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# HOPKINTON INDEPENDENT

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## Educator, runner inspires students John Young shares message of perseverance

By Michelle Murdock  
Managing Editor

Inspirational educator and runner John Young visited Hopkinton Middle School Nov. 21. He was invited by members of the school's "26.2 Desire to Inspire" team to address the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students to share his message on Dwarfism Awareness, perseverance, goal setting, and kindness toward others.

Young was born with Achondroplasia, a form of dwarfism. Discouraged as a child from participating in many physical activities, Young has gone on to finish 50 plus triathlons and marathons, including the New York City and Boston marathons.

Foreign language teacher and "26.2 Desire to Inspire" team member Dawn McNally first met Young about six years ago when both she and Young were running the United Airlines NYC Half Marathon.

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John Young shows his finisher's medals to students at the Hopkinton Middle School.

PHOTO: BRUCE MACDONALD

## Hopkinton Town Hall and Library shut down due to electrical failure

The Hopkinton Town Hall and Public Library were closed on Tuesday, Nov. 27 due to an electrical problem that occurred earlier in the day. A short in the power service lines from the utility pole to the Town Hall resulted in a surge of power and eventual loss of power within the building. During this event a 1" heat pipe also burst as a result of the surge that traveled to a ground connector attached to the pipe as part of the electrical grounding system. This leak was quickly addressed and as of the Independent's deadline, did not appear to have caused any water damage.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. that morning, unusual sounds were heard in parts of Town Hall by staff, and subsequently, areas of the building lost electrical power. A leaking pipe was soon discovered in the basement as well. The fire alarm was activated and the building was evacuated. Police and Fire resources were dispatched to Town Hall. Hopkinton Facilities and Inspectional Services shut down the power and water to the building within minutes of the event. Eversource responded, as well as the Town's electrical contractor. The Board of Selectmen were advised and monitored the situation closely.

The loss of power resulted in the loss of municipal internet and some municipal phone lines including non-emergency Fire, non-emergency Police, DPW, Library and Senior Center business lines. At no time was the 911 network down and public safety response remained at full capacity. The Public School system was mostly unaffected.

The Hopkinton Emergency Response plan was activated. Contingency workarounds were initiated to alleviate the phone and internet outages in support of Public Safety

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## Hopkinton Scouts bringing holiday cheer

By Michelle Sanford  
Contributing Writer

The local Boy Scouts in Hopkinton are doing their part to help make the holidays merry and bright and, as a bonus, are offering to help make some of that dreaded Christmas cleanup a little bit easier.

Once again, the Scouts of Troop 1 are holding their annual Christmas tree sale with hundreds of beautiful New England Balsam Fir and Fraser Firs to choose from.

"We bring in about 600 trees from the Maine/Canadian border," said Troop 1 Committee Chair

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Troop 1 Boy Scouts (l to r) Adi Patel, Noah Schonhorn, Freddy Montalto, Ethan Ritterbusch, Gabriel Lee and Akshay Jana

PHOTO: MICHELLE MURDOCK



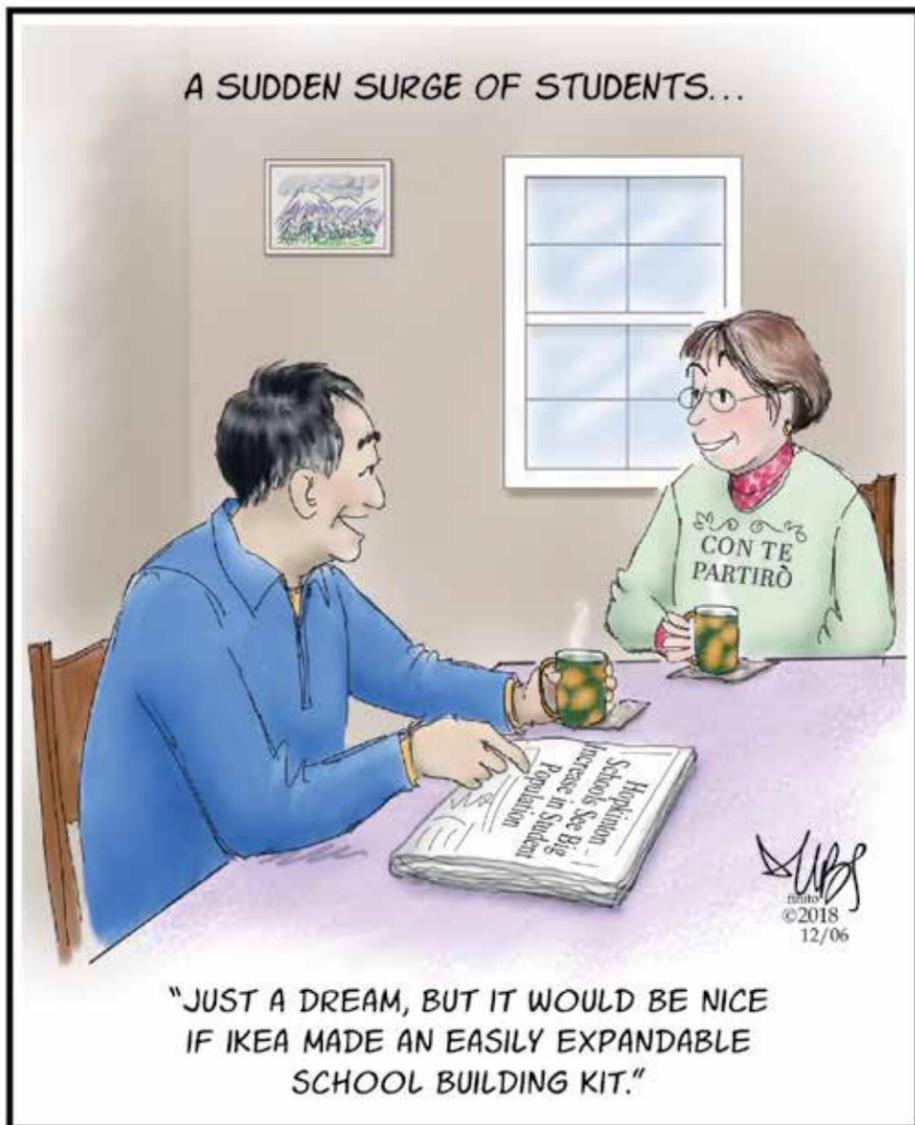
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# Letters to the Editor

## 20th Annual Turkey Drive Delivers Again

Dear Hopkinton,

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A special thank you goes to the principals and staff at Elmwood, the middle school, and the high school. They helped us advertise (thanks

Mrs. Verra!) and allowed us to store frozen turkeys in the freezers.

Another big thank you goes to all of the people who volunteered to help me collect turkeys at the schools. But the largest thank you goes out to everyone in the community who very generously donated turkeys, canned goods, and money. Running this drive reminded me how lucky I am to live in such a generous and caring community.

Sincerely,  
**Dylan Johnson**  
 Erika Drive

*P.S. Thank you mom! I could not have done this without you!*

## UniBank coordinates Holiday Giving campaign

REGION - UniBank has kicked off its annual Holiday Giving campaign to make the season brighter for individuals and families throughout the community. The campaign is part of the bank's dedication to improving life for the communities it serves.

Each UniBank branch has chosen an organization that fills a need in their community and supports the program by making and purchasing items, and accepting donations from customers and the general public. Many local residents face difficult times around the holiday season and UniBank is pleased to work with local charitable organizations in support of this effort to help its neighbors. Branch collections are as follows:

Hopkinton: "Heart tags" requesting items that will be distributed to families in need by Project Just Because.

Milford: Collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, and toiletries to be distributed by the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Milford.

Upton: Items needed by senior citizens to be handed out by the Upton Senior Center.

Donated items may be dropped off during regular banking hours through mid-December. Check with your local branch for specific details and deadlines. Visit [www.unibank.com](http://www.unibank.com) for a listing of branch locations and hours.

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# MacDowell seeks board's input to finish sidewalk project

By Jim Kleinkauf  
Contributing Writer

Legacy Farms Developer Roy MacDowell met with the town Planning Board Nov. 19 to discuss plans for completing a section of sidewalk on East Main Street.

MacDowell told Planning Board members that he and Conservation Administrator Don MacAdam had recently viewed the site to determine the best way to move forward.

The section to be completed starts at 83 E. Main St. and continues to the town's athletic field parcel located adjacent to 51 E. Main St.

The 19-acre athletic fields parcel, which was turned over to the town in November 2016, was also part of a mitigation agreement with the town.

At that time, the town Parks and Recreation Commission was working with the 26.2 Foundation to place an International Marathon Center on the athletic parcel.

As part of that plan, Parks and Recreation used \$25,000 from the town's Community Preservation Act fund to have an engineering firm explore ways to cross wetlands in order to access the parcel.

Later, the Conservation Commission voted to permit an access road to the field via a bridge. The plan calls for the sidewalk to go over a section of that bridge.

The sidewalk project on East Main Street originally began in September 2017.

MacDowell's undertaking of the project is part of a mitigation agreement with the town regarding the Legacy Farms housing development on former Weston Nurseries land off East Main Street.

