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HRISTMAS CALF Lilah Christopher, a ninth-grade member of the Alvirne High School's Calf Club, shows three-year old, Sutton Boureau, one of the calves they take care of at the Palmer Center farm. The meeting took place at AHS during the annual Santa Ride. See more photos page 8. Photos by Chris Paul

## **School Staffing Levels Remain Concern for Budget Committee**

#### PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The Budget Committee's first meeting of December opened with an update from Superintendent, Daniel Moulis. There had been a few changes to the School District's execuupcoming budget.

process we looked at class Moulis. "Priorities for the

lum maintenance operations, we looked at personnel at the elementary level, at the middle school and high school level, we also looked at academic supports for our students at the high school level, and we tive summary for the also looked at capital improvement school infra-"Through this budget structure projects," said

sizes, we looked at curricu- community are to present a school district budget that represents all students in the district."

> Some improvement projects included new furniture, ongoing upgrades to science classrooms, and a roof replacement. New updates to the budget include the expiration of several grants and updated

## **Budget Committee Discuss Additional Firefighter Need**

HUDSON TIMES

The Budget Committee had questions for Fire Chief, Scott Tice, at their Nov. 29 meeting, about revenue brought in through the ambulance and EMT service in Hudson. While only accounting for a fraction of the budget, Medicare and insurance payments bring in a small amount of revenue through the service to the town every year, helping offset some costs.

"We are on pace for about \$315,000, and we brought in \$460,000 last year," said Committee member, Shawn Jasper.

Tice was unable to say why there was such a difference. One possible reason come in until early January.

was COVID-19, another was a backlog in billing paperwork.

"There's a perpetual backlog, money coming forward with billing, and that plays a part in ambulance revenues," said Budget Alt-Clerk, Shawn Murray.

After crunching some numbers, the Committee concluded that the difference in ambulance revenue was only slightly below expected numbers and would not make a significant difference.

The Budget Committee got a better picture of finances in town with the proposed warrant articles from the Board of Selectmen. New articles can still

One question raised was about the staffing for the Fire Department.

"I was reading about the recent fire at Hummingbird Lane, and there seemed to be issues. We had ambulances out on calls, and we had minimal staffing to handle the fire," said Committee member, Kathy Leary. "From what I heard, it sounded like the first response to the fire was the shift commander and another person."

There were some questions over how much staffing issues were a factor in that particular fire, although Budget Chair, Norm Martin, noted that other nearby towns have continued on page 4

## **RC Club Members Suggest an Alternative Site for Solar Farm**

#### ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

After the Board of Selectmen voted to send a warrant article to the ballot which will ask voters to approve moving forward with the West Road Landfill Solar Farm project. Members of the Southern New Hampshire R.C. Club, who currently occupy the space, known as Wagner Field, were once again at the Board of Selectmen meeting asking for them to consider holding off sending the warrant article to the ballot.

Club President, Cody Wojcik, said he had new information for the Selectmen to consider. "We have a continued on page 2 little bit of new information and I just wanted to present Chair, Marilyn McGrath, it to you," he said.

Wojcik explained that previously it was said they had a "handshake deal" between the club and the town in order for the club to use the landfill site, however, after doing research and finding old minutes, they learned that the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the agreement between the town and the club in July 1999.

Wojcik told the Selectmen they didn't know about it because Daryl Wagner, who had negotiated the deal, passed away a couple of years ago and they previously couldn't find the documentation.

Board of Selectmen

said they will be distributed to the other board members saying, "I've seen them, I've seen what was voted on by the Board of Selectmen at that time." She added that she read the conditions placed on the group in exchange for using the site and said, "based on what I read, you were in violation of most of them." Wojcik responded saying he would be interested in learning what those violations were as he had no knowledge of any.

McGrath said if someone wants to revisit it, they will need a majority of the Board of Selectmen to vote to have it reheard. "But

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## **School Board Give Okay For Electric Bus Grant Application**

HUDSON TIMES

During the Dec. 4 School Board meeting, the Board heard a request from First Student to sign on as applicants for a grant from the EPA to get funding for electric school buses.

"We're trying to lead the way with electric buses," First Student Manager, Shawn Prendable, said during the meeting. He explained that it's a "low

#### risk situation" by filling out the application. Prendable explained to the School Board that there's \$500 million available from the EPA through the grant program, and they could get into the lottery to see if they can get any funding. "This is strictly a 'lottery,' he said. He added that if they do get picked, they then can look at if it makes sense financially to move forward with getting them or not. That's

when the true conversation comes up," Prendable said.

It was noted by Prendable that the order request has to be in by September of next year, and they would be about two years away from bringing in electric buses should they move forward. He stated that they can request up to 25 buses as part of the lottery, which works out for the district since that is how many they currently

said that all the districts he represents are being asked to sign on as applicants for the lottery.

School Board Chair, Gretchen Whiting, noted that there isn't any cost to the district for putting their name in for it, and there will be available buses that they need for when they go out of the range that electric buses can handle.

Prendable also noted

operate on a daily basis. He that if they were to move just over \$100,000, while forward with the application and get chosen and decided to not go forward with the buses, they could just let them know and the buses would be reallocated through the lottery process. "The ultimate goal is to reduce or be cost neutral," he said.

