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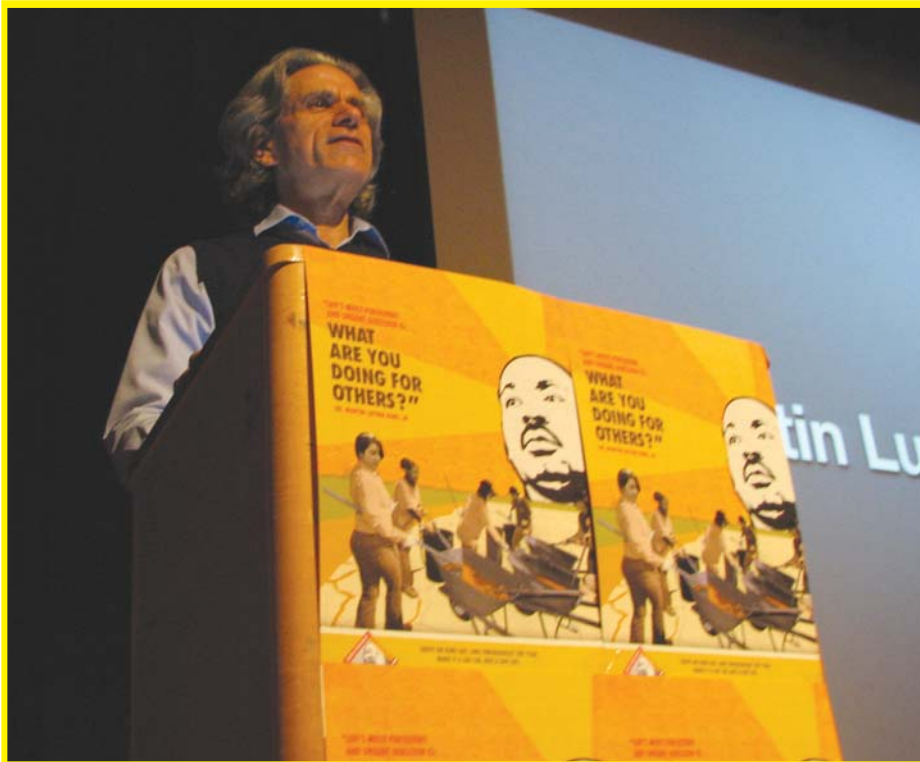
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What a week...beginning with MLK Day of Caring and ending with the 300th Anniversary kick-off



Life Coach Alan Cantor was the keynote speaker at Hopkinton's MLK Day of Giving Back on Monday, Jan. 19.



State Representative Carolyn Dykema salutes Hopkinton's oldest resident, Sterling Hagar, who, at 103, received the Boston Post cane. With her are Hagar's daughter, Betty Wycoff, State Senator Karen Spilka and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Todd Cestari.

by Cathy Buday

Hopkinton singer Amanda Maffei has a childhood memory of running into her home from an afternoon of play and seeing Martin Luther King, Jr. on television. She remembered watching with pride when he marched on Selma, and with sadness and confusion when he was buried.

Maffei helped kick off Hopkinton's "MLK Day of Giving Back" last Monday by singing an original song entitled "Where Justice Lives," about her memories of

Dr. King. And in service activities that followed at Hopkinton Middle School and around town, Hopkinton's young people honored his memory.

"Giving back" not only honors King, but also helps the giver as much as the recipient, noted keynote speaker Alan Cantor, a local life coach. "Helping others is a form of 'selfish generosity,' because whatever we do for others comes back for

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School budget approved

by Nancy Cavanaugh

The School Committee met last week and approved a budget of \$39,143,441 to present to the Town Manager. The budget, a 4.85 percent increase over last year's school budget, will go through the Board of Selectmen and Appropriation Committee before being presented as part of the town budget at Annual Town Meeting on May 4.

As the committee grappled the enormity of the budget, Superintendent Dr. Cathy MacLeod, pointed out that 3.85 percent of the budget represents fixed costs over

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Solution for Center School – Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Peace.....

by Erica Brown

That is not exactly how the Elementary School Building Committee (ESBC) put it in preparation of the January 24 Community Forum. The ESBC has been more eloquent in requesting and seeking out resident participation to help select the most appealing option from 11 possible configurations to solve the "Center School Problem." They have been engaging

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by Cathy Buday

The Town of Hopkinton kicked off its 300th anniversary year in style last Friday evening, with tributes from state and local officials, a slide show depicting Hopkinton in years past, and a special honor for its oldest resident.

