further supporting his goal of making technology education accessible at: [www.techfuturetoday.com](http://www.techfuturetoday.com).

With continued interest from the community and growing participation in his programs, Rafieymehr's efforts are helping lay the groundwork for the next generation of innovators-one workshop at a time

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# Cemetery Gate to Be Locked Following Traffic Problems

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Cemetery Trustees met on April 20 to address a growing traffic issue at Sunnyside Cemetery on Central Street.

“We have a gate that always remains open. It allows the cemetery driveway to be used as a thruway to the neighborhood behind it. Additionally, we get a lot of dog waste within the cemetery, so it allows a lot of pedestrian traffic as well,” reported Chair Daniel Barthelemy. “These cemeteries are open to the public, but we don’t want them

open to vehicular traffic.”

“It’s one of the rules,” added Secretary Christina Madden. “There’s no vehicular traffic allowed. It’s in violation of the rules of the cemetery we adopted last year.”

After reviewing the situation, the Trustees noted that the gate was not simply left open, it had an old, rusted chain and lock that may have once been functional.

“There is a chain and a lock, though it is rusted and old. It maybe was secured at some point,” said Barthelemy. “Let’s formally discuss a solution.”

As Sunnyside Cemetery is town-owned, Trustees emphasized that they did not want to block public access entirely.

“If we replace the chain and lock, do we just keep that side locked up?” asked Trustee Mel Gannon. “Or do you want to do it at dusk?”

A dawn to dusk policy was considered, but it was unclear who would be responsible for locking and unlocking the gate each day.

“There’s really no reason for that gate to be open when the other gate is open at Central Street,” argued

Madden. “The gate is kind of not really in great shape, but if we put a new chain and lock on it, that effectively keeps vehicles from coming through. It wouldn’t necessarily keep a person going through that space, but it effectively cuts off vehicular traffic.”

Public Works Director Jay Twardosky had already offered assistance.

“What Jay showed me, he actually had a lock on his desk when he approached me and said, ‘You can use this one,’” said Barthelemy. “It was a combo lock. We’ll very likely give the Depart-

ment of Public Works full access anytime they need to get in there. They’ll obviously be able to open and close it.”

Madden raised concerns about access for gravediggers, noting that while Sunnyside is closed to new burials, many residents still hold prepurchased plots.

“What about the gravedigger?” she asked. “They have trucks, the big concrete liners, that truck was just out there. If they have to get in, entering at that end of the cemetery would be better.”

Barthelemy agreed, noting that the gate in question

is the only entrance large enough for construction or burial related vehicles.

“Any time we have repairs on stones, any sort of burials or hearths, we’ll likely need to authorize entrance for those,” he said.

“I think we should have a system where they request it and we open it,” added Gannon.

The Cemetery Trustees formally voted to approve repairs, install a new lock, and close the gate to all unauthorized vehicles. They also voted to grant the Department of Public Works full access as needed.

# Yankee Brass Band Passes on Benson Park Concert

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on April 16, where members received disappointing news about a summer concert they had hoped to bring to the park. Board Chair Natalie Newell informed the Committee that the Yankee Brass Band, which had expressed interest in performing at Benson Park earlier this year, would not be able to follow through.

“Regarding Mike Seckla and the Yankee Brass Band issue, they are not going to be performing,” Newell announced. “We did get a sponsor for the \$1,200, but they have chosen another

venue in Massachusetts and Vermont. The timing, he just couldn’t get it approved on their end.”

Seckla had made the initial offer to perform at the Committee’s previous meeting, but Newell emphasized that the final decision rested with the Brass Band’s Executive Board. As a nonprofit organization, the Yankee Brass Band schedules only a limited number of concerts each summer, and competition for dates is often tight.

Committee members expressed disappointment at the news.

“That’s too bad. We were looking forward to that, it sounded really fun,”

said Committee member Sue Clement.

Despite the setback, the Committee celebrated the success of the recent Pelham High School Cage Concert held at the Gorilla Cage on April 14. The event drew strong participation and positive feedback.

