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## MESS FEST

Jemma Martin was encouraged to make a mess at Alvirne High School this weekend. This event was made for a Senior Project Capstone to support the Hudson Food Pantry. More photos can be seen on page 5.

*Photo by Sam Paul*

## Budget Committee Sees Two Resignations and Four New Members at May Meeting

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on May 1 with a formal welcome for new member Randy Brownrigg to his first meeting as a full member.

“He was elected back in March at the town election, welcome and we look forward to working with you,” said Budget Chair Bill Cole.

Former Chair Norman Martin sent in an email to

announce he would be stepping down from the Budget Committee effective April 15.

“It is with deep regret that I have to submit my resignation,” wrote Martin. “My schedule with my new career is conflicting with my participation on the Committee, and I do not want to do a disservice to the taxpayers of Hudson.”

Members unanimously voted to accept the resigna-

tion and gave their thanks.

“All the years I’ve been on the Budget Committee, he’s served in various roles and really put the time and effort into working with the town and the school on various budgets,” said Shawn Murray. “I truly appreciate his work on the Committee for us and wish him luck.”

Murray was also in process of stepping down, making May his last meet-

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## Selectmen Readopt the Town’s Fund Balance Policy

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the April 23 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Selectmen were asked to reapprove the Town’s Fund Balance policy.

“The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 54, Fund, Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, to address issues related to how Fund balance is being reported. In order to be in compliance, the Town of Hudson implemented this policy beginning in fiscal year 2011,” Hudson Finance Director, Lisa Labrie, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

For the purpose of the policy, it states that the policy “is to ensure that there

will be adequate liquid resources to protect the Town of Hudson’s financial stability against emergencies, economic downturns, as well as to contribute to the continuity of financial operations.”

The policy “recommends the minimum required fund balance reserve and the allowable uses of fund balance reserves.”

It explains, as part of the policy, that the Fund Balance is “Accumulated equity balance in a governmental fund resulting from operations over the years. This is the difference between fund assets and fund liabilities.”

It is also stated as part of the policy that “compliance with the provisions of this policy shall be reviewed annually.”

As part of the policy, it specifies the “minimum balance” and “target balance.”

For the minimum balance, it states, “The Town shall manage operations to maintain a minimum unrestricted fund balance of 5% of the general fund operating appropriations, the state education tax amount, the local school net tax commitment, and the County appropriations.”

The target balance states, “The Town shall work toward maintaining an unrestricted fund balance at a minimum of 8% of the general fund operating appropriations, the state education tax amount, the local school net tax commitment, and the County appropriations.”

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## Residents Concerned of Aggravated Flooding on Campbello Street Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on April 24 to hear the requested continuance of a conditional use permit at 36 Campbello St. Engineer, David Jordan, of Greenman-Pedersen was at the meeting to give a presentation for the applicant.

“The request in front of you was a conditional use permit for a stormwater basin less than 50 feet from a wetland,” said Jordan. “Currently, there is a single-family dwelling on the property, and the applicant is proposing to develop this into ten additional house lots. As part of that, we

would be extending Campbello St., into the property, ending in a cul-de-sac.”

Currently, the land contains one house, which would remain in place under the plan. The property borders the Merrimack River and has a stormwater basin. A long-term impact on the wetland buffer of approximately 4,500 square feet would be unavoidable under the proposal. The included stormwater infiltration basin will be in an area normally reserved for a wetland buffer and should prevent groundwater contamination from runoff.

“The topography, the high-water table precludes

us from locating the stormwater best management practice outside of the buffer, and that’s why we’re seeking this conditional use permit,” he added.

Board members had a few questions about the request.

“This conditional project is not going to have an impact on that brook and its flow into Merrimack, correct?” asked Vice Chair, Jordan Ulery, who was referring to a small brook on the property.

The Engineer confirmed it would not have an impact and that the basin was designed to prevent any

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# Town Announces Board of Selectmen Liaison Assignments

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen have announced its different liaison assignments for various boards and committees, after it was agreed to during the April 23 Board of Selectmen meeting.

All of the liaison assignments for both the boards and committees, as well as for the different departments were posted to the Town's website last week.

Selectman Dillon Du-

mont, will be the Board of Selectmen liaison for the Benson Park Committee, NRPC, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Newly elected Selectman Heidi Jakoby will be the liaison for the Budget Committee, School Board, and for the Highway Safety Committee.

Selectman David Morin for the 2024 year, will be the liaison for the Conservation Committee, Emergency Preparedness, and will serve as the State Liaison. In addition

tion Morin will also be the alternate liaison for the Budget Committee and the Planning Board.

For Selectman Kara Roy, her liaison assignments for the upcoming year will be the Cable Committee, HAZMAT, the Library, and she will also serve as the liaison for the Municipal Utility Committee.

Board of Selectmen Chair Bob Guessferd will be the liaison for the Chamber of Commerce, CTAP, LEPC, Nominations and

Appointments, Recreation Committee, and the Sustainability Committee. It was recently approved by the Board of Selectmen to make Guessferd the Planning Board Ex-Officio once again, a position that needs to be voted on.

In addition to the different boards and commissions in Town, the Board of Selectmen also serve as liaisons for various different Town departments.

Dumont's department liaison assignments for the

2024 year will include the Assessing department, along with the Tax Clerk/Tax Collector department.

For Jakoby, her department liaison assignments include Finance and Water, Information Technology, and the Sewer Utility department.

Roy for the 2024 year will be serving as the liaison for the Hudson Cable Television, along with the Library.

Morin for the next year will be serving in the liaison

role for the Fire, Inspectional Services and Health, as well as serving as the liaison for the Public Works department.

Guessferd for the 2024 year will be serving as the Land Use departments liaison, the police department, as well as the recreation department.

There are no alternate liaisons for the different departments.

The Hudson Board of Selectmen are set to meet again on May 14 at 7 p.m.

## Budget

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ing. "There are a number of date and time conflicts which would not allow me to fully invest the time needed on the Hudson Budget Committee. I want to thank the members of the Budget Committee that I have worked with over these past years," he said.