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, State Senator Karen Spilka, State Representative Carolyn Dykema, and dozens of local officials praised Hopkinton's proud history and its unique character today. Fittingly, the opening ceremony took place at Hopkinton High School, part of the stellar school system that has contributed to the town's current status as one of the state's best places to live.

"When you think about the people who settled here 300 years ago, you can't imagine

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Selectmen Adopt Town Vision Statement

by Michelle Murdock

"Hopkinton is a vibrant welcoming community centrally located in New England and nestled 26.2 miles west of Boston. We are endowed with open space, natural resources, facilities and programs that promote a well-educated and healthy community. We are respectful of our past, engaged in our present, and actively preparing for our future."

Hopkinton's overarching vision as stated above and its supporting details, crafted by the seven-member Visioning Steering Committee, was unanimously endorsed and approved by the Board of Selectmen at its January 20 meeting. The vision, developed through a series of community forums and an online survey, and in conjunction with Robert Mitchell, the town's planning consultant engaged to facilitate the process, was completed less than a year after the committee was formed in February of 2014.

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**Happy 300TH Birthday
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Chamber of Commerce Hosts Lt. Governor Karyn Polito

by Michelle Murdock

A very strong partnership with both the business community and local leaders were key objectives cited by Lt. Governor Karyn Polito during her visit to Hopkinton on January 23. Polito was in town to help Hopkinton kick off its tercentennial celebration, but met with Chamber of Commerce members and town and state officials at an event held at Bittersweet Cafe prior to the 300th Anniversary Opening Ceremony.



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito was welcomed by Board of Selectmen Chairman Todd Cestari

Greeted on her arrival by Chamber President Scott Richardson and Board of Selectmen Chairman Todd Cestari, Polito was warmly welcomed to Hopkinton. After mingling with the crowd, she talked about what she and Governor Charlie Baker hoped to achieve in the months ahead.

“There’s no one way street here,” said Polito. “It’s important that we have a strong partnership.”

Working together, she said there are some tough decisions to make and one of the first priorities will be to rebalance the budget.



“Not on the back of the towns, or the taxpayers,” said Polito.

As she prepared to leave for the 300th Opening Ceremony, she offered her thanks for being invited.

“We appreciate getting together with you,” said Polito. “I look forward to working with you and thank you for allowing us the special honor of serving as your Governor and Lt. Governor.”

The 300th Anniversary celebrating has begun...

* Friday, January 23
7:00pm
Opening Ceremony of Hopkinton's 300th Anniversary Year

Saturday, January 24
10:00am
Fleet Building Close

10:00am
120th Anniversary of Hopkinton

7:00pm
300th Anniversary Reception

Sunday, January 25
2:00pm
Reception

Saturday, January 26
11:00am
Ice Fishing

Tuesday, January 27
4:30pm
300th Anniversary Luncheon



7:00pm
Historical Discussion: "The Uncommon Common"!

Tuesday, March 3
4:30pm
300th Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9
Town Trivia Contest

Wednesday, March 25

...watch the Calendar for the community events you won't want to miss!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Smilin' says "thanks"

We would like to say a very heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who donated to the KeepSmilin4Abbie 2014 Toy Drive. This year's toy drive exceeded our expectations, with over 3,000 toys delivered to Boston Children's Hospital the week before Christmas!

A special thanks to the schools and businesses that hosted our drop off locations: Hopkinton High School, Woodward Elementary School in Southborough, Ashland High School, bCalm yoga in Hopkinton, and SKM Jewelers in Framingham. Our toy drive in Abbie's honor would not have been successful without you. Children's Hospital told us that the toys would go to the many sick children that wouldn't be home for the holidays and also for birthdays.

Your generosity provided families of sick children some happiness this Christmas. Abbie would have loved to see everyone coming together to donate toys for her favorite holiday.

We'd also like to thank those of you who have shared emails, messages and stories of Abbie's love. Abbie was a very special person and friend. We continue to be amazed at how many people she touched

in her 15 years. She lived with no regrets and many smiles.

Thank you again for your generosity... you have been able to make many sick children smile this Christmas season.

