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Holiday Stroll lights the town

Activities include tree lighting, songs and Santa visit

By Nancy Cavanaugh
Contributing Writer

Downtown Hopkinton bustled with activity for the Holiday Stroll Dec. 1. Families raced between businesses to get their Holiday Stroll “passports” stamped in order to be entered into one of four drawings for \$500 each from the Hopkinton Chamber of Commerce. Businesses shared holiday cheer with raffles and goodies like hot cider, coffee and chocolates with visitors or offered special deals and discounts to participants. The event culminated with Santa arriving by firetruck to the town common, holiday songs and the town tree lighting.

This year’s Holiday Stroll built on the successes of previous years. The Chamber organized participating businesses and sponsors to create a festive family friendly event.

“One wonderful thing [about the Holiday Stroll] is we met people
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Hopkinton Holiday Stroll Passport Challenge winners receive their \$500 cash prizes: (front, l to r) Kennedy Callaran, Jack O’Brien, and Isabella Repucci. (back, l to r) Chamber President Scott Richardson, Chamber President Elect and Holiday Stroll Co-Chair Cristina Morrissey and prize winner Janine LeBlanc.

PHOTO/STEVIE MCGRATH

Cavanaugh reflects on first few months as superintendent

By Melissa Orff
Contributing Writer

With a few months as leader of the Hopkinton Public School District behind her, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol Cavanaugh has been working on building a rapport with her team, doing a great deal of listening, and most importantly, dreaming of what can be accomplished.

Cavanaugh, who was Hopkinton’s Assistant Superintendent since 2016, became the acting Superintendent in April after Superintendent Dr. Cathy MacLeod announced her retirement. Cavanaugh took the reigns as the permanent Superintendent this school year after the School Committee chose her for the position.

One of Cavanaugh’s main objectives once starting the new job was to take a pulse of the district. She realized that there was no better way to do that than to go right to the sources.

“I wanted to get a feel for what the community thinks the district’s strengths are, what they see as the challenges, and where they would like to see the district grow,” she said.

So she started by reaching out to town and district organizations and meeting with them with one objective in mind – to listen. The “listening tours” have included meetings with officials from the Police and Fire Departments, Youth and Family Services, Project Just Because, the School Committee, the Senior Center, the SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) and more over the past few months.

“Across the board I am hearing people are concerned about the

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Winter Farmers Market to be held at Weston Nurseries

By Marjorie Turner Hollman
Contributing Writer

Hopkinton will be welcoming its own Winter Farmers Market, starting Saturday, Dec. 15.

Weston Nurseries in Hopkinton, 93 E. Main Street (Rt. 135) is hosting the market, which will be run by the same board that runs the successful summer market on Hopkinton’s town common. The winter market will be a great opportunity for area families to take advantage of fresh, local produce and other locally made items, right here in town, according to the organizers.

Laura Davis, the market’s
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Peter Mezitt,
Weston Nurseries
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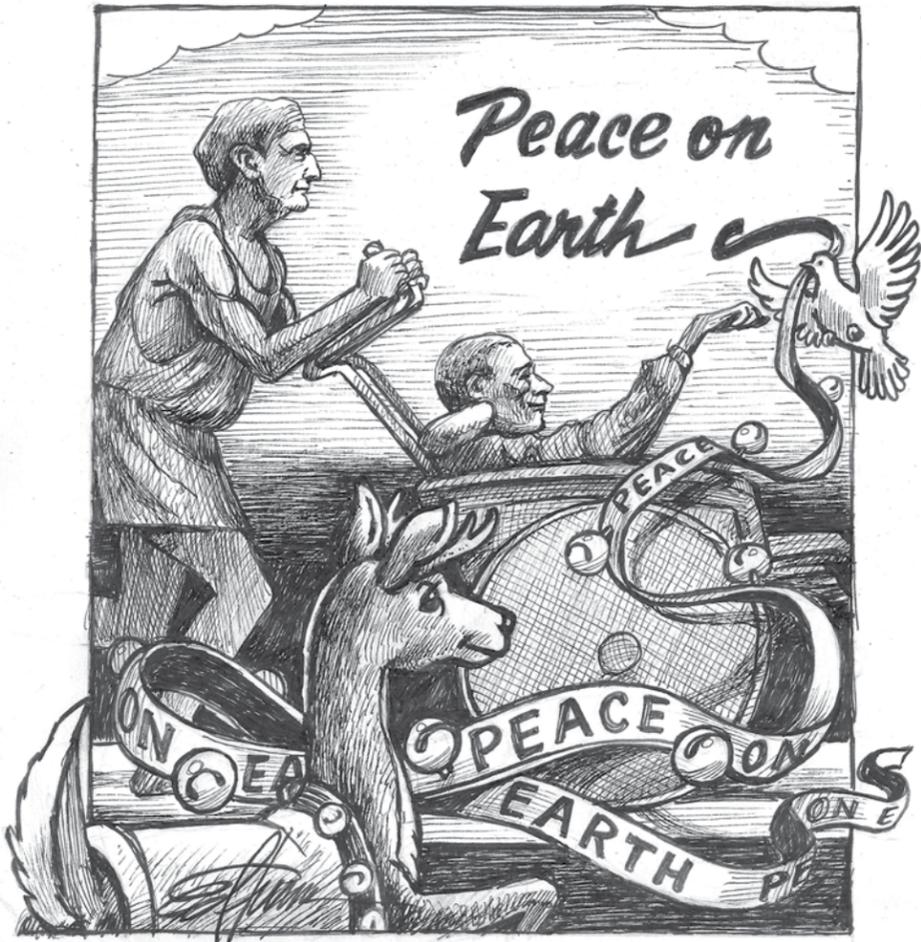
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We would also like to thank Sarah Duckett for her support and guidance during this transition as well as Buff Spencer for her many years illustrating our cartoon. With this issue we welcome our new cartoonist Ed Turner who illustrated the cartoon above. We will now be on a short publishing break but will return in 2019 with our January 10 edition.

In the meantime, we wish all of our readers a Joyous Holiday Season and A Healthy New Year!

Letters to the Editor

Thank you to Ramu Kannan, Marathon Pizza

To the Editor:

We, the Friends of Hopkinton, Hopkinton Family Day organizers, would like to thank Ramu Kannan of Marathon Pizza for allowing us to use space in order to be part of the Holiday Stoll. Marathon Pizza on Main Street was a prime location for us to participate in this great community event. We hope everyone enjoyed the Friends candy guessing game and the hand warmers we gave away.

Thank you again Mr. Kannan of Marathon Pizza.

Sincerely,
Friends of Hopkinton

Help a struggling family

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone who has been a supporter of Project Just Because. I am sending this letter to ask all of you for some Holiday help for local families.

I was walking into a local grocery store and a young mother came up to me to ask if I could help her with some food and diapers for her baby, as she had heard that I help people in need. She is a working mom but still struggling for the basics for her family. I was able to direct this woman the very same day to the Project in Hopkinton where she was able to get the items that she needed.

It occurred to me this could have been me or anyone of us or our close friends. Life sometimes just happens and we try so very hard to keep up our strength to provide for our families. At the end of the day the strength that it took for this mom to reach out when I was just buying groceries for my family took a lot of courage. I hope none of you are ever in this situation. I saw this mom again a week later, this time we shared a big hug and no words needed to be exchanged. This was a typical mom we see at the Project, a mom just trying to provide for her baby and needed our

help. Please help us continue being there for families in challenging situations.

Please consider a donation to Project Just Because. Every dollar can make a difference in a life of a child. To donate, mail your tax deductible donation to 109 South Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Cherylann Lambert Walsh
President and founder of
Project Just Because

Thank you to town of Hopkinton and to Volunteer Recognition Group

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Sharon Timlin Memorial Event Committee (both past and present committee members), we'd like to thank the Volunteer Recognition Group, Bob Levenson, Rick Flannery, Jean Bertschmann and Dottie Ferriter-Wallace, for the honor of recognizing us at the Board of Selectman's meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 27. We are a group of volunteers and we could not make the impact we do in the world of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research, nor could we pull off the event that we do annually, without the support of the entire town, the schools, the police and fire department and the hundreds of volunteers that chip in.

The Volunteer Recognition Committee is a wonderful addition to the town of Hopkinton as there are so many notable volunteers that give in a myriad of ways.

As a committee, we feel grateful to have been recognized and especially appreciated that Dr. Robert Brown, Chief Neurologist and Director of the UMASS Medical School's Cecil B. Day Laboratory, attended the meeting and spoke to the group.

With gratitude,
The past and present committee members of the Sharon Timlin Memorial Event to Cure ALS.