To put the price of the buses in context, Prendable said the buses recently purchased for the district cost

electric ones are around \$350,000. He also noted that they would have to look at the infrastructure for it as well, including electric charging stations. "There's a lot that goes into it if we found out we won," Prendable said.

The School Board approved signing on to the application for the grant funding.

Staffing continued from page 1

staff contracts. With 18 new positions in the budget, Alt-Clerk, Shawn Murray, had several questions for the Superintendent. One focused on a credit recovery program, which aimed at keeping struggling high school students on a path to graduation.

"Why would you need more positions for this?

Don't you have school counselors to help students along the way with their credits and everything?" asked Murray.

Moulis answered that the recovery tutors gave one-on-one and smallgroup support to students for specific classes like math and English. It was also confirmed that proposed staffing increases in the preschool program were designed to reflect an increase in preschool enrollment and the addition of several paraprofessionals. There are around 40 paraprofessional vacancies that the district has struggled to fill, something they hoped to do with a new contract under negotiation.

When asked which three positions he needed in the budget the most, Moulis focused on credit recovery academic support, the counselor position at Dr. H.O. time high: what we had

Smith Elementary, and either the preschool teacher or an SOL tutor, although he found it difficult to single out any position as "most essential."

Budget Committee member, Shawn Jasper, wanted an accurate assessment of staffing needs with a decline in K-12 student numbers over the past few years.

"I'd like to see what we had for personnel at our all-

then, what we have now. What is going to be the total at the end of this budget?" asked Jasper. "This budget is driven by the number of employees we have, and we're seeing a decline."

The Budget Committee approved a motion to calculate and compare staffing levels in the 2017/18 budget to the proposed 2024/25 budget.

"Nearly 400 fewer students in the last few years should allow us to see some consolidation, instead we're seeing growth," said Jasper.

Committee member, Kathy Leary, pointed out that comparing student numbers to school staff may not necessarily paint an accurate picture, saying "There's a lot of different needs that didn't exist in 2017." The need for specialized school counselors to make up for pandemic learning loss was given as an example.



## **Times Publisher Found Guilty of Political Ad Omissi**

#### CHRIS PALIL HUDSON TIMES

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, Judge, Kerry Steckowych, agreed with the state on five of six misdemeanor charges of not complying with RSA 664:16's political advertising disclaimer requirements towards Deb Paul, Publisher of the Londonderry Times and Hudson Times.

On Aug. 24, 2022, Attorney General, John Formella, in the Election Law Unit announced that Paul was arrested on six

to Penalties for Political

Advertising for publishing political advertisements that did not comply with State election laws.

filed The charges against her were for violations of RSA 664:16, Identification of "Political Advertising," a misdemeanor and was charged for failure to properly identifying political advertisements that she published in the Londonderry Times with appropriate language either

misdemeanor counts related at the beginning or the end stand the law and felt that Laura Morin. of the advertisement as required by the law.

> The Class A misdemeanor charges carry a maximum penalty of up to one-year at the county house of corrections and a fine of up to \$2,000.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, Judge Steckowych heard the case in Derry District Court with Deb Paul pleading not guilty on all charges, saying that all along, she had been working with the state to undershe was complying with what was being asked.

The state was represented by senior Assistant Attorney Generals, Myles Matteson and Matthew Conley, along with Investigator, Daniel Mederos.

They argued that Paul was warned twice, in 2019 and 2020, after the state had received complaints from Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, and Town Councilor, Tom Freda, as well as a local resident.

They urged the judge to

issue a guilty verdict because Paul neglected to label election ads with "Political Advertisement" on top of the ad.

The state called four witnesses in the case, School Board Chairman, Bob Slater, Town Councilor, Chad Franz, and resident, Janet Huttula. The state also had Mederos take the stand.

Paul's Attorney, Tony Naro, argued that the ads in

question were clearly "political ads" and they were all marked as to who was paying for them.

The state's investigator even stated that he was able to find the ads in the paper without the "Political Advertisement" banner.

Sentencing is scheduled to take place just before Christmas, on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Derry District Court.

Note: Publisher Debra Paul was not involved in the writing of this article.

## **Engineer Calls for Circumferential Highway Study**

PAUL CONVERS HUDSON TIMES

The Budget Committee considered dipping into the unexpended fund balance for some smaller expenses at their final November meeting. With higher-thanexpected revenue for the year, the idea was to keep the tax rate slightly lower for residents.

"We should consider using the fund balance to some extent, I'm not saying on everything, but a lot of these smaller [warrant articles] just makes less of an impact," said Alt-Clerk, Shawn Murray.

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the 26 warrant articles set to be on the balance, two items: the Melendy Road bridge and police safety training draw from the unexpended fund balance in the upcoming budget.

While the Budget Committee does not have the power to make unilateral changes to the wording of a warrant article, they discussed bringing up the possibility of using more unused funds at the upcoming deliberative session.

One notable warrant article involved funding for a Circumferential Highway Normally, taxes increase feasibility study, something Engineer, Elvis

to explain.

"It's a feasibility study, basically, if this is even doable or if it even makes sense at this point," said Dhima. "For the longest time, we've been trying to figure out what the answer will do for our traffic, one of the only projects pending like that for 50 years. We were able to get the state to put together \$800,000 with a commitment for us for \$200,000 to get an answer to this once and for all."

