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**Pumpkins & Calves** The Alvirne Calf Club help to make the Hills Garrison Elementary School Pumpkin Festival a memorable one for those attending. The annual event offered games, activities and a pasta dinner for families stopping by. More photos on page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Plans Made for Musquash-Gumpas Pond Connection

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission to discuss a connection between Hudson's Musquash Conservation Area and Pelham's Gumpas Pond Conservation Area.

"This is something that's at the northern end of Musquash Pond and we've already got permission from

the Pelham Conservation Area to interconnect the two properties," explained Chair, William Collins.

Vice-Chair, Carl Murphy, saw the proposal as a quick and easy way to complete what he saw as a relatively straightforward project.

"If we could start work at least in the fall and the winter, maybe we could

have it completed for the spring. I think that'd be a great winter project," said Murphy. "Obviously, reaching out to the Pelham Conservation Commission and finding a route that would be easily accessible I guess to connect the two properties. A scouting mission."

The connection was not a new idea, as the Conserva-

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## Warning of Hard Decisions During Fire Budget Requests

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Oct. 22 meeting for the Hudson Board of Selectmen saw its members prepare for the upcoming budget season with a discussion on what the town would be willing to cover regarding requests from the Fire and Police Departments amidst pressure to minimize overall spending. According to Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, items of significance included a new HVAC system for Hudson Fire Department's Central Station.

The HVAC system was deemed a high priority for the Fire Department, with an acknowledgment from the Board of Selectmen that

it would be expensive when the town was trying to limit spending increases.

"What I'm suggesting for that one is that half of it come out of the building emergency repair fund," said Roy.

Her proposal would take \$100,000 from the operating budget and \$100,000 from the repair fund to repair and replace Central Station's HVAC system, something the Board agreed should not be deferred, even though it was the Fire Department's most expensive request.

The idea was to take some of the burden off taxpayers without depleting that fund. Fire Chief, Scott Tice, stated that the system

was already suffering "some failures" as he went over a few other crucial items for the Fire Department.

"Looking at the budget, we don't have a whole lot of money in there for a replacement hose or replacement tools at all," said Tice. "Number one was the computer aided dispatch."

Vice-Chair, Dillon Dumont, noted that requests for a replacement hose have come up more than once over the past few years, while several members emphasized the importance of a computer dispatch system.

Lower priority was floor drain repair and floor

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## Three Warrant Articles Proposed by School District

ALEX MALM  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed various warrant articles expected to be sent forward as part of the budget process during its Oct. 23 meeting.

"These are initial drafts of warrant articles," Superintendent, Dan Moulis, told the School Board during the meeting.

In addition to the operating budget, two of the warrant articles are expected to be for union contracts, one for the Secretaries union, and one for HFT which represents the teachers in the District.

Those contracts are still being negotiated and no details of the potential cost

have been presented yet.

One of the warrant articles discussed was in relation to the science labs at Hudson Memorial School.

The warrant article draft stated:

"Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$200,000 to upgrade two Science Classrooms/Labs at Hudson Memorial School? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation. This is a special warrant article."

Moulis explained that for the last two years, the cost associated with the warrant article has been

\$200,000 but said that they were looking to increase it to \$225,000 "Due to the increase costs for shipping, furniture costs."

Like in years past, Moulis noted that the funding would come from the June 30 Fund Balance, meaning no additional taxation would be required, if it's approved.

Increasing Funds in the Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund

Another warrant article would look to increase funds in the Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund.

The warrant article draft states: "Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up

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# Selectmen Send \$37 Million Default Budget Forward

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At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to the proposed Default Budget.

“There is a pretty decent gap between the Default budget and the proposed budget,” Acting Town Administrator, Steve Malizia, told the Board of Selectmen during the meeting.

It was explained by Malizia, that his thought is

generally “the bigger the gap the bigger the risk,” explaining that people may be more likely to vote for the Default Budget because of the large difference in cost.

One of the items originally not part of the Default Budget that was discussed was in regards to the solid waste contract.

Board of Selectman Vice Chair, Dillon Dumont, pointed out that they don’t really have an option of

paying it, since it’s an increase to the contract, and it’s an added cost.

Malizia explained that the increase is due to the amount of trash they are picking up in town.