“There were 32 students that came here on Tuesday night, and it was quite a show, it was awesome,” Clement said. “It was sunny, warm, and the music was just fun. They had a cute little song they did at the end.”

The Committee extended its thanks to Pelham High School Band Director Ryan Shumway for helping

make the performance possible. Clement encouraged other local musicians and school groups to consider Benson Park as a venue.

“I hope other people who would be interested in doing a cage concert, or any concert at Benson Park, will reach out to the Friends of Benson,” she said.

Another concert is already on the calendar: the Hudson Middle School Jazz Band is scheduled to perform on Tuesday, June 9.

The Committee also received an update on Benson Park’s ongoing effort to install historic post markers at the Haselton Barn, the old office/kitchen, and the Train Station, three struc-

tures now officially recognized as historic buildings by the State of New Hampshire. According to Clement, the installation team is moving ahead more quickly than expected.

“The estimated time for when they’ll be putting those in will be sometime after Memorial Day,” Clement reported. “I think it would be a great idea to have a type of unveiling or a type of ceremony ready once we have those markers ready to go.”


Newell confirmed that the Friends of Benson Park already have plans underway for such an event.

“For the Haselton Barn piece, we requested from the Selectmen, and this got

approved, to host a historic hike from the Elephant Barn over to the Haselton Barn,” Newell explained. “We’re just going through the woods. It’s a 10 minute walk; it’s not a heavy-duty path.”

She added that the Friends hope to offer a short historical presentation inside the barn and will need permission and a key to access the building beforehand. Newell said she would reach out to Ruth Parker and the Hudson Historical Society to see if they would be interested in leading the presentation.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.



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# Board of Selectmen Approves Various Appointments

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen worked through a lengthy list of board and committee appointments at its most recent meeting, reappointing several long serving volunteers and filling key roles across town government.

One of the first applicants considered was Michael Lawler, who sought reappointment to the Building Board of Appeals. Lawler's new term will run through April 2029. The Board of Selectmen unani-

mously approved his request, noting his continued service on the board.

The Selectmen then turned their attention to appointments for the Cable Utility Committee, which saw multiple re-appointment. Len Segal, who applied for another three-year term, received strong support from Board Vice Chair Bob Guessferd, who previously served as the Selectmen's representative to the committee.

"Len is a valuable asset for that committee," Guessferd said. "He has provided

a lot of input... he's got some experience in the area as well. I'm glad to see he's stepping up to be reappointed for another few years."

Segal's reappointment through April 2029 was unanimously approved.

The Board also considered the reappointment of Stewart Kroner to the Cable Utility Committee. Guessferd again voiced support.

"He's done a good job," he said. "He's done a good job on the committee."

Kroner's reappointment, also through April

2029, passed unanimously. The Sustainability Advisory Committee saw two re-appointments as well. Deborah Putnam, whose term was expiring, received praise from Selectman Xen Vurgaropulos.

"I think Deborah is very passionate in that position," he said. "I think she does a very good job."

Her reappointment through April 2029 was unanimously approved.

The Board also unanimously reappointed Chris Thatcher to the Sustainability Advisory Committee,

extending his term to April 2029.

In addition to committee appointments, the Board reviewed a request from the Hudson Police Department to accept an Operation Underground Railroad (OUR) Rescue Grant.

"The Police Department is requesting approval to accept the awarded Operation Underground Railroad (OUR) Rescue Grant," explained Police Chief David Cayot. "OUR Rescue is a 501(c)(3) that works with law enforcement agencies in the United States by pro-

viding tools, training, and technology to enhance their capabilities in enforcing human trafficking and child exploitation laws."

The grant provides \$7,070.15 toward the cost of the department's Cellebrite Inseyets Online Pro License, a digital forensics tool used in investigations. The remaining \$7,000 will be covered by the department in FY27 through existing budget lines.

The Selectmen unanimously approved acceptance of the grant.

# Hudson School Board Reviews Patriotic Exercises Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed a proposed revision to its Patriotic Exercises policy at its most recent meeting, taking a closer look at how the district observes national holidays, teaches civic responsibility, and handles the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The updated policy aims to clarify expectations, align district practices with federal requirements, and ensure consistency across all schools.