If approved, the study will occur over the next two years. While such a project has been on the table for

\$50,000 in expenditures. Of Dhima, was at the meeting some time, Dhima could not remember when anyone gave the highway plan such an in-depth examination.

> He specifically wanted answers from "a third party" to avoid bias and looked to determine what traffic, financial, and environmental impacts the project would have.

> "Too many of us are too for or against this," added Dhima. "It'll put this in front of us or behind us. For the sake of the town, I think it's worth getting an answer,

whatever that is." Budget Committee mem-

ber, Kathy Leary, remembered hearing about a town meeting on the road in 1988 when an earlier plan stalled due to environmental concerns. The Board of Selectmen moved the proposal forward in the hope that voters would send a clear message on the matter.

The study will require basic engineering design to get accurate numbers related to construction. The Town Engineer emphasized

that currentlyhere is no state or federal money available to do a complete design.

"A concern would be, this money gets spent, suppose they say it's a great idea, but there's no money to do it. By the time we wanted to do it, would we need another study?" asked Leary.

According to Dhima, the town would ask for help from the state legislature, and no new design would be needed.

"This will not be a waste," he promised.



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## Editorial **A Generous Spirit**

We at the Nutfield Publishing want to recognize the residents, organizations, and the volunteers who step up each year, time after time, being tremendously generous when it comes to helping out the less fortunate.

In the midst of the holiday rush, fulfillment of wishes on giving and Angel Trees, donations of food and gift cards to provide holiday baskets, and even more donations of toys and new and used clothing came in day in and day out.

The generosity is involved with many individuals, ranging from schoolchildren to those with businesses collecting socks, warm hats, coats, and toys.

Donations don't get where they need to be without the help of volunteers, and they, too, were in abundance in the holiday season that just passed. Whether it was carting gifts and food to a central location, matching gifts with the appropriately aged recipient, packing holiday food boxes, or even serving at soup kitchens, these people were ready to fill the need.

But the holidays are far from the only time for the generous spirit in our towns. Free clothing is offered throughout the year at several local churches. Sports teams and school clubs dedicate time to helping out the less fortunate, learning something about the world in the process.

In addition to various food pantries, the Community Meals Network hosts free meals for all ages several times each month throughout the year. Whether it's a hearty breakfast or a spaghetti dinner, with volunteers doing everything from donating the food to cooking the meals, serving the guests, and taking the time to sit down and chat with people who may not have many other opportunities for socializing.

We regularly announce fundraisers to benefit persons with serious medical conditions. It's sad and frightening that insurance is not available to meet these needs, but our fellow residents continue to step forward and host any number of creative activities to help out.

We'd be remiss if we didn't also highlight the volunteers who fill seats on town and school district boards and commissions. While some of their decisions may elicit criticism, that's the nature of a democracy. This doesn't detract for an instant from the appreciation they're due for being willing to leave their homes and take the action needed to keep our communities functioning.

If you're into the spirit of making a New Year's resolution, volunteering to help your community is a good one to top the list. To those who already do so, we offer our appreciation and thanks.

## Letters

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#### Hudson Must Put On The thinking? Has all the devel-**Development Brakes** To the editor,

burden? Since 2016 my Hudson has had its share of development over the years beginning with the turn from a farming town to a residential community to what I would now call a commercial/industrial center. The recent transition began with a 2016 warrant article taking our building heights from 38-feet to 50feet, seemed innocent enough, but the true intentions were to convert Green Meadow and the Friary properties into Distribution/Warehouse facilities. Hudson leadership was aware and were thanked by the real estate group for helping them get it passed. They even met with state officials to discuss the watchouts and what would be needed to succeed. If leadership truly understood the impact these type facilities have to a town's infrastructure and services, then preventive measures could have been put into place. Instead, they saw tax revenues and not the real financial and service impact this town would be facing. Where was the critical

(HFD.HPD.HPW), traffic on our roads, and schools.

3. Use this information to create a town plan with a vision of what we want Hudson to look like in 25 years and the strategic choices needed to accomplish this.

Once completed we can lift the moratorium and be guided by a master plan aligned with responsible development that gives us a town we want, not what developers want. They are preying on our weak zoning rules and boards that are not guided by a true master plan. If you do not fit into that you are not allowed in. Distribution/Warehouse/Flo w Centers are not responsible development.

It is time to do the right thing. Citizen warrant articles can help get us there in the short term but elections will handle it in the long run. For all of those on the Board of Selectman, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Town Administration it is time to begin working on "Saving Hudson" vs selling it out. More to come as we close in on election season. James Dobens

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phone number for verification if needed; name and town of residence will be printed. The Huson Times reserves the right to reject or edit letters for content, length, and frequency. Anonymous letters will not be printed.

## **Firefighters**

**Continued from page 1** larger fire and EMS departments. Several officials also reported that it was common to have Hudson emergency personnel called away.

"There was a full complement of on-duty members, they were just on other calls," added Selectmen Liaison, Dave Morin. "This is an ongoing problem, it's going to continue until we can get the money to man this, it's going to be expenand I don't want to say they got lucky, but we're going to get caught one of these days."