With love, Abbie's friends

: KeepSmilin4Abbie, is a fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, operates as www.KeepSmilin4Abbie.org. The goals of the fund are to fund research into early detection of anaphylaxis, increase awareness of the severity of anaphylaxis, and fund scholarships. The fund was established in January 2014 in memory of Abbie Benford who died December 18, 2013, eight days before her sixteenth birthday, from an anaphylactic reaction to food.

Foundation for MetroWest connects philanthropic opportunity with demonstrated need in MetroWest. The Foundation promotes philanthropy in the region, helps donors maximize the impact of their local giving, serves as a resource for local nonprofit organizations, and enhances the quality of life for all MetroWest citizens. For more information, visit www.foundationformetrowest.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN CLERK 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Hopkinton for their support and the confidence in me during the past year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I hope this reporting will provide a glimpse of this office's accomplishments for 2014.

Staying current:

In an effort to best serve the taxpayers, staying current on the complexities and demands of running a professional Town Clerk's office is essential. It is necessary to keep active membership, network with peers, and attend conferences sponsored throughout the year. The Massachusetts Association of City and Town Clerks, New England Association of City and Town Clerks, and International Institute of Municipal Clerks provide training and resource opportunities. Attending conferences are important to prepare for State and Town elections, and to advance our knowledge of the current federal, state and local mandates. The information acquired from various Town and City Clerk's Associations is immeasurable. This past July, I graduated from a three year program at the New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy held at Plymouth State University. My attendance was made possible through a three year scholarship from the Massachusetts Middlesex Municipal Town and City Clerks Association.

2014 Annual Town Meeting and Town and State Elections:

I am thankful for our outstanding election staff. Our election process maintains its professionalism with their dedicated service to this community. An election workers training class was held to prepare for the 2014 Elections. The election staff assisted with the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and the May 19, 2014 Annual Town Election; and we successfully managed the State Election Primary on September 9, 2014, culminating with the November 4, 2014 State Election. The results of the Annual Town Meeting, along with all 2014 Elections, are available in this 2014 Annual Town Report. Also, after evaluating the growth of the town's population and voter registration activity, I submitted a formal request to the State Election Office for a third VRIS (Voter Registration Information System) computer. The State Election Office assessed that, in accordance with the growth of this town's registered voter's population, this office was eligible and provided for another State computer VRIS program.

Voter Registration Programs at Local Schools:

In April, the Assistant Town Clerk and I met with students at Joseph P. Keefe Regional Technical High School in Framingham to present a voter registration program. After the session, the students in attendance registered to vote. We have been invited back from the School's Guidance Department to present another voter's registration session to students in April 2015. I also plan to meet with students at Hopkinton High School to present this program.

Street List a/k/a Street Census:

The Street Listing a/k/a Street Census is a year-long endeavor beginning with the preparation in the fall months with a goal to mail them to all households in January 2015. Once the street listing form is received back from the household, this office then processes all changes in the Voter Registration Information System (VRIS) program in our office's State computer. This office records the family members who are living at an address and those members who have moved out of town. It also important to note that the census form does not register a resident as a voter. If a resident wishes to register to vote or change party affiliation, they must fill out a voter registration form and file it with the Town Clerk. Registration forms are available on the Town Clerk's page under the town's website at www.hopkintonma.gov.

It is a State requirement that if a voter fails to respond to the yearly census, it will cause them to be listed as an "inactive voter." The voter would then need to show proof of continuous residents in Hopkinton, in order to reactivate their voting status. If a resident who was registered to vote has moved out of town, this office cannot remove a voter without their signature. We make every effort to contact them to obtain their signature verifying that they no longer live in town. Please contact this office with any questions regarding the voting process or the yearly street listing.

Dog License Renewals:

Dog license renewal forms are attached to the Street Listing Form. The staff processes and sends out dog licenses between January and March without penalty. Dog licenses are issued only with proof of the dog receiving a rabies shot, in accordance with provisions of Sec. 147A of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Law. In 2014 the Town Clerk's Office issued 1,943 dog licenses along with seven (7) kennels (a kennel is issued to a dog owner if they have four (4) or more dogs). Among the