PS. Save the date for the 16th annual event: Saturday, June 15, 2019

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Hopkinton Drug Open House fun for all ages



Above: New Sound Assembly Chorus entertains guests at the Hopkinton Drug Open House.



Right: Luke Powers, age 4, visits with Santa at the Hopkinton Drug Open House.

PHOTO: NANCY CAVANAUGH

By Nancy Cavanaugh
Contributing Writer

Hopkinton Drug's 30th annual Holiday Open House drew crowds of adults and children Dec. 1 and 2 who enjoyed activities such as crafts, face painting, caricature artists, and singing and entertaining groups. Santa also stopped by for photos and to hear wish lists from kids. Greeters met visitors with door prizes and refreshments while wellness counselors offered natural product samples. In the spirit of holiday giving, the store had a bin for patrons to donate items for Toys for Tots and also held raffles to

benefit Project Just Because.

For many people, Hopkinton Drug's Open House has become a regular part of their holiday tradition.

"It's such a great event. We've been going for years," Hopkinton resident Erin Andreola said. "The kids love all of the crafts and Dennis' homemade chocolate chip cookies. They especially enjoy their visit with Santa.

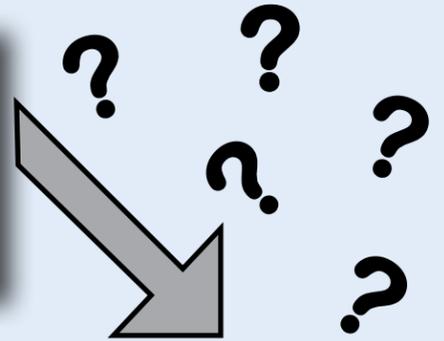
"One of our traditions is getting a caricature drawing of all of the kids. One year we had them all drawn as elves. Every holiday season we display the drawing as part of our holiday décor," she added.

Ring in the New Year at Hopkinton Center for the Arts

Tickets are now on sale for the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) New Year's Eve Party. The over 21 event will have guests dancing to the music of Hot Acoustics as they enjoy small bites and a champagne toast at midnight. Cash bar featuring beer, wine, and a signature cocktail. Tickets are available now at www.HopArtsCenter.org for \$40. Price will increase to \$50 at the door. All proceeds benefit the HCA. The party will start at 9 p.m. on Monday, December 31 and end at 1 a.m. the next day. The HCA is located at 98 Hayden Rowe St. in Hopkinton.

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who have never been here before, coming in with families,” said Lisa Strain, co-owner of Swoon. “It’s great to see the town out and coming in.”

In addition to refreshments, Swoon had an Instagram booth that proved so popular with visitors that they extended the use of it to the day after the Holiday Stroll.

According to participant Karen Barnes, “[Holiday Stroll is an] awesome way to see what’s available in town [like] Education Station. I’m switching to Startline Pediatrics because they made it so easy, and Jen and I got some gifts at Stephanie G! Hope to win some raffles as well!”

Christine Chapman, the founder of Education Station, noted it had been “an amazing day.”

“We saw a lot of people come through the space and so many students who didn’t want to leave

because we had great food from the Muffin House, [and] free swag,” she added. “And parents were really interested and excited about what we do, the broad-ranging vision we have and how excited we are to be part of this amazing community.”

On Dec. 4 the Holiday Stroll Passport Challenge winners received their \$500 cash prizes. The winners were Kennedy Callaran, Jack O’Brien, Isabella Repucci and Janine LeBlanc. They received their prizes from Chamber President Scott Richardson and Chamber President-Elect and Holiday Stroll Co-Chair Cristina Morrissey in a presentation held at UniBank in Hopkinton.



PHOTO: NANCY CAVANAUGH

Hopkinton Girl Scouts lead the crowd in holiday songs before tree lighting.



Christine’s Nails offers free holiday nail art as part of the holiday stroll.



Magician (and Hopkinton High School student) Ayush Krishnamony performs at Startline Pediatrics.



(l to r) Randy, Amy and Cassidy Sanborn enjoy crafts at Education Station.



PHOTO: NANCY CAVANAUGH

Santa helps light the town’s Christmas tree.

‘Today, In This Town’ at Community Covenant Church

What would it look like if Jesus had been born today, in our town? Join us on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10:30 a.m. for a hilarious, thoughtful play that gives the whole family fresh ears to hear this familiar story! The play will be the main part of a special Christmas worship service. Refreshments following the service. The play is presented by Still Small Theater, a professional Theater Troupe, stillsmalltheatre.com and hosted by Community Covenant Church and The Sanctuary. Free to all – bring a friend! A love offering will be taken for local needs.

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Hanukkah is celebrated at town common



Children pose for a photo in front of the Menorah.

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Approximately 60 residents of all ages gathered on the town common Dec. 2 to commemorate the start of the Jewish celebration, Hanukkah.

As those in attendance looked on, the first of the eight candles on the menorah was lit at dusk, signaling the start of the eight day celebration, often referred to as the “Festival of the Lights.”

The menorah lighting ceremony has been held there for at least the last 20 years, according to Michael Cooper. He and his family (wife Wendy and their children, Jack, 8 and Kelsey, 6), oversaw the ceremony this year, with the help of the Kessler family.

“I would to thank David and Lynne Auslander and their family for carrying on the tradition for many years prior to passing it along to my family,” Michael said.

“We plan to continue the tradition for many years to come,” he

added. “It is a great way for the community to come together and we hope the numbers continue to grow in future years.”

Also known as Chanukah, the holiday commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt.

According to the Talmud, Judah Maccabee and the other Jews who took part in the rededication of the Second Temple witnessed what they believed to be a miracle. Even though there was only enough untainted olive oil to keep the menorah’s candles burning for a single day, the flames continued flickering for eight nights, leaving them time to find a fresh supply.

The holiday is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, as well as traditional foods, games and gifts.

St. Paul’s Church “Single Again” group welcomes new members

Come and listen to music that makes you want to celebrate! On Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019 from 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hopkinton Public Library, the “Single Again” group of St. Paul’s Church invites you to listen to a two hour Latin Jazz tape provided by Jim Benitez, the celebrity disk jockey for LATIN JAZZ NOW on WICN Radio 90.5.

The group, formed to provide group activities, public service opportunities and company for social events for adults, enjoyed several events last year including a Pawtucket ball game, “A Drum Circle”, a member’s art show, a Free Fridays carpool to Elmwood Gardens, the silent film “Phantom of the Opera” featuring Lon Chaney at the Hanover Theatre and board games at the church.

Two of the public service projects included sending handwritten thank you cards to veterans in Hopkinton, and gathering a station wagon full of school supplies for Project Just Because in Hopkinton.

Those wishing to receive emails about upcoming events can leave their names and email addresses at the St. Paul’s office, located at 61 Wood St. in Hopkinton, or attend the January 5 meeting. In addition, email office@stpaulhopkinton.org attention “Single Again”.

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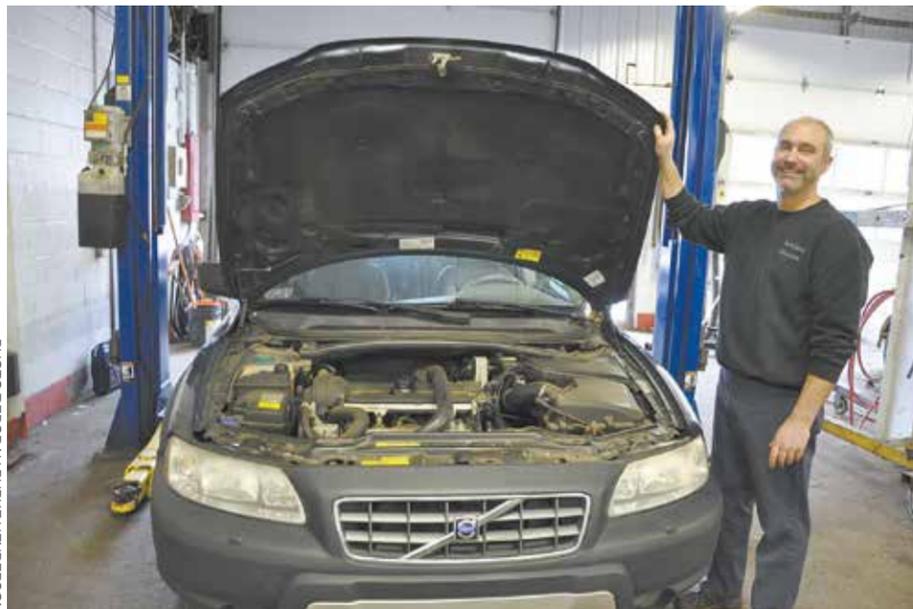


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Dean James operates Ashland Motors at 84 Wood St. and specializes in vehicle maintenance and repairs. He and his technicians can service five cars simultaneously, if needed.