It wasn't clear how many incidents related to staffing occurred. If approved, the warrant article for the Hudson Fire Department would add four new firefighters, enough for one more person at each station.

"Putting one person on each shift really is not going to have that type of an impact," Committee member, Shawn Jasper, responded. "There will be fires sive. They do a good job, when you will never have

enough people there and could never have enough people there.

The Fire Chief has alternatively requested funding for one training officer, a request previously criticized by the Budget Committee. who preferred to use the money to hire more firefighters.

"One more person per shift will make a difference because that will mean we can man an engine company at Central Station with three guys, right now we only man it with two," said Morin.



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## **Hudson Historical Society Opens Hills House Doors**







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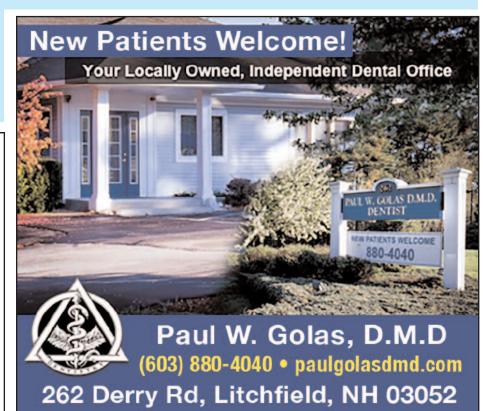
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Members of the Hudson Historical Society were on hand Saturday, Dec. 9, allowing members of the community to tour the historic Alvirne - Hills House. Many of the rooms of the Summer home of Dr. Joseph Hills, built in 1890, were open to the public decked out in festive decor and displaying hundreds of antiques throughout the home. Members answered questions and offered refreshments for those who visited the Open House. This Saturday, Dec. 16, starting at 11 p.m., residents will have another opportunity to visit the estate. Hudson's Wreath's Across America will have a short service at Hills House before heading out to lay wreaths at the grave sites of Hudson veterans at various cemeteries in town. *Photos by Chris Paul* 



## **School Board Has Second Readings For Policy Changes**

Alex Malm HUDSON TIMES

The School Board had a number of second policy readings during the Dec. 4 meeting, including withdrawing one policy regarding the district's right to know policy, which is now under a different policy. The current policy outlines what the process is for the district when someone wants to make a Right -to-Know law request under RSA 91-A:1. School Board member, Gary Gasdia, said he wanted to make it clear, "We are not withdrawing the ability to do a right to know, that is it needs to state what is now incorporated into another policy."

Another policy is in regard to non-public sessions.

"The School Board may meet in non-public session for any of the purposes set out in RSA 91-

A:3. non-public sessions may only occur after a duly noticed public meeting has been called to order and

adjourned. Once the public meeting has been convened, the School Board may enter non-public session at any time during such meeting if a majority of the board, by roll-call vote, find that sufficient grounds under 91-A:3, II exists," the proposed policy reads.

It explains that a nonpublic session can occur 'during a duly notice meeting irrespective of whether a non-public session appeared on either the meeting notice or meeting agenda."

When a motion is made going on, what matters will be discussed, and "the statutory reason(s) for entering non-public session."

"The School Board shall record minutes of all nonpublic sessions, and such minutes shall be made available and or "sealed" in accordance RSA 91-A:3," the proposed policy reads. 'Required content and

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of non-public sessions are described in School Board policy BEDG Minutes."

It is explained in the proposed policy that information discussed during the non-public session is confidential "l except to the extent the same is required to be disclosed subject to applicable law or court order, or as authorized by the board."

The School Board needs to have the Superintendent or a designee, at the nonpublic session, except if it pertains to the Superintendent's employment.

Every year, the superintendent is also required to "obtain and provide to each board member copies of any NHSBA Non-Public Session Checklist and update the same during the year as made available by NHSBA."

The School Board also had a second reading for policy changes to the public gifts/donations policy.

"Gifts from organizations, community groups, and/or outside individuals, which will benefit the Hudson School District, shall be encouraged," the policy reads. "A gift shall be defined as money, real or personal property, and personal services provided without consideration."

Any individuals or groups who are considering "presenting a gift to a school or the Hudson School District shall be encouraged to discuss in advance with the Building Principal or the

before that meeting is availability regarding minutes Superintendent what gifts are appropriate and needed." "The Hudson School

District or Board reserves the right to refuse any gift that does not contribute to the achievement of the Hudson School District's goals, or in which the ownership of the gift would tend to deplete the resources of the Hudson School District," the policy reads. "In determining whet-

her a gift will be accepted, consideration shall be given to the Hudson School District policies, and objectives (with particular emphasis on the goal of providing equal educational opportunities to all students) and adherence to basic principles outlined in the regulation (KCD-R) that accompanies this policy."

The Superintendent is allowed to accept gifts "subject to the terms of this policy in the amount of \$5,000 or less. The Superintendent will advise the board in advance of acceptance if possible, or if after acceptance, at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting."

Any gifts over \$5,000 can only be accepted by the School Board as part of the policy.