Members unanimously

voted to accept Murray's resignation and gave their thanks.

The most recent vacancy left the Budget Committee with three vacancies and three applicants to fill them: Richard Weissgarber, Donna Boucher, and Kim Rice. Cole asked to hear from the applicants before taking them onboard.

"I have a lot of experience on the federal side, budgetary side, and cost-

estimating side. I've also been on the Budget Committee for almost five years, I was the Chairman for a year and I did my due diligence," said Weissgarber. "I think I would be a valued and unbiased Budget Committee member, working with you folks and the residents."

"I have served with the Library Board of Trustees for six years; I was in a role of Chair there and also as

Treasurer. I have spent some time with Troop 21 when Troop 21 was around and I served as Treasurer with them," said Boucher. "I feel that sometimes you have to look at problems and maybe look at it from several different perspectives."

"I have recently retired from my job, so I have a lot of free time on my hands. I am a former state representative, I served four years

in Concord. During that time, I was the Chair of Children and Family Law Committee, I was also the Republican policy leader, and the Speak pro temp, said Rice. "I look forward to sitting on the Budget Committee, it's something I've never done before. I look forward to learning new things and diving in."

Cole entertained a motion to appoint all three to the open spots on the

Committee, with terms set to expire in March of 2025. The measure passed unanimously.

"Welcome to the Committee!" said Cole.

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

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# BOS Hear From Nominee For Benson Park Committee

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen had a number of different nominations, for various open boards and committee positions during its April 23 meeting.

Only one of the nominees was in attendance, which was Gary Williams, who was looking to join the Benson Park Committee. Williams said he has been a "regular member of the dog park since I moved up here," saying he brings his dogs there regularly. He added that he has "seen it deteriorate since day one until now," and he was looking to find a way to help fix it in some way. Williams stated that people at the park recommended that he try to join the Committee. "Great, where do I sign up,"

Williams said, noting that he knows different people who would be able to help along with himself in order to make it better.

He said he recalled when he first moved to town and started going to the park "it was all green grass."

"The rain has now just washed it all the way," William said, explaining that he wants to be able to put his "two cents in" and see if they can find some help "to put it back together."

Benson Park Committee Chair, Jack Madden, said he recommended for Williams to be made a member of the Committee, saying that he's "too modest," noting that he is an "active volunteer in the park."

"I'm standing in support of him being nominated," he

said.

Madden noted that Williams is a retired employee from Sunshine Construction, explaining that he understands how to do stuff with dirt out in the field, and he has friends who have access to different equipment that could be useful.

"I think it would be a good thing for the park to have a knowledgeable person such as himself working with the park," Madden said, also noting that they are down two members for the Committee.

When asked what position they were looking to fill, Madden said it was a "moving target" explaining that the most recent person picked for the Committee was supposed to be made a full-time member, however,

a clerical error caused him to be made an alternate.

He said that alternate member, Nathan Muir, is expected to fill one of the full-time member spots, and that Williams if selected would likely fill the other full-time member position.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, said she thought it was good that Williams decided to volunteer.

"I just want to thank you for coming forward," she said.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said, "that's what volunteerism is all about."

It was noted by Guessferd that their standard practice is to have nominees give an introduction about themselves and answer any questions at the first meeting, and then the Selectmen

vote on the nominations at the next meeting which would be on May 14.

"We will be voting on it at that point," he said.

The Selectmen also had other nominees that were in front of them during the meeting including Mike Catanzaro, who was looking to become an alternate member of the Conservation Commission, with a term set to expire in December of 2025.

Madden explained that he is a current member of the Benson Park Committee, and that he wants to continue to help the town, saying that there is a lot of "synergy" between the two committees and that they do different things together.

"It would be good for Benson Park Committee and the Conservation Com-

mittee if he joins the Conservation Commission," he said.

Selectman, Dillon Dumont, the Liaison for the Conservation Commission, noted that he has been an active member of the Committee and thinks he would be a good member of the Conservation Commission as well.

For the Sustainability Committee, two nominees, Alyssa Hanley and Derrick Dike, were not able to make it to the meeting.

It was noted that the normal practice for nominees who don't make it for the interview is to see if they can make it to the next meeting.

The next meeting is slated to take place on May 14 at 7 p.m.

## Campbello Street

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increase in the runoff volume from the project, although there was extensive skepticism from members of the public on this point.

"I do have a concern that as they develop the property and they try to divert the water there, how this is going to affect my well," said John Colby of 11 Kenyon St., who lived close to Campbello St. "It's been serving my house for 124 years; it's never run dry."

With a high water table, overflows in the area have been a consistent problem, according to several surrounding residents.

"This past Dec. I had to tear out my basement because it flooded," said Tina Bates of 10 Kenyon St.

Rick Suter of 12 Campbello Street felt that if the project were to change the flow of water it would "create issues" for everyone in the area and that adding drains to prevent flooding had already failed to solve the problem.

"It's definitely a concern if we have huge rain," said Lisa Fitzgerald of 100 Webster St. "We just have standing water for quite a few months, we're in a progressive situation it seems with water."

Jordan responded by reiterating that the proposal would not worsen flooding.

"All the stormwater on that property, from the front of the existing house to the field, flows back towards the

wetland area, we're not changing that with this project, everything will flow back to the same area," he said, adding there would be a formal, written response to comments related to the alteration of terrain related to the permit request.

He also expressed openness to making changes to the plan if needed, including a possible reduction of the land area impacted by construction.

"What you're saying is that these 4,500 square feet could be reduced," said Board member, James Crowley. "I'm a little leery about approving anything here tonight until plans are revised."

Crowley suggested moving some of the proposed structures in the property to avoid the wetland buffer zone to avoid the need for a conditional use permit.

The Board voted to require additional planning and profiles, asking the property owner to justify their need to build into the buffer impact area before allowing the Campbello Street project to move forward. They also voted to require a hydrological impact study of the area. The Board expects to take up the permit request again at their June 26 meeting.