*By Deborah Burke Henderson
Contributing Writer*

Dean James, owner of Ashland Motors, takes great pride in his business and is celebrating 15 years of service specializing in foreign and domestic vehicle maintenance and repairs.

Located at 84 Wood St., Ashland Motors is a trusted auto repair shop, and online reviewers highly recommend the shop's technicians and their quality workmanship.

"We try to do honest and good work at a fair price," James said.

"We can repair the mechanics of just about any car, even older vehicles. I just had a 1970 Chevy truck in for repair work," he added, "and now it runs like a dream."

Most of his customer base has come through repeat business and word of mouth.

Fifteen years ago, James opened Ashland Motors in nearby Ashland, after working as an ASE Master Technician at a Volvo dealership in Southborough for the previous 15 years.

After 10 years at the Alden St., Ashland location, James decided to relocate his service center to Hopkinton. His loyal clientele followed him.

Staff are dedicated, knowledgeable and hard-working.

Online reviews acknowledge those descriptors as well and add that the technicians at Ashland Motors "know how to diagnose complicated issues" and "provide excellent repairs at very reasonable prices."

One technician has worked with James since the business opened in 2003 and the other team member has been with the company for 12 years now.

"They're solid workers and they know cars," he added.

Ashland Motors has four, double service bays and one alignment bay. That translates to having the ability to work on five cars simultaneously, if needed.

Customers usually call a day or two in advance of the work required, due to the steady stream of business,

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We can repair the mechanics of just about any car, even older vehicles.

”

Dean James
owner, Ashland Motors

but James will fit you in, if you have an emergency.

Those customers requiring a quick turnaround for an oil, lube or filter change or installation of a new pair of winter wiper blades, call to schedule an early-morning service appointment with James in advance.

At the time of their appointment, customers enjoy access to free Wi-Fi, coffee and water while the technicians perform the required services.

"Many customers prefer the early-morning service appointments," James noted. "It allows them to get to work as quickly as possible. We're here to service your needs as best we can."

On average, the techs repair about 10 cars a day, 50 vehicles a week.

"We can get parts pretty quickly, and that makes all the difference," James added.

There are two free loaner cars onsite, should a customer or two need transportation for the day. James is also willing to drive customers locally, if needed.

Shop hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and James is willing to stay until 6 p.m. to accommodate late pick-ups.

If your vehicle needs regular maintenance or service repairs, call Dean James at Ashland Motors at 508-435-7776 to schedule the necessary appointment.

"You can trust the techs at Ashland Motors for quality work at reasonable prices," James added. "I stake my reputation on it."

Winter Farmers Market to be held at Weston Nurseries

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manager and the owner of Long Life Farm in Hopkinton, is excited to have this new outlet for winter produce as well as other local businesses.

“I’m a farmer myself in Hopkinton,” said Davis. “With the advent of high tunnels and growing under lights, we have more produce to offer. We’ll have music at each market, space for one community group each month, and local artisans as well.”

Davis pointed out that they have 17 vendors already lined up for the first market, and hopes to have one or two more.

“We are very excited,” she said. “Weston Nurseries is alive with Christmas right now, so the first market will be in the side greenhouse on the left, and the rest of the winter we will be in the glass green house to the right of the main sales floor—with

more light, and warmer.”

Peter Mezitt, Weston Nurseries President, explained, “Laura is so organized and knows so many local vendors. With our brand new glass greenhouse (and radiant heat in the floor) we have room for the market now. Our staff will clear out space each month, and we will manage parking.”

Davis wants patrons to know that in addition to produce, there will be hot coffee, cotton candy made from maple sugar, and other ready-to-eat food options. The market will be open once a month, with the first time on Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Patrons are also encouraged to check out the newly installed “history wall” to learn more about the nursery, which has been a family-run business since the 1920s.

Additional market dates are Saturdays Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 23, April 20 and May 18. After that, the summer market will return to the town common.

Hopkinton CC Charitable Foundation has record setting gala

*By Erika Steele
Contributing Writer*

On Nov. 10 party-goers and do-gooders alike attended the ninth annual gala event, “A Night on the French Riviera”, to support the Hopkinton Country Club Charitable Foundation (HCCCF).

The red carpet event transported guests as waiters donning berets and ascots served drinks and Provencal food in décor that was as très chic as some of the most costumed guests. The Monte Carlo experience was made complete by gaming tables, a silent and live auction and late night dancing. Generous donors purchased exotic trips to Bali, Indonesia and Tuscany, Italy, as well as memorabilia, jewelry, once in a lifetime dining experiences, golf trips and events such as a night at the Country Music Awards.

Jeremy Hartman, President of the HCCCF, offered special thanks to the evening’s event chair, Susan Domski, and the event sponsors who made the night such a success.

“We felt this year’s gala was extremely successful and we measure that based on the wonderful job Hopkinton Country Club did turning the club into the French Riviera, the great participation and attendance from our sponsors, members, and the community, and

most important, what we were able to do for The Daily Bread Food Pantry and how well received they were at our event,” Hartman added.

While the gala is always the HCCCF’s largest fundraiser, this year’s event was record setting. It was recently announced that a record 45 percent increase in funds were raised.

“We are quite proud of moving this event to another level from that of this event in previous years,” Hartman said.

Thanks to the generous support of the sponsors and donors, HCCCF was able to present a \$10,000 grant in support of the Milford Daily Bread to its co-founder, John DeAngelo. DeAngelo accepted the donation and moved guests by sharing the mission of the programs that help feed the hungry, provide winter coats for those in need, and help homeless teenagers through support and mentoring.

The next event on tap is the Golf/Tennis Tournament to be held at the Hopkinton Country Club on May 18, 2019. HCCCF is committed to its efforts to raise money to support local MetroWest charitable organizations that embody its mission to support youth and families through economic assistance and youth development. For more information visit www.hopkintoncccf.org.

Lions Club seeks new members

The Hopkinton Lions Club is currently seeking additional members. We are a non-profit organization committed to helping serve local charities such as Project Just Because and Mass Lions Eye. If you would like to give back to the community while having fun, please consider attending one of our meetings and joining our club. Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at Water Fresh Farm, 151 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton. Meetings start at 6 p.m. For questions or additional information, please email dbcronin@comcast.net.

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Business Profile:

Pandolfi's Fine Chocolates

Gary Pandolfi shows off a tray of his delicious chocolate turtles, in his Bellingham shop that has so many options to fill all your Christmas wish lists.



PHOTO/SUBMITTED

By Marjorie Turner Hollman
Contributing Writer

Pandolfi's Fine Chocolates in Bellingham is a destination for chocolate lovers from around New England. Located at 40 N. Main Street (Rt. 126, just south of 495, exit 18) in Bellingham, the shop is easy to get to from Hopkinton.

Open since 1998, owner Gary Pandolfi recently commented, "I'm always amazed to learn how far people come from for our chocolates."

After working for another candy company since 1989, Gary left to open his own shop in 1998, and expanded into the additional space next door 10 years ago.

"We sell old-fashioned handmade candies, gourmet chocolates, gift baskets, and sugar-free chocolates," he noted.

Gary's brother Steven manages the storefront, while his parents, Lucille and Ronald Pandolfi, return to Bellingham from Florida each winter to help out in the store from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1. Gary explained, "My dad has been making candy since 1956. He's retired now, but he and my mom come back every year to help out in the store at this busy time. During the Christmas season we manufacture and prepare for sale 8,000 pounds of candy. We ship anywhere in the U.S., but the deadline for timely Christmas delivery is Dec. 17."

Gary advised that the best way to order chocolates for delivery is directly through their website, www.pandolfischocolates.com.

This past fall the store sold 1,400 chocolate-covered caramel apples.

"It's a seasonal thing, and we use only fresh mackintosh apples from The Big Apple in Wrentham. I saw another candy store do this, and started offering them, and in the past few years it has really taken off," Gary said. "My niece Kayla, who handles all the social media, website, emails, and corporate clients, urged me to get on Facebook. We ended up getting a huge Facebook buzz with people alerting friends whenever we had another order of apples ready for sale. But we have to shut down production of the chocolate covered caramel apples to get ready to make all the chocolates we sell during the Christmas season."

When asked what he enjoys most about the business, Gary shrugged and said, "For the love of chocolate?" But when pressed for his favorites, he quickly listed "peanut butter cups, turtles (a yummy chocolate base, covered in caramel, with large chunks of nuts added, then covered with more chocolate), and salted caramels." Is he a dark or milk chocolate fan? Diplomatically he answered, "I like it all."