"Additionally, pursuant to RSA 198:20-b, III, gifts in the amount of \$20,000 or more shall require the Board to hold a public hearing regarding any action to be taken with the gift," the policy reads. "For gifts of less than \$20,000, the Board will post notice of the gift in the

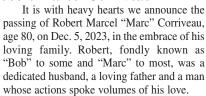
scheduled board meeting and will include notice in the minutes of the meeting in which the gift is discussed. The acceptance of all gifts will be made in public session. If there are more than two weeks between the donation notification and the next board meeting, acceptance is at the discretion of the Superintendent.

agenda of the next regularly Item will be on the agenda of the next board meeting."

> Once a gift is accepted, it becomes school district property, and can't be returned without board approval, and is subject to the same regulations as any other district property.

"The Hudson School District may be responsible for the maintenance of any gift it accepts," the policy reads.

### OBITUARY Robert Marcel Corriveau



Born on May 4, 1943, in Biddeford, Maine to the parents of the late Raoul and Aldea Corriveau. He graduated from St. Louis High School in the Class of 1961.

Marc served in the Navy from 1961-1965 where he was part of the squadron in Meridian, MI, involved in the search for civil rights workers in the swamps (1964).

After his military service, Marc pursued an education in drafting, earning certification through Mass Trade in Boston MA and furthering his studies at Northeastern University. His successful drafting career spanned several decades. Shortly after retirement, Marc and Jeanne spent their winters enjoying the beautiful Floridian weather. While there, Marc cherished playing golf with his "Maine Group" and the "NH Group". Back in Nashua he was a valued member of the Ponemah Senior Golf League and enjoyed dining out regularly with Jeanne.

Marc's life was marked by his love for Jeanne (Nadeau) Corriveau. He was by her side as a best friend and spouse for 56 years and father to their three sons. He was a man of few words but his devotion to his family was unwavering. He leaves behind his beloved wife and three sons: Kenneth and wife Pamela with their sons Joshua and Jacob, Keith and wife Ellen with their children Ainsley and Logan, Kevin and his wife Lynne with their children Trevor and Katelyn. He is survived by his brother Leo and wife MaryAnn, brother-in-law Bob Rochefort and sister-in-law Rachel Montpas. Marc was predeceased by his sister Claudette Rochefort.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m., at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 East Dunstable Rd., Nashua. A private burial will be held at St. Josephs Cemetery in Biddeford, ME.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marc's memory to Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua or to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration. https://give.classy.org/robertcorriveau



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### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector Position Split Discussed** AUL CONVERS

HUDSON TIMES

For its final meeting of November, one item the Budget Committee discussed was the ongoing issue of splitting the positions of town clerk and tax collector. Currently, both posts are combined, held by Christine Strout-Lizotte. The split will come into effect next year.

The issue on the position split is that it creates an additional buget line.

still do motor vehicles and property taxes. Town clerk

will do elections, vital records, and dog licenses," said tor also announced the Town Administrator, Steve Malizia. "They're split up based on the responsibilities of each position."

Each position will be given its own budget for dayto-day expenses like postage and paperwork. Strout-Lizotte will be filling the tax collector spot as an employee for Hudson, while the position of town clerk will remain elected.

A new town clerk will "The tax collector would need to be appointed to fill the spot until the March 2025 election.

recent approval of a contract from the Department of Public Works and a three-year contract.

"Both of the unions have approved those contracts on their side, it's a tentative agreement," Maliza added.

The Budget Committee will go over what impact these contract approvals will have on the overall budget at a later meeting.

Committee members looked into new ways to bring in more revenue for

The Town Administra- the town next year, although the means to do this were limited beyond raising vehicle registration fees. Revenue estimates for vehicles are around \$6.4 million, higher than expected, with more new vehicles in Hudson. Originally, the projection was for \$5.75 million in revenue.

"With all the considerations of revenue, there's nothing plausible in there?" asked Alt-Clerk, Shawn Murray.

Maliza confirmed that vehicle registration is the main way to raise money for the town beyond raising permits. Hudson is on pace the tax rate, adding that "if we don't have the revenue, we'll have to make it up somewhere."

"The question is, at the end of this budget, do we take money unnecessarily from the taxpayers to fund things, or do we risk next year having less money in the fund balance?" said Murray. He favored keeping tax rates low through 2024. "There's nothing I think is going to crash things in the next few months."

The trend of higher revenue is holding for building

to raise around \$550,000 from building permits, up slightly from the \$532,000 in 2022. With a slower economy, such numbers were not expected to be higher.

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"We're seeing some pretty good building still going on," said Murray. "It's well above what we were projecting."

The Budget Committee voted to raise the line items for motor vehicle and building permits beyond what the Board to Selectmen projected on the original default budget.

## **Solar Farm**

Continued from page 1 until that happens, we won't revisit it," McGrath said.

John Hayes, another member of the club, asked they reconsider their decision, saying that the future of aviation usually starts

with RC clubs. "The early inspiration lies in the foundation for our astronauts, airplane pilots, military pilots, aerospace engineers, and general aviation pilots," he said. For him, it's been a "55-year adventure," where he has gained skills and a

challenge, and reward those Field recognized as a FAA money...once you give up bell High School, the propwho are part of this segment of aviation," Hayes said. "Our sight has generated two world champion aerobatic pilots, yes I said world champions." Hayes explained that the "landfill site was unique," it took passion for it. "We inspire, over a year to get Wagner

certified air space.