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# Editorial

## Remember Your Mother

"All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." - George Washington. What a mother Mary Bell Washington must have been to have had such a profound influence on her son.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we honor the women who shaped us, nurtured us, taught us, and showed us what life and love are about. True, fathers do all of those things too, but in different ways. It's not about whose role is bigger or better, and it's not even about conforming to the specific gender roles. It is simply about acknowledging that both parents influence our lives through the choices they make with us, and each one's influence is distinct from the other.

Has their role really changed so much? Their job is still tireless and often thankless. When it is done right, the job is still about unconditional love, even when that means tough love.

It remains a lifelong commitment. Even after a child is grown, mom is still mom, and moms will always worry. They may cut the umbilical cord at birth, but there are other bonds that always stay intact.

When the world is harsh or when life pokes us in the eye and laughs at us, it is often our first instinct to seek

comfort in a mother's love.

We hope you are surrounded by family today, and if they can't make it home, we hope they at least call. In my house, I ask for a plant to put in our family garden each year, and I remember getting each plant and which child gave it to me. After all, for us moms it is about the memory. If they take you out to eat, let them pay, even if that goes against your maternal instinct, better yet let them cook and clean. Create memories.

We hope at least one person doesn't stop at "Happy Mother's Day", but elaborates at least a little bit on the depths of their gratitude and the reasons for it. Maybe they could share an anecdote or two, whether the goal is to make you laugh, cry, or both.

We hope you feel proud today. When you look at your child or children that you may have influenced, you see the kinds of people you want them to be. It is okay to be proud not only of them, but of yourself for the role you played in getting them to where they are.

And remember hugs. Always hugs.

"Because I feel that, in the Heavens above / The angels, whispering to one another, / Can find, among their burning terms of love / None so devotional as that of 'Mother'" - Edgar Allen Poe

## Fund Balance

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Also, as part of the policy, it specifies fund balance uses.

"The Board of Selectmen may appropriate any amount of unrestricted fund balance in excess of the minimum balance to offset property taxes as part of the final adopted budget for a fiscal year," the policy states. "The Board of Selectmen may appropriate unrestricted fund balances for emergency purposes, as deemed necessary, even if such use decreases the fund balance below the minimum balance, subject to the provisions of NH RSA 32:11. Emergency purposes do not include the offsetting of property taxes."

The Board of Selectmen approved the re-adoption of the Town's Fund Balance policy, during the consent agenda, without any discussion.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen was asked to reapprove the Investment Policy.

"I am recommending the proposed Investment Policy be re-adopted by the Board of Selectmen as required by RSA 41-9 VII," Labrie wrote in a memo.

The policy states that the "Town of Hudson's investment policy establishes a framework for the safe and prudent investment of public funds."

"This policy provides guidance and direction for the Town of Hudson to conduct the daily investing activity in addition to improving consistency, creating and defining accountability and in ensuring that

laws are followed," the policy states.

It also states that the policy "applies to all financial assets in the custody of the Treasurer of the Town of Hudson."

The policy also states that "These funds are accounted for in the Town of Hudson's annual audited financial reports and include the following:

### General Fund

- Special Revenue Funds

- Capital Project Funds
- Agency Funds

- Any new funds created by the Town of Hudson, unless specifically exempted by the governing body, in accordance with the law.

"Furthermore, the investment policy applies to all transactions involving the financial assets and related activity of all the foregoing funds," the policy states.

In addition to a number of objectives that are part of the policy, the policy also outlines the "delegation of authority" which states "Authority to manage the investment program is granted to Town Treasurer and derived from and in accordance with chapter 41:29 of the Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA), (Appendix A)."

### The policy also states:

- No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the internal procedures and controls hereby established.

- Responsibility for the operation of the investment

program is hereby delegated to the Treasurer, who shall act in accordance with established written procedures and internal controls for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy.

- Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of the Town of Hudson.

- No person may engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinate officials.

The policy was approved by the Board of Selectmen during the consent agenda, without any discussion.

The Board of Selectmen are set to meet again on May 14, at 7 p.m.

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# Alvirne Student Makes a Mess to Raise Funds



Alvirne High School Senior Addy Martin got into the slime this past Saturday to raise funds to fight childhood hunger with her aptly named event Mess Fest. The afternoon was filled with fun and definitely messy activities for kids to enjoy including color water balloons, slime shooters and a jello pool. While the weather was on the cool side those who attended did not lack for fun.

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# Hudson Library to Hold June Quinceañera Celebration

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Library Board of Trustees met on April 17 to determine how they want to proceed after hearing about the NH Library Trustees Association (NHLTA) Annual Awards for 2024.

"I read about the NHLTA and my mouth dropped, we have to do this!" said Trustee, Lisa Weber.

NHLTA award categories include Library of the Year and Library Director of the Year. The Trustees

pledged to reached out to the organization for more information.

Library Director, Linda Pilla, was recently in communication with former Portsmouth Director, Steve Butzel, to learn more about the High Vibe Library Leaders Program to improve the training of library officials.

"I know I've come a long way, but there's a lot of gaps, and there's isn't really a structured way for library directors to fill in those gaps in the context of where they work. Things like managing big projects, when all of the

little things still have to be done," said Pilla. "The other thing is succession planning, that is a big goal for me and it is something I have been working on. I would dearly love to have somebody to talk to this about."

The High Vibe Program is designed to provide that structure. While there was a cost for one-on-one sessions, Pilla saw participation in the program as a "huge benefit" as part of her role as Director.

"I think this is a really neat opportunity to take on

and as the Board, we've asked the Director to take on these types of opportunities," said Vice Chair, Erin Henderson, as she thanked Pilla for finding the program.

The Trustees voted to approve a \$4,500 expenditure from their staff education line for six months of training.

Rodgers Memorial Library was also preparing to celebrate its 15th year in operation since moving over from the old Hills Memorial Library.