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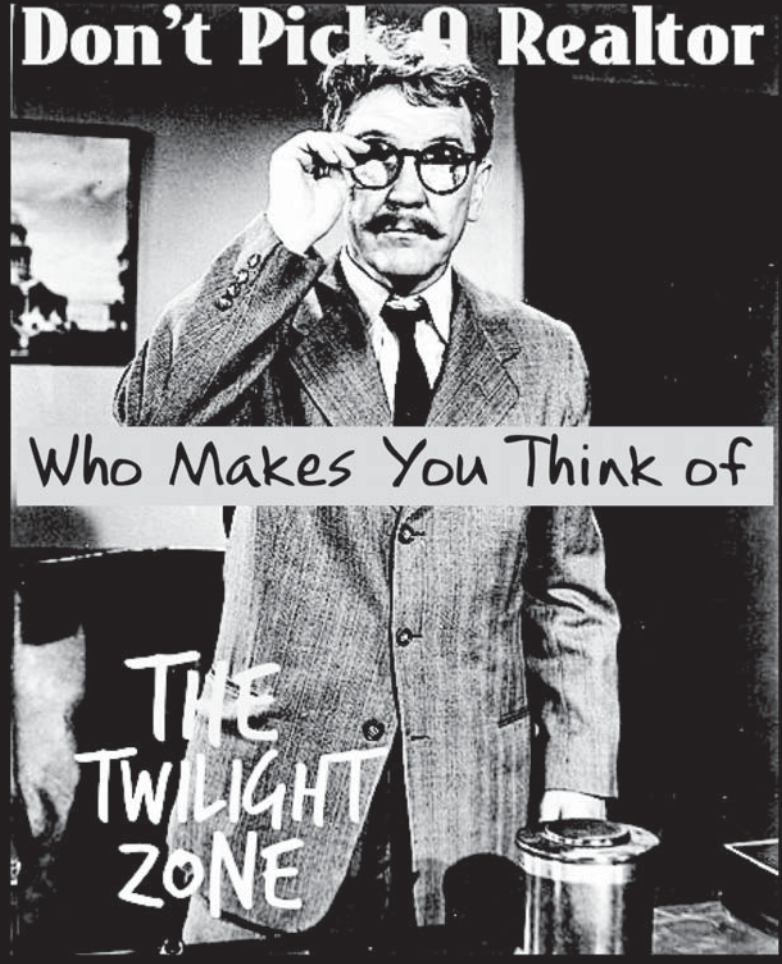
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MLK Day (continued from front page)

us," he said.

Cantor founded "Ben Speaks," an organization devoted to preventing bullying and helping children feel good about themselves. He also participates in the Pan Mass Challenge bicycle race to raise money for the Jimmy Fund; donates blood regularly; and volunteers for other worthwhile causes. He said he started the Pan Mass challenge because of a young relative, Declan, who was stricken with cancer at age one and survived.

"I'll admit that finishing a long bike ride is great for the ego," said Cantor, who added that he also likes that it keeps him in shape, "but that's nothing compared to seeing the smile on Declan's face."

In his speech, Cantor quoted a Buddhist saying: "The self is most fulfilled by working for the benefit of others."

In the hours that followed, Hopkinton students worked in the Hopkinton Middle School gym and at locations around town

to do just that. Daisy Girl Scouts made Valentine cards for local seniors; older scouts wrote letters to members of the armed forces stationed overseas. High school students made fleece blankets for hospitalized children. The Red Cross held a blood drive at the school, and other student and church groups worked at the Hopkinton Historical Society and other locations around town.

On Saturday, a song circle at the library and poetry circle at HCAM studio focused on King's themes of peace and justice.

One of many adults who came out on Monday was Donald Sutherland, who with wife Laura Davis owns Long Life Farms and helps run the Hopkinton Farmers Market each summer. Sutherland's father was an executive producer for CBS News in New York, and Sutherland remembers waiting for his dad and seeing Dr. King exit the building after being interviewed

on a news program.

"I didn't fully understand who he was back then," he recalled, "but there was an aura around him."



Making fleece blankets




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The Boy Scouts put baskets together for seniors.

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seven kennels, a kennel license was issued to BayPath Humane Society located on Cedar Street and the Greyhound Friends Inc. kennel located on Saddle Hill Road.

Open Meeting Law:

As Hopkinton's Chief Election Officer, the Town Clerk has the responsibility of ensuring that the Open Meeting Law is observed with the posting of all town meeting agendas at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The notice of the public meeting is required to be posted at two locations available to the public, one of which has to be accessible to the public 24 hours a day. This is achieved through the acceptance by the Board of Selectmen of Town meeting postings on the Town's website. The Town Clerk's binder located outside of the Town Clerk's Office serves as the secondary location.