One of the key components of the revised policy is its section on Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, a federally mandated observance held each year on September 17.

"In accordance with federal law, the district shall offer an education program(s)

each year on Constitution Day and Citizenship Day to commemorate the Sept. 17, 1787, signing of the United States Constitution and recognize all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens," the proposed policy states. "The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish administrative guidelines ensuring that the district observes Constitution Day and Citizenship Day properly and in a manner befitting the importance of the event."

The policy also outlines expectations for the weeks surrounding Memorial Day and Veterans Day, requiring schools to devote instructional time to patriotic themes.

"During the weeks of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the district will devote time to exercises of a patriotic nature, including a dis-

cussion of the words, meaning, and history of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star-Spangled Banner," the proposal reads. "These exercises may include speakers, instruction, presentations, and other events as appropriate."

The policy further notes that Constitution related activities may include recognition of the New Hampshire Constitution and lessons on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The revised policy reaffirms that every school must set aside time each day for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. However, it also emphasizes student choice.

"Pupil participation shall be voluntary," the policy states. "Pupils who do

not participate in the recitation may sit or stand as they choose, but shall respect the rights of those pupils electing to participate."

This language mirrors state and federal guidance, ensuring that schools provide the opportunity for the pledge while protecting students' constitutional rights.

Another major section of the policy addresses the display of the United States and New Hampshire flags in school buildings.

"Each school building of the district shall have and display prominently outside at least one state and American flag, each being no less than 5 feet in length," the policy states. "If possible, the two flags will be displayed on separate staffs of the same height."

If displayed on the same staff, the American flag must appear above the New Hampshire flag. The policy also requires flags to be displayed in each school's principal assembly room and lowered to half-mast whenever ordered by the Governor. Flags must be replaced when worn or damaged.

The policy authorizes the Superintendent, designees, and building principals to accept donated flags and display equipment from state agencies, civic groups, or private citizens. Priority for new flags will go to classrooms that do not

already have one. The revised policy also includes language recognizing General John Stark Day, observed in New Hampshire on the second Monday in April.

"Schools in the district shall commemorate the day with appropriate educational activities," the proposal states, ensuring that the state holiday receives formal acknowledgment in the curriculum.

After reviewing the proposed changes, the School Board voted to advance the policy to a second reading, the next step in the district's policy approval process



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Scout Jacob Marinis with Chuck Chapman and Kristy Baillargeon.



Town Engineer Don Kirland with Chuck Chapman and Kristy Baillargeon.



Hudson Patrol Officer Shane Grayson and Officer Kody Palladino.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Loyalty Day

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The first award of the evening went to eighth-grade student Emily Barthelemy of Presentation

of Mary Academy, who earned first place in the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. Participants were required to write a 300- to 400-word essay on the theme, "How are you

showing patriotism and support for your country?" Emily received a \$500 award for her submission.

In the Voice of Democracy audio-essay program, which gives high school students the opportunity to present recorded essays on the same theme, the top three winners were recognized with certificates and monetary awards. First-place winner Jaclyn Kriscunas was unable to attend but received \$250. Gabriel Brandt placed second, and Reese Rossi finished third.

The first Loyalty Award of the evening was presented to Jacob Marinis, a Londonderry Scout from Troop 252. Nominated by Chris

Funk, Jacob was recognized for his consistent commitment to service and his willingness to help others. He actively contributes to the St. Mark's parish community by assisting with faith formation classes and serving as a crew leader for Vacation Bible School. As Senior Patrol Leader since last August, he has led Troop 252 through monthly planning sessions and weekly meetings.

Hudson Civil Engineer Don Kirland was also honored for his outstanding service to the town since being hired in October 2020. He was recognized for his professionalism, technical expertise, and

dedication to public service. Kirland plays a key role in protecting the town's environmental and infrastructure interests, overseeing landfill compliance and contributing to MS4 permit compliance by guiding stormwater management practices that meet state and federal standards. He resides in Derry with his wife, Sandra, and their son, Alex.