"We've come to the conclusion that if we move the guardrail back - this is in front of the parcel that we donated to the town - if we move that guardrail back 3 feet further from the street, probably 200 feet in distance, we can then run the sidewalk by," MacDowell said.

He told the board that he had met with the Conservation Commission, which approved of the plan "in principal," as did town Director of Public Works John Westerling.

"If the Planning Board is on

*"We're talking inches here as far as being in the wetlands, so it's a very tricky situation."*

**Roy MacDowell**  
Developer

board," MacDowell said, "then we will begin plans to submit to the ConCom for approval. And then we can build a sidewalk."

In response to questions from Planning Board members Dennis Paul and Deborah Fein-Brug about the placement of guardrail, MacDowell explained: "...This is how particular they [the Conservation Commission] are; they said, 'How are you going to move the guardrail? We won't let you dig holes because you'll be replacing dirt.'"

"I said we're not going to dig holes. We're literally going to take a machine that picks up the I-beam and pounds it into the ground 3 feet back. So they said you can do that, but we won't let you fill there," he continued. "So if you don't put the sidewalk on the other side of the guardrail you literally have to fill it up significantly to get a level somewhat higher than the street." "We're talking inches here as far as being in the wetlands, so it's a very tricky situation," MacDowell said.

Fein-Brug expressed her concern about the danger of moving the guardrail, which she said "is supposed to protect pedestrians."

"Actually it's not," said MacDowell. "That guardrail is for the purpose of the cars not driving into the ditch, not for pedestrians."

After considerable back and forth between MacDowell and board members, it was generally agreed that the developer would proceed to draw up plans for a 4-foot sidewalk to complete the project.

## Garden Club Holiday Greens Sale

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Hopkinton Garden Club will host its first Holiday Greens Sale at the John Warren Masonic Lodge, 6 Main Street, Hopkinton from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

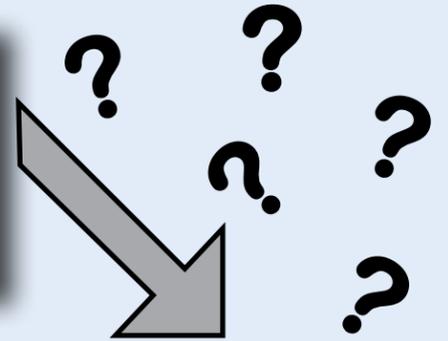
Club members will be busy creating beautiful greens to adorn your home or to give as gifts. Choose from decorated balsam wreaths, festive table arrangements, swags, and other items to bring on the holiday cheer.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this fun event! All proceeds will support the Garden Club's community service programs for Hopkinton. Many of you may have seen our club at work with the beautiful flower pots on Main Street.

The Hopkinton Garden Club is an affiliate of The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. Our mission is to promote the teaching and advancement of gardening, horticulture and floral design. For more information, please contact info@hopkintongardenclub.org.

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# CPC approves \$403,250 in funding requests so far

By Jim Kleinkauf  
Contributing Writer

The Community Preservation Committee at its second hearing Nov. 20 approved eight out of 17 requests for money available under the Community Preservation Act. The funding requests approved so far total \$403,250 and must be approved by Town Meeting.

Those approved requests are as follows:

**Preservation of Town Records**

Amount: \$20,000 from Historical Preservation

Sponsor: Town Clerk

Description: Restoration of the records in the basement vault. Need will be based on age of records, extent of damage, and importance of contents.

**Digitizing Records and Photos of the Hopkinton Historical Society**

Amount: \$3,750 from Historical Preservation

Sponsor: Hopkinton Historical Society

Description: Will be provided at full application review.

**Historic Headstone Restoration Phase IV**

Amount: \$10,000 from Historic Preservation

Sponsor: Hopkinton Cemetery Commission

Description: Continuation of Headstone Restoration project

**Trailhead Signage**

Amount: \$4,500 from Open Space and Recreation

Sponsor: HALT

Description: Trailhead signage at three locations: Pelouin Conservation Area, 22 School St./Cheney Conservation Area, and Wyckoff/Echo Trail

**Youth Lacrosse Wall**

Amount: \$25,000 from Recreation

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation

Description: A lacrosse wall at the Fruit Street Fields.

**Pine Field Irrigation**

Amount: \$25,000 from Recreation

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation and Hopkinton Little League

Description: Irrigation for this field would significantly improve Pine Field.

**EMC Playground**

Amount: \$260,000 from Recreation

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation

Description: Estimates for playground have been provided by Kopman

**Access and Development of the East Main Street Recreation Parcel**

Amount: \$50,000 from Open Space and Recreation

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation

Description: Provide access to a parcel that will be developed into athletic fields, walking trails and or other passive and active recreation options.

The following two requests were set aside for possible consideration next year:

**Center School Evaluation, Design and Renovations**

Amount: Undetermined (Max Allowed) from Historical Preservation

Sponsor: Town of Hopkinton

Description: Evaluate the existing conditions of Center School to develop accurate estimates for renovations. Evaluate the space requirement of town/school departments and develop several options for the use of Center School to house those departments short, medium and long-term.

**Town Hall Basement Evaluation, Design and Renovations**

Amount: \$200,000 from Historical Preservation

Sponsor: Town of Hopkinton

Description: Evaluate options for the basement of Town Hall to provide kitchen/meeting room area and accessible route, develop estimates for renovating the basement (HVAC, lighting, fire protection, IT, finishes, doors and windows), design and renovations.

The following proposal was deemed not eligible for historic preservation funding:

**Hopkinton Public Library Heritage Quilt Framing**

Amount: \$9,300 from Historical Preservation

Sponsor: Hopkinton Public Library

Description: Project would frame Hopkinton Library Heritage quilt made by the Marathon Quilters Guild, the quilt honors early library donors as well as residents who contributed to the construction of the original library in 1895.

The following proposal was deemed not eligible based on Town Counsel's advice. But the applicant may submit a differing legal opinion:

**Tree Aging**

Amount: \$900 from Open Space and Historical Preservation

Sponsor: Hopkinton Trails Club and Hopkinton Historical Commission

The following proposals were tabled for further consideration this year:

**Conservation Restriction for 12 Parcels**

Amount: \$21,300 from Open Space and Recreation

Sponsor: HALT, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Open Space Preservation Commission

Description: Conservation Restrictions for 12 Parcels (Parcel examples include: 192 Hayden Rowe, Hughes Old Rail Bed, Granite Street (Open Space), Joseph Road, Daniels Road)

Description: The project would include measuring the age of up to five trees that are determined to be of historic age based on diameter.

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## Hopkinton Town Hall and Library shut down due to electrical failure

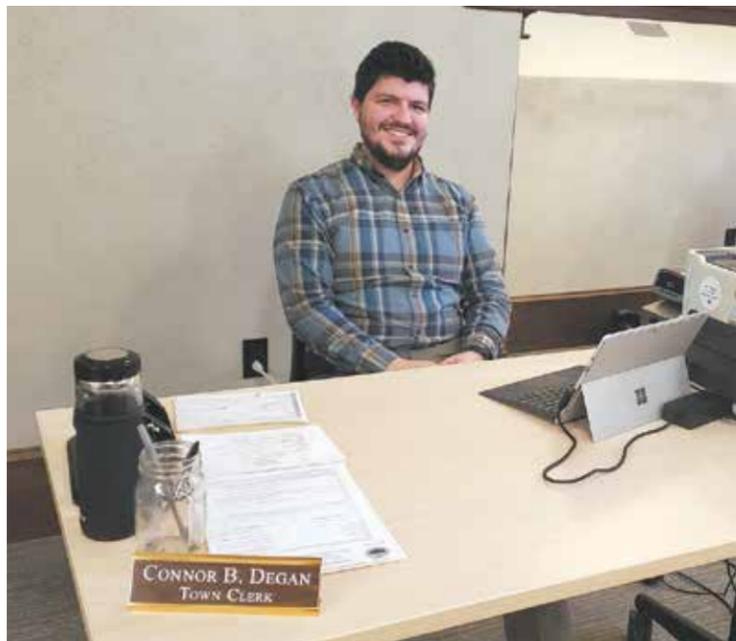


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Town Clerk Connor Degan is relocated to the Hopkinton Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 28 while awaiting repairs to the electrical failure at Town Hall.

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### Dog Park

Amount: \$150,000 from Open Space and Recreation  
Sponsor: Parks and Recreation

Description: The project will benefit the dog owners of the community. CPA funding will be used along with private grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 toward engineering, material and labor.

### 180 and 182 Hayden Rowe – Purchase of 20.8 acres

Amount: TBD from Open Space, Historical Preservation and Recreation

Sponsor: Upper Charles Trail Committee

Description: Purchase of 20.8 acres of land between 180 and 182 Hayden Rowe

### Southern Parcel - Purchase

Amount: TBD from Open Space and Recreation

Sponsor: Upper Charles Trail Committee

Description: Purchase of a critical link from the Milford Town line that enters into Hopkinton for the Trail.

### Clafin Fountain Filtration System

Amount: \$30,000 from Open Space and Recreation

Sponsor: Parks and Recreation

Description: The irrigation system would help the fountain run independently and will have a filtered water supply. This would prevent damage to the pump and internal features of the fountain.