Ethics & Conflict of Interest:

The conflict of interest law seeks to prevent conflicts between private interest and public duties, foster integrity in public service, and promote the public's trust and confidence in that service by placing certain restrictions on what municipal employees can do on the job, after hours, and after leaving public service.

Oath of Office:

Upon election or appointment to a Town office, board, committee and/or commission, the individual must be administered the oath of office i.e., sworn in to serve at the Town Clerk's Office, before participating in a meeting requiring a vote. The State's Open Meeting Law is distributed to the appointee at the time of their oath of office.

D/B/A, Underground Storage Tank Licenses, Raffle Permits:

In 2014 the Town Clerk's Office renewed 44 and issued 67 new business (D/B/A) licenses. The office also issues underground storage tanks, and raffle permits.

Preservation of Town Documents:

This office was granted funding of \$15,000 through the Community Preservation Fund which was used to preserve Town Report documents in the Town Clerk's vault some dating back to the late 1800's. In conjunction with the IT Department, all Town Reports which are now accessible on Hopkinton's website www.hopkinton.gov.

Archival Program:

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for maintaining public records under the State's retention program, and obtained King Information Systems to create and complete an archival program for Town Hall departments. The archival program helps to maintain records that are required to be kept under the State's Municipal Records Retention Program (MGL c. 4, sec. 7 (26).

Zoning and General Bylaws:

This office also updated and codified the zoning and general bylaws rather than outsourcing it to another; thereby, realizing a savings of approximately \$5,000.

Message From the Town Clerk:

The "Message From the Town Clerk" column has been printed in the *Hopkinton Independent*. This is a way to communicate to residents about the various activities, projects and general information including elections and the various responsibilities and projects that this office is charged.

Register of Vital Statistics:

Below is a report of the Town's Register of Vital statistics as of December 31, 2014:

Births	132
Marriage Intentions	53
Marriages	47
Deaths	75

I would be amiss if I did not publicly express my gratitude to Brenda McCann, Assistant Town Clerk, for her skills, professionalism and knowledge in public administration.

It is this office's goal to continue excellent communication and assistance to residents through our webpage including the town by-laws, town meeting and election results, voter information and various on-line forms. You are welcome you to stop by the office for assistance.

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Hopkinton Resident Appointed to the MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women.

by Erica Brown

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women appointed nine commissioners to the MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women who were sworn in by Judge David Cunis at the

D. Justin McCarthy Center at Framingham State University on January 14, 2015. The Commissioners are Cathy Ashton of Wayland, Leonor Filipe of Framingham, Patricia Hohl of Framingham, Kelly Love of Norwood, Jennifer Maseda of Natick, Suzanne Reynolds-Alpert of Norfolk, Nancy Rosenblum of Ashland, Denise Schultz of Franklin, and Heather Wightman of Hopkinton.

The MetroWest Commission on the Status of Women was established through legislation filed by Senator Karen Spilka and signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick on October 1, 2014. Per its enabling legislation, the Commission is charged with conducting an ongoing study of matters concerning women within the MetroWest area.

The Commission is mandated to report its findings to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women annually and to recommend solutions to the challenges facing the women and girls of the MetroWest area.

The appointees were selected from a large number of highly qualified and impressive candidates representing strength and diversity in terms of geography, age, professional background and personal experiences. They share a common commitment to the improvement of the status of women in the MetroWest region.

Hopkinton's Commissioner Wightman applied to the Commission to represent women that have been subjected to human trafficking for sexual purposes. She is the founder of RIA House (Ready. Inspire. Act) a nonprofit organization committed to creating a home community in Massachusetts with adult women who have experienced sexual slavery, commercial sexual exploitation, and sex trafficking.

"The new MetroWest Commission will find ways to advance women and girls in our communities and help them to succeed and lead," said Senator Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "I'm pleased to congratulate the first group of commissioners. These impressive leaders will do a terrific job promoting equality and opportunity and making sure that MetroWest women have a voice locally and state-wide."

Wightman launched RIA House in October 2012 with the mission "to provide women survivors: peer counseling, education, social business training, and ultimately a safe and sustaining home community," said Wightman. In 2014 RIA House began survivor-led community support groups, and Wightman hopes to open a drop-in center location by 2016; and to open a home community by 2017. She is actively looking for property donations to fulfill these goals.