Selectman, Heidi Jakoby, also agreed with Dumont, that they should consider putting it in the Default Budget, since its a contractual obligation.

“I agree with you, I don’t see how else we can do it,” she said.

Select Board member, David Morin, also agreed with it being part of the Default Budget saying “its part of the contract.”

Morin asked why it wasn’t included as part of the increase automatically as part of the contract line in the Default Budget.

“Why wouldn’t it be its part of the contract,” Morin questioned during the meeting.

Malizia said it could be added to the Budget.

“Its your Default bud-

et,” Malizia said, pointing out that people may question it but that they could explain its part of the contractual increase.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said it made sense for it to be added to the Default Budget.

“I say we should put it in the Default contract,” he said noting that they have to incur the cost either way.

It was also decided by the Board of Selectmen to add the contractual increas-

es for stand by pay, for the Department of Public Works, with the reasoning being that like the solid waste contract, they are obligated to pay for the increase either way making it a Default Budget item.

In total, including the sewer and water fund budgets, the proposed Default Budget came in at a total of \$37,177, 866.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

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# Selectmen Discuss Possibility of Coffee Hour Program

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The Hudson Board of Selectmen discussed the potential of having a BOS coffee hour at the Senior Center periodically at the most recent meeting.

Member, Heidi Jakoby, explained that she has attended various programs at the Senior Center, saying they have ones where the police and fire department comes in and talks to people there.

She also noted that she thought that they could consider creating a standing once a month or less coffee hour there "to just give an opportunity for the seniors to ask us questions and have a conversation about what is happening in town."

In an email from Recreation Director, Chrissy Peterson, she said, "I feel that offering the patrons an opportunity to talk and get to know the BOS in a casual setting, while having the opportunity to ask questions, would be beneficial to our senior residents," she

wrote in an email. "It would also bring in a sense of "community" which is always a goal of the Recreation Department. With that said, I am on board with adding a scheduled one-hour monthly meeting, or even every other month if it

is better, to our calendar of events at the center if the BOS are in agreement."

Peterson explained, "This would allow time for us to work out the logistics and to advertise it to our patrons. We would recommend the BOS decide the

guidelines in regards to it being a general Q&A, or if your goal is to have a topic," she wrote. "That way the patrons know what to expect if they choose to attend and so that there is no confusion on our end. Years ago, we had our then, Recreation Selectman liaison offer a similar program but it fized out due to a lack in purpose and direction. We would want to prevent that from happening again and / strongly feel that establishing guidelines will help to accomplish that."

Selectmen Chair, Bob Guessferd, said "I like the idea, I don't want to make it formal," noting that they shouldn't have any type of presentation or anything to that nature.

"Good idea, we just have to have people who are available," Selectman, David Morin said.

It was decided to have a discussion about the idea at a future meeting.

## OBITUARY

### Michael McGraw

Michael McGraw, 66 Years Old, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 20, with his family by his side after a short journey with cancer.

Mike grew up in Hudson, NH where he met his wife Gail of 40 years. They moved up north to raise their family. Mike worked at Freudenberg for over 30 years as Millwright. He was a great friend, neighbor and always willing to help anyone. He cherished his time with his four grandchildren.

He was known for his incredible work ethic, common sense, "say it like is" guy and known as "Mr. Fix It." He was an outdoorsman, always out enjoying nature in his yard at home. He was an avid hiker for many years and enjoyed canoeing the Pemi. He loved taking motorcycle rides throughout NH and across the country. Mike's garage was "his place", always open for his family, neighbors and friends. He would always say, "a car is only as good as the tires it rolls on."

Mike is predeceased by his parents Esther and Dick of Hudson. He is survived by his wife Gail, two sons, a daughter, two sisters, four beautiful grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mike will be dearly missed by all who knew him. May he find peace and comfort in the arms of the Lord.

A celebration of his life will be on Friday, Nov. 1, from 2 - 6 p.m., at the Alexandria Town Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Haynes Library and mailed to the Town of Alexandria, 47 Washburn Rd. A, Alexandria, NH 03222.



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# Editorial

## Fall, a Season for Common Sense

The color orange comes to mind this time of year, with all the pumpkins, mums, and the turning of leaves, but at this time of year, it is particularly important to think of hunters. Orange or another bright color should become part of your and your pet's outdoor attire.