“Serving Hopkinton residents is always our number one priority.”

Norman Khumalo  
Town Manager

### Power

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efforts. An emergency meeting of the Hopkinton Emergency Management Group was convened at the Fire Station Incident Command Center. During this meeting an initial incident response was developed.

Through the Emergency Management Group’s efforts, the municipal phone and internet systems were restored utilizing a temporary generator. The Town’s electrical contractors were on the scene working to restore power to the building. The restoration of power was undertaken carefully and systematically, so as to ensure that all electrical systems were safe and undamaged.

The Hopkinton Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Nov. 27 was moved to the HCAM studio located at 77 Main Street and employees of the following Town Hall departments worked from the Public Library to conduct routine business: Town Clerk, Town Manager’s office, Land Use Department, Finance Department, and Board of Health. Town Hall employees will monitor email communication.

“Serving Hopkinton residents is always our number one priority,” said Town Manager Norman Khumalo. “I would like to thank residents for their understanding and patience through this difficult time, and especially for their generosity supporting and funding the infrastructure improvements at Town Hall which has minimized the damage and made the recovery effort much more efficient.”

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## Vehicle crashes into home on West Main Street



On Nov. 23 at approximately 4:30 p.m. the Hopkinton Police Communications Center received a 911 call from the resident of 9 West Main Street reporting that a vehicle had crashed into the front of her home. At the time of the crash she and her husband were both home. Thankfully there were no injuries.

The 37-year-old operator from Millville was transported to Milford Regional Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The Hopkinton Fire Department utilized resources from the District Fourteen Technical Rescue Team to protect the structure of the home and the Chevy Equinox was removed. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

### A Merry Little Christmas at Faith Community Church

You’re invited to experience a Merry Little Christmas at Faith Community Church, located at 146 E. Main Street in Hopkinton. The Christmas Eve services and candle lighting are taking place on Dec. 24 at 3p.m., 5p.m., and 7p.m. All ages welcome. For more information, visit [fch.org](http://fch.org).

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# 2019 Boston Marathon invitational applications distributed

By Michelle Murdock  
Managing Editor

A total of 50 invitational applications for the 2019 Boston Marathon were approved by the Board of Selectmen at its Nov. 27 meeting. Invitational applications are distributed each year to local charities based on guidelines established by the board.

24 invitational entries were issued to five town departments as follows:

- Hopkinton Senior Center – 2
- Fire Department – 3
- Police Department - 12
- Marathon Committee – 5
- Hopkinton Public Library – 2

The remaining 26 invitational entries were issued to 26 local organizations undertaking activities within Hopkinton. Each organization received one entry.

1. eHop
2. Baypath Humane Society
3. Friends of Hopkinton SPEAC, Inc.
4. Hopkinton Middle School - The Sky's the Limit Courtyard
5. Hopkinton Middle School - Desire to Inspire
6. HHS Robotics & Business Professionals of America Clubs
7. Keep Smilin4Abbie Foundation
8. Hopkinton Women's Club
9. Hopkinton Public Library Friends, Inc.
10. The Michael Lisnow Respite Center
11. Hopkinton Little League
12. Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association
13. Live 4 Evan
14. Hopkinton Music Association
15. Hopkinton Senior Tax Relief Fund
16. Hopkinton HS Class of 2019
17. Hopkinton Education Foundation (HEF)
18. Semper Fi Fund
19. John Warren Lodge - Masonic Angel Fund Hopkinton
20. Hopkinton Youth Lacrosse
21. The 16th Annual Sharon Timlin Memorial Event to Cure ALS
22. Friends of Hopkinton Seniors
23. Hopkinton Public Library Foundation
24. Hopkinton Lions Club
25. Hopkinton Historical Society
26. The Friends of Hopkinton Inc.

According to Town Manager Norman Khumalo, the specific requirement that the board previously approved when considering applications is that the requesting organization perform public service activities in Hopkinton.

Other specifications set out by the board concerning invitational entries are that all organizations receiving invitational numbers be responsible for finding runners that commit to the fundraising target set by the Board of Selectmen, which is \$5,000 per entry.

While most of the discussion regarding the distribution process was straight forward, there was some debate about the application submitted by the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) which was received after the deadline.

“Over the years, there are entities that show up at town hall with such requests, after the fact and what we normally do is go back into our network and see if we can help them,” said Khumalo. “I think we can do the same for the HCA.”

“Word to other organizations,” said Board Chair Claire Wright, “is that the deadline is the deadline; it’s a rule.”

## Southwick's Zoo announces Winter Wonderland

Southwick's Zoo in Mendon, MA is excited to announce their new Winter Wonderland event and community outreach program. The zoo is eager to give back to our communities by offering visitors to our Winter Wonderland event a \$5.00 discount on admission for bringing an unwrapped toy, canned good or non-perishable item.

Donations will be distributed to Toys for Tots and local food pantries. Southwick is an approved Drop off for the Toys for Tots program, so you may drop off a toy item at any time.

Winter Wonderland is open to visitors on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. from Nov. 16 through Jan. 6, 2019.

Journey through the zoo on Santa's Christmas train to see dazzling holiday lights and of course, Santa himself. Festivities include the petting zoo, skyfari skyride, holiday characters, personalized ornaments, unique gifts and brunch with Santa at Galliford's Restaurant and Tavern. Brighten your holidays with a new family tradition to Winter Wonderland at Southwick's Zoo. For details, dates and times go to [www.southwickzoo.com](http://www.southwickzoo.com).



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# 'Hopkinton Gives' gives broader reach to local nonprofits

By Nancy Cavanaugh  
Contributing Writer

In an effort to help Hopkinton nonprofits reach more people, Hopkinton Historical Society President Anne Mattina, organized Hopkinton Gives, a website that links community members with local non-profit organizations in an effort to raise funds and awareness of the organizations.

Mattina said she was inspired by a similar organization, "Valley Gives," which represents nine hundred nonprofits from the Pioneer Valley in Western Massachusetts.

"As president of the Historical Society, I know how difficult it is to reach a wider audience beyond our

*"I know I speak for all of the groups when I say that we appreciate the support and generosity of our community."*

**Anne Mattina**  
Hopkinton Historical Society President

members in terms of donations and support," said Mattina. "Through the synergy of multiple organizations, social media, websites and email distribution lists, we could all broaden our reach."

Mattina organized Hopkinton Gives by reaching out to Hopkinton nonprofits to see which organizations were interested in participating in

the website. Her efforts brought 23 groups together on the website with a variety of different missions, from youth sports and education to service and civic organizations.

On Giving Tuesday, many organizations, including the Historical Society saw an increase in donations with the help of Hopkinton Gives. At the Nov. 27 Board of Selectmen

meeting, Chair Claire Wright said, "The Hopkinton Gives website is a wonderful idea for one stop shopping...I know I went on and ended up making a couple of contributions to organizations I would not necessarily have thought of, but [did] because they were all displayed together, in that one spot."

According to Mattina, Hopkinton Gives will remain live and active until Dec. 31 at [www.Hopkinton-Gives.org](http://www.Hopkinton-Gives.org).

"Folks still have an opportunity to give to their favorite Hopkinton charities and nonprofits," Mattina said. She added, "I know I speak for all of the groups when I say that we appreciate the support and generosity of our community."

## Veterans Breakfast at Senior Center on Dec. 7

Local veterans will be gathering for breakfast on 7 December 2018, at 0900 hours, at the Senior Center. In addition to great chow, there is top notch camaraderie.

Our comrades who passed away during November will be remembered, and the condition of those who are on "Sick Call" will be updated. It is encouraging that several veterans are generous with their time, and visit and/or send cards to our ailing buddies. More of us should do this. Keep up the good work!

A few comments after breakfast will recall memories of military events that previously occurred on Dec. 7. For example, in 1917, the USA declared war on Austria-Hungary with only one dissenting vote in Congress, and became the 13th country to do so.

Other announcements will keep you abreast of Hopkinton happenings relating to veterans.

A free breakfast and lunch will be awarded to the first person who correctly answers the monthly base-

ball quiz: what left-handed pitcher has the most wins as a Red Sox (listed alpha): Bill Lee, John Lester, Mel Parnell, Babe Ruth?

Hopkinton veterans with transportation difficulties should call Amy Beck on or before Dec. 5 at 508 497-9730. Please encourage other Hopkinton vets to attend the breakfast.

American Legion McDonough-Carlberg Post 202 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and bless the meal.

See you Friday. Out.

## Ski Barn moves to Westmeadow Plaza

The Ski Barn has recently moved to a new location located in Westmeadow Plaza, 180 Milk St., Rt. 9 West, Westborough (across from Ocean State Job Lot). They will be offering the same level of service on skis, snowboards, rentals, apparel, service, ski and snowboard accessories.

Preseason hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m.

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## TED Talks

Mondays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

This one-hour program involves watching a short 18- to 20-minute thought-provoking video, followed by a discussion of the ideas.

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Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

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## Meditation

Fridays, Dec. 7 and 21, at 12 p.m.

Jeanne Friswell back will lead this meditation class which blends seated Mindfulness Meditation and standing Qigong. This class is offered twice a month and will replace the weekly meditation class. Cost is \$3 per class/pay by the month.