As a Public Health Social Worker, Wightman began researching human trafficking and sexual exploitation over a decade ago while working with middle school aged children. "It is a hard subject to discuss because most of us believe the victims come from other countries, but overwhelmingly, the sex industry in the US (pornography, prostitution, escort, and sex trafficking) victimizes and is built on the vulnerabilities of American born young people," said Wightman. She was disturbed

by this and after further research discovered that most victims are first targeted between the ages of 12 and 15 years old.

"This is on the backs of kids," said Wightman who has discovered that many victims are very isolated and sometimes never tell anyone about their sexual exploitation experience. "It happens everywhere right under our noses," said Wightman who once monitored the website Backpage.com and discovered 77 postings of people for sale in one week in MetroWest towns such as Southborough, Westborough, Dover, Newton, Wellesley and others. She began investigating the politics around prostitution and strip club dancing and found herself addressing the ugly question of why someone would get involved.

"People again have the misconception that a girl or woman would choose to be in this position, but that is less than 1 percent of those involved, and there are over 20,000 legal strip clubs across the country," she said, noting that traffickers and buyers prey on the weak and vulnerable to fill this demand, and internet access has made this increasingly easy to do.

Wightman encourages everyone, especially parents of young children, to educate themselves about the vulnerabilities traffickers and buyers seek out. "Again people have the misconception that if we live in an affluent community our young people are safe, but unfortunately this is no longer the case."

Her top suggestion is to visit My Life My Choice's website www.fightingexploitation.org which was one of the first steps she took in educating herself. She further encourages parents and educators to reach out to My Life My Choice for training material to recognize signs a youth may be at risk or is currently being exploited sexually.

"This issue is extremely complicated and growing," said Wightman. When she first started researching, sexual exploitation it was a seven to nine billion dollar industry involving 11 million people worldwide. This "industry" has grown to \$32 billion involving 36 million people according to the Global Slavery Index. Wightman does not like to legitimize this practice with the term industry, but as it is referenced.

Research in the US about sexual exploitation and trafficking is difficult to track according to Wightman because arrest dates of victims are the only hard data to go by. "Often the only person being arrested is the person whose body has been transacted. The buyer is not usually arrested and neither is the trafficker," said Wightman who describes the average buyer of sexual exploitation as middle-upper class, married, with children, white, males.

Wightman hopes that because the MetroWest Commission is charged with studying the needs of girls and women in the MetroWest that she will finally be able to find an ally in protecting the young women being sought out for sexual exploitation, and to help rebuild the lives of women who have survived it.

To help RIA House and/or to learn more, please visit www.riahouse.org. To provide immediate help Wightman suggests: Forward information about a property in foreclosure or names of people willing to donate a home in the MetroWest Area - RIA House is ready to move forward with their home community plan; Donate gift cards to RIA House to help provide meals during support group meetings; Contact RIA House to become a member of the Board of Directors.

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Library Celebrates its birthday 120th Birthday

by Erica Brown

The Hopkinton Library Director, Rownak Hussain, coordinated with the 300th Anniversary Committee to help kick off 2015th Anniversary celebrations with the 120th "birthday" of the much storied Hopkinton Library on Saturday, January 25.

With a cake, live band, and historic displays of past Hopkinton fashion, the library welcomed residents throughout the day with various scheduled activities including cupcake making for children hosted by the Hopkinton Public Library Foundation (HPLF). The Hopkinton based band, FUZE, performed in the intimate setting as Library team members lead residents on tours of historic displays throughout the Library.

A visual timeline was created for the event to document a snapshot of the Library's past which started in 1867 when the YMCA opened a library in a room of a hotel.



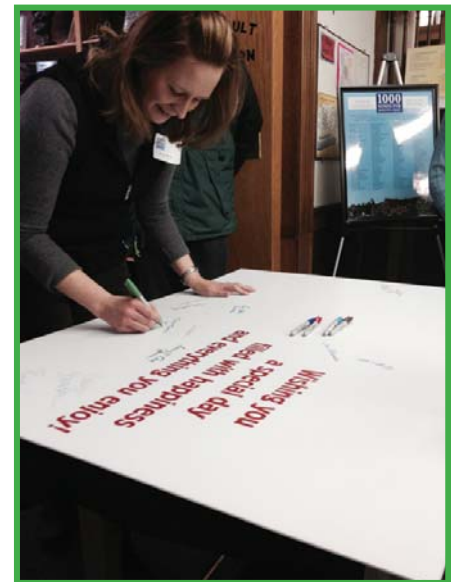
Library staff and volunteers cut the cake