It's hunting season once again, which means those woods in back of your home or along your favorite path are likely to be filled with more than the sounds of birds, or leaf blowers, you may hear the sounds of gunshots. This means you should be exercising extra caution when you're in or near the woods. Don't take chances.

For hunters, always be sure to identify your target before you fire. Always. Be certain you're not trespassing in your pursuit of your target, and be respectful of the land where you hunt. Know the rules, if the land is posted "no hunting" and you don't have personal permission to hunt there, go somewhere else. Just as important, you should leave the land as you found it or maybe better.

Each year, both private and town-owned land is trashed and vandalized. Whether it's someone's idea of a private shooting range, complete with spent cartridges and beer cans, trees cut down without permission, or ATV damage to trails, the "rotten apple"

spoils it for everyone else. Hunter or non-hunter, you should be cleaning up after yourself.

For the rest of us, make it easy on the hunters and for yourself, wear hunter orange or another bright color when you're in an area where hunting is likely to occur. It is also essential make sure your faithful canine companion is sporting an orange scarf as well.

We know the vast majority of hunters use common sense in the pursuit of their game, but in southern New Hampshire, the woods that are left are getting even closer to homes and neighbors.

Fall is a beautiful time to be in the woods, as long as we take literally the old adage that it's better to be safe than sorry. All of that being said nothing can relax and rejuvenate one more than enjoying nature and the surroundings. Just be smart and careful.

This season is perfect for taking time to go camping, fishing, making hot cocoa, sitting by the fire or a fire pit telling stories, and just taking it all in. Anything where you can spend quality time with family, and friends can make fall special.

This season creates a sense of comfort, warmth, and reflection. There are many reasons to love fall.

Take care, and enjoy the beauty that is fall.

## Musquash

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tion Commission had already mapped out several potential new trails near the border for Hudson and Pelham.

"We had a small connecting trail that stopped at Musquash Brook or the swampy area we'd have to go over. So, we'd either have to build a bridge or extend the trail system onto private property and get permission from the private land owner allowing us to do that," said Collins. "I know you can get onto the Gumpas Pond trails near that connection area."

An old proposal included the construction of a small bridge connected to the Cottontail Lane trail on the Pelham side. The option

across private land could connect to the Beaver Pond Loop trail instead. The Conservation Commission leaned towards a connecting bridge as it would only cross town-owned land.

"There's a wedge of property there owned by the Pelham Conservation Commission," he said. "Maybe this is a project that both Conservations Commissions can work on. I mean, if we're going to put in a bridge, they have some cash for projects like this, we've got some cash for projects like this, maybe it's something that we can team up together with."

The main concern was the distance required to carry what would need to be heavy building materials for the bridge. According to the Chair, resident, Dennis Wil-

kinson, previously offered to give the Commission access through his land for the purpose of moving materials back and forth during the fall and winter months, making the hike easier.

"What span are we talking about over the swampy area?" asked Commissioner, John Walker.

He was told the bridge would be around 75 to 100 feet long if they go with that option and narrow enough to prevent ATV vehicles from using it. Members agreed to take measurements in the area by early to mid-November.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Fire Budget

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resurfacing at the fire station, which Tice warned were currently trip hazards.

"Once they remove and replace the floor drains, it's going to tear up the floor and they're going to have to resurface it anyway, correct?" asked Selectman, David Morin.

The Fire Chief confirmed that would be the case and described the two

maintenance items as more or less one project, despite being listed as two separate items on the budget. The drains and flooring represented a \$44,000 request.

While the Board of Selectmen expressed a willingness to cover several requested items, including HVAC and floor maintenance, Dumont warned the town was not in a position to cover every item request-

ed by the Fire Department. It was unlikely the \$19,974 request for a new truck would make it into the final budget, although there was talk of making it a priority next year.

"Trust me, I appreciate where you guys are at trying to balance," said Tice. "We don't want to create a budget that can't pass."

Guessferd warned of "hard decisions" the Board would need to make for the sake of affordability.