Two members of the Hudson Police Department were also recognized. Master Patrol Officer Shane Grayson and Officer Kody Palladino, nominated by Lt. Matt Flynn, were honored for their persistent and highly skilled investigative work in identifying and exposing a New York City-based organized retail theft operation. Through extensive investigative efforts—including search warrants, witness interviews, and analysis of GPS and other

technological data—they helped identify multiple suspects, leading to criminal charges and additional warrants.

Detective Nicholas Collishaw of the Hudson Police Department was also honored. In his nomination, Captain Steven McElhinney cited Collishaw's proactive work with the Special Investigations Bureau and the department's Narcotics Unit in disrupting the flow of illegal narcotics into the community. In addition to his law enforcement service, Collishaw has served in the United States Army National Guard since 2008 and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2013. He currently holds the rank of Sergeant First Class with the 195th Regional Training Institute.

The next award was presented to Captain Kyle  
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## OBITUARY

### Laurel Mary (Cloutier) Lincoln



Laurel Mary (Cloutier) Lincoln, 96, of Hudson, NH, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026 following a brief illness.

She was born May 27, 1929 in Lowell, MA, daughter of the late Henry and Blanche (Paquin) Cloutier.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 60 wonderful years, John Lincoln. Laurel was also predeceased by 6 brothers and two sisters.

Laurel attended schools in both Hudson and Nashua and attended the former Lowell Commercial College.

She is survived by her loving brother, Norman Cloutier, of Hudson, as well as by many dear nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m., in St. Patrick Cemetery, 75 Derry Road, in Hudson. All may please meet at the cemetery. To share an online message of condolence, please visit [www.dumontsullivan.com](http://www.dumontsullivan.com) The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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# Loyalty Day

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Levesque of the Hudson Fire Department. Nominated by Fire Chief Scott Tice, Levesque was recognized for his dedication and professionalism. Tice noted that Levesque continually seeks to improve both himself and the department through ongoing education, including conferences and webinars. He also participates in Emergency Medical Services initiatives at the state and national levels and previously led the Professional Firefighters of Hudson "Fill the Boot" campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

ation, highlighting her consistency, fairness, and willingness to support students. He also noted her contributions as a cross-country and track coach, emphasizing her ability to build team culture while encouraging individual achievement. Sawyer is also set to be inducted into the Alvirne Hall of Fame as both an alumna and staff member.

Auxiliary President Kristy Baillargeon presented the Auxiliary Member Award to David McGilvray for his consistent support at post events. McGilvray, the current chaplain, has been a member since 2021.

To conclude the ceremony, Post Commander Chuck Chapman presented the Post Member Award to Daniel Barthelemy. Quartermaster Mike Dustin was also recognized for his years of service to the post and was presented with a gift card.

Sue Sawyer was honored for her longstanding commitment as a mathematics teacher at Alvirne High School. Principal Steven Beals praised her more than 30 years of dedi-

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Baseball Get Shutout Victory at Nashua North

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School baseball squad has had a rough start to the season, but last week they were able to secure the team's first victory.

The first two weeks of the Division I season resulted in five consecutive losses, but the Broncos started week three on a high note, defeating the Nashua North Titans, 8-0, on their home field.

Nashua North entered the game with its only win of the season coming at home against Manchester Memorial and was hoping for a similar result against the winless Broncos.

Alvirne pitcher Brody Buja earned the win, pitching five innings while striking out 10 batters, allowing just three hits and no runs, and walking three.

Gavin Baviello pitched two innings of relief for Alvirne, striking out three and not allowing a hit.

The Broncos scored in two of the seven innings, beginning in the top of the third. Third baseman Jasper Workman led off with a hard-hit ground ball to third that resulted in an error. centerfielder PJ Millette followed with a full-count walk to put two runners on base.

Second baseman Alex Drown singled down the right-field line to drive in the first run of the game, and reight fielder Jameson Krueger followed with a double down the left-field line to bring in the second run.

Singles by catcher Memphis Beach, designated hitter Luke Norse, and Buja brought in three additional runs, giving the Broncos a 5-0 lead. A total of 10 batters came to the plate in Alvirne's biggest inning of the season so far.