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1867 Sarah Whitin donates land where the library stands today. First library is established by the YMCA.	1894 The first librarian Sadie B. Stewart	1901 Mrs. F. Thompson and Mr. Abram Crooks donate the grandfather clock which stands in the library today.	1910 Emilie Poulsson, children's author, begins a reading club for children.	1967 The new expanded area is dedicated as The Betty Strong Reading Room.	2000 Mr. Bernard McGovern establishes a trust fund of \$71,000 for the library in 1940 which grows to \$1 million!
1890 First board of trustees are local boot manufacturers.	1895 Library is built with donations from residents.	1905 Library is wired for electricity.	1958 Lecture hall becomes children's room and is remodeled by the Kiwanis Club.	1971 The Library Cat Mrs. Dewey Decimal	2003 Library card catalog transitions to electronic system. ON TO THE NEXT CHAPTER



Staff member Linda Connolly discusses history with a guest.



Library-Foundation President Laura Barry

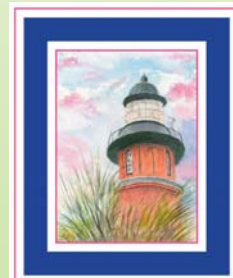
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what they envisioned this town would become," said Polito. "You have so many things to be proud of...and you are making sure the schools remain great to ensure that every child has a chance to succeed in life." She also urged the town to build on its Boston Marathon pride and to support its business base.

Spilka praised Hopkinton's history as an economic innovator, from its thriving role as a shoe manufacturing center to the "world class technology hub" it is today. "Its terrific public schools have made it a top place to live," she noted, "yet it has

remained a beautiful, warm and welcoming suburban town." Dykema praised Hopkinton for "remaining committed to the past while moving forward."

School Superintendent Dr. Cathy MacLeod said that the way children learn has changed dramatically over the past 100 years, with less emphasis on memorizing and more on thinking and problem solving. The Hopkinton schools' new strategic plan acknowledges these realities and focuses on preparing students to thrive in tomorrow's economy. "What we will face in the next 100 years is unimaginable," MacLeod said.

The 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee presented a slide show of photos from old Hopkinton, many of them more than a century old. And a special honor was bestowed on someone who was alive when the town turned 200: Sterling Hager, age 103.

Hager received the Boston Post Cane, an artifact given to the town's oldest resident in a tradition begun by the former Boston Post newspaper more than 100 years ago. He also received citations from the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen and

from Polito, Spilka and Dykema on behalf of the state.

Accompanied by his daughter, Hopkinton's Betty Wyckoff, Hager urged everyone to focus on the positive things in life.

"If you're like me, you get disgusted with all the news about things that are not pleasant," he said. "But I've also seen so many good things happen, and if you live as long as I do you will see good things happen, too."

Blind, partially deaf but with his quick wit intact, Hager shared the three secrets of his longevity with Polito, who relayed his insights to the audience: "First genes, then climate change...and third, a sense of humor."

Friday's ceremony launches a yearlong celebration of Hopkinton's 300th. In the works are a big parade and fireworks in September, town-wide scavenger hunt, trivia contest, golf tournament, home

and garden tour, lectures on Hopkinton's history, and many other events for all ages. The Hopkinton 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee is coordinating these events, working with civic and business groups in town, and the Friends of Hopkinton Anniversary Celebrations is raising money to fund it. Fifteen local businesses have signed on as major sponsors; and more contributions from businesses and individuals are still needed.

Board of Selectman Chairman Todd Cestari noted that while the town celebrates its proud past, it's also important to work towards a bright future. "Engage with your community," he told the group. "Speak up, speak out, join in and become a conduit for positive change."

For more information about the 300th Anniversary events, and to help support it, visit www.hopkintonma300.com for sponsorship and <http://friendsofhopkinton.org> for donations.



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Sterling Hager shared his secrets of longevity.



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Town Manager Norman Khumalo presented the Lt Governor with Nancy Bailey's lithograph of the Marathon starting line.