"The quinceañera party

is coming along," said Pilla. "We're going to have a mariachi band, we're going to have food, we're going to have a DJ as well, to start the party off and end it up. The goal is to have a three-hour party, it'll be from 11:30 a.m. to about 2:30 p.m. and the mariachi will run from 12 to 1:30."

There will also be a reading competition, with gift baskets for those who picked up reading logs. Only those who turn in a log will be entered into the drawing to win a basket.

The Library's 15th

Anniversary Party is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend the party.

A push to determine an acceptable use policy for the Hills Library building was postponed, as Trustee, Karen Bohrer, was out of the country. Further discussion on the matter will happen at the May Trustee meeting.

The Hudson Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

# ZBA Grant Waiver for Frenette Dr. Home Renovation

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on April 25 to hear an equitable waiver request from Marc Fauteux of 13 Frenette Drive regarding a shed encroaching on the side and backyard setbacks of the property.

"My wife and I bought the property and we were doing renovations to the house which led to doing a certified plot plan, which showed that our sheds

encroached on the sides of the 15-foot setbacks going on," said Fauteux.

He added that there are currently two sheds violating Hudson's setback ordinance, one of which is more rudimentary, which he planned to remove. The other is in a downhill corner of the property is built on a more solid foundation that would be difficult to move or remove.

"In order to move the thing, it's really a lot of work and I'm asking the

Board if we can just keep it because of how it's built," said Fauteux. "It's just a great shed. I'm asking for a waiver on that on keeping that one shed there."

He went on to say that the structure was not new but had "been there for a long time," with the zoning violation going unnoticed until renovations. There had been no complaints from neighbors on the issue.

Thanks to extensive

greenery, the shed was not easily visible from the road or surrounding homes.

"When do you think the shed was put there?" asked ZBA Chair, Gary Daddario.

Fauteux was not entirely sure when it was built, although old pictures indicated the structure was around 20 years old at a minimum.

"If you look at the 2005 photo, it shows it," noted Town Liaison, Chris Sullivan, looking at a picture of the area.

Marc's wife, Mary Fauteux, was also at the meeting, saying the shed

"really not bother anyone" and confirming it was already there when the couple bought the house.

Nobody was at the meeting to speak against the request.

"This was discovered, it's been over ten years, and seemed like no neighbors or anyone is complaining about it, and it's not a nuisance," said Board member, Tim Lanphear, who spoke in favor of the request.

Other members generally agreed, noting that removal of the shed would probably be expensive without much benefit to anyone.

"For the record, we've looked at an aerial," said Daddario. "We have received nothing by way of opposition and the high correction cost is certainly present here, particularly where I caught the applicant mentioning that this shed is built on posts, that would add to the cost of moving."

The motion to grant waiver request the carried unanimously.

The ZBA is scheduled to meet again at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, in the Community Development Paul Buxton Meeting Room in the basement of Hudson Town Hall.



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# Selectmen Approve Payment Request For Capital Reserve Fund

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

During the April 23 Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, the Selectmen were presented with a request for payment from the Capital Reserve Funds.

"The application is for reimbursement for sewer camera equipment for the Sewer Utility," Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "This reimbursement request is in the amount of \$177,796.69 and is coming from the Sewer Capital Assessment

Reserve Fund that was established for this purpose."

He noted in a memo that the "Trustees of Trust Funds have requested that the Board approve all disbursements from capital reserve funds."

"The Board of Selectmen are the agents to expend for this capital reserve fund and there are sufficient funds in the capital reserve fund to make this disbursement," he wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Hudson Finance Director, Lisa Labrie, said that

"this is basically going towards our capital reserves to replace monies spent on capital reserves."

Labrie said the "good news" was that there was a prior agreement by the Board of Selectmen to use \$80,000 in donations that the Town has had for line replacements.

She stated that they needed to amend the request to be reflective of the donation, which made the total \$97,162.95, instead. Labrie noted that the donations came from different projects in town.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the request.

During the liaison reports portion of the meeting, Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, who is the liaison for the Recreation Committee, gave an update on the summer recreation program signups.

He told the Board of Selectmen that 275 children were registered for the summer recreation program through the "early bird" registration process, and that they brought in

\$93,000 in revenue from it.

"It's quite the program," Guessferd said.

Guessferd noted that the early bird registration had recently closed, however, community members are still able to register for summer recreation programming, through the normal registration process, which is on the town's website.

"People can still register their children up until it starts," Guessferd said.

Also during his liaison's report, Guessferd noted that the father daughter

dance was coming up on Friday May 17, or Saturday, May 18, and that registration was open for it. He noted that it's a Hollywood theme, and that people can register online to attend it. The event will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

"It's been very successful and that's a great thing for the community," Guessferd said.

The Hudson Board of Selectmen are set to meet again on May 14 at 7 p.m.

# Planning Struggles to Use Grant Funds Before Deadline

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board had an extra agenda item at their late April meeting as they discussed the status of a Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant from NH Housing. The grant operates on a reimbursement basis.

"Well over a year ago, the town applied for and received a HOP grant," explained Interim Town Planner, Jay Minkarah. "The purpose of that grant was to help the town plan, really to accommodate additional housing. That's actually a three-phase grant, but the town only applied for phase one, and the idea it would inform the update of the Master Plan population and housing chapter."

Hudson entered into a

contract with a private firm in early 2023 to begin the planning process of gathering information about the housing supply, although communication with the firm eventually declined and things did not move forward.

"This does put us in a bit of a bind, some work has been done, they have been paid for most of the work, there is one more invoice, there is still funds remaining, but unfortunately this grant has to be expended by the end of June," said Minkarah. "It leaves us with a few options."

Hudson can choose to do nothing and let the remaining funds lapse, reach out to a recommended subcontractor to complete a public outreach and final report section of the project,

or brainstorm a different option. Getting an extension on the grant was unlikely.

"Just for clarification, we can't actually do anything, we can only make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen," noted Planning Chair, Tim Malley, referring to the limited authority of the Planning Board when it comes to utilizing the money without approval.

"What have we received thus far and in what format or what usability?" asked Vice Chair, Jordan Ulery.