The candy display cases offer a tempting array of choices for chocolate lovers. A Christmas tradition at Pandolfi's is that Gary creates a fresh Chocolate Santa each year, signaling the beginning of the Christmas season, and it can be yours for \$400. The 40-pound (hollow, not solid) Chocolate Santa, made from milk chocolate and painted with dark and white chocolate, greets every customer as they walk in.

The store is open seven days a week during the Christmas rush, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

"We will close early Christmas Eve, so don't wait!" Gary said.

For more information visit www.pandolfischocolates.com or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pandolfisfinechocolates.

SENIOR SNIPPETS

All activities, unless otherwise noted, are at the Hopkinton Senior Center, 28 Mayhew St., Hopkinton. Please call 508-497-9730 for more information or to register for a program. For a more extensive listing of programs please check Ourseniorcenter.com/find/Hopkinton-council-on-aging or www.hopkintonseiorcenter.com .

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Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m.

The Caregiver Support Group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hopkinton Senior Center, 28 Mayhew St. Registration recommended. If you have any questions or if you need care for your loved one while you attend the group, please contact the Outreach Department at 508-497-9730.

Our Time Memory Café (Presented at the Hopkinton Public Library)

Tuesday, January 8 at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Meets monthly – every 2nd Tuesday at the Hopkinton Public Library, 13 Main St.)

Our Time Memory Café is a welcoming gathering for those experiencing forgetfulness, mild cognitive impairment, living with dementia, and their care partner, family and friends. The monthly events are free, offering conversation and refreshments in a relaxing atmosphere. A care partner must accompany anyone who requires assistance. Registration is requested but not required. For more information or to register call 508-497-0108 or email info@ourtimememorycafe.org.

Our Time Memory Café is a joint venture between The Hopkinton Senior Center and the Hopkinton Library.

Senior Center hosts Annual Christmas Sale



PHOTO/JIM KLEINKAUF

Hopkinton resident Barbara Devane shows of some of her finds at the Hopkinton Senior Center Annual Christmas Sale.

By Jim Kleinkauf
Contributing Writer

Christmas came to town early when shoppers showed up for the first day of this year's Hopkinton Senior Center Annual Christmas Sale Nov. 30.

For sale in the Great Room at the Senior Center were Christmas trees, wreaths, serving dishes, platters, ornaments, gift wrap, movies, children's toys, quilted and knitted items, Christmas books, baked goods and much more.

Silent Auction gift baskets, on

display in the lobby, were available for bidding. Participants viewed the gift baskets, and placed bids..

According to Gail Tonelli, event coordinator, the Christmas sale has taken place every year since the Senior Center opened in 2006.

She said donations for the sale come in all year long. Goods are sorted into categories and are stored away until a week before.

During that week, volunteers prepare by emptying boxes, setting up tables and pricing goods.

There was even an appearance by Santa, courtesy of Scott Mackin.

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'Shopping for a Cause' benefits HCA



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(l to r) Patricia Duarte, John Coutinho, State Sen. Karen Spilka, Laura Barry, Sandy Altamura and State Rep. Carolyn Dykema

was founded in 2011 to raise private funds for the library's expansion in order to offset the tax impact.

Altamura, who said at the event that her family has had roots in Hopkinton since the 18th century, has served as a volunteer in many capacities in town, including multiple terms on the Planning Board.

The "Real Housewives of Hopkinton," started in 2011 by Hopkinton residents Patricia Duarte, Darlene Hayes, and Connie Wright, maintains a Facebook group and a website and use revenue from sponsors to support local organizations. According to its website, www.realhopkintonhousewives.com, "The Facebook [Real Housewives of Hopkinton] Group was created to engage, inform and share interests related to Hopkinton (and surrounding)." The three administrators also host the HCAM show Hopkinton Coffee Break. Each year, they choose one local nonprofit to support with the proceeds from Shopping for a Cause.

According to Hayes, "The fifth Shopping for a Cause benefited the Hopkinton Center for the Arts and garnered wonderful support from local sponsors including Trina Macchi for her fifth year as lead sponsor. Vendor space was sold out weeks in advance a packed house of guests enjoyed shopping, local bites to eat and the music of Steve Spector."

By Nancy Cavanaugh
Contributing Writer

The "Real Housewives of Hopkinton" raised money for the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) at their fifth annual Shopping for a Cause Dec. 1. The event, hosted at the HCA, entertained guests with live music and complimentary food and beverages while they had the opportunity to shop from local vendors.

Each year, the event also recognizes a woman from the community who has, according to organizer Darlene Hayes, "gone above and beyond" in the Hopkinton community.

This year, the event recognized two women in the community, Laura Barry and Sandy Altamura. State Senator Karen Spilka (D-Ashland), who is the president of the Massa-

achusetts State Senate and State Rep. Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston), both sponsors of the event, presented Barry and Altamura with Statehouse citations, commending their service.

Barry has served as chair of the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation, one of the forces that was behind raising \$1 million to help fund last year's \$12.7 million expansion. The Hopkinton Public Library Foundation

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Holiday Home tour raises funds for HPTA

By Melissa Orff
Contributing Writer

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in the exquisite homes that were part of this year's annual Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association (HPTA) Holiday Home Tour and Boutique held on Dec. 1.

For the past four years, the HPTA has organized the fundraiser which allows guests to tour through some of the most spectacular homes in town decked out for the holidays.

This year's event began at Marty's Liquor store, where guests could sample wines and craft beers and listen to live music before they headed off for a self-guided tour of six homes around Hopkinton.

Each home was a showpiece, with unique features tucked in each corner. On Chamberlain Street, the holiday spirit could be found 30 feet off the ground in the tree tops.

"We decorate this treehouse every year for Christmas," said Gary Trendel, owner of the home and designer and builder of the treehouse that was part of this year's tour. The treehouse, which was built in 2015, started out as a small project that morphed into a more ambitious undertaking after Trendel started watching the show *Tree House Masters*.

"I wanted it to be big enough to stand up inside, weather and bug tight, and have a separate sleeping area," said



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Trendel. "A lot of the materials used to build the tree house were from a local sawmill and I had help from my neighbors too."

Moving over to Lumber Street, the decorations filled the rooms of the main living floor, where dazzling whites and silver hues hinted at a magical winter scene.

"I love decorating for Christmas," said homeowner Jessica Whitmore. "It stems from my childhood where I would decorate for the holidays with my mom."

Whitmore has been preparing her home for the Holiday Home Tour for over a month, with the help once again

from her mother. As a professional decorator herself (Whitmore is the owner of *Liv Home Décor*), she said that her holiday decoration inspiration always starts at the table.

"I always start with the dining room," she said. "I love doing tablescapes – they are my specialty."

Homes on Old Farm Road, North Mill Street, Connelly Street, and Saddle Hill Road rounded out this year's tour and kicked off the holiday season for many in Hopkinton. Along with viewing all of the decorations at each home, guests could also do a little Christmas shopping or buy some sweet treats from the local vendors set up at



Above: A tablescape from the dining room of the Whitmore Family on Lumber Street. The Whitmore home was one of six homes part of the Holiday Home Tour.

Left: Seven-year-old Poppy Trendel sits in the tree house on Chamberlain Street which was part of the annual HPTA Holiday Home Tour.

each location. The HPTA also partnered with *Swoon Boutique* again this year, where a portion of the proceeds from the day's sales going to the HPTA.

"It's so rewarding," said HPTA member Heather Smith, who along with Missy Doran chaired this year's Holiday Home Tour. "Everyone has a great time and it is a great fundraiser for the HPTA."

This year over 200 tickets were sold for the event, a record number of guests for the home tour. Monies raised from the fundraiser is used to support enrichment programs and professional development for the Hopkinton Public Schools.



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Local ministries offer support for those who hurting this holiday season

By Matt LaBarre
Contributing Writer

While the Christmas season is joyful for so many people, the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is the most difficult, sad, and emotionally challenging time of year for many others. To provide care for anyone hurting at this time, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and Faith Community Church of Hopkinton (FCCH) will hold a "Blue Christmas" service at Saint Paul's, 61 Wood St., Hopkinton, Sunday, Dec. 23, at 5 p.m.

Being part of this multi-congregational ministry is just one of the ways FCCH is reaching out, ministering to needs, and helping people develop deeper relationships with God. This particular service is designed to comfort anyone who finds the expectations

of the season to be overwhelming.

"The service provides an acknowledgment for those many of us who are not experiencing joy right now," explained Bob Cloutier, Pastor of Care Ministry at FCCH. "It's an opportunity to offer up to God our pain, our losses, people in our lives who are no longer here with us, lost relationships, job losses and financial challenges, loss of health, and for those who may be experiencing spiritual loneliness."