In terms of the revenue from the space that the town is expected to receive if the deal is approved by the voters, he said the need for money will never go away, saying "you'll just be look-

open space, you won't be able to get it back." Hayes continued.

Hayes reminded the board of his offer to help them find an alternative sight for the solar farm, "I have located a potential site ing for your next source of in Litchfield, behind Camp-

erty is owned by Hudson. It is a water pumping station and there are nearly 33 acres approximately the same size at the landfill sight." He distributed a map to all the Selectmen with the Litchfield site identified.

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# **Calf Club Greets Children with Some Holiday Cheer**











Members of the Alvirne High School - Palmer Center's "Calf Club" brought a number of baby cows down to the school's parking lot on Sunday, Dec. 10, to allow children to give pets a hugs to the friendly creatures after seeing Santa Claus on his sleigh ride through town. The calves and students were decked out in holiday attire and were more than willing to greet the children during what has become an annual tradition. *Photos by Chris Paul* 



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## Santa Rides

Santa Claus took to the streets of Hudson on Sunday morning, Dec. 10, giving children a chance to get a pre-holiday glimps of the "Big Guy" in what has become an annual tradition. The sleigh ride was organized by the Hudson Recreation Department in conjuction with the fire and police departments with Santa passing through many neighborhoods. *Photo by Chris Paul* 





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# HUDSON SPARTS

# **Callahan Tallies Two as the Admirals Get 5-1 Victory**

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Alvirne-Milford took to the ice for the first time in NHIAA play on Monday in West Lebanon to play the Lebanon-Stevens-Mascoma Raiders. The Admirals made the two-hour trip worthwhile, as thanks to goals from James Nemeth, Bryce Larco, Braydon Atwood, and two from Brandon Callahan, carried the team to a 5-1 victory.

teams were feeling each other out; getting a better sense of each other's play styles. Much of the first period entailed odd-man rushes going back and forth, plenty of physical play, and stellar saves by

the netminders. Both Kian seemed like Callahan didn't were excellent in the first periods, holding down a 0-0 tie throughout.

Alvirne-Milford had plenty of chances to score in the first period, but they were unable to capitalize, as there were some turnovers in the neutral and offensive zones at times. Fortunately, it was a similar story for the Raiders, as well.

The second period was To start the game, both one of plenty of scoring for the Admirals, as it began after a Cedrik Beaulieu tripping penalty, where Brandon Callahan notched his later, James Nemeth got in first official goal of the season: a short-handed tally that beat Evan George high on his glove side. It almost

Corcoran and Evan George get the full shot, but he beat George nonetheless. When asked about it after the game, Callahan said, "It was a muffin... wobbly shot, but it went in."

> This goal, however, would open the floodgates for the Admirals. Bryce Larco got his first goal of the year, scoring on the powerplay on a one-timer from the low slot. His goal came with assists from Ceddy Beaulieu and Brandon Ganas to make it 2-0 at 8:04 in the second.

Just a couple of minutes on the action, scoring his first official goal on the season. Bryce Larco picked up the assist. At this point, the

reach for the Raiders, as the score read 3-0

Alvirne-Milford wasn't done in the second period. though, as Braydon Atwood tallied a marker of his own. His goal made it 4-0 in favor of the Navy and Maroon. Brandon Callahan picked up an assist on the goal, as well.

It was clear from the drop of the puck, that the goal for the Admirals was to simply wind the clock down in the final frame. Afterall, they were just 15 minutes away from a well-earned victory.

game, Brandon Callahan would add another goal to make it 5-0. Braydon Atwood picked up his second assist on a Callahan goal on the night. At this

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game was just getting out of point, the result was all but The only thing that could official. The Admirals were have gone better is perhaps gonna win this one convincingly.

After being gifted with a long 5-on-3 powerplay, the Raiders would get themselves a goal off the stick of Patty Mooney. That goal, in the grand scheme of things, wouldn't make a major difference, as the Admirals would go on to win 5-1. It just ruined the shutout, unfortunately.

Looking at this game, there isn't very much, if anything, the Admirals didn't do.

The offense, despite a With just 9:23 left in the slow start, put up goals. The defensive play was fantastic. Goaltending was nearly perfect from Kian Corcoran, who was battling an illness. This team deserved to win this game and they did.

a few less penalties. Even still, they managed to get a short-handed goal in the process.

For our three stars of the night, they could have gone to anybody, really. There were a bunch of players in contention.

For the first star, it was Brandon Callahan for his two goals and an assist, adding strong play even when he was not getting himself on the scoresheet.

The second star goes to Corcoran, Kian who stopped 42 of the 43 shots he faced, earning a .977 SV% and a GAA on the season of just 1.00. Finally, the third star of the night goes to Bryce Larco, who had the GWG and two assists in the game.



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## **Presidential Primary Makes Tuesday Jan. 23 a Workshop Day**

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With the First In the Nation Presidential Primarv set in New Hampshire. school boards across the state are now modifying their school district calendars.

"That date has now been set in New Hampshire," Hudson Superinduring the Dec. 4 School Board meeting. He said the proposal was to make

am bringing this back forward to amend the calendar." he said. School Board Vice Chair, Maureen Dionne, said it will be important to send out the information "as quickly and as much as possible to allow parents sufficient notification."