## Hopkinton Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m.

The Hopkinton Police Association and their families are presenting the Hopkinton Senior Christmas Party. If you are a Hopkinton Senior (60+) or one of our volunteers, make your reservation with the Senior Center. As always, this is a wonderfully joyous party that includes dinner and many door prizes. Rides available; place request when making your reservation. Call 508-497-9730 to make your reservation.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.

(Meets monthly – every second Tuesday at the Hopkinton Public Library, 13 Main St.)

Our Time Memory Café is a welcoming gathering for those experiencing forgetfulness, mild cognitive impairment, 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](mailto:info@ourtimememorycafe.org).

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

## Celebrating the Season with Davis Bates

Thursday, Dec. 13, at 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate the winter holidays with songs and stories that bring warmth to the coldest time of the year, while celebrating a variety of holiday traditions with participatory songs. Davis Bates has been telling stories for over 39 years, in schools, libraries, colleges and community settings around New England and across the country.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Hopkinton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## File of Life Presentation

Thursday, Dec. 13, at 9:30 a.m.

The Fire Department will be delivering a presentation on the benefits of the File of Life plan. This free program will provide you with a guide on how to relay medical information in the event of an emergency. Join fire prevention officers and EMS Coordinator Timothy Healy at the Senior Center in the Great Room for this informative event. Outreach workers will be available, if necessary, to assist you with filling out your medical information. Magnetic envelopes and forms will be available. No need to sign up, but bring your list of medications and doctor information.

## Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, Dec. 20, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Caregiver Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month. Registration recommended. If you have any questions, or if you need care for your loved one while you attend the group, contact the Outreach Department, 508-497-9730.

## Business Profile:

### The Candy Cottage: Your ultimate destination for sweet treats at the holidays and all year long

By Deborah Burke Henderson  
Contributing Writer

Stop in at The Candy Cottage at 44 Central St. in downtown Holliston as part of your shopping plans and enjoy hundreds of varieties of gourmet chocolates, cookies, nuts, fruit candies and other assorted items that will inspire your gift giving this holiday season.

Owner Donna Cady has been in the candy business for nearly three decades, initially making candies out of her home and selling them at craft fairs and area businesses. She opened her first shop in Holliston 17 years ago.

"I started small and grew the shop little by little over the years," Cady said. "That has worked well



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Owner Donna Cady is a welcoming presence at The Candy Cottage in downtown Holliston and has a fabulous selection of traditional, nut- and gluten-free chocolates, cookies and other assorted items for the holidays.

for me. Now I shop the very best candy shows looking for unique items to sell."

In addition to mouth-watering dark and milk chocolate selections of fudge, candies, truffles and "poppers," she offers an amazing collection of specialty items for individuals who require nut-free, dairy-free, gluten-free and sugar-free options.

"One of my customers was so delighted to find The Candy Cottage offered dairy-free chocolate bunnies last Easter," Cady recalled. "Her 10-year-old daughter had never enjoyed a chocolate bunny. That's part of what makes this experience so special. I love that so many people find just what they want."

Special holiday treats include a hot chocolate cocoa powder mix complete with its own tiny metal grater and peppermint stick to add candy flakes to your mug. Chocolate popcorn pizzas, with pretzel bites, M&Ms or Oreo toppings, drizzled with caramel or chocolate on top, come in their own festive boxes.

Feast your eyes on Vermont nut-free skippers, chocolate pretzel poppers, truffle baskets and jumbo peanut butter cups.

Start a new, time-honored holiday tradition for the whole family with a peppermint pig – a symbol of good fortune. The pig comes in a box with bag and hammer. The family elder makes the first tap, breaking apart the peppermint pig, and passes it along to other family members to enjoy doing the same.

Advent calendars abound, with a range of price points depending on quality or type of chocolate. There are calendars for youngsters and liqueur-filled chocolates for the discerning adult. Or you might fancy brandy beans, alcohol-filled candies or marzipan as stocking stuffers.

"We also offer a fine selection of Stonewall Kitchen jams, jellies and pancake mixes, cookies and crackers, jelly beans and even pasta mixes for those who want something other than the traditional chocolate," Cady added.

Boston sports fans will find mugs brimming full of goodies. Empty, fillable containers are available to make up your own collection of individually wrapped treats or sleeves of chocolate sport balls and footballs.

The Candy Cottage also caters to business owners who want to send gift baskets to thank clients. Cady can ship items anywhere within the contiguous United States.

The Candy Cottage is open every day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays until 5:30 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., until Christmas. Normal hours then return to Tuesday through Saturday.

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**Meet the Author -  
Susan Lubner**

*Monday, Dec. 10, 3:30 to 5 p.m.*  
**Grades 4 and up!** Come and meet local author Susan Lubner from Southborough who will discuss her new book, "Lizzy and the Good Luck Girl." Snacks will be available. Signup online or in the Children's Room.

**Our Time Memory Cafe**  
*Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1 to 3 p.m.*

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**Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library present  
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*Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*  
Enjoy a respite from the holiday stress! Light refreshments will be served.

**Sweet & Savory Pies  
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*Wednesday, Dec. 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m.*  
**Register in advance online or call reference librarian**  
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**Glimpse of Indian Culture (for all ages)**

*Saturday, Dec. 22 12 - 3 p.m.*  
Come for an all-ages event celebrating Indian culture featuring dance performances, music, a skit, book readings, a photo booth and more!

**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.

Check out the calendar at [www.hopkintonlibrary.org](http://www.hopkintonlibrary.org). For more offerings, visit Facebook, Twitter ([hopkintonPLMA](https://twitter.com/hopkintonPLMA)) or Instagram.

**Volunteer Needed**

The Friends of Hopkinton Public

Library group is seeking a volunteer to design flyers for its 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 the Friends in this capacity, contact Beth Mezitt at [bethm@westonnurseries.com](mailto:bethm@westonnurseries.com).

**GREAT NEWS! The library hours will be expanding in 2019. Watch for more info coming soon!**




**'Today, In This Town' at Community Covenant Church**

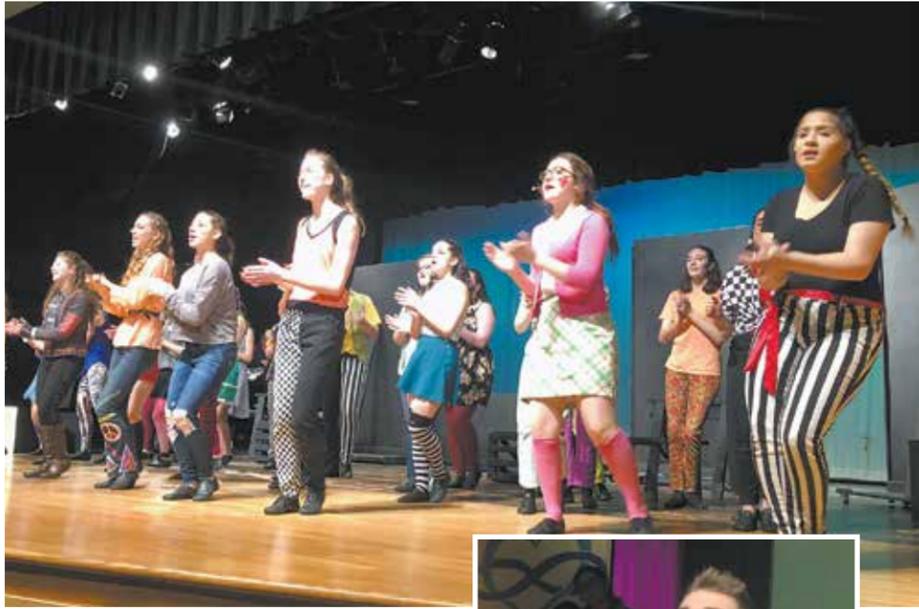
What would it look like if Jesus had been born today, in your town? On Sunday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 a.m. the Community Covenant Church and The Sanctuary will host a hilarious, thoughtful play that gives a new take on this familiar story. The play will be the main part of a special Christmas worship service. Refreshments following the service. The play is presented by Still Small Theater, a professional Theater Troupe, and will be held at the church, 2 W. Elm St., Hopkinton. The event is free; donations will be accepted.



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# SCHOOLS

## HHS performs Godspell



Above: The Hopkinton High School cast of Godspell sang and danced their way through the November production.

Right: Matthew Dempsey starred as Jesus in the Hopkinton High School production of Godspell.

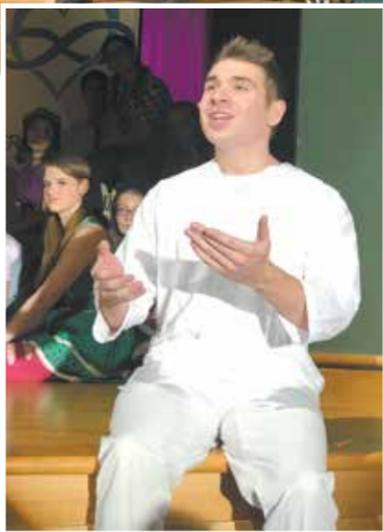


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## Project Just Because Holiday Program will make wishes come true

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Holiday trees decorated with hearts can be found at the following Hopkinton locations:

- Project Just Because - 109 South St.
- Cedar Chiropractic & Sports - 77 West Main St Suite 203B
- The Dentist at Hopkinton - 77 Main St.
- HCA (Hopkinton Center for the Arts) - 98 Hayden Rowe St.
- Hopkinton Public Library - 13 Main St.
- Hopkinton Town Hall - 18 Main St.
- Muffin House Café - 43 Main St.
- Root & Branch - 169 W. Main St.
- Unibank - 87 W. Main St.