The Broncos added three more runs in their final at-bats. Norse and first baseman Brady Mitchell led off the inning with singles,



Brady Mitchell had a single in the final inning against Nashua.

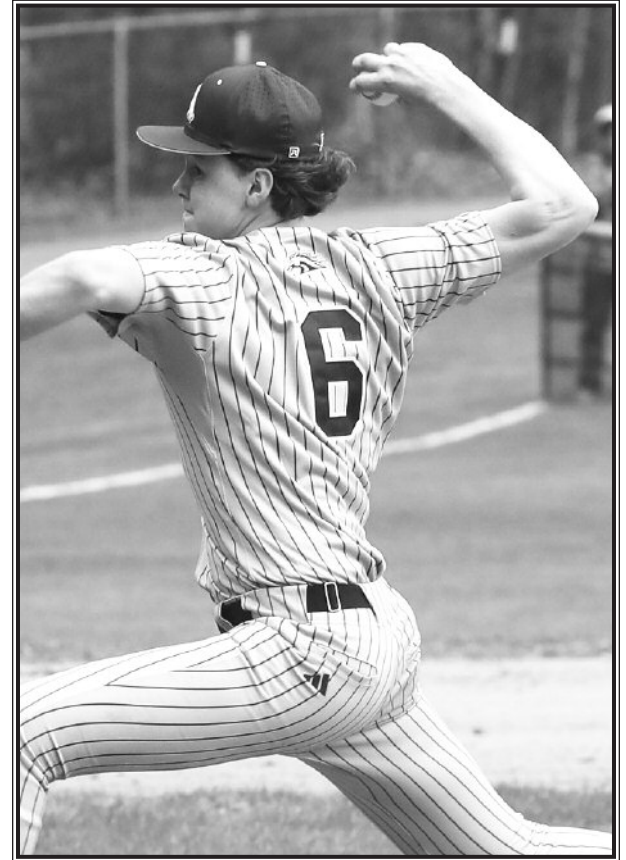
and Casey Benning drove in one run with a single to center field.

Left fielder Matty

Bebris also lined a single to center, and Drown drove in the final run of the game.

Owen Forcier took the loss for Nashua North. The right-hander pitched five innings, allowing five runs (two earned) on seven hits, with no strikeouts and two walks.

The Broncos collected 12 hits in the game. Drown went 2-for-4 at the plate and led the team with two RBIs, while Norse went 3-for-3 to lead Alvirne in hits. Bebris added two hits in four at-bats.



Alvirne right hander Brody Buja earned the Broncos first win of the season against the Titans.

Buja, Workman, and Millette each stole multiple bases, with the team totaling eight steals.

The results two days later weren't as strong when the Broncos hosted the Salem Blue Devils in their seventh game of the season.

The Blue Devils entered the contest at 2-6, having lost five of their previous six games, matching Alvirne's record at the time.

The Broncos' bats were quieted by Salem pitcher Brady Silver, who faced 27 batters, striking out five and

allowing two runs on six hits.

Cole Baker had two hits to lead Alvirne at the plate. Millette added a hit and an RBI, while Beach, Logan Orr, and Jmmeson Krueger each recorded singles in the loss.

This week, the team has games against Keene (2-6), Portsmouth (1-8), and Timberlane (3-6).

The only home game will take place on Wednesday, May 6, at 4 p.m. against Portsmouth.



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# Plans Made for Summer Events and Clear Policies at Benson Park

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee used its April meeting to map out plans for a busy summer season, focusing on both upcoming events and the need for clearer, more consistent policies for park use. With Benson Park approaching its 100-year milestone, members emphasized that this year's programming carries special significance.

The Friends of Benson Park, led by Chair Natalie Newell, outlined an ambitious vision for the park's centennial celebration. The group has been working for years to preserve the history of the former Benson's Wild Animal Farm, and the upcoming Family Fun Day will serve as a major showcase of that effort.

"On September 12 is our Family Fun Day Centennial Celebration; that's our day, and we're going to have the celebration all around the Elephant Barn," said Newell. "We'll have a soft opening of the Discovery Center on the same day."