Also during the meettendent, Dan Moulis, said ing, the School Board held a public hearing for unanticipated revenues. One was for a street sweeper for Jan. 23 a workshop day, so the CTE program. "FB

donate a 2012 International Street Sweeper for use by the students enrolled in CTE programs," CTE Director, Eric Frauwirth, wrote in a memo to the School Board. "The vehicle runs and drives, but currently has a non-functional sweeper motor."

He said it would be utilized "as a training vehicle, with no intention to register it for street legal use."

"Initially, students in the mechanics, welding,

work together to diagnose and repair the sweeper motor," Frauwirth said. "After the initial repairs, this vehicle will be used for future years as a training vehicle for those three, and potentially other, CTE programs." The School Board accepted the donation valued at \$50,000 for the CTE program to use the equipment

In addition to the street sweeper, the School Board also had another public

no school for students. "I Hale, Inc. would like to and engineering classes will hearing in order to accept and chefs to demonstrate another donation for the CTE program. "Welbilt Ovens would like to donate a Convotherm Oven to the culinary arts program," Frauwirth wrote in a memo to the School Board. "This piece of equipment will provide students the opportunity to learn on an item that is commonly found in commercial kitchens." He explained that the advisory board member and Welbilt

employee "will conduct a full training for the students

the full capabilities of the unit." It was unanimously approved by the School Board to accept the donation which had a value of \$39,000

The School Board also approved the hiring of Colton Houle as the Varsity Baseball Coach at Alvirne High School. The position pays \$3,850.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

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the bird or animal that has consumed it. These chemicals are used by most professional pest control services. Rodenticide poisoning induces hemorrhaging and seizures, which are just two of the excruciating ways it kills both rodents and predators.

In 2021, Massachusetts had 2 known cases of bald eagles dying of rodenticide poisoning. There have also been cases of domestic pets perishing because they ate a poisoned rodent. There are currently no "safe" rodent poisons. They are all toxic to other animals. So, what is the best alternative?

For those with a soft heart, there are several options for live trapping and

releasing. Havahart traps are well known and may be good for one mouse/rat/ chipmunk at a time. Bucket traps such as the rolling log or trap door are good options for catching multiple rodents.

Certainly, Googling will produce many versions available on-line. You can also search YouTube for "Live Mouse Trap" to see some clever DIY traps. These allow you to release your "victims" unharmed someplace where that they

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Snap traps baited with peanut butter are an effective and humane way of controlling rodents. Many folks squirm at the thought of disposing of the "victims" found in the traps. It's certainly possible to clear the trap without touching the mouse.

I typically walk out to the edge of the yard, lift the trap bar and shake the carcass off onto the ground where it now becomes food for some passing creature.

gone, it died instantly and didn't suffer, and is now food for other wildlife.

Electronic traps are effective and humane but can be pricey to operate. Sticky traps are cruel. The rodent ends up dying of thirst or starvation.

Prevention is also key to rodent management. Do an inspection of the exterior of your home and seal up any opening where rodents could be entering. Silicone

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It's all good - the mouse is caulk can be used for narrow gaps. For openings of ? inch or more, stuff the hole with steel wool before sealing with caulk.

> Be sure to remove any temptation. Store food human or pet - sealed in plastic containers. Don't leave pet food out for extended periods. Keep bird feeders away from vour house. Even cardboard, paper and fabrics can attract rodents, so it's best to recycle or dispose of these items when no longer needed.











**Cub Carolling** Members of Cub Scout Pack 21 spent time at Fairview Senior Living to treat residents at the Assisted Living as well as the Memory Care Areas to Christmas Caroling on Wednesday night, Dec. 6. This was the first time the Pack was able to do this sort of activity since the onset of COVID in 2020. Before COVID-19, this was a yearly tradition for the pack. Scouts had over 30 Cubs in attendance and were broken into two groups to sing to both areas. The Cubs sang many of their favorites and classic holiday songs like Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and also presented residents with homemade Holiday Cards. The Cubs were rewarded for their singing by Fairview staff with cookies and juice. Anyone interested in other activities or to join they can contact the pack at their website: www.pack21hudon.org. *Courtesy photos* 



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#### **School Band Concert**

On Monday, Dec. 18, starting at 6 p.m., the Hudson Middle School's 6th & 7th Grade Band will perform, followed by Hudson Middle School Woodwind Choir, Middle School Jazz Band, & Alvirne High School Jazz Band at 6:45 p.m., rounding things up with the Hudson Middle School's 8th Grade Band & Alvirne High School Concert Band at 7:30 p.m. All concerts are free of charge and hosted in the Alvirne High School gym.

**Christmas Masses** 

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Sunday, Dec. 24: Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christmas at 4 p.m.; Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christmas at 6 p.m.; Christmas Mass During the Night at 10:30 p.m.(a prelude of Christmas Music will be sung prior to the Christmas Mass During the Night from 10 - 10:30 p.m.) On Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas Mass During the Day at 10:30 a.m. (a prelude of Christmas Music will be sung prior to the Christmas Mass During the Night from 10 -10:30 a.m.)