Gifts should be new and unwrapped as allowing parents to wrap them helps them feel a part of the process. Some of the heart locations are also accepting gifts and will



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The delivery deadline is Tuesday Dec. 18. Office hours at the South St. location are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# SCHOOLS

## Educator, runner inspires students

**John Young**

*Continued from page 1*

“I had just read his story in Runner’s World and I met him when we were getting our bibs,” said McNally. “I had a great conversation with him about running and also about being a teacher.”

It was that connection that eventually brought Young to Hopkinton to share his inspirational story. Prior to his appearance, students watched a video on Young’s Ironman training, followed by a presentation by the middle school about what it means to persevere.

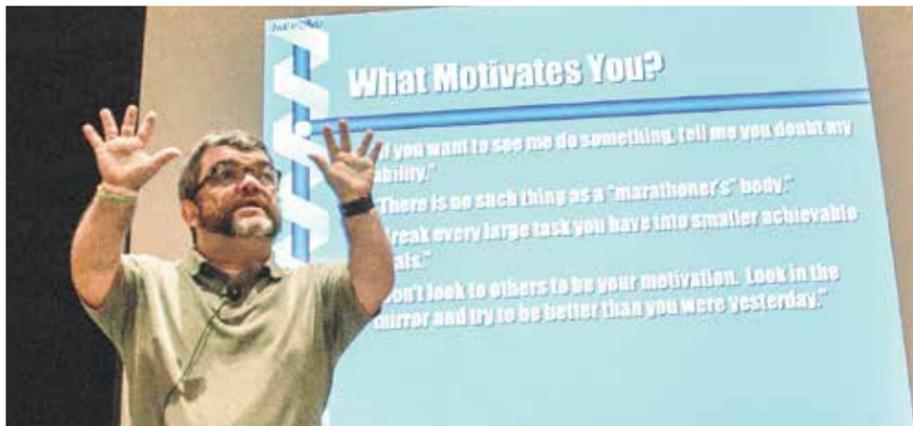
“Students were really engaged in, and attentive to, the presentation,” said McNally. “John told our students that even if you can’t finish, you should keep on trying and persevere, and keep working toward your goal.”

Young’s hashtag is #BeTheHammer and came about when he was unable to finish the Boston Marathon in 2014 due to illness and he thought that his son might be disappointed. His son said, “Dad, sometimes you’re the hammer and sometimes you’re the nail. Today, you were the nail.”

Using that message, sixth-grade students used a template of a hammer and wrote about times in which they worked toward a goal, times they persevered, and about things that motivate them. The students “hammers” were on display in the lobby and greeted Young upon his arrival.

Young was so moved that he tweeted after the event, “Traveled to @HopkintonMiddle @HopkintonMA today for some #DwarfismAwareness and was brought to tears by their 6th graders. After watching the CNN story about my Ironman race they all designed hammers each with their own message. #BetheHammer.”

Questions from students following Young’s presentation focused on his next challenge, asking if he planned to run the Boston Marathon again and if he would be training for another Ironman. Over his career, Young has finished over 50 triathlons and a dozen marathons. His latest goal is to run 12 marathons in a 12-month period and his first step toward that goal began in April of this year with



Marathoner and high school math teacher John Young asks students what motivates them in a presentation at Hopkinton Middle School.

the Boston Marathon. And, while the inclement weather slowed many runners down, Young was able to finish, setting a personal record of 5:58.

Young’s presentation was part of the “26.2 Desire to Inspire” initiative, with support from the 26.2 Foundation. It is a 21st-century curriculum that challenges middle school students all over the world to bravely address increasingly complex content in varying subject areas and includes class lessons, guest speakers, fundraisers, sports and competitions – all tied to the spirit of the Marathon.

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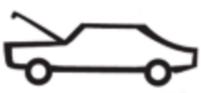
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- Grade 6** - Amanda Cinelli and Brady Gorman
- Grade 8** - Allison Cinelli
- Grade 9** - A.J. Gorman, Honors - Joe Aubut
- Grade 11** - Makenzie Gorman
- Grade 12** - Tyler Gorman

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# SCHOOLS

## School Committee begins review of individual department budget requests

By Melissa Orff  
Contributing Writer

Several Hopkinton School District departments had a chance to present their individual FY20 budgets to the School Committee during the Nov. 15 meeting.

Much of the drivers of the budget increase are due to the higher than expected enrollment numbers in the district over the past few years, putting a strain on current resources, said school officials.

The district presented their preliminary FY20 School Budget to the School Committee during their Nov. 1 meeting, a budget that initially included a 9.9-percent, or \$4.5 million, increase over the current school year. School officials stated that they would be working on tightening up the preliminary budget over the next few months before it was presented to the town for approval.

The Art and Music departments, the Student Services Department, and the Buildings and Grounds Department had their chance to justify their asks to the School Committee for next year.

The Art and Music departments are asking for a \$2,200 increase from this year, which will mainly be used to offer art at the kindergarten level.

“We recognize we are an outlier in the fact that kindergarteners don’t get art,” said art teacher Colleen Gianino. “I hope we can finally service our youngest and most excited learners and fill that missing link.”

Hopkinton’s Student Services Department is requesting a \$1.3 million, or 13-percent, increase primarily due to salaries and expenses. Five hundred thousand dollars of the increase is for not only maintaining the new positions that they put into place this year due to an increase in enrollments, but is also for several paraprofessional, learning specialists, and secretarial positions to support special needs students.

The remainder is due to an increase in expenses, including an additional \$237,000 in out-of-district placements and out-of-district tuition, and \$570,000 in special education transportation.

School Committee member Meg Tyler voiced concerns over out-of-district placements in light of continuing cost increases.

“We have over 34 students out of district - what we can do to keep them in district?” she asked. “How can we restructure our program?”

The administration responded that they agreed that having a program enabling some of the students to stay in-district would be beneficial, but that costs would have to be considered.

“From a long-range strategic plan, I think it would be a great idea, but there is a cost-prohibitive factor

and we have to think about that,” responded Director of Student Services Karen Zaleski.

Next to present was Director of Technology Ashoke Ghosh, who is asking for a \$7,000 increase in expenses for items such as additional instructional software and additional licenses for PowerSchool to accommodate the increased school enrollment, as well as an additional \$80,000 to hire a webmaster/social media position.

School Committee Vice Chair Meena Bharath asked Ghosh if he

would consider either a part-time webmaster or contracting services. Ghosh responded that between losing two-and-a-half positions last year, the increase in enrollment, and the additional responsibilities that the department had taken on, a the full-time employee was warranted.

Last to present was Director of Buildings and Grounds Timothy Persson. The department’s \$283,000 increase in next year’s budget is due to several maintenance projects that need to be taken on next year, addi-

tional utility expenses, maintenance on the new Marathon Elementary School, and two additional maintenance people to help with day-to-day maintenance of buildings and grounds.

“This will start to effect the preventative maintenance program we have started; currently we play a lot of catch-up,” responded Persson when asked what would happen if the two positions were not be added.

Remaining district departments will present at a future School Committee.

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# SPORTS

## Teams participate in Annual Running the Football



Hopkinton and Ashland High School cross country teams participated in the Second Annual Running the Football, running the game ball from Hopkinton to Ashland for the traditional Thanksgiving Day football game.



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# SPORTS

## College Sports Notes

By Jean Cann

**Jimmy Adams, Hobart '21**, caught a touchdown pass in his football team's 42-31 win over St. Lawrence Nov. 10.

**Alyssa Annenberg, UConn '21**, finished ninth in the one-meter dive (235.87) in her swimming and diving team's second-place finish at the House of Champions meet held in Indianapolis from Nov. 16-18.

**Ryan Branch, Lafayette '21**, finished his cross country season with a 148<sup>th</sup> place finish at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Nov. 10. He covered the muddy 10k in 35:05 on a cold, rainy day.

**Julia Burdulis, Trinity '21**, took 146<sup>th</sup> out of 399 finishers at the NCAA New England Division 3 Regional Cross Country Championship held at Bowdoin Nov. 10 in cold, wet conditions. She covered the 6k course in 24:31. Trinity finished 15<sup>th</sup> out of 44 teams.

**Reece Donahue, UMass '20**, finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the preliminaries of the 1-meter dive (266.45) then took 17<sup>th</sup> (257.75) at the Navy Diving Invitational held from Nov. 15-17.

**Sara Freedman, Stonehill '19**, made one save in her field hockey team's 5-0 shut out of St. Michael's Nov. 10. She made nine saves in a Northeast-10 quarterfinal win (7-1) over LIU Post Nov. 13. In semi-final tournament action, Freedman made four saves but her team fell to Merrimack, 2-1.