Some of the data gathered so far was census and survey-related information packaged in what the Town Planner called "block format." It was unclear how usable that data might be in

regards to updating the Master Plan without further work.

"There might be people who are smarter than I am who might look at that data and think of good ways to use it or analyze it," said Minkarah. "Having a demographic breakdown and a housing market breakdown of small components of the town is interesting I guess, but I don't know what you'd do with it."

He believed it would be possible to complete the

final two sections of the housing report with the remaining grant money, although time remained a factor that would be harder to overcome. The Board of Selectmen was not scheduled for another meeting until May 13, further limiting the time to find someone capable of rushing through the remaining work.

"We're not going to be able to do it until May 13, and by May 13, I think the clock has pretty much run

out on getting this finished," said Selectman, Bob Guessferd. "That's the reality, it's not something we all want to hear."

After some debate, the Planning Board voted to recommend letting the grant expire while possibly looking into a new grant in the future.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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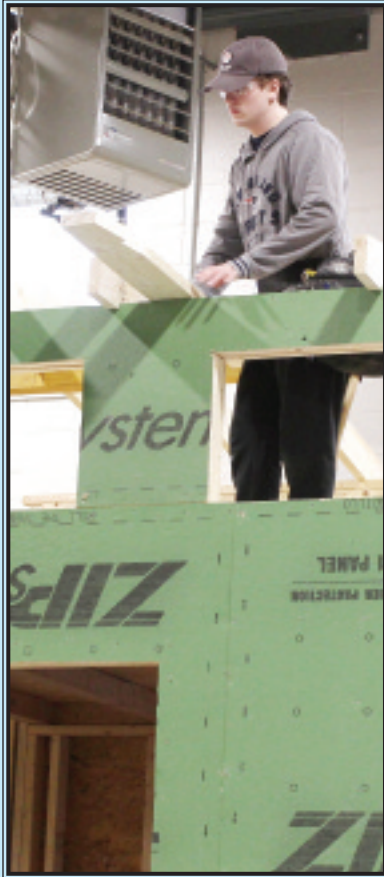
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# Alvirne CTE Students Work to Finish Tiny House



Alvirne CTE students have been working on this small affordable house for the community. The students are given all the raw materials, the plans for the house and a timeframe. When finished the tiny home will be sold to someone in the town who needs it. The students get the experience, the company gets a house to sell and someone hopefully in the near future gets a house that they can live in built by students at Alvirne. The photos depict a normal day of a few students working on the framing together and getting everything finished that they need to. If the house isn't finished this year then it will be continued by next year's students and so on. I think that this is such an amazing idea because everyone benefits from it and helps with big issues in our community that not many people know about.

*Submission by Kolby Marynicz*

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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Alvirne Baseball Gets First Win of the Season, Drops Next Two

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

This season has been all but ideal for Alvirne's baseball squad, as they entered the week at 0-8 with three more games on the calendar, and two of them against teams that will contend for a playoff spot with Monday's game being a battle between DI's two winless teams. The boys snapped their eight-game losing skid on Monday with a 14-13 win over Manchester Memorial, and then lost their next two at home, falling 11-5 to Windham and 11-3 to the Trinity Pioneers.

On Monday, Logan Casey got the ball for Alvirne in a battle of the final two winless squads in Division I, and he had a 1-0 lead before he took the mound after Mikey Bebris scored on an error in the top of the first.

Casey retired the side on just nine pitches in the bottom half of the first, and got his bats back up where they added four runs in the top of the second to make it 5-0 Alvirne on the strength of a Jameson Kreuger RBI single, a Kyle Dufour two-RBI single, and a Mikey Bebris RBI groundout.

The bottom of the second was not nearly as smooth for Casey as the first, as the Crusaders quickly loaded the bases

with nobody out before a sacrifice fly brought home the first Crusader run, and then after a single loaded the bases, another sac fly drove home the Crusaders' second run. Casey then got a strikeout to retire the side and limit the damage.

Alvirne answered back with three runs of their own in the top of the third, however, as more two-out offense came to the aid of the Broncos with Jaxson Polleck getting an RBI double, and then Jameson Kruger picking up his second RBI hit of the night with a double. Kruger then scored when Kyle Dufour reached on an error to make it 8-2 Alvirne.

Casey sent the Crusaders down without any issues in the third, and the Broncos then responded by adding two more runs to the board in the fourth. One of the runs came on a Chase Mitchell one-out, RBI single to left field, and the other on a RBI single from Max Francisco to make it 10-2 Alvirne. The Broncos would strand runners at first and second after Jameson Kruger flew out to end the inning.

Casey quickly picked up an out in the bottom of the fourth inning before allowing a single and then a groundout that allowed the runner to reach second

before a RBI single drove a run in for Memorial to make it 10-3.

Alvirne added three runs in the fifth on a Devin Smith RBI single and an error that allowed two more runs to cross the plate for the Broncos.

In the bottom half of the inning, Memorial responded with four runs of their own, which would spell the end of the night for Logan Casey, but despite the seven runs, he pitched well, and his offense gave him the run support he so desperately needed.

After Alvirne tacked on an insurance run to make it 14-7 Alvirne through five and a half, Manchester Memorial exploded for six runs off Dylan Page and Brandon Ganas in the sixth before shutting the Broncos down in the top of the seventh.

The bottom half of the seventh saw the Crusaders get the tying run to third base, but Ganas was able to slam the door, earning himself his first save of the season while Logan Casey got the win.

On Wednesday, the Broncos returned home only for things to revert back to how the first half of the season played out, as Devin Smith allowed five runs in the top of the first inning, sending his team to an early hole to climb out

of.

After the five-run outburst in the first, nobody would score until the bottom of the third inning when Kyle Dufour singled to left to bring home the first Bronco run. Windham immediately responded with two of their own in the fourth and another in the fifth to make it 8-1 Jaguars entering the sixth.

In the top half of the sixth, Windham got themselves three runs thanks to a walk, RBI double, infield single, hit by pitch, and an error on the pitcher Jayden Alvarez with one out in the inning.