According to Cloutier, Saint Paul's has been conducting "Blue Christmas" services for a number of years.

"I attended one of those services at Saint Paul's a couple of years ago when we were ministering to a family in crisis due to the death of this woman's husband," he said. "The service was really meaningful to those who attended, and other members of our Stephen Ministry here at Faith Community

Church asked Rev. Gordan Schultze at Saint Paul's if we could actively participate and invite people who receive care through Stephen Ministry, as well as anyone interested, to attend, which Rev. Schultze enthusiastically has done."

"There is a unique bond among the churches here in Hopkinton which I believe was created about 40 years ago when many of the congregations initiated an ecumenical Good Friday service, and we're blessed to support each other in many ways throughout the year, including all the congregations being invited to participate in this service," he added.

The "Blue Christmas" service is comprised of several elements, beginning with an appropriate Scripture reading, focused on a "theme" of remembering the loss of people who have died. The service continues with

a time of quiet remembering, where attendees might pray and/or say the names of those who are no longer with us out loud. Throughout the service, there are several opportunities for people, either out loud or in the stillness of their hearts, to express their pain.

Throughout the service, attendees are invited to spend a few moments individually, in different parts of the church, with Stephen Ministers, and pray for their individual needs, which can be very healing and powerful for some. However, no one is pressured or even encouraged to meet in prayer with a Stephen Minister, as that might be seen as pressuring, so all are simply invited if they might find it helpful.

The service concludes with communion.

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To apply, please visit the town's website and apply through the online volunteer form here: <http://www.hopkintonma.gov/hug>.

Scouts to hold Christmas tree recycling fundraiser

The Hopkinton Troop 4 Boy Scouts will be holding a Christmas tree recycling fundraiser after the holidays.

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SCHOOLS

Elf on Shelf Scavenger Hunt delights youngsters

By Melissa Orff
Contributing Writer

The elves were on the shelves...and in the bushes and under the trees... throughout the town of Hopkinton during a fun new holiday tradition for some of the youngest residents.

Based in the popular book “The Elf on the Shelf” by Carol Aebersold and Chanda Bell, the Hopkinton Education Foundation (HEF) organized an inaugural “Hopkinton Holiday Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt” Dec. 2.

In the story, a special elf keeps watch over good girls and boys then reports back to Santa when the house is asleep. The next morning, the elf is hidden in a new spot, and it’s up to the children to find him. Hearing about a similar scavenger hunt in the town of Nantucket, the HEF members decided to bring this fun event to Hopkinton.

“We knew how much children loved the Elf on the Shelf, so knew this would be very kid oriented,” said HEF President Heather Smith about the fundraiser.

The holiday fun started at the town common, where kids aged pre-K through grade 4 could purchase a Bingo board listing the stores, businesses, and municipal buildings in town the elves were hiding. Close to 100 kids and their parents walked through Bill’s Pizza, Hop Yo, Bittersweet Café, the Muffin House, Swoon, the Hopkinton Fire and Police Stations, and the Center School building looking for the tricky elves.

“I think the rain is keeping him from flying off,” suggested seven-year-old Jeremiah Rogers, who quickly found an elf hiding in the bushes in front of the Center School building.

Although the fun was geared toward the young, they weren’t the only ones who benefitted from the new holiday tradition.

“We love being involved in town events,” said Bittersweet Manager Julia Kurys, who laughingly said she had to hide the elf three times because the kids spotted him too easily the first two times. “It’s a great way for all of us to get into the holiday spirit,” she added.

Each of the stores participating gave kids and their parents coupons to use for purchases while they were on their scavenger hunt.

“People are coming into the shop who haven’t been here before, so that is great,” Kurys said.

Proceeds from this year’s Elf Scavenger Hunt go to support grants and initiatives in the Hopkinton Public Schools. In 2018, the HEF awarded close to \$56,000 in grants including providing regular



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access to a certified therapy dog for Hopkinton High School students, funding “A World of Difference Institute Peer Training Program” for middle and high school students offered through the Anti-Defamation League, and funding new flexible workspaces to create “a dynamic learning environment for students.”

Jeremiah, 7, and Evelyn, 5, Rogers of Hopkinton spy an Elf in front of the Center School during the HEF “Hopkinton Holiday Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt” Dec. 2

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HCA to hold Santa's Holiday Workshop

Free event includes new sensory-friendly hour

Santa is coming to the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 1- 4 p.m. The public is invited to Santa's Holiday Workshop, where children can enjoy crafts, decorate a cookie, and enjoy hot chocolate and other treats. There will be a special meet-and-greet with the Holiday Disney princesses, special raffle prizes benefitting the HCA scholarship program, and story time with the big man himself. This event is free, but reservations are required at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., or 3 p.m. through www.HopArtsCenter.org.



New this year, Santa will return to the HCA on Monday, Dec. 17 from 4 to 5 p.m. for a special sensory-friendly story time hour for up to eight families. Reservations required. All events take place at 98 Hayden Rowe St. in Hopkinton. For more information, visit www.HopArtsCenter.org or call

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Cavanaugh reflects on first few months as superintendent

Cavanaugh

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explosion of growth in town," said Cavanaugh of her take-aways from the meetings. "People are concerned about the school buildings reaching capacity, but also about higher taxes. It is really hard when a district starts to grow exponentially because there are budget implications."

The district has seen an unprecedented growth in enrollment in the past few years, with over 300 students moving in over the past three years. School officials have stated that they have begun looking at each of the physical plants to ensure that buildings can handle future expected increases, and have even put forth an application to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for a renovation or rebuild of the Elmwood Elementary School in the future.

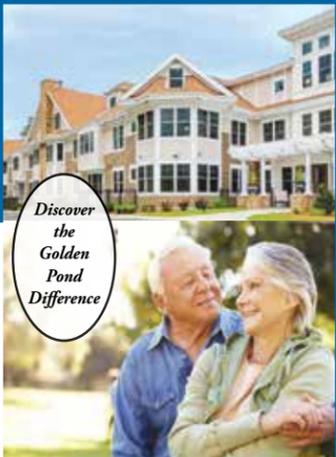
Another question asked of the community by the new Superintendent was what their vision of a Hopkinton High School graduate was.

"I heard words such as 'respectful,' 'well-rounded,' 'critical-thinkers,' she said. "But what I didn't hear was that every single one of them should be headed off to a 4-year college or university. Yet that's the message we are sending to our kids."

Cavanaugh said that she would be taking the feedback from all of the stakeholders during the listening sessions and using it to begin to craft the district's new Strategic Plan.

"Sometimes when school districts are as high performing as is Hopkinton, schools can grow a little complacent," said Cavanaugh. "I am hoping to use this opportunity to develop a new strategy to think about programs we may want to grow. I feel that this is a good time to dream of what can be."

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PEOPLE

Hopkinton skater performs at Boston Common Frog Pond spectacular



Ice dancer TJ Carey and his partner Miranda Lloyd

Hopkinton ice dancer TJ Carey performed with his partner Miranda Lloyd of Newton Centre, at the Skating Club of Boston's annual Boston Tree Lighting Skating Spectacular at the Boston Common Frog Pond Nov. 29.

Over 200 celebrate Diwali at SACH's annual Gala



(l to r) Charusmitha Ram, Meena Kaushik, Nanda Barker-Hook, Ruta Upalekar and Sushma Tammareddi

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The South Asian Circle of Hopkinton (SACH) annual Gala was held on Dec 1 at the Holliston Town Hall, to celebrate the Festival of Lights – Diwali. The event was a way to raise funds in order to organize activities and programs for the community of Hopkinton.

Over 200 people attended the event which included music and dance performances showcasing arts and culture

of the region.

Selectman Irfan Nasrullah attended the event with his family. eHop President Nanda Barker-Hook spoke about how eHop can help SACH with community engagement. SACH President Ruta Upalekar spoke about the mission and vision of the organization.

The event featured a multi-course buffet of mouth-watering curry dishes. After

dinner, the floor was opened to dancing to Bollywood music.

South Asian Circle of Hopkinton (SACH) is a community-based public nonprofit organization formed with a mission to pool together the collective strength, share the vibrant spirit and culture of the South Asian diaspora of Hopkinton. For more information visit www.southasian-circleofhopkinton.org.

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SPORTS

Hopkinton boys hoops faces challenging schedule

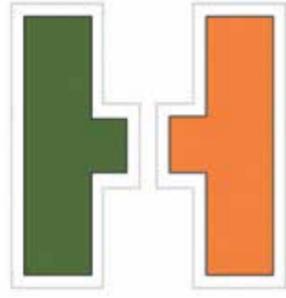
By Chris Villani
Contributing Writer

The Hopkinton High School boys' basketball team will tackle a difficult schedule this season, with few home games early in the year as head coach Tom Keane works to integrate a handful of new players into a mix that includes six returning seniors.