#### **Book Donation Dates**

The Friends of Hudson Schedule For Christmas Library hold a book donation day each month at RML. Upcoming dates are: Dec. 14. All day 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Books are dropped off in the library for more information. On to a study room. Do not use

the donation bin in the parking lot - the bin donations do not go to the friends.

#### Penguin Plunge

The Special Olympics of NH Penguin Plunge will take place on Feb. 10. The Alvirne team has already started to form and over the next two months will continue to grow. If you are interested in joining the team, apply online at https://fundraising.sonh.org/.. ./Alvirn.../hs-penguinplunge. Donations to the team or an individual plunger can also be made on the page.

#### Lions Club Photo Contest

Which photo wraps up your feelings about Lions? Send your 8x10 matte finish photo to Robin Rodgers no later than Jan. 8, 2024.

EMail: robina.rodgers@gmail.com. The contest will be peer judged at the Multiple District Convention to be held Jan. 26 - 28 at the Westford Regency Hotel, Westford, Mass. Prizes will be awarded for the top vote takers and a calendar will be assembled with 12 entries. Entry into the contest gives permission to use your photo for future MD-44 calendar fundraiser.

#### Mystery Lover's Book Club

On Monday, Dec. 18, & Jan. 22, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Children's Programming Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. If you are looking for a book group where everyone joins in with the conversation and opinions are welcome, this is the place for you. Come and give it a try. This month's book pick is The Maid by Nita Prose.

#### **Drop In Stitchers**

On Friday, Dec. 15, 22, & brushing up on an old one or even if you just like to sit and chat while pretending to work, this is a judgment free

#### Meeting Schedule: Town of Hudson and Hudson School District

Thursday Dec. 14:	Trustees of the Trust I	Fund 3:30pm
Thursday Dec. 14:	Zoning Board	7 p.m.
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#### Afternoon Book Group

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 1:30 - 3 p.m., in the Community Room of Rodgers Memorial Library. This group will discuss The man who invented Christmas: how Charles Dickens's A Christmas carol rescued his career and revived our holiday spirits by Les Standiford.

29, from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m., in from 10 - 10:30 a.m., in the the Community Room of Children's Rodgers Memorial Library. If Room of the Rodgers Memoyou're starting a new skill or rial Library. For babies age birth to 18 months and their



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## **Home Energy Tips For The Winter Heating Season**

With the home heating to stay warm, healthy, and advance of needing fuel. season approaching, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) and the N.H. Department of Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) encourage N.H. families to discuss heating their homes this winter.

"While national policies have driven up the cost of heating fuel, it's important families know of the steps they can take to manage costs," said Gov. Chris Sununu. "While N.H. cannot control the cost of energy, we encourage families to apply for the assistance available this year."

"Granite Staters continue to see expensive energy bills driven by national energy costs," said DOE Commissioner Jared Chicoine. "It is important that NH families are aware of ways safe this winter."

"Prepare your family for cold weather ahead of the winter season," said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. "Have a family plan to heat vour home that includes backup sources if needed. Add supplies such as blankets and extra layers of clothing to your emergency kit to use during colder weather."

#### **Home Energy Tips**

• Call your fuel vendor and ask about setting up automatic delivery. Automatic delivery adds convenience by eliminating the need to monitor your tank and can add peace of mind as winter weather approaches and prices shift.

• If you prefer paying for fuel on demand, make sure to keep an eye on your fuel gauge and call your vendor at least 10 days in

• Call your fuel vendor and ask about fuel payment budget plans. Budget plans might help a household make heating costs more manageable. Families should make sure to clearly understand their agreement with their fuel vendor.

· Make sure your heating system receives professional maintenance each year.

• Clean any warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed and make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.

• Clean or replace filters on forced hot air systems regularly.

• Consider installing programmable thermostats to turn your heat up and down automatically to match the hours when you are home or away.

For more home energy tips, visit Energy Efficiency – Managing Your Energy Usage | NH Department of Energy, Information on NH energy efficiency programs be found can at nhsaves.com.

**Assistance Programs** 

NH has a variety of opportunities for households in need of assistance with home energy costs both heating and electric. Learn more about assistance programs, including how where to apply, at CAPNH.ORG or by calling 211.

• The Fuel Assistance program provides benefits to qualified New Hampshire households to assist with heating costs throughout the winter season.

• The Electric Assistance Program provides eligible customers with a discount on their monthly electric bills all year. • The Gas Assistance Program provides eligible customers with a discount on their natural gas winter heating bills.

• Utilities have other resources for their customers. Customers of Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil can learn more about Neighbor Helping Neighbor while customers of the NH Electric Co-op can learn more about Project Care.

#### **Home Safety**

· Remember to keep any exhaust vents on your home clear of snow, ice, and other debris.

• Falling ice and snow can damage your gas meter when sliding off the roof. Be sure to clear snow and ice off your roof above your gas meter and other gas service equipment and keep the area around your meter and other equipment clear

from snow and ice.

• Make sure that your driveway and the path to the tank are clear of snow.

• Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one meter) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater. Have a three-foot (one meter) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

• Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

• Burn a hot fire – not a smoldering - fire, with clean and dry wood in woodstoves and fireplaces to prevent creosote build-up in chimneys. You want to reach 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit to make sure the gases burn efficiently and completely.

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