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# Hills Garrison Elementary School Holds Pumpkin Fest



The Hills Garrison Elementary School held what has become their annual Pumpkin Festival. The event was held on Thursday night, Oct. 24, and offered games, activities, hayrides and a pasta dinner with decorated pumpkins being displayed at the school's entrance. The Alvirne High School Calf Club also stopped with a few calves for children to pet.

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# 'Triangle' on Pelham Border Granted Duplex Variance

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment opened its Oct. 24 meeting with a presentation from Joseph Maynard of Benchmark, LLC, and property owner Geroge Veves requesting three variances needed to convert a single-family home to a duplex at 102 Gowing Rd. Regulatory issues arose regarding the distance between dwellings, use of the on-site septic system, setbacks, and land size violations following construction.

"The Veves family purchased this lot around 1994 and had the house built on it. It is a three-bedroom structure that exists on the lot," explained Maynard. "Gowing Road in this area just ends at the town line with Pelham."

He outlined how the town line created an odd property shape and promised the development would have decent separation from abutters. The Pelham side of

the land is undeveloped conservation land. Veves wanted to use the added unit to house relatives.

"Mr. Veves did go talk to his neighbors, nobody had a direct issue with this," said Maynard. "For safety, the home is the last one on the street and the proposed addition is on the town side of the existing home."

No abutters were at the meeting to speak against the proposal, though members of the Zoning Board had a few questions. According to town zoning regulations, duplexes are allowed in the area and the property met statewide environmental standards.

"Is there no way they can push things forward so there's a little less encroachment on that setback?" asked Board member, Tim Lanphear, who noted the property was close to conservation land, something setbacks are designed to protect.

Veves responded by saying that the setback viola-

tions come from the "triangle" shape of the land on the Pelham border, making that part of the plan hard to work around, a problem that limited the size of the lot.

"There's nowhere we can obtain an additional 10,000 square-feet in order to make this property work when it comes to that requirement," said Maynard. "We're just short on that requirement."

Without a variance, the requirement for a duplex in Hudson is 60,000 square feet.

Lanphear wanted confirmation that the septic system was enough to accommodate more than one extra resident.

"We've done the basic

calculations to know that's it's going to make loading, there was a septic system put in about 12 to 13 years ago," said Maynard. "I don't expect any issues."

Acting Chair, Tristan Dion, wanted to focus on a firewall meant to separate the main dwelling unit from the new duplex. Normally, such a duplex would not have a firewall on the garage side.

"Between the two dwellings, a firewall is automatically required. However, the way that's it's written actually requires the firewall to be attached to the dwelling where they're asking for the addition to be attach to the garage," said Selectman Liaison, Dillon Dumont.

Again, the placement of the firewall was framed as necessary, considering the shape of the property.

The ZBA unanimously voted to grant all three variances, allowing the duplex

conversion to move forward.

The ZBA is set to meet again on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## OBITUARY

### Lawrence Frank Yust Jr.



Lawrence Frank Yust Jr., 68, passed away on Oct. 21, 2024. His passing leaves behind a legacy of dedication, intelligence, and unforgettable memories and adventures that will be cherished by his family.

Lawrence is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Yust; his three children, Ryan, Aaron, and Danielle and their spouses: Nicole, Kelly and Chris; and his seven beloved grandchildren: Zoe, Johnathan, Luke, Clare, Louella, Robbie, and Christopher. He is also survived by his father Lawrence F. Yust Sr. and stepmother Barbara Yust, as well as his siblings Mark, Kate, Mary, and Diane. He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Yust.

A proud Purdue University graduate, Lawrence built an impressive career as an aeronautical engineer, where his exceptional work ethic and innovative mindset set him apart. His colleagues knew him as someone who approached each project with unwavering dedication and when a project was a challenge "Yust got it done". He took pride in every detail of his work. His passion for engineering wasn't just a career choice – it was a calling that he pursued with remarkable devotion throughout his life.

Beyond his professional achievements, Lawrence was known for his ability to supervise any and all tasks when around family or friends. Along with his quirky sense of humor, he had a gift for storytelling, often entertaining family and friends with his engaging tales of his childhood memories and travels around the world. He found joy in life's simple pleasures, whether running along his favorite jogging routes, vacationing, perfecting his pool game, or most importantly, spending precious time with his family.