The Discovery Center and museum space, which will feature memorabilia, photographs, and artifacts from the old amusement park and zoo, has been a long-term goal for the Friends of Benson Park since 2010. Newell said the

centennial celebration is the perfect opportunity to highlight the progress made so far and to bring the community together around the park's history.

To help bring the event to life, Newell requested assistance from the Department of Public Works (DPW), particularly with moving a historic circus wagon currently stored behind the Elephant Barn.

"We have a circus wagon that's in the storage unit behind the Elephant Barn, it's a trailer," she explained. "To pull it out and bring it where everyone can see it, we would need the help of someone with a tractor to kind of pull it out of there. Not only do we want to take it out for that day, but wheel it into the back of the barn to temporarily store it. It would be fun to have it out for Family Fun Day."

Committee member Sue Clement took a moment to acknowledge DPW's ongoing support, noting that the department has been especially responsive during the winter months.

"I want to thank DPW for their quick response," Clement said. "Through the winter, there was a lot of plowing going on at that entrance in front of the barn. It got unsafe, but DPW immediately had people there fixing the whole thing. They did a super job!"

As the Committee looked ahead to a summer filled with events, members also turned their attention to the policies that govern park use. With more groups expressing interest in hosting activities at Benson Park, the Committee agreed that clearer guidelines would help both organizers and staff.

"I know we talked about a lot of things like events, reservations, and vendors, so I've started putting together a Google Drive with documents from other towns and a summary of policies," said Committee member Evan Maloney. "When you're talking about things like vendors, amplified music, food trucks, what have you, most of these other parks allow these things in the context of events."

Maloney suggested that Benson Park's forms and policies should distinguish between a "gathering" and an "event," noting that many municipalities use this distinction to determine when insurance or permits are required.

"Anything that triggers an event would require separate insurance. That's pretty standard, that's what they do in Manchester, that's what they do in Nashua," added Committee member Jake Beauchemin. However, he cautioned that enforcement could become

complicated. "If they say they're a gathering, but they're really an event, what happens? If they say there's going to be 20 people and there's 100, what is the recourse? Do you get the police involved?"

Maloney agreed that any policy changes would

need clear, detailed language to avoid confusion and ensure consistent enforcement. Sound policies and e-bike rules were also mentioned as areas needing attention, especially as the park continues to attract more visitors.

With a major celebra-

tion on the horizon and a growing number of groups seeking to use the park, the Advisory Committee plans to continue refining its policies in the coming months to ensure Benson Park remains safe, welcoming, and well managed for all.

## Sustainability

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suings a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization," Huber said, noting that members are volunteers and the process of forming a nonprofit is time consuming and outside the scope of why they joined.

"We didn't come on board as volunteers to do this," he said. "We came on board as volunteers to take the charter we presented to this Board and move forward and be held accountable."

Huber outlined the committee's ongoing work, including community events such as the annual pumpkin smash, the holiday light recycling program, and various public education

efforts. He said the committee regularly engages with residents and provides recommendations to the town when appropriate.

Dumont, however, questioned whether the committee is fulfilling its original purpose. He noted that the group was created to develop sustainability ideas for town-owned buildings and properties, and he expressed concern that the committee is not presenting updates or recommendations to the Board as frequently as expected.

He also criticized the timing of the committee's presentation, saying it was submitted only hours before the meeting, and suggested that requested information

is not always provided promptly.

Selectman Bob Guessferd, the Board's vice chair, acknowledged the value of the committee's work and said the central question is determining the best structure to support it.

"What they are doing is vitally important for the town," Guessferd said. "The question is how to get it done."

Guessferd added that the committee has contributed useful ideas over the years and said he would welcome continued collaboration if the group remains in place.

With no consensus reached and a key member absent, the Board voted to table the matter until a future meeting.

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# Hudson Historical Society Host Tea Party at Hills House



Members of the Hudson Historical Society hosted a Spring Tea Party at the Hills House on Sunday afternoon, April 26. The event was billed as a fun way to usher in Spring, with guests being served traditional english tea with sandwiches and petite desserts by members of the Historical Society. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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## Children's Book Donation Day

Friends of the Library will host a Children's Book Donation Day May 14. The Friends of the Library invite donations of lightly used Children's books. Drop them off at Study Room 1 at Rodgers Library all day from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Donated children's books will be given out at Summer Reading Program kick-off (June 13), National Night Out (August) and Santa's visit.