**Brian Gaughan, Franciscan '21**, made four saves in net as his team fell to Stevenson in the ECAC tournament Nov. 10. Gaughan's 87 saves this season set the single-season record for the Barons. He also set single-season records for goals against average (1.43) and wins (12).

**Abbie Gilbert, WPI '20**, earned NEWMAC Academic All-Conference honors. The accolades require 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, and membership on a varsity team for the entire season. Gilbert played outside hitter on the volleyball team.

**Ivy Gogolin, University of New Hampshire '22**, scored six points and grabbed three rebounds in her basketball team's season opening 47-70 loss to Minnesota Nov. 9. She scored two points and had two rebounds and an assist in a 70-76 loss to Brown Nov. 15. Against

Sacred Heart Nov. 18, she scored four points and grabbed a rebound in the 60-71 loss. The rookie added another four points with an assist and a steal in a 69-54 loss to Northeastern Nov. 21. In the Wildcats first win, 79-74 over Bryant, Nov. 25, Gogolin scored two points, and added two rebounds, a block, and a steal.

**Lucas Kaminski, Trinity '20**, went 3-2 at 157 pounds in his wrestling team's season opener, the Doug Parker Invitational at Springfield

College Nov. 17. Trinity finished ninth of 17 teams.

**Calli Korbey, Worcester State '22**, scored two points and added five rebounds in her collegiate basketball debut, a 49-58 win over Clark Nov. 9. The next day, she scored three points, nabbed five rebounds, and made two assists in a 45-51 loss to WPI. Korbey started in a 77-32 win over Mt. Holyoke Nov. 13. She scored four points, and had three rebounds, five assists, and two steals. In a

64-52 loss to Denison Nov. 16, the rookie scored nine points and had three rebounds and two assists. She scored another seven points to go with four rebounds and four assists in a 91-42 win over St. Joseph's (LI) Nov. 17. She scored three points and added six rebounds and six assists in a 66-54 win over Western New England Nov. 19. In a 55-36 win over Wellesley Nov. 25, Korbey scored two points and made three assists.

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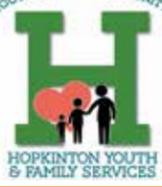


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# SPORTS

## RE/MAX Executive Realty Charitable Foundation – neighbors helping neighbors

By Michelle Murdock  
Managing Editor

The RE/MAX Realty Charitable Foundation held its Annual 5k Road Race on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Hopkinton Country Club, drawing approximately 125 runners and/or walkers.

“It was perfect weather for the walk,” said Race Director Deb Thomas.

Thomas is the president of the RE/MAX Executive Realty Charitable Foundation which was established to fund financial or service based needs in the Company’s market area. Through requests, the Foundation’s primary goal is to improve the lives of families or individuals in the Foundation’s general market area.

This year was Thomas’ fourth year as race director.

“We intentionally turned this into a unique and intimate ‘running event’ that we intentionally hold the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year,” said Thomas. “We give frozen turkey pies to all age group winners and 20+ pound turkeys to the overall winners. It’s the Foundation’s distinctive way of giving thanks!”

Right: RE/MAX 5k start line.



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Below: Participants in the RE/MAX 5k wind through the path at the Hopkinton Country Club.



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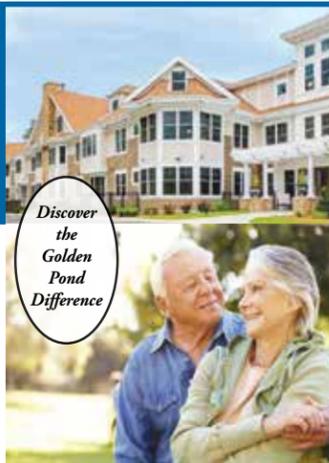


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“The 5k is our biggest event,” said Thomas, “but we raise much of all dollars from individual agents who donate either a flat fee or a percentage of their commission checks with each transaction.”

Some of the grants or services provided in past years include providing financial assistance to a family whose home was destroyed by a natural disaster, installing a new roof on the home of a single mother, providing financial rental assistance for a struggling family, and providing groceries for a family struggling with a father with cancer.

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# SPORTS

## College Sports Notes

### Sports Notes

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**Kevin Lagasse, Holy Cross '19**, swam on two fourth place relay teams (400 medley, 400 freestyle) at the Harold Anderson Invitational Nov. 19. He also finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the 50-yard freestyle (23.66)

**Sam Lehman, Stonehill '20**, made one tackle in his football team's 20-31 win over Assumption Nov. 10.

**Jack McGuire, Endicott '20**, completed his cross country season at the NCAA New England Division 3 Regional Championship Nov. 10 at Bowdoin. He took 246<sup>th</sup> in a field of nearly 400 runners and covered the 8k course in 29:38 on a cold, wet day. Endicott finished 39<sup>th</sup> out of 58 teams.

**Harrison Parsons, Union '20**, made two tackles in his football team's final game of the season, a 34-10 win over RPI Nov. 10.

**Nicholas Poillucci, Salve Regina '20**, made a tackle in his football team's 34-47 win over Endicott Nov. 10. He made two more tackles in a 19-34 loss to Bridgewater State Nov. 17.

**Dan Plumb, Mass Maritime '19**, finished 271<sup>st</sup> out of nearly 400 runners at the NCAA New England Division 3 Regional Cross Country Championship at Bowdoin Nov. 10. He completed the 8k in cold wet conditions in 30:09.

**Marissa Prall, Regis '22**, grabbed two rebounds and added an assist in her basketball team's season opener, a 22-87 road loss to Bowdoin Nov. 16.

**Mikayla Pucci, Wheaton '21**, scored a game-high 20 points in her basketball team's season opener, a 53-60 loss to Roger Williams Nov. 13. She also had 10 rebounds, four assists, and a steal. In a 49-75 win over Lesley Nov. 16, Pucci scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds. She made three assists. The next day she scored 19 points to lead all scorers in a 48-76 win over Wentworth. She also had two rebounds and three assists. On Nov. 25, in a 65-81 loss to RPI, Pucci scored 13 points and added seven rebounds, two assists, and two steals.

**Mattie Stauss, Denison '22**, finished fifth in both the one-meter (200.85) and three-meter (195.68) dives in a dual meet win (168-132) over Kenyon Nov. 10.

**Julia Thissell, St. Anselm '20**, scored four points and added a rebound and a steal in her basketball

team's season opening win (78-47) over Bishop's University Nov. 2. In an 88-51 win over Dominican Nov. 9, she scored four points and had two rebounds, a block, and a steal. The next day, in an 89-47 win over Bloomfield, the forward scored 11 points and added six rebounds, and an assist. She scored four more points and had two rebounds and an assist in a 62-33 win over Franklin Pierce Nov. 14. Thissell tallied two points, five rebounds, two assists, and a block in a 75-61 win over Assumption Nov. 17. In the team's first

loss, a 74-65 loss to Stonehill Nov. 20, she scored nine points and had three rebounds, an assist, and a steal. In a 96-41 win over Mercy Nov. 25, she scored six points, nabbed six rebounds, and made one steal.

**Andrea Wei, Brown '22**, won the 200-yard butterfly (2:02.35) and 100-yard butterfly (56.04), and swam on the winning 200-yard medley relay in her swimming and diving team's season opener, a 140-160 loss to Yale Nov. 2. In a tri meet against Rutgers and Wagner Nov. 16,

Wei took third in both the 100-yard (55.62) and 200-yard (2:03.59) butterfly. She also swam a leg on the second place 200-yard medley relay. Rutgers beat Brown 173-127, and Brown beat Wagner, 253-47.

**Jonny Wolf, University of New Hampshire '22**, made an assist in his soccer team's 2-0 win over UMass Lowell in the America East Conference semi-final game Nov. 7. The team went on to win the conference title with a 5-0 win over UMBC Nov. 11.

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# POLICE LOG

## November 15

8:53 a.m. A motorist reported she ran out of gas on Hayden Rowe Street. Officer John Corridan reported and assisted her with getting fuel.

3:37 p.m. A North Street caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked in front of her neighbor's house. Officer Moira McGaffigan responded and the vehicle was gone upon her arrival.

5:15 p.m. A Forest Lane resident reported a stray cat has been wandering around the neighborhood for about a month. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

7:37 p.m. A caller reported her vehicle spun out of control on West Main Street and is off the road now. Officer Moira McGaffigan responded and reported no injuries. The driver's husband came to pick her up.

8:05 p.m. Officer Moira McGaffigan came across a disabled motor vehicle on Oakhurst Road and contacted a tow truck.

8:09 p.m. A motorist reported spinning out of control on West Main Street, and now he is stuck and blocking the road. Officers Derek Morton and Moira McGaffigan assisted and contacted a tow truck.

8:27 p.m. Sergeant Timothy Brennan responded to a motor vehicle accident on Wood Street after a vehicle hit a pole and an air bag was deployed. No injuries were reported. A tow truck was requested.

10:54 p.m. Sergeant Timothy Brennan provided a courtesy transport for two people to the Southborough train station.

11:48 p.m. A caller reported her vehicle is stuck in the snow on East Main Street. Officer Brendon Lyver responded and assisted.