In June 2024, he was diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) and had a personal moonshot of being the first person to beat this disease. He fought a courageous battle and was even selected to participate in the second round of clinical trials to find a cure for this disease.

A family celebration of life will be held in Arizona. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the CJD Foundation Family Fundraiser in loving memory of Lawrence F. Yust Jr., to support research and families affected by Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

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# Safety Issues Stalls Lowell Road Gas Station Presentation

PAUL CONYERS  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on Oct. 23 to hear from Project Manager Chris Rice of TFMoran for a presentation on behalf of Colbea Enterprises. Colbea's application included a gas station, car wash, and convenience store near the intersection of Breton Road, Atwood Avenue, and Lowell Road, creating a 3.4-acre site by merging several land plots in the area.

"There's no wetlands on site, all of the properties are located in the business zoning district and the proposed use is permitted," explained Rice.

The presentation struggled to get off the ground after the submittal of a safety analysis was questioned by Board members, including Victor Oates, who wanted more time to analyze the data.

"Unfortunately, it was

provided just minutes before the start of tonight's meeting, which did not give a single member of the Board or the public a chance to read through or put together any questions," said Oates. "I think that if we defer the safety analysis review until the applicant's next meeting, it will give everybody a chance to review, come up with any questions they might have, and make sure we get this right."

Oates considered accepting testimony so soon after submittal constituted a violation of Planning Board bylaws.

Board member, James Crowley, agreed that hearing the safety plan so soon after receiving it seemed to violate the rules of procedure, arguing against considering that part of the presentation.

Vice-Chair, Jordan Ulery, was open to hearing

more, noting that the Planning Board did not intend to approve any final plans until next month at the earliest.

"We're not considering this tonight. We're just learning about it tonight. It's part of their testimony," he said.

"My only purpose in presenting would be to help the Board explain what we did," added Robert Duval, an Engineer at TFMoran. "We will be back; we don't expect a vote on it tonight."

Ultimately, the Planning Board voted to hear testimony about the safety plan after Colbea offered to provide a detailed analysis and peer review of the studies before the next meeting.

"The safety analysis as requested by the Board had four major components: the accident risk, the impact to the proposed development at the Atwood-Lowell Road intersection, how to

improve pedestrian facilities, and the traffic impact of adjacent facilities," said Duval. "When you assess accident risk at an intersection, what you're looking at is what is the actual crash rate of an intersection, and what is the expected crash rate of that intersection."

By looking through the accident history from the Hudson Police Department, four crashes were found at the intersection since late 2020, all of which were

"low damage" accidents without serious injury.

Residents had some questions, particularly concerning the perceived safety of the intersection.

"I think in terms of traffic safety, with County Road, people come out at about 45 miles per hour, it's a death trap," said Scott Snyder of 27 Atwood Ave.

Richard Patterson of 2 Madison Dr. agreed the area was nerve-racking to navigate, questioning how wise

it was to add a gas station to the intersection and calling it the "third-worst intersection" in town.

Board members refrained from asking detailed questions regarding the study as the meeting ran out of time. The safety study will likely change over the next few weeks and months.

The Hudson Planning Board is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

## Warrant Articles

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This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation."

The final warrant arti-

cle, as of now, would look to increase the funds in the Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund.

The warrant article draft states: "Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$150,000 to be added to the Alvirne Farm Capital Reserve Fund established in September 2024? This sum

is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1 with no amount to be raised by additional taxation."

No recommendations have been made by the School Board regarding the warrant articles at this point.

The next School Board meeting is slated to take place on Nov. 4.

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# American Legion Post Restart Monthly Sunday Breakfast



The American Legion Hudson Post 48 offered a Sunday Breakfast on Oct. 27, at their Central Street Post. A donation of \$10 per person was requested for the meal that included: Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes. Proceeds are benefiting veterans and families at Christmas. They are expected to offer a breakfast each month.  
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# HUDSON SPORTS

## Broncos Bust the Blackbirds in a One-Sided Contest

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

It didn't take long for the Alvirne High School football team to establish control over the Keene Blackbirds in Hudson on Friday night, putting up 27 unanswered points in the first 12-minutes and going on to win 41-12 for their third straight win.

By halftime, AHS had a 34-0 lead over Keene, putting any comeback hopes at bay.