The Bronco bats woke up in the bottom of the sixth, as they put four runs on the board after a one-out double from Mikey Bebris, a single from Logan Casey, then a Jayden Alvarez strikeout, a Chase Mitchell walk, a two-RBI single for Max Francisco, and an RBI single for Jayden Lewis.

Windham went down quickly in the seventh

before Koutrobis slammed the door on the Broncos in the bottom half of the frame, sending the Broncos to a 1-9 start to the season heading into their Friday matchup with the Trinity Pioneers.

On Friday, the Pioneers and Broncos started out in a pitchers' duel with Mason Ellison and Mikey Bebris both dealing from the first pitch. It took until the bottom of the second for the first salvo to be fired, and it was on a RBI sacrifice fly from Jaxson Polleck to make it 1-0 Alvirne heading to the third.

Trinity responded in the third inning with a run of their own when Tristan Lucier hit a double to bring home Connor Sturgis and tie the game at 1-1.

Bebris and Ellison returned to their pitchers' duel through the fourth, with the score still even at 1-1 until Tristan Lucier drove in his second run of the night with an RBI single to make it 2-1 Pioneers.

The score would hold until Alvirne came to bat in the sixth when Bebris led off with a single to center, Logan Casey worked a walk, and after an Alex Small strikeout, Logan Orr singled to load the bases, and Jayden Lewis grounded out to second to score the tying run.

The celebration for Alvirne wouldn't last, however, as the Pioneers exploded for nine runs in the seventh, and even with Alvirne answering back with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning, the damage was done. Alvirne fell 11-3 and fell to 1-10 on the season, guaranteeing themselves their third straight losing season.

In order to make the playoffs this season, the Broncos are going to have to string wins together and get some help from several other teams, as they currently sit 3.5 games out of the final spot in Division I, which is currently held by Winnacunnet (5-7).

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# Alvirne Boys Lax Fall in First Game, Win Next Two

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

Alvirne's boys' lacrosse team had hit a bit of a skid coming into last week, having dropped three straight after winning their first three matches. The boys were looking to turn things around last week, and after a 10-5 home loss to Windham on Tuesday, they responded on Wednesday with a 17-2 win over Keene-Monadnock at home, and then a 17-1 win over Hillsboro-Deering-John Stark on Friday night, pushing their record to 5-4 and solidifying themselves as a playoff contender that just hit a rough patch.

On Tuesday, the boys got locked into a battle with Windham which they lost 10-6, but was tied 4-4 going into the halftime break. The Jaguars just kicked into high gear and stormed away with the win after halftime, outscoring Alvirne 6-2 in the final two quarters of play. Caddy Beaulieu got the scoring opened in the first for Alvirne, scoring with 6:44 to play in the first, and then in the second quarter, Ryan Tobin, Jonovan Santana, and Brandon LaVarnway got in on the scoring. Santana added two more in the fourth, earning him yet another hat-trick for the sea-

son to make it 10-6 with 48.7 seconds left in the game, but it was a moot point, as the Jaguars won by that score. On Wednesday, Alvirne celebrated their senior night, and the Broncos celebrated early and often throughout the game, scoring 17 goals on the night clearly unhappy with the loss to Windham the night before. Jonovan Santana opened the scoring with his first of his eventual seven goals on the night before Aiden Tarr evened things at 1-1. The floodgates then opened for the Broncos as Beaulieu tallied a hat-trick

in the first quarter and Santana added his second of the night. In the second quarter, Ryan Tobin put up a hat-trick of his own, Santana added two more, and Aiden Mills picked up a goal to make it 11-1 Broncos and effectively end the game with 1:17 left in the first half, as the game shifted to running clock. The third quarter saw Jonovan Santana open the scoring with his fifth of the night, Brandon LaVarnway picked up his second, and Santana got his fifth and sixth goals of the night. In the fourth, it was Keene-Monadnock who

opened the scoring, as Jacob Worcester scored with 10:40 to go in the game. Caddy Beaulieu and Ryan Hurrell added two more goals for the Broncos to bring the game to its final score of 17-2. Alvirne then took to the road when they traveled to Hillsborough to take on Hillsboro-Deering-John Stark on Friday, and, similarly to Wednesday, they took care of business, crushing the opposition. The only difference this time was that goaltender Aiden Kelley only allowed one goal rather than two. Boys' lacrosse is Alvirne's lone playoff team,

with the Broncos holding the ninth seed going into the week at 5-4, sitting 3.5 games ahead of the first team on the outside looking in, the Spaulding Red Raiders. Their magic number to clinch a playoff berth is just 5, and they could potentially clinch this week if they have things go perfectly for themselves. This week, Alvirne will match up with Campbell at home on Wednesday, at Hanover on Friday, and at Nashua North on Saturday morning in a game where the Broncos could pick up an extra point with a win against a Division I team.

# Alvirne Girls' Lacrosse Drops Both Games, Fall to 0-7

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

For girls' lacrosse, things did not get much better to start the week, with a home loss against the Goffstown Grizzlies by a final of

20-1. Alvirne's lone goal came from Addy Lemire, well after the game had gone into running clock thanks in large part to the stellar goalkeeping by Abaigeal Estano, who held

Alvirne scoreless for a vast majority of the game with several quality opportunities for Alvirne, but Estano being able to stand strong. Never mind the fact that her defense in front of her was

excellent and kept the Broncos away from the net and outside the arc for much of the contest. Goffstown jumped out to an early lead, and never looked back as the game hit a ten-goal differential and running clock early on in the second quarter with Alvirne failing to get on the board until the late stages of the game. Monday's game was one that Alvirne didn't look great from the opening faceoff, and unfortunately for the Broncos, the Grizzlies attackers had good speed and elite acceleration,

providing explosive offense that the Bronco defenders simply couldn't counteract, which led to a plethora of Grizzlies' goals. Thursday was more of the same for Alvirne, as they traveled to Durham to play Oyster River, and lost 18-0. While there were minimal bright spots for Alvirne last week short of Addy Lemire's goal against the Goffstown Grizzlies, and how could there be when a team is outscored 38-1 over the course of two games, Alvirne will be forced to bounce back this week with

a game at home against Hollis-Brookline (6-3) on Monday evening and at ConVal (0-5) on Tuesday in what will be the Cougars' second game of five this week. As of right now, Alvirne sits 3.0 games back of Manchester Central with seven games to play in need of beating out the Little Green cleanly for the spot, as they do not play one another head-to-head this season. The Lady Broncos' elimination number sits at just four, and if worst comes to worst, Alvirne could be eliminated this week from playoff contention