## Friends of the Library May Meeting Change

The May meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held May 26 at 6 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodger's Memorial Library.

The meeting will continue discussing supporting the summer reading program, National Night Out, and children's book donations. Come join us to help plan future support activities for the library to raise funds for free passes to area museums, educational venues, and other library activities.

## Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, May 14, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at Alvirne High School in the Air Force JROTC fitness room. Community members are encouraged to donate, though please note that the public will not be permitted to enter the school until after 2:10 p.m. To register, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and

enter the promo code BRON-COS. Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

## 39th Spring Artisan Craft Fair

On Saturday, May 16, on the grounds of St. Peter's Episcopal Church located on Mammoth Road at 3 Peabody Row Londonderry. Admission and parking are free. More than 65 vendors are expected, along with raffles, a tag sale and snacks from St. Peter's Bistro. The fair will be held rain or shine and will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

## Hudson Safe

Join the Rodgers Library for this five-part series covering first aid, fire safety, disaster preparedness, trauma medicine and more. Part three will talk about in-home safety, on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. In part four learn how to prepare for, survive, and recover from life altering events, including emotional and financial recovery on Saturday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. Part 5 on trauma medicine to give you the tools, techniques and confidence you need to stop the bleed and save a life on Saturday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m.

## Blood Drive at VFW Post 5791

A Red Cross blood drive will take place at VFW Post 5791, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, on Wednesday, May 29, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. As a thank you to donors, the Red Cross will be giving away beach towels to celebrate each donor's lifesaving gift.

## Robinson Pond Volunteers

Did you know there is a

dedicated group of Hudson volunteers who sample Robinson Pond and its six tributaries every summer? These volunteers are part of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) and they are looking for volunteers to join their group. Samples are taken in the morning, once per month, from May to September. These samples are tested by the state for chemicals, nutrients, pollutants and bacteria. Lab fees are covered by the Hudson Conservation Commission. Won't you join these volunteers and help keep Robinson Pond safe for you and your family during the summer? If interested please contact: [RobinsonPondNH@hotmail.com](mailto:RobinsonPondNH@hotmail.com)

## Historical Society Meeting

The Hudson Historical Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m., at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., Hudson. All are invited! After the meeting they will host a fun Hudson Trivia Game!

## Read 'Em & Eat @ Friendly Red's

This group will meet on Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m., to discuss "What You Are Looking For is in a Library" by Michiko Aoyama.

## Benson Park Saturday Cleanup

Please join for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, make new friends and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online if possible on the Friends of Benson Park website ([friendsofbensonpark.org](http://friendsofbensonpark.org)) or simply come to the Elephant Barn at the top of the hill to sign in.

## Electronics Recycling

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# Alvirne Trustees Named 2026 Champion for Children Award Winners

The Alvirne Trustees have been named the 2026 recipient of the Champion for Children Award for the South Central region, an honor announced by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA). The award is one of the most meaningful recognitions given in the state, celebrating individuals or groups whose service has had a lasting, positive impact on the lives of New Hampshire's children.

The Champion for Children Award is presented annually across several

regions, highlighting residents and organizations that demonstrate exceptional commitment to supporting students, strengthening schools, and enriching educational opportunities. The Alvirne Trustees, who have quietly and consistently supported the Hudson school community for decades, were selected for their extraordinary dedication to Alvirne High School and its students.

Established in 1951, the Alvirne Trustees oversee and manage the Hills Family Trust, created by the

benefactors who founded Alvirne High School. The volunteer board has long served as a steward of the school's mission, ensuring that the Hills family's legacy continues to benefit generations of students. Over the past 14 years alone, the Trustees have contributed approximately \$4 million toward projects that enhance the educational experience and expand opportunities for Alvirne students.