The victory put the Broncos season record at 6-2 with one game left until the Division I playoffs.

The Broncos had a six-play drive to start the game that stalled with an unsuccessful fourth and two at the

KHS 20-yard line.

The Bronco defense held Keene to their own 35 before having to punt where the AHS started their second drive from their 34-yard line.

From there, two strong runs by Mike Landmesser and one by quarterback, Charlie Crawford, put seven points on the board for the Broncos.

The Alvirne defense caused the games first turnover in Keene's second drive, leading to the second score of the game.

Brody Orr intercepted a pass at the KHS 35-yard line on second and eight.

On the Broncos second play, Crawford connected with Garrett Hall for a 32-

yard gain, leaving it up to Landmesser to get his second TD of the game.

Shawn Boudreau put through his second extra-point of the night for the 14-0 lead.

The defense forced a quick fourth-and-12 punt and the AHS offense started their next drive at the 47-yard line of Keene.

Two penalties and a couple errant snaps in the drive caused the Broncos to end up with a fourth-and-18 punt.

Starting the second quarter, the defense came up big again, blocking a fourth-and-10 punt at the KHS 15 where Shayne Mackey picked it up and ran to the

endzone. Boudreau added the extra-point and a 21-0 Bronco lead.

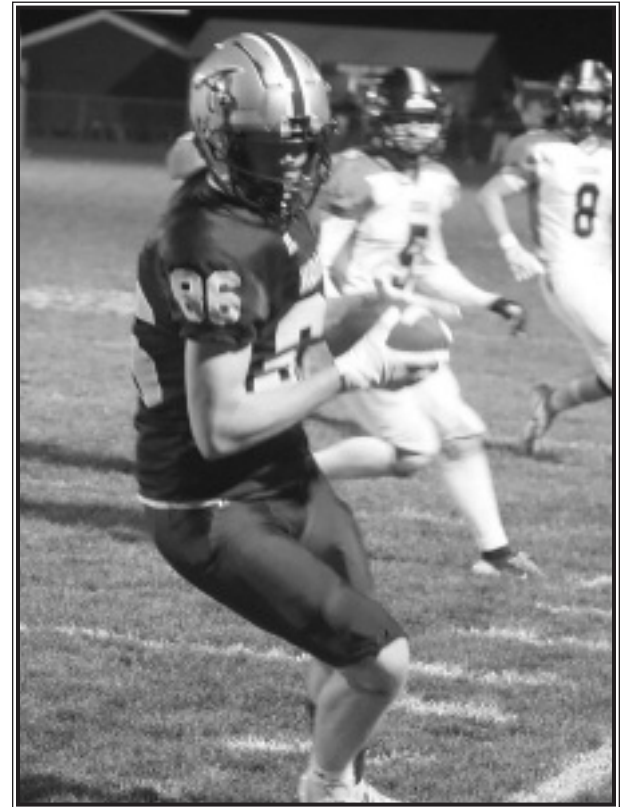
On the following drive, the Alvirne defense caused another turnover, with the second interception of the night. This time by sophomore Ulysses Kangar, putting the Broncos at the Keene 22-yard line.

It took the AHS offense just one play to go up 27-0, when Landmesser ran in for a 22-yard touchdown, his third of the night. Boudreau missed his extra-point after a bad snap.

The kick-off, at 10:50 in the second, led to another turnover by special teams.

Carsen Day recover the fumble forced by Nick Day and Ethan Dudley.

Alvirne took over at the Keene 23-yard line where Crawford eventually con-



Garrett Hall had a reception and run for a 32-yard gain to set up a TD. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Broncos Cross Country Teams Make Top 10 at States

CHRIS PAUL  
HUDSON TIMES

The Alvirne High School Cross Country teams competed in the NHIAA Division I 5K Race at Derryfield Park on Saturday, Oct. 26, with the girls' team placing seventh and the boys getting the sixth spot. Both teams were able to qualify for the Meet of Champions being run at Alvirne High School's Hills House course this weekend.

For the girls, Pinkerton Academy was able to edge out Exeter High School by one point for the first-place spot and the Bedford Bulldogs took third.

The Astros had a team score of 92 with a team time of 1:48:02 to win the state championship over the Blue Hawks with a score of 93 and a time of 1:47:24. Bedford took third with a score of 169.