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# Alvirne Softball Goes 1-2, Falls Further Out of Playoff

BLAKE SANTANA  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne Broncos softball team has struggled to find consistency in 2024 after falling in their first six games before beating Nashua North for their first win to wrap up April break. Alvirne came back this week with a 6-0 loss to Windham, an 8-7 win over Dover in thrilling, walk-off fashion, and a similarly close 12-11 walk-off loss to Trinity-West on Friday.

Alvirne traveled to Windham on Monday to take on the 3-3 Jaguars, and unfortunately, were unable to get on the scoreboard in a 6-0 loss. Windham managed to put up two runs in the first, two in the second, and one in each of the third and fourth innings en route to their victory.

In the first, Anna Mitrou reached for Windham after a Shayleigh Neilson error, and after she advanced to third on a passed ball, Ava Runde drove her in with a sac fly. Arianna DeCotis then doubled to left before Claire Ballard traded places with her to make it 2-0 Windham.

In the second, Bella Yantosca doubled to lead things off and then scored

on an error by Kenzy Pooler on a slow roller by Kate Ballard. Ballard would then score thanks to a Mitrou RBI single to make it 4-0 through two innings.

After Claire Ballard kept the Bronco bats quiet again in the third, Windham added another after DeCotis doubled and Claire Ballard would send her home on an error charged to Dressel.

In the bottom of the fourth, Windham added their sixth and final run after Kelly Wright doubled to lead off the inning, and then stole third before being brought home on a sacrifice fly.

Claire Ballard managed to steal the show for Windham, pitching a complete game shutout on just 79 pitches, while Kenzy Pooler struggled to keep the Jaguar bats at bay throughout the ballgame.

On Tuesday, the Broncos were forced to bounce back against a Dover Green Wave quad that, despite their record, had been a team that struggled early on with their wins coming against opponents who were yet to win a game.

Alvirne fell behind early

1-0 in the top of the first inning, and 3-0 through two and a half innings before managing to find their way onto the scoreboard thanks to an Alyssa Abbott solo homerun to make it 3-1 Green Wave through three innings.

In the fourth, Dover added four more runs to extend their lead to 7-1 thanks to a string of one-out hits before Kenzy Pooler came in and shut the door on the top of the fourth, and effectively, the Dover bats.

Pooler then helped her own cause with an RBI double to score Nyiah Stroming to make it 7-2 through four innings, and then in the fifth inning, the Bronco bats came to life, as they put up five runs culminating in Pooler's second home run of the season to make it 7-7 heading into the sixth inning.

While Alvirne had opportunities to end the game in regulation, this was a game that was destined for extra innings, and sure enough, the two teams would play bonus softball on Tuesday night with Dover going down without a whimper in the top of the

eighth inning.

With two outs in the eighth, Shayleigh Neilson climbed into the batter's box representing the winning run. The game would either head for a ninth inning, or it would end with Neilson. Shayleigh promptly deposited the first pitch she saw over the snow fence in right field with the ball just barely sneaking over the yellow line denoting a homerun. The Broncos had battled back for a hard-fought 8-7 win in eight innings.

With all the momentum on their side heading to Manchester to play Trinity-West, the Broncos had nothing but confidence to start the game at the Pioneers. Unfortunately for Alvirne, they fell behind 4-0 early, and after both teams traded tallies, it was 5-1 heading into the top of the third inning.

The Broncos continued their trend of not balking at pressure situations, scoring six runs in the third inning to make it 7-5 in favor of the visiting Broncos. The big blow of the inning was a Lexi Testa grand slam to give the Broncos the 7-5 lead.

Alvirne held that lead until the bottom of the fourth when Sara Sewall doubled and scored on the play to tie the game at 7-7 and then Bella Santosuosso had an RBI double of her own to make it 8-7 Pioneers.

The Broncos answered back with two of their own in the fifth after Alyssa Abbott tied the game with an RBI single and Dressel (check first name) had an RBI single of her own to give Alvirne a one-run lead once again.

The Pioneers got two runs in the bottom of the

sixth thanks to an RBI double from Bella Santosuosso and an error on Avery Willard that allowed Santosuosso to score and make it 10-9 Pioneers.

Alvirne got the lead back in the seventh with two more runs on an error and a passed ball both charged to the Trinity-West catcher.

Trinity-West was ultimately able to return the walk-off to the Broncos with two more runs in the bottom of the seventh with the dagger coming when Sara Sewall walked off the Broncos with an RBI single to left field that scored Cecchetti.

The girls currently sit 1.5 games back of a playoff spot with Keene (4-6) holding the final spot. The Broncos and Blackbirds will play one another on Monday, May 20 at Alvirne.

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Adopt-A-Spot coordinator Susan Clement says that, “We have spots of all sizes available for adoption. Bring your garden tools and creativity and enjoy being outside and making new

friends while helping to beautify the park!” Spots have been adopted in the past for various reasons, including dedication to someone special or as a remembrance of a loved one or friend, or simply to satisfy the urge to be outside and

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**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. The deadline for a submission is each Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to [hudsontimes@nutpub.net](mailto:hudsontimes@nutpub.net).

## Buy-A-Brick

Buy a memorial brick in honor of that special someone for this Friends of the Library fundraiser. Details are available at the Rodgers Memorial Library website [rodgerslibrary.org](http://rodgerslibrary.org)

## Sustainability Committee

The Sustainability Committee has formed a subcommittee to focus on Composting options for Hudson residents. All meetings are open

to the public. The first meeting will be on May 15 starting at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Memorial Library, Study Room 2. Please feel welcome to share your ideas and information you have gathered about Composting.