Their support has touched nearly every corner of the school. Major

projects funded by the Trustees include the renovation of the Family and Consumer Science Lab, upgrades to nine science labs, improvements to the mini theater, and the installation of a new school elevator. They have also funded the construction of a school greenhouse, purchased transportation vans for student activities, installed lighting at the tennis courts, and supported the development of an equipment barn at the Alvirne Farm. These investments have strength-

ened academic programs, expanded hands-on learning, and improved accessibility and student life.

Principal Steven Beals praised the Trustees for their unwavering commitment, noting that their involvement extends far beyond financial support. "They are remarkable supporters of public education at Alvirne High School," Beals said. "Beyond the many funded projects, the Trustees participate in countless school activities, as they are deeply invested in the school, preserve its

history, and ensure their funded activities support all learners and benefit the greater good. I am so appreciative of their continued generosity and investment."

As the South Central regional honoree, the Alvirne Trustees now advance as the region's nominee for the statewide Champion for Children Award. The statewide recipient will be announced during the NHSAA's celebration event on May 20 at 9 a.m. at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

## Around Town

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School Parking Lot on Saturday May 16, from 8 a.m. - noon and drop off unused or broken electronics. Open to residents of NH, MA, or ME. Items vary in price. Cash, Venmo, or checks payable to: "HUDSON-LITCHFIELD Rotary Club" Proceeds support: College and Vocational Scholarships; Local Service Needs; Housing, and Food Pantry Agencies; as well as Other Community Service Projects. For more information 603-882-5289, visit the groups Facebook page or website <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2931>.

### Explorers Storytime

The Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers on Friday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

### Dungeons & Donuts

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at Rodgers Library on Saturday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are welcome.

### Curious Kids: Bluey Play Day

Explore learning centers with your preschooler at the Rodgers Library on Friday, May 8 & Saturday May 9, at 10 a.m.

### Mystery Lovers' Book Club

The book group will meet on Monday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m., to discuss "Assassins Anonymous" by Rob Hart.

### Kindermusik with Let's Play Music and Make Art

Families with children ages 0-3 are invited to experience the joys of music and learning while having fun together on Wednesday, May 13 at 10 a.m., at Rodgers Library.

### Environmental Landscape Gardening

Join Dana Benner at Rodgers Library on Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m., for a talk about how to landscape your property in a way that benefits the environment around us.

### Nonfiction Book Group

This book group will meet on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m., to discuss "Curse of the Narrows" by Laura MacDonald.

### Calligraphy That Inspired a Nation

Learn to write like America's founders. Participants will get the opportunity to write in script, use a dip nib and ink and scribe a line from the Declaration of Independence at Rodgers Library on Friday, May 15, at 6 p.m.

### Cookbook Club

This group will meet at Rodgers Library on Monday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. This month's cookbook is "Spiced: Unlock the Power of Spices to Transform Your Cooking" by America's Test Kitchen.

### Afternoon Book Group

This group will meet at Rodgers Library on Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book pick is "Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kirsten Miller.

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold its meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m., at Rodgers Library, which is open to everyone.

### Teen Hangout

Middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rodgers Library's teen space after school, most Weekdays at 2:30 p.m. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts provided. Contact the Library with any questions.

### Crime & Cookies

Monthly meeting of the Rodgers Library true crime podcast club will be on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

### Zentangle

Rodgers Library will use the Zentangle method to create a 5" square Zentangle tile on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

### Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., the Rodgers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

### Adventurers Storytime

Come to the Rodgers Library for songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

### BINGO!

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

### Buy-a-Brick and Show Gratitude

Preserve a memory and help the Friends of the Library support programs, events, museum and entertainment venue passes, and scholarships. FOL will engrave your purchased bricks with two lines (\$55) or three lines (\$80) with your special

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### Laptop Donation Program

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### Inhouse Secondhand Prose Book Sale

Check out the Secondhand Prose sale area in the Children's Room of Rodgers Memorial Library, running during normal library Hours. The book selection offers something for everyone, is restocked frequently and offered at the same bargain price as the big sale. Stationary featuring work of local

artists, adorable tote bags, and handmade gifts are also available. The prices are extremely reasonable.

### Drop In Stitchers

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will LOVE this Rogers Library group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)

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