The Alvirne girls' team qualified for the Meet of Champions with a score of 189, two-points better than Windham with a score of 191.

Makita Berry of Bedford had the winning time of 19:18.79 for the win with Lara White of Nashua North taking second at 12:40.85.

Alvirne had several runners in the top 50: Senior Anna Simpson was a tenth place finisher overall, first for the Broncos at 21:14:59; senior Ava Martin had a time of 21:40.80 for 23rd; freshman Olivia Cartagena was 24th (21:47.14); senior Sophia Berube was 49th (23:12.40); junior Lilliana Schultz was 85th (25:34.39); and Addison Tobin was 88th (25:38.23).

**BOYS**

Bishop Guertin took first with a team score of 65 and a team time of 1:25:42 with

Pinkerton Academy taking second with a 73 and a time of 1:26:29. Nashua South tallied 84 for third place.

The Alvirne team had a score of 188 and a team time of 1:31:47.

The winning time of 16:05.08 was run by Sullivan Sturtz of Keene. Matt Giardina of B.G. was second at 16:34.67 and his teammate Ethan Fischer took third at 16:39.50.

Senior Brent Dunning was the first Bronco to finish, placing 21st overall with a time of 17:37.28; sophomore Ashton Rowe was 37th at 18:24; senior Jacob Plante was 39th (18:26.23); senior Ryder Wannamaker was 43rd at (18:33.51); junior Sam Matson was 48th (18:45.01); sophomore Roarke Brandt was 52nd at 18:49.47; and senior Ethan Schultz was 82nd at 19:46.94.



Anna Simpson was a tenth place finisher at Dis. Photos by Chris Paul



Senior Brent Dunning was the first Bronco to finish for the boys.

## Football

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nected with Ryan Rocheleau for the Broncos fifth touchdown of the night.

The Boudreau point-after was good for a 34-0 AHS lead at 6:51 in the second, where they would finish the half.

The first drive of the second half led to the Black-

bird's first touchdown of the game, bringing the game to 34-6.

A stalled Broncos drive and a big run by Keene led to the Blackbird's only other score of the game for a 34-12 result.

The final touchdown of the game came with :38 seconds left to play in the game when Boudreau blocked the punt, picked it up at the 30-

yard-line and ran it into the endzone. His extra-point made it a 41-12 finish and the Broncos sixth win of the season and their third straight victory.

The Broncos will host Pinkerton Academy for their final regular season game on Friday night, Nov. 1.

The Astros sit at 5-2 and are coming off two straight wins.

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# Middle School Girls Get 5-0 Quarterfinal Win Over Merrimack

**CHRIS PAUL**  
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Memorial School Girls' Soccer team has made it into the Semi-Finals of the Tri-County Middle School Championship playoffs with a 5-0 victory over Merrimack.

The quarterfinal win, at Memorial, on Friday, Oct. 25, was the tenth of the season for the Hudson Colts, allowing them to host Salem on Tuesday, Oct. 29, in the semifinals.

With a win, the Hudson squad will be able to host the finals on Friday afternoon at HMS.

In the five-point victory over Merrimack, the Colts offense dominated the play, most of which took place on the MMS side of the field.

Goals went to Leah Moreau, who had two in the game; Lia Brown, getting a goal and an assist; and Maura Hiller and Layla Jennings each put one into the

back of the Merrimack net.

The Colts offense pounded the Merrimack goaltender, getting 17 shots in the game.

The Hudson tender needed just four stops for the five-point shutout.

This was the team's second win over the Merrimack squad, winning in the regular season 8-0.

The Hudson team is hoping to bring their sixth Tri-County Middle School Championship trophy back to HMS, something that hasn't been done since 2018.

The 10-0-1 HMS team consists of: Sophie Gravallesse, Maura Hiller, Larissa Fabril, Celia Smalley, Hailey Stauch, Layla Jennings, Amelia Hone, Nora Woods, Saoirse Horgan, Piper Stedman, Shea Brown, Co-Captain Reese Wanamaker, Avery Newton, Kira DiZazzo, Co-Captain Lia Brown, Leah Moreau and Jayliana Ortiz.



Lia Brown, left, and Reese Wannamaker both had goals in the Colts win over Merrimack last week.