"A huge concern for me is that we open with our first six league games on the road," Keane said. "We don't play a league game at home until the middle of January. With a brand new team, that can be challenging at times."

The Hillers tip off the season Dec. 14 on the road against Bellingham, a team Keane said will be one of the stronger teams in the small school division of the Tri-Valley League. Hopkinton will not play at home until Dec. 28 against non-league foe Westborough.

Hopkinton finished last season 11-9 overall, falling to Medway in the opening round of the sectional tournament. The Hillers have their eyes on another playoff appearance, and hopefully more tournament



"We want to get better every day and get back to the tournament and make a run once we are there."

Tom Keane
Head coach

games, this season.

"We want to get better every day and get back to the tournament and make a run once we are there," Keane said.

The Hillers will be led by senior forward Brendan Kelley, who returns as a three-year varsity player that Keane will look to for scoring and rebounding inside. Senior point guard Michael Poovakad will handle the ball and headline a strong backcourt.

"Our strength is going to be in the guard play this year," Keane said. "Our quickness, our ball handling, ball movement. We also have quite a few kids who can shoot from the

stressed the rotation could 10, 11, or even 12 players deep, depending on the matchup. He's hoping the depth will help the Hillers play an up-tempo style with a focus on generating turnovers and earning lay ups and open shots on the offensive end.

Rebounding and defending bigger teams will be areas of potential concern, Keane said, as is the quirky schedule against a strong TVL. In addition to Westwood in the large school division, smaller TVL opponents like Bellingham and Dedham figure to pose a challenge, he said. The non-league slate includes Westborough, Wayland, Somerville and Grafton.

"This is one of the tougher schedules we have ever had," Keane said.

outside."

Senior Ryan Kester will be one of those perimeter scoring threats, the coach said. Tommy Ambrosone and Steven Maffiore will also play significant minutes, but Keane

Hopkinton girls' hoops sets sights high after finals run

By Chris Villani
Contributing Writer

A season after make a trip to the Division 2 state finals, the Hopkinton High School girls' basketball team is setting ambitious goals despite graduating five seniors from a team that also won the Tri-Valley League and the Westboro Invitational Tournament last year.

"Our goals never change," said head coach Mike Greco. "Just because we have new faces doesn't mean what we expect and what we are trying to accomplish changes, it's just a matter of getting everyone on the same page."

The Hillers return several players with varsity experience from the 2017-2018 team that lost to Foxboro in the state title game. Lilly Morningstar and Olivia Gladu are both captains this winter. Morningstar, who is recovering from an injury,

will be a big part of the team once she returns to the floor, Greco said.

"She has provided phenomenal leadership all offseason," Greco said. "And Olivia is going to do a great job handling the ball for us, she is also a great leader."

Greco said he is looking for sophomores Caroline Connell and Amelia Senseney to take "a big step forward" this year.

"They should help us offensively and defensively," the coach said. "They are natural athletes."

Ashley McDermott and Cami McDonald will add size and toughness on the inside, Greco said.

The Hillers were slated to begin the regular season in Grafton Dec. 11, and will play their first home game of the year Dec. 14 against Bellingham. Greco said he sees a lot of parity in the TVL this season.

"We always have great games

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Hopkinton High athletes attend MIAA Sportsmanship Summit

Four Hopkinton High School athletes were selected to represent the school at the MIAA Sportsmanship Summit held at Gillette Stadium Nov. 16. Stephen Simoes, Jack Breslin, Natalie Calkins, and Gaby Weilding were selected to represent Hopkinton High School. Kinsley Rolph, also represented the school as part of the MIAA Student Advisory Committee; a committee that she was selected to be on last year, that facilitates summits such as this one.

The Hopkinton students participated in many workshops at the summit that covered proper game attitude, how to welcome the away team, treatment of your locker rooms, planning for your future, and much more.

Hopkinton's Athletic Director, Deirdre King, participated in an adult presentation at the Hall of Fame for the importance of supporting the student-athletes.

Solveig Steeman, a unified-student-athlete from Littleton High School, was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Moment of the Year Award. A video was shown of her stopping her race to go and assist one of her opponents in a wheelchair so he could reach the finish line. It was a touching moment for the whole audience. Please visit the MIAA website (www.miaa.net) to view this



(l to r): Kinsley Rolph, Stephen Simoes, Jack Breslin, Natalie Calkins, and Gaby Weilding).

heartwarming video.

The keynote speaker was Omari Pearson from Passion to Purpose. He led a workshop presenting "Sportsmanship and Lessons for your Future".

Matthew Slater of the New England Patriots was the recipient of the 2018 MIAA Ron Burton Community Service Award and gave a humble speech on the importance of investing in other people.

It was a great way to bring together athletes from Massachusetts schools and Hopkinton students learned positive values to bring back to the community.

Hopkinton girls' hoops sets sights high after finals run

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against Medfield and Westwood, and Ashland might be the team to beat in the league this year," he said. "Medway has a good young crew and Holliston returned a lot, so they are going to be tough.

"It seems like the league is coming closer together," Greco added, "Anyone can beat anyone."

Even though both teams graduated sizable portions of last year's teams, a Dec. 29 state final rematch against Foxboro is another game circled on the Hillers' calendar.

Greco said the early part of the season will be focused on building chemistry with a number of new players joining the varsity roster. Kiki Fossbender has impressed the coach so far in practice with her ability to score, and Greco said Lauren Cho and Brooke Dougherty have shown an ability to step in right away as varsity athletes.

Kylie Hardenbrook is coming off a strong season last year, Greco added, and Lexi Trendel and Lulu Murphy have also been working hard and are expected to contribute.

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SPORTS

Hopkinton girls place 7th in state XC meet

By Chris Villani
Contributing Writer

The Hopkinton girls' cross country team capped off a successful season with a seventh place finish in the all-state meet, checking in as the top Division III team in all of Massachusetts.

Hillers' head coach Jean Cann said the strong campaign may have caught some observers by surprise, pointing to a preseason ranking that showed Hopkinton 35th in the state.

"I think our season was better than a lot of people expected," Cann said. Several strong runners helped pace

the Hopkinton team this fall. In the all-state meet, junior Schuyler Gooley finished ninth overall, just seconds ahead of sophomore Olivia Jones, who placed 12th. The week before, in the mid-November Eastern Mass. championship, the Hillers saw three runners finish in the top ten.

Senior Abbi Fischer checked in ninth overall, Gooley placed seventh, and Jones topped the field, besting her closest competitor by two seconds to take home a first place finish. Hopkinton finished third as a team, behind Milton and Walpole, at that meet, but went on to beat both of those schools in the all-state competition.

The Hillers finished the Tri-Valley League dual meet season undefeated, won the TVL league meet, and placed five runners on the league all-star team after placing in the top-20 at the league meet. In addition to Gooley, who finished second, Jones, who placed third, and Fischer, who finished sixth, sophomore Greta Field and senior Jane Stillwell checked in 14th and 16th, respectively.

"It was nice for us to win the league meet," Cann said. "You don't want to go in as the regular season champion and then lose in that meet."

The regular season featured a number of highlights, including an Oc-

tober meet at home in what Cann described as "perfect conditions." Gooley smashed the Hopkinton course record by 25 seconds in that meet, while Jones ran the third fastest time in the history of the venue.

"Those were some pretty cool accomplishments," Cann said.

The Hillers will graduate 10 seniors from this year's squad, but Cann pointed out that her team will bring back three TVL all-stars next fall as well as a talented freshmen who missed this year due to injury.

"We have a lot coming back," she said. "If our sophomores continue to develop, we should be pretty strong."

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College Sports Notes

By Jean Cann
Contributing Writer

Julia Burdulis, Trinity '21, was named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NE-SCAC) 2018 Fall All-Academic Team. An education major, Burdulis competes in cross country and track. To qualify for the All-Academic Team, student-athletes must have reached sophomore academic standing, and be in good standing in their sport with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 or equivalent on a 4.0 scale.

Hanna Engstrom, Trinity '19, was named to the 2018 New England Small College Athletic Conference (NE-SCAC) All-Sportsmanship Team for her positive contributions to sportsmanship. Engstrom majors in biomedical engineering and plays on the Bantams' volleyball team.

Kara Finnerty, Bowdoin '20, was named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NE-SCAC) 2018 Fall All-Academic Team. Finnerty plays forward on the Polar Bears' field hockey team. To qualify for the All-Academic Team, student-athletes must have reached sophomore academic standing, and be in good standing in their sport with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 or equivalent on a 4.0 scale.