## November 16

12:43 a.m. Officer Derek Morton assisted a disabled motor vehicle on Walcott Street and subsequently arrested Ruth A. Voss, 56, of 20 Treasure Way, Ashland and charged her with OUI Liquor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense.

7:55 a.m. Sergeant Scott van Raalten and Officer Arthur Schofield completed a security assessment at a Wood Street business.

12:12 p.m. Officers Arthur Schofield and John Corridan temporarily closed Pond Street while a tow truck removed a delivery van that had crashed in to a tree off the road.

1:47 p.m. A school bus driver complained of vehicles parked illegally on Main Street, preventing buses from making a turn. Officer Matthew Santoro responded and advised the operators to move their vehicles.

4:17 p.m. A Whalen Road caller reported water flowing from underground near his mailbox. Officer Derek Morton responded and confirmed the water flow and contacted the DPW about the water main break.

7:38 p.m. On Main Street, Officer Derek Morton and Sergeant Timothy Brennan arrested Blake A. Miller, 22, of 6 Brookside Road, Medway on a warrant charge.

7:56 p.m. A couple on West Main Street sought advice about a dispute with a neighbor. Officer Moira McGaffigan assisted.

## November 17

6:57 a.m. A Hunter's Ridge Way caller reported hunters parking on private property. Officer Matthew Santoro responded and reported one vehicle was parked and it was not on private property. Officer Santoro reported the driver's door had been egged.

10:14 a.m. A caller requested help with a hiker on Saddle Hill Road who appears to be lost. Officer Stephen Buckley responded and spoke with the man, a hunter, who got lost while tracking a deer. Officer Buckley provided him with a courtesy transport.

10:20 a.m. An Old Elm Way caller reported two dogs without collars loose in the neighborhood. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

1:49 p.m. A caller requested assistance in retrieving his belonging from his ex-girlfriend's Woodview Way apartment. Officer Stephen Buckley unsuccessfully attempted to contact the woman.

5:09 p.m. A caller reported a dog inside a vehicle for over an hour on Woodview Way. Officer Derek Morton responded and the vehicle was gone upon his arrival.

11:28 p.m. A walk-in reported receiving suspicious phone calls. Officer Jay Deiana responded and took a report.

## November 18

12:58 a.m. A Walcott Street resident reported a vehicle parked in her parking lot that may be abandoned. Officer Panagiotis Hontzeas reported he spoke with the owner, a deliver person, and his van has not been abandoned.

1:09 p.m. A Revolutionary Way resident reported while cleaning her apartment, she found a gun and she is unsure if it is real or not. Officer Stephen Buckley and Matthew Santoro responded to assist.

7:16 p.m. Officer Panagiotis Hontzeas conducted a motor vehicle stop on East Main Street and Sergeant Timothy Brennan responded as back up. Guillermo Macas-Quizpe, 30, of 186 Central Street, Milford was arrested and charged with Operation of Motor Vehicle with License Suspended and Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle.

11:22 p.m. A caller reported a possibly intoxicated male walking on West Main Street. Officers Brendon Lyver and Jay Deiana responded and provided the man with a courtesy transport to Cumberland Farms.

## November 19

1:21 a.m. A walk-in reported a deceased deer in the roadway of East Main Street. Officer Jay Deiana moved the animal to the side of the road and contacted the Animal Control Officer.

9:28 a.m. A walk-in requested to speak with an officer about a case of harassment. Officer Stephen Buckley assisted.

9:51 a.m. A caller requested to speak with an officer about a previous incident. Officer Benjamin Stickney assisted and advised the caller to go to court.

12:45 p.m. A Davis Road resident reported someone has been vandalizing vehicles in the neighborhood. Officer Stephen Buckley responded and a

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# POLICE LOG

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report will follow.

2:11 p.m. An Emma Drive resident reported his gun is missing. Officer Benjamin Stickney responded and took a larceny report.

2:15 p.m. Officers Philip Powers and Arthur Schofield responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident involving three vehicles on Loop Road. No personal injuries were reported.

## November 20

3:15 a.m. A caller reported an injured deer in the roadway of West Main Street. Sergeant Matthew McNeil responded and notified the Animal Control Officer.

10:03 a.m. After an investigation on Downey Street, Officers Philip Powers and Panagiotis Hontzeas recovered a stolen laptop and subsequently issued a criminal application for Larceny from a Building and Larceny from a Disabled Person.

2:26 p.m. Officers Arthur Schofield and Stephen Buckley responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Ash Street. Two vehicles were towed. No personal injuries were reported.

## November 21

1:14 a.m. A caller reported a tractor trailer is stuck on Woody Island Road and needs assistance. Officer Jay Deiana responded and assisted the driver in backing the truck down the roadway.

7:56 a.m. A walk-in requested to speak with an officer about a case of fraud. Officer Arthur Schofield assisted and a report will follow.

8:45 a.m. A caller complained of a work crew taking up a traffic lane on Wood Street. Officer John Corridan responded and advised the crew to move.

11:05 a.m. A caller reported losing her wallet in a parking lot and wanted the incident logged.

1:35 p.m. A walk-in requested to speak with an officer about ongoing

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# OBITUARIES

## Agnes (McIntyre) "Gram" Penney, 97



Agnes (McIntyre) "Gram" Penney, 97, died Nov. 10, 2018 at Marlborough Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center with family by her side. She was the widow of the late Richard "Joe" Penney, who died in 2000. Born in Milford, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Agnes (Wilcox) McIntyre.

She attended Hopkinton High School and spent her life in Hopkinton, raising four children with her husband.

She is survived by her children Nancy Macmillan and husband William, Donna McKenna, and Richard Penney and wife Kathleen, all of Hopkinton. She also leaves her grandchildren Maryann Glaser, Susan Robie, Ronald Mortensen, William Macmillan, Brenda Macmillan, Karen Schiloski, Laura Doherty, Daniel Macmillan, Deborah St. Angelo, Sean McKenna, Michelle St. Angelo and Julie Carelli. She also leaves 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughter Mary Mortensen, her son-in-law Rayburn Mortensen Sr., her grandchildren Rayburn Mortensen Jr., Richard Penney III and Amy Penney, and her siblings Mary Simpson, Claire Robbins, Janet Garbarino, Frances Spindel and James McIntyre.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 16, with burial immediately following at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Hopkinton.

Donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

## Beverly Ann Wilcox, 84



Beverly Ann Wilcox, 84, of Hopkinton, passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2018. Born in Wattertown, she was the daughter of the late Eleanor R. and Chester H. Parker. She was the wife of the late Kenneth D. Wilcox Sr.

Throughout her life, Beverly had worked at Waters Associates, Zymark Corp and the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center. She enjoyed being a community volunteer and took part in church activities, book clubs, and bible studies. Family, friends and her extended family were of great importance to Beverly and she was like a mother to all and anyone.

She is survived by her children, Shelli G. Breault and her husband, David of Worcester, Lori A. Wilcox and her husband, William Preservati of Ashland, and Kenneth D. Wilcox Jr. and his wife, Linda of Blackstone. She also leaves behind her siblings, E. Elaine Baker of Framingham, Wayne B. Parker of Framingham, as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She is predeceased by her brother, Chester H. Parker Jr.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Chesmore Funeral Home of Hopkinton, 57 Hayden Rowe St. www.ChesmoreFuneralHome.com. A service was held in the funeral home on Friday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. Burial will be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center, 112 Main St. Hopkinton, MA 01748 or hopkintonrespite.com.

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scam phone calls. Officer Matthew Santoro took a report.

5:11 p.m. A walk-in reported illegal dumping on Elm Street. Officer Moira McGaffigan took a report.

5:27 p.m. Officer Moira McGaffigan took a report of computer fraud on Winter Street.

5:45 p.m. A caller reported fallen wires on Yale Road. Officer Derek Morton responded and reported they are cable wires only.

7:35 p.m. Officer Derek Morton assisted a disabled motor vehicle on Front Street.

7:35 p.m. A DPW employee complained of vehicles parked on Daniel Road, making it impossible to sand the roadway. Officer Moira McGaffigan responded and spoke to the hostess of a party, who advised her guests to move their vehicles.

**November 22**

9:15 a.m. A West Main Street caller reported her pet bird flew out of the house. She wanted the incident logged in case the bird is found. The Animal Control Officer was notified.

9:38 a.m. A walk-in reported a banner on Main Street has partially fallen. Officer John Corridan responded and contacted the DPW.

10:05 a.m. Officer Matthew Santoro responded along with the Fire Department to an alarm activation on South Street. Water was discovered in the building's basement. The property owner was notified.

**November 23**

7:22 a.m. A caller reported a vehicle speeding on the wrong side of the road on Hayden Rowe Street in front of the high school. Officer Panagiotis Hontzeas located the vehicle on Walcott Street and spoke with the driver.

9:54 a.m. Officer Stephen Buckley

assisted a disabled Boy Scout trailer on Main Street.

10:00 a.m. A caller reported finding a dog with a collar but no tags on Hayward Street. Officer Stephen Buckley notified the Animal Control Officer. The caller called back and stated the owner had been located.