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Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come and grab a donut and play at the Rogers Library on Saturday, Nov. 2 & 16 at 9:30 a.m.

## Tween UNO Tournament

On Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m., at Rogers Library Tweens in grades 4-8 are

invited to challenge their peers in an UNO Tournament.

## Teen Chess & Cheese

On Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m., join Ms. Maggie at the Rogers Library for a few rounds of chess and charcuterie board snacks, such as cheese, crackers, and fruit. Ages 13-18 only.

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## Rodgers Readers

Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., come join us to discuss "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray at Rogers Library.

## Creation Station: LEGO

On Friday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., build something amaz-

ing with the Rogers Library LEGO bricks. This is a drop in event. Caregiver participates with child.

## Tween Donuts and Book Tasting

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m., join Ms. Maggie at the Rogers Library for a graphic novel book tasting! Each participant will get a chance to skim an array of graphic novels and make a reading list, as well as check out a graphic novel of their choice.

## Stitchers' Circle

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m., come to the Rogers Library and stitch/cross stitch, blackwork, embroider, knit, crochet, hand craft with Oonagh Williams.

## Holiday Ornament Zentangle Class

On Wednesday, Nov. 6 at

1 p.m., and Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m., please join Diane MacKinnon for a two-hour class to create a holiday ornament at the Rogers Library.

## Postpartum Support Group

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m., gather with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about how you're healing and feeling at the Rogers Library.

## Watercolor Leaf Spray Painting

On Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m., join Ms. Maggie at Rogers Library for watercolor leaf spray painting! Grades K-4 only.

## S.A.L.

The American Legion Hudson Post 48 will host a S.A.L. meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m., The S.A.L. **continued on page 15**

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meeting begins at 7 p.m. Come join the Nation's largest Wartime Veteran's Service Organization. Located at 37 Central St in Hudson. For more information please call (603) 889-9777 after 11 a.m.

### Evening of Frost

An Evening of Poems by Robert Frost will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m., at Rogers Library. An "Evening of Frost" is a unique, interactive performance that includes a short biographical introduction into the poet's life and an open discussion of the certain poems.

### St Jude Craft Fair

St. Jude will hold a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The fair features beautiful handmade gifts made by our crafters, including special items for pets, as well as a cookie walk, bake sale and White Elephant rooms. Also, features are

Famous Raffles, with many items, a stunning handmade quilt raffle, a Thanksgiving basket, a 50/50, gift cards raffles. Food and beverages, including lunch will be available for sale. We will also have several vendors participating. All proceeds will benefit the Parish.

### Jigsaw Junction

Open Puzzle Time at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m. This puzzle event where community members can come together to assemble puzzles and make new friends.

### Trunk or Treat

A Free Event at First Baptist Church of Hudson on Thursday, Oct. 31, during Trick or Treat 6 - 8 p.m. Dress up in your favorite costume, then "trick or treat" from trunk to trunk (all decorated in fun themes-nothing scary to frighten little ones) in the church parking lot located at the corner of Central Street and Greeley Street. Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Apple Cider,

Hot Cocoa And Coffee. All ages welcome.

### Saint Kathryn Annual Christmas Bazaar

30th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., At Saint Kathryn Church, located at 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson. Cash grand raffle prizes: \$1,000, \$750, and \$500, Plus many cash 50/50 raffles. Quality items that would make wonderful Christmas gifts. There will also be a large Bake Sale. Theme Basket Room is full of creative baskets. For more information go to <https://stkathryns.org/bazaar>.

### Book Sale Cancelled

The Secondhand Prose Booksale, is cancelled for Nov. 10 and Dec. 8 due to water damage at Hills Memorial Library basement. Please watch for announcements in "Around Town" of the Hudson Times and Rogers Memorial

Library website for updates.

### Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rogers Library. This event is for ages 3 - 5.

### Teen Hangout

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m., Teens are invited to relax the Rogers Library teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch available.

### Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rogers library lawn.

### Brunch Bunch

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rogers Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is

large enough.

### 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 Rogers Memorial Library website [rogerslibrary.org](http://rogerslibrary.org)

### Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rogers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

### A Good Yarn

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

### 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.

### PFOA Water Test

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

### 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.



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