Abbie Gilbert, WPI '20, was named to the NEWMAC Academic All Conference Team. To earn the honor, student-athletes required a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5/4.0 scale or 4.35/5.0 scale after the 2018 spring semester, second year academic status at his/her institution, and membership on a varsity team for the entire season. Gilbert plays outside hitter on the volleyball team.

Ivy Gogolin, University of New Hampshire '22, nabbed two rebounds in her basketball team's 60-39 loss to Boston University on Nov. 28.

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SPORTS

Over 200 runners participate in Hopkin10K

By Jerry Spar
Contributing Writer

When members of the Hopkinton Running Club decided to put on their own road race for the first time last year, they wanted to do something different.

While 5K (3.1 miles) has become the most popular local race distance due to its appeal to part-time athletes and “social” runners, the Hopkin10K is twice as long, drawing the more serious runner.

While most Hopkinton races are based in the center of town, the Hopkin10K course starts and finishes at Victory Field off Fruit Street, with a course that circles Lake Whitehall.

And while most races are scheduled for warmer months, the Hopkin10K was held in 30-degree temperatures -- albeit under sunny skies and gentle winds -- on the morning of Dec. 1.

“In the running community it’s sort of hard to find a 10K,” race director Wayde Marshall explained. “While 5Ks are very plentiful, it’s a little harder to find a 10K, and it’s a little harder to find a 10K this time of year. So we thought it would be a good race that would draw a lot of people.”

Among the 213 runners who completed the race were a number of Hopkinton residents who are very familiar with the course and the climate.

“[The day] was perfect for running,” Hopkinton’s Christine DeLuca said. “We couldn’t have asked for better conditions. I’ve run the course for the past 20 years on my own as I live close to Lake Whitehall, so it was fun to have an official race out of it. It’s fairly hilly, which made it challenging at moments, but the surrounding of the lake and beautiful homes was a nice distraction. Hopefully they will keep having it each year.”



Kevin Jillson of the Hopkinton Running Club rounds Lake Whitehall during the second annual Hopkin10K road race on Dec. 1.



Kim Bolick prepares to turn from Exchange Street onto Route 135 during the second annual Hopkin10K road race on Dec. 1.



Don Palladini passes the Sanctuary at Woodville on Route 135 during the second annual Hopkin10K road race on Dec. 1.

The race originated as a more formal tribute to one of the Hopkinton Running Club’s former participants.

“One of our earlier members, Andy Welzel, passed away from pancreatic cancer 10 years ago, and we’d always wanted to do something in his memory,” Marshall said. “[Some HRC members] had been running another race in his memory, but we decided to put one on for him and give scholarships to Hopkinton High School students.

“The scholarship is called the Pay It Forward scholarship. He was a big mentor to a lot of younger kids around the schools and a lot of people. That’s how we award the scholarships, we ask students to talk about somebody who influenced them at some point in their life. It can be any kind of mentor -- could be a teacher, a parent, a friend, somebody.”

The overall winner of this year’s race was former Hopkinton High School and Bentley College standout Tim Bolick, who crossed the line in a time of 33 minutes, 49 seconds (a pace of 5:27 per mile). Kevin Jillson

of the HRC was second in 35:25, and Whitney Hall took third in 36:30. Kim Bolick (Tim’s older sister) was the first female finisher and fourth overall in 37:45, followed by Abbey Nyland (43:02) and the HRC’s Angele Myers (43:51).

The Stone Throwers Track Club, led by the Bolick siblings and their

father, Paul, won the team competition over the Hopkinton Running Club, with the Tri-Valley Front Runners taking third.

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SPORTS

Young players visit TD Garden for Celtics game



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The Hopkinton Basketball Association's fourth annual Hopkinton Night at the Celtics was held Nov. 21, as 360 Hopkinton basketball fans trekked to the TD Garden to watch the Celtics play the New York Knicks. As part of the evening, a number of Hopkinton youngsters got a chance to play on the famed parquet floor. Among those participating in a pregame scrimmage were (from left) fifth-graders Alyssa Budden, Sofia Wightman-Kraus and Riley Curtin, and seventh-graders Sophia Dellacioppa and Charlotte Schuster.

Hopkinton girls' volleyball team finishes strong season

By Chris Villani
Contributing Writer

The Hopkinton girls' volleyball team, fresh off a trip to the state finals in 2017, put together another strong campaign this fall both on and off the court. The Hillers finished 19-2, won the Tri-Valley League, took home the TVL Sportsmanship Award and won the 2018 AVCA Team Academic Award.

"I am pleased with the way the team came together and played this season," Head Coach Margie Grabmeier said.

Hopkinton's regular season was strong enough to earn the third seed in the Division 1 Central West Sectional bracket. The Hillers lost to the eventual sectional champion from Franklin.

"It was an intense five game battle that came down to a few points," Grabmeier said. "It was a tough loss, but the team played well and I'm proud of them."

The Hillers were led by a number of seniors this fall, including several TVL All Stars. Outside hitter Bella Onsi earned All-Star honors. She was also named the TVL's Most Valuable Player and earned All-State honors from the Massachusetts Girls Volleyball Coaches' Association.

"She led the team in kills, was a strong server and a vocal leader on the court," Grabmeier said.

The coach said outside hitter Jenna Willwerth was "next in line with kills and was a strong serve receive passer." Grabmeier also extolled setter Mia Ardila, who boosted the offense with both assists and kills. Both Willwerth and Ardila were TVL 1st team All-Stars. Middle hitter Cecily McNamara was a TVL All-Star honorable mention and contributed to the effort with her blocking effort.

Defensive specialist Lydia Ruden also chipped in with strong defense in the back row, Grabmeier added.

"All of the seniors' leadership will be missed next year," the coach said.

After two seasons as an area and statewide powerhouse, Grabmeier said she expects her team to be strong again next season with six returning players coming back to the team with varsity experience. The group includes TVL All Stars, junior Angie Grabmeier, who earned first team honors as a setter and right side hitter and junior Morgan Allen, an honorable mention pick as a libero.

Junior outside hitters Ashley McDermott and sophomores Millie Senseney, Cate Cestari and Rachel Leeret all return and both junior varsity teams were undefeated this fall.

"I'm already looking forward to seeing the high level of talent at tryouts in August," Grabmeier said.

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POLICE LOG

November 28

6:52 a.m. Officer Ryan Polselli assisted a disabled motor vehicle on West Main Street.

7:17 a.m. A caller reported an accident in which a vehicle slid on black ice on Overlook Road. No personal injuries were reported. Officer Arthur Schofield responded and requested a tow truck. A report will follow.

8:24 a.m. A caller complained of a tree company working without a police detail on Downey Street. Officer Arthur Schofield responded and reported there is ample room for vehicles to get through.

12:57 p.m. Officer John Corridan responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Church Street involving two cars. No personal injuries were reported.

7:57 p.m. A Stagecoach Way resident reported finding her basement door open upon arriving home. Officers Moira McGaffigan and Preston Mucciarone responded and checked the house and found all secure.

8:08 p.m. A caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked on Mount Auburn Street for the past twenty minutes. Officer Derek Morton checked on the vehicle and spoke with the operator, and all was okay.

November 29

12:14 a.m. Sergeant Timothy Brennan and Officer Ryan Polselli removed a tree from the roadway of South Street and notified the Highway Department.

7:48 a.m. A school crossing guard on Hayden Rowe Street reported a dead rabbit on the side of the roadway. A message was left for the DPW.

8:57 a.m. A walk-in handed in a debit card that was found. The owner was contacted.

12:03 p.m. A caller reported a dead deer in a ditch on Frankland Road. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

1:46 p.m. A Rocky Woods Road caller reported a package that was delivered to her home was cut open and the item was removed. Officer Stephen Buckley responded and took report.

2:29 p.m. The school bus company reported a tree in the roadway of Walker Street that is preventing buses from passing through. Officer Panagiotis Hontzeas responded and assisted the tree company working in the area.

3:51 p.m. Officer Benjamin Stickney assisted a motor vehicle stuck in a ditch off West Elm Street. A tow truck was requested.

4:14 p.m. A caller requested to speak with an officer about threats he has received. Sergeant Timothy Brennan assisted.

6:07 p.m. A Pond Street resident reported someone vandalized his mailbox. Officer Derek Morton responded and spoke with the reporting person.

7:46 p.m. A walk-in handed in a license plate she found on the roadway.

November 30

8:30 a.m. Officer Panagiotis Hontzeas spoke to a Leonard Street homeowner about sump pump dumping.

12:50 p.m. A West Main Street caller reported a child crying at the house gate. Officer Stephen Buckley responded and spoke with the father, who was late meeting his child at the bus stop.