12:50 p.m. A caller reported bicycles and TVs were illegally dumped on Wilson Street. Officer Panagiotis Hontzeas responded and notified the DPW.

1:36 p.m. A walk-in requested to speak with Officer Stephen Buckley about a civil dispute. Officer Buckley took a report.

4:29 p.m. A caller reported a vehicle crashed in to a house on West Main Street, and the driver is still inside the vehicle. Officers Derek Morton, Benjamin Stickney, and Panagiotis Hontzeas responded along with the Fire Department. The occupants of the house were evacuated, and the building and wiring inspectors were contacted. With the assistance of an Ashland technical team, a tow truck removed the vehicle, and the driver was transported to the hospital in an ambulance. A report will follow.

10:30 p.m. A School Street caller reported two suspicious vehicles in front of her house. Officers Panagiotis Hontzeas and Derek Morton responded and found one disabled vehicle and a parent waiting for AAA in the second vehicle.

**November 24**

9:57 a.m. A motorist reported an erratic operator slamming on breaks and cutting off other motorists on West Elm Street. The Westborough and Upton Police Departments were advised to be on the lookout.

10:37 a.m. A West Main Street caller reported medication was stolen from her home. Officer Derek Morton responded and a report will follow.

11:40 a.m. A West Main Street walk-in reported missing mail delivered to her house. Officer Matthew Santoro took a report. The woman later called back and stated she found her packages.

6:40 p.m. A caller reported finding a white terrier on Elm Street. The Animal Control Officer was contacted. Sergeant Timothy Brennan searched the area and located the dog's owner and reunited them.

7:22 p.m. A Constitution Court caller reported hearing fireworks in the area. Officer Derek Morton responded and checked the area with a negative find.

8:17 p.m. The Southborough Police Department reported an erratic operator heading towards Cedar Street. Officer Benjamin Stickney responded and checked the area with a negative find.

**November 25**

5:56 a.m. An Apple Tree Hill caller reported a brick was thrown through a house window. No description of the suspect was given. Officers Philip Powers and Jay Deiana took a report.

7:22 a.m. A Ryegrass Circle resident reported he and his neighbor are arguing. Officers Stephen Buckley and Benjamin Stickney responded and spoke with both parties.

4:38 p.m. A Saddle Hill Road caller reported a bat in the upstairs vent inside the house. Officer Preston Mucciarone responded along with the Animal Control Officer, who removed the bat.

**November 26**

3:52 a.m. Officer Ryan Polselli checked on a vehicle parked on Hayden Rowe Street. The operator was delivering newspapers. All was okay.

9:54 a.m. A Hayden Rowe Street resident reported a dead raccoon in front of her driveway, as well as broken glass from a prior accident. The Animal

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Control Officer and the Highway Department were contacted.

12:09 a.m. A walk-in handed in a debit card found on the ground on Connelly Hill Road. A message was left for the owner.

4:02 p.m. A caller reported an outside fire on Avenue E. Officer Preston Mucciarone responded along with the Fire Department, and the fire was extinguished.

## November 27

2:51 a.m. The Upton Police Department reported a vehicle speeding on West Main Street heading towards Hopkinton. Officer Jay Deiana checked the area with a negative find and notified the Milford Police Department.

8:03 a.m. An East Main street caller reported hearing gunshots near his house. Officers John Corridan and Ar-

thur Schofield responded and checked the area with a negative find.

9:46 a.m. A caller reported someone hit her vehicle and drove away about an hour ago while it was parked on West Main Street. Officer John Corridan responded and took a report.

11:30 a.m. Officer John Corridan assisted with traffic control while the Water Department fixed a drain line on West Main Street.

4:49 p.m. A caller from Legacy Farms South reported hunters in the woods not an adequate distance from houses. Officers Moira McGaffigan and Derek Morton responded and advised the hunter of the proper distance.

7:39 p.m. A walk-in reported possible steam coming from the boiler room at an Ash Street building. Officer Preston Mucciarone responded along with the Fire Department. A high CO reading and a ruptured steam pipe were discovered. Eversource was notified.

# LEGAL NOTICE

To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of land situated in HOPKINTON in the county of MIDDLESEX and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all others concerned:

You are hereby notified that on December 20, 2018 pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53 as amended, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes -

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LAND & BUILDING located at 283 WOOD ST. in HOPKINTON,  
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Occasionally, Tai-Chi is coupled with a Reiki healing session and an upper body massage by Reiki Master Valerie Gaines and Physical Therapist Rachael Grace, respectively. "Each week, I've got folks lined up outside my door asking, 'When's the next Reiki day?'" Rosado said. "It's so important to introduce new activities that will contribute to our residents' overall health, and we're delighted these programs have become popular so quickly."

Residents don't miss the live entertainment brought in each Sunday and enjoy other programming such as concerts, book discussions, TED Talks, art and craft activities and wine and cheese socials scheduled throughout the week. Local shopping excursions, monthly lunch outings and special, themed events – all planned with residents' input – are also welcome additions.

Whether you choose Independent Living, Assisted Living or need Reflections Memory Care, Valley Farm is an active community full of comfort, camaraderie and meaningful, rewarding activities. Staff believe in providing a life-affirming experience rooted in continuous personal growth where each resident leads a life of dignity, purpose and well-being.

Valley Farm's vibrant program focuses on supporting the unique interests of residents and finding different ways to inspire new interests, such as Tai-Chi. One resident, initially hesitant to try a session, happily found Tai-Chi easy enough for her to do but challenging enough to give her muscles a real workout.

"We create a supportive environment to help people continue doing what they enjoy and engage them in new and interesting ways," Executive Director Brian Patterson added. "This prolongs a person's independence and encourages a strong sense of self-esteem and community belonging."

Grounded in science and employing the "Four Pillars of Engagement" – the cognitive, emotional, social and physical elements of an individual – every activity is designed to keep the mind, body and spirit thriving.

In collaboration with Massachusetts General Hospital, Valley Farm was recently selected as one of the communities to pilot a dance program that will help promote a resident's stability and balance. In January, a Parkinson's support group, run by Malka Young, LICSW, CCM and Director of Allies in Aging at Jewish Family Services Elder Care Solutions, will be established onsite, in addition to the existing group meeting monthly at the Ashland Senior Center.

"We have a great team that thinks outside the box," Patterson added. "Our staff are forward thinking and love what they do. It's all about creating a community where residents, their families and our associates experience good times, good friends and great care."

Valley Farm also takes great pride in the dining experience by creating the ambiance and quality of a fine restaurant and offering "anytime" dining.

Under the direction of Senior Culinary Director Christopher Ryan, professional chefs use the freshest farm-to-table ingredients to create delicious entrée choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with seasonal, daily specials made-to-order. A pizza oven installed in the onsite Bistro, now allows you to watch the chef make your specialty pizza while you connect with friends. All residents benefit from menu choices that promote both physical and brain health.

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# Hopkinton Scouts bringing holiday cheer

## Scouts

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Karen Thayer Bograd, giving a shoutout to members of the high school baseball team who pitch in to unload the multitude of trees delivered.

The Christmas trees are for sale at CVS Pharmacy, 61 Main St., in the rear parking lot. Sale hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cash, credit cards, and checks are accepted. In addition to CVS, the event receives support from Crosspoint Associates and Lumber Street Auto.

Tree sales began the Friday after Thanksgiving.

“For many families, it’s a tradition to buy their tree the day after



Boy Scout Troop 1 Christmas tree sales in the back parking lot of CVS in downtown Hopkinton.

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Thanksgiving or people come out early to make sure they get one of the bigger trees.” explained Thayer Bograd.

Holiday wreaths are also for sale.

The Scouts will help customers tie trees to their car.

“We’re also starting a delivery service for those who don’t want to tie their trees to their vehicles. For a \$10 fee, we’ll deliver trees on Sundays,” Bograd noted.

Troop 1 also donated and installed the tree on the Town Common and the Girl Scouts are decorating it. Proceeds from the tree sales go back to Troop 1 to fund monthly trips.

And in the wink of an eye, the holidays will be over and it’s time to take the Christmas tree down and dispose of it. And that’s where Troop 4 comes in to help. For \$15, Troop 4 Scouts will pick up Christmas trees from homes and deliver them to J.B. Sawmill.

“They allow us to drop the trees off at their expense,” said Troop 4 Treasurer Rob Scannevin. “They’re just incredible. We couldn’t do this event without the sawmill’s support.”

The tree pickup takes place Saturdays, Jan. 5 and 12. Those interested should sign up through the website at [trees.troop4hopkinton.org](http://trees.troop4hopkinton.org).

“We just ask that people place their trees curbside by 8 a.m. and affix cash or a check to the tree in a Ziploc bag,” explained Scannevin.

Checks should be made out to BSA Troop 4. All proceeds from the tree pick up goes directly back to Troop 4.

Troop 4 Scoutmaster Matt Peters explained the fundraiser isn’t all work for the Scouts.

“They really have a blast doing it and it’s a great event that brings the boys and the community together. Many times, people come out and say ‘thank you,’” noted Peters.

Questions concerning the tree pickup should be emailed to [Troop-4trees@aol.com](mailto:Troop-4trees@aol.com).