## Crime and Cookies

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

Amber? by Tortoise.

## Teen Anime Club

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

## Characters & Cocoa

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

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

## Mystery Lovers Book Club

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

## Read 'Em & Eat @ T-Bones

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

## Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, May 11, at

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

## Cookbook Club

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

## Afternoon Book Group

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

## Adult Craft Night

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

## Yard Sale Donation Dropoff

Spring cleaning? Have a box of stuff headed for donations? Drop it off at the Hudson Historical yard sale drop off event. All proceeds of the yard sale event go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Hills House. There are two dates to drop off your donations: May 11 & 25 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items NOT accepted: Car seats, baby swings, strollers, clothing, caustic chemicals, rugs, food, medical equipment, weapons of any kind, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, tube TVs and monitors. If you have any

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### Mad Hatter Tea Party

Come to the Mad Hatter Tea Party sponsored by the Hudson Historical Society! This family event will be held at the Hills House on Sunday, May 19, from 1 - 5 p.m. Welcoming parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. and all children. Tea Party attendees will have afternoon tea with light snacks, create a craft to bring home, and meet characters from Alice in Wonderland including the Queen of Hearts and Alice! This fundraiser will be benefiting the historic Hills

House. One adult plus one child is \$25 with each additional adult or child being \$10 a piece. Seats must be pre-bought by May 12. Seating is limited. Contact Jess at HillsHouseTeaParty@gmail.com

### Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hudson will be holding their monthly book sale - Second Hand Prose (SHP) the second Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Hills Memorial Library location. Upcoming dates are 5/12, and 6/9. Your purchases support the friends to help the library - summer reading program prizes, museum passes, and also our annual High School scholarship awarded to a graduating senior living in Hudson.

### 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 immediate-

ly following Second Hand Prose (SHP). Upcoming dates are May 16, and June 13. Books are dropped off at Rodgers in a study room. Do not use the donation bin in the parking lot, the bin donations do not go to the friends. In April, they will also accept puzzles. In May we they will accept games. No missing pieces and good condition please.

### Adventurers Storytime

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

### Drop In Stitchers

Come to the Rodgers Memorial Library every Friday at 9:15 a.m. for this craft group. If you love to craft,

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### Movers & Shakers

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

infants, and siblings. Caretaker participates.

### BINGO!

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

### Teen Hangout

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

### Songs & Snuggles

On Thursdays at 10 a.m., enjoy time together with other caregivers and their babies to learn, play, and develop language and motor skills at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

# Revenue Administration Offers Property Tax Relief

Eligible NH homeowners received more than \$900,000 in tax relief last year through the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program

Eligible New Hampshire homeowners now have the opportunity to receive property tax relief through the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration's (NHDRA) Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program. NHDRA distributed over \$900,000 in tax relief to New Hampshire homeowners last year through the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program and has distributed over \$48 million since the program was established in 2002.

Single homeowners making up to \$37,000 per year and married homeowners making up to \$47,000 per year can apply for relief from the state no later than

June 30, 2024. Additionally, the maximum homestead value qualifying for an award is \$220,000.

"The Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program is a significant resource for qualified New Hampshire taxpayers statewide and we are working to make sure eligible homeowners are aware of this critical tax relief program," said NHDRA Commissioner Lindsey Stepp. "Along with focusing on fairly and efficiently administering New Hampshire tax laws and collecting the proper amount of taxes, NHDRA is also always striving to find ways to support our customers-the taxpayers of New Hampshire."

Eligible applicants for Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief are:

- Single with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$37,000; or
- Married or head of

New Hampshire household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$47,000; and

- Own a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead as of April 1, 2023.

NHDRA encourages applicants to file claims electronically using the NHDRA's Granite Tax Connect (GTC) online portal at [www.revenue.nh.gov/gtc](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/gtc). For applicants wishing to file paper claims, the application form (Form DP-8) is available on NHDRA's website at [www.revenue.nh.gov/form/s/low-moderate.htm](http://www.revenue.nh.gov/form/s/low-moderate.htm). Older versions of the form will not be accepted. Applicants are required to submit their individual income tax returns and final property tax bill for 2023 with the application.

Taxpayers with questions should call Taxpayer Services at (603) 230-5920.

NHDRA provided the following tips and guidance to homeowners applying for the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program:

- NHDRA is a state taxing agency and cannot determine an individual's federal tax liability. If applicants are unsure whether they are required to file federally, they may contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.
- If an applicant is not required to file with the IRS, they should check the box on the Form DP-8 indicating this.
- Homesteads held in trust must also be verified by the submission of the trust document but may still qualify for relief.
- Applicants must include all required documentation with a completed and signed DP-8 claim form.
- If additional names are included on tax bills, taxpayers must provide a copy of the deed and/or trust doc-

umentation, death certificate (if applicable), and a written explanation regarding why the additional name is listed.

- Applicants must be sure the property tax bill is the final bill for the program year.
- Applicants must be sure the property tax bill includes the net assessed value of the property (value after any exemptions such as blind or elderly).
- Invoices showing payment of the tax are not sufficient. DRA must see the net assessed value of the property.
- All claimants must sign the claim.
- If an applicant's federal return is extended, and the return will be filed after the June 30 deadline for the DP-8, the Commissioner may accept late DP-8 claim

forms until Nov. 1. These applications must include a copy of the federal extension form, a copy of the federal return, and all other required documentation

Residents who do not have Internet access may request Form DP-8 by calling NHDRA's Forms Line at (603) 230-5001, or emailing [forms@dra.nh.gov](mailto:forms@dra.nh.gov).

Granite State residents can find more information about the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief program and review the status of their application on NHDRA's website. NHDRA's Taxpayer Services Division is available to answer all filing questions. Contact the Taxpayer Services Division by phone at (603) 230-5920, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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