6:43 p.m. A caller reported problems with a hunter on his property. Sergeant Timothy Brennan spoke with the caller.

8:27 p.m. The State Police reported a male fled on foot from a scene on Route 495 and is possibly headed to Hopkinton. Southborough and Westborough Police Departments were notified. Sergeant Timothy Brennan and Officers Derek Morton and Benjamin Stickney responded and searched the area and assisted the State Police K-9 unit on Flanders Road.

9:04 p.m. A walk-in reported she has not seen or heard from her son since he was released from school. Officer Derek Morton responded and assisted.

9:07 p.m. A motorist reported a hit and run motor vehicle accident on Hayden Rowe Street. Officer Derek Morton responded, and a report will follow.

December 1

12:38 a.m. A Bridgeton Way resident reported a squirrel or rodent that entered her home. The Animal Control Officer responded and removed a flying squirrel.

1:26 a.m. Sergeant Aaron O'Neil removed a deceased deer from the roadway of Hayden Rowe Street and left a message for the Animal Control Officer.

4:21 a.m. Officer Jay Deiana issued multiple parking violation warnings on Church Place, Fenton Street, Eastview and Hazel Roads.

10:06 a.m. A walk-in handed in a knife found in the roadway of East Main Street.

10:39 a.m. A walk-in requested to speak with an officer about his bank account being hacked and money being stolen. Officer Arthur Schofield spoke with the reporting person.

3:31 p.m. A Huckleberry Road caller reported someone damaged his property and electrical box. Officer Preston Mucciarone responded and took a report.

5:03 p.m. A motorist reported an erratic operator with no rear license plate on West Main Street. Officer Moira McGaffigan responded and checked the area with a negative find.

7:32 p.m. A Breakneck Hill Road resident complained of someone lighting fireworks in the neighborhood. Officer Preston Mucciarone responded and found all quiet.

December 2

9:25 a.m. A walk-in requested it be logged that he came to the station to pick up his daughter, but the custody exchange did not take place. Officer Stephen Buckley spoke with him.

12:01 p.m. A Proctor Street walk-in spoke with Officer Arthur Schofield about suspicious activity in his neighborhood.

1:13 p.m. A walk-in spoke with Officer Benjamin Stickney about a past accident on Cedar Street.

4:26 p.m. A walk-in reported identity theft after a person attempted to open unemployment benefits under her name.

4:30 p.m. A West Elm Street caller reported illegal dumping from a landscaping truck. Officer Moira McGaffigan responded and spoke with the reporting person.

9:28 p.m. A walk-in reported a knife was pulled on her and she was hit with a pillow. Sergeant Aaron O'Neil and Officers John Corridan, Moira McGaffigan, and Preston Mucciarone responded to Hillcrest Drive and subsequently arrested Jason D. Strangio, 21, of 69 Hillcrest Drive and charged him with Assault with Dangerous Weapon and Assault & Battery.

December 3

7:55 a.m. Officer Michael Santoro provided a courtesy transport to a Revolutionary Way student to the middle school.

8:38 a.m. Officer Matthew Santoro responded to Davenport Lane to speak with a student.

11:43 a.m. A caller reported a dog wandering up and down Blueberry Lane. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

6:19 p.m. A caller reported an outside vestibule door of a Main Street building was found unlocked. Officer Derek Morton responded and notified the key holder.

7:29 p.m. A Walcott Valley Drive caller spoke with Officer Moira McGaffigan about a case of check fraud.

10:43 p.m. Officer Derek Morton transported an individual to the station and placed him in to Protective Custody.

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OBITUARIES

Leon A. Drowne, 57

Leon A. Drowne, 57, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at the Ledges in Hopedale. Born in Framing-

ham, he was the son of the late Louis and Janet (Beauchene) Drowne. He was predeceased by his brothers Larry, John, Gary and Lester, along with his sister Donna.

He is survived by his siblings Carol

Guthrie and husband William of Hopkinton, Nancy Mercer and husband Dan of Hopkinton, Joann Esser and husband John of Madison, WI and brother James Alexander and wife Ann of Northbridge. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Sally A. (Jaycox) McClean, 73



HOPKINTON - Sally A. (Jaycox) McClean, 73, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 10, 2018 in her home in Hopkinton. Born May 21, 1945 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she was the

daughter of Claude O. Jaycox and Alice May (Hummel) Jaycox of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Sally graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. before attending Beaver College in Glenside, Penn. where she received a BS degree in mathematics. On March 26, 1967, in Wappingers Falls, she married Edmund J. McClean of Brooklyn, N.Y. and the two shared 47 years of loving marriage before Mr. McClean passed away in 2014. The couple raised their family in Hyde Park, N.Y. where she lived until moving to Hopkinton, MA in 2016.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra M. Oberg, and her son, Jacob, of Lancaster, N.Y. her son, Garrett E. McClean, his wife, Heidi, and their children Casey and Julia, of Hopkinton and her sisters, Linda Miller of Glenmont, N.Y. and Elaine Baller of Fishkill, N.Y.

Family and friends were Sally's passion. She was blessed with many friends who were drawn to her humor and spirit. Sally had a lifelong love of tennis, a talent for crafts, volunteered within her community, served on the Hyde Park Town Council, and was a writer throughout her life. Her writing included children's stories inspired by her grandchildren, "odes" celebrating loved ones and milestones, and memoirs of family history, travels and friendships. She and Ed loved to travel, fulfilling their goal of visiting every US state and all the National Parks.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and an intimate remembrance will be scheduled at a later date according to the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaeljfox.org), Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Callanan Cronin Funeral Home. To share a memory or offer an online condolence, visit www.callanancronin.com.

Joseph E. Sullivan, 92

HOPKINTON - Joseph E. Sullivan, 92, died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Royal Cape Cod Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Bourne. He was the husband of the late Patricia (Crowley) Sullivan. Born in Waltham, he was the son of the late Michael and Beatrice (McCune) Sullivan.

He was a Newton police officer for 30 years and a U.S. Navy veteran serving in WWII.

He is survived by his children John and wife Inga of S.C.; Joseph of Ariz.; Suzanne Evans and husband Ian of Ariz.; Donald and wife Victoria of Lexington; and Dennis and wife Kim of Hopkinton. He also leaves a special friend, Katherine Roundville of Wareham and his 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Callanan Cronin Funeral Home.

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Author Talk: Marjorie Harshaw Robie – “Dueling Dragons”

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2-3 p.m.

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Chat ‘n’ Chew Lunch-time Book Group

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 12:30 – 1 p.m.

Bring an easy lunch, your own covered drink (or we’ll have water) and a copy of a book (fiction or non-fiction) that you’ve read recently to chat about with the group. We’ll discuss and share the book.

Sweet & Savory Pies with Liz Barbour

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m.

(Register in advance online or call reference librarian)

Making pies isn’t as hard as you might think! Chef Liz Barbour will talk about the history of pies, how to make tender, flaky crusts, and what sweet and savory fillings to use. Following her discussion, she will demonstrate how to make the perfect pie crust followed by the demonstration of two delicious pies for everyone to sample. Don’t miss this tasty class! (Register in advance online or call reference librarian)

Glimpse of Indian Culture (for all ages)

Saturday, Dec. 22, 12-3 p.m.

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Puzzle Jug, Mug, and Bowl

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 6- 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Master Potter Rick Hamelin. The audience will have the opportunity to handle various types of historical, unique drinking and eating vessels while discussing the food and drink consumed from them.

Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

All members are invited to attend. The agenda will include election of officers, approval of the dues structure, and affirmation of regular business. The annual meeting will be followed by the January Board meeting.

Getting Organized in 2019 with Jenna Elliot of The Naked Flower

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m.

This workshop will give you a new way to think about your “stuff”. Tips on controlling your calendar and to-do lists, developing decisive instincts for organizing, along with simple habits to help reduce clutter and increase efficiency. Resources such as stores, helpful websites, and literature on organizing will be shared.

Bee Talk with Tony Lulek of Little Beehive Farm

Monday, Jan. 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Tony Lulek will discuss our agricultural systems and how it relates to us as individuals and to the honeybees and all pollinators. This talk covers everything from colony collapse and varroa mites, to what is like to be a beekeeper, all about the honeybees and what you can do as an individual to maintain their existence.

Volunteer needed

The Friends of Hopkinton Public Library group is seeking a volunteer to design flyers for our events. The work would be about once a month and the designer would be asked to design a flyer that could be used electronically as well as hard copy, in both portrait and landscape PDF formats. If you are interested in volunteering for Friends in this capacity, please contact Beth Mezitt at bethm@westonnurseries.com.

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