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Business Profile

Dr. Dirk Johns/New England Fat Loss Program

Dr. Dirk Johns, a Weight Loss Doctor in Hopkinton, says as a health care professional he's seen firsthand the many problems associated with being overweight and wanted to help. "Obesity is at an epidemic proportion in this country. Being in the health care industry and wanting to help as many people as possible—this was an easy segue for me," he said.



Dr. Johns guarantees his patients will lose between 20 and 40 pounds in just 40 days by following the New England Fat Loss program.

According to Dr. Johns, there are a number of factors that make the New England Fat Loss program unique. "First and foremost, it's the technology, as well as, it being Doctor supervised, it's individualized, and it's guaranteed." He explained the program utilizes revolutionary technology

to pinpoint weight loss needs and balance hormones. Using Resonance Frequency, hydration, and nutritional detoxification, patients are guaranteed to see dramatic weight loss results quickly and safely. Dr. Johns was the first doctor in New England to begin using this new technology.

The program he says involves no drugs, no exercise is necessary, there are no shakes, no prepackaged foods to eat, and best of all clients are getting healthy. "Based on testing, we correct hormonal imbalances for each individual that will guarantee the weight loss and often improve overall health."

Once the weight has been lost, Dr. Johns and his staff use the technology to help clients maintain their new weight. "We provide them all the tools they'll need so the weight stays off," he said. "Based on test results, we are able to produce a unique specific Fat Burning Report. It offers the client a personal Fat Burning Power Ranking in every food category including Meats, Seafood, Fruits, Vegetables, Nuts, Grains, Oils, Beverages, even Spices and Herbs. Each category lists, in order of effectiveness, all of their own personal fat burning foods".

He added, "We are no longer guessing, and that feels good."

Dr. Johns' offices are located at 22 South St., suite 204 in Hopkinton and 188 Needham St., suite 255 in Newton. Program costs vary, but he added, "All patients will begin the program with a free consultation." To book an appointment, or to get more information on the New England Fat Loss program, log on to www.newenglandfatloss.com.

Picture: Dr. Dirk Johns guarantees patients will lose between 20 and 40 pounds in 40 days through the New England Fat Loss Program.

Guida Milk at Colella's: The Easiest Way to Help Hopkinton Schools

by Erica Brown

Since 1992, Guida Milk has been donating a percentage of its profits sold at Hopkinton's iconic Colella's Supermarket to the Hopkinton Parent Teacher Association (HPTA). To date, this easy fundraiser has brought in over \$70,000 dollars to our schools.



"My dad was looking for a small company to do milk business with when he discovered Guida," said Colella's co-owner Dale Danahy of her father Daniel E. Colella. Guida was a small dairy farm in New Britain Connecticut that began in 1932 and has grown to become a co-op of multiple dairy farmers. Colella's Market approached Guida to donate a few cents of each dairy product sold in their store and the HPTA was soon receiving annual checks in the three to four thousand dollar range annually.

"It is the easiest fundraiser around, but we need to make people more aware of it because the checks we are receiving are now down to around \$1,000 each year," said HPTA president Kristy Willadsen who hopes that if more people know that raising money for the schools is as easy as reaching for a gallon of Guida Milk over the other brands available, the annual amounts will go back up. The 2013 check Danahy presented to Willadsen was for \$1,100. The largest amount ever presented was \$4,700 in the early 1990's.

"There are so many fundraisers and campaigns out there now, it's hard for people to give to each of them, but this is not something anyone has to go out of their way to contribute to," said Danahy who hopes the new residents moving to Hopkinton for the excellent school system will take advantage of the easy fundraiser.

Guida Dairy can be found in the dairy section of Colella's Market. Their products are all natural with no growth hormones. Guida's commitment to Hopkinton schools makes purchasing Guida Dairy products one of, if not the, easiest ways to support the HPTA.

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RUTH COLLINS, CPA LLC

by Erika Stele

It's that time of year again when W2s and 1099s are distributed faster than employees can add up all those deductions. Ruth Collins, Certified Public Accountants, (CPA) is here to help take the stress out of tax season. As a full-service account firm serving the Medway and the Metro West area, the 12 year-old-firm and its founder, Ruth Collins, are dedicated to serving its clients by being responsive and preparing quality work in an environment where clients feel comfortable.

"My team is carefully selected to ensure the highest level of integrity and confidentiality. We take pride in offering quality service and individual attention to every client," said Collins of her office.

She founded the firm after working in the accounting industry for over 25 years. Inspired by a desire to formulate creative financial solutions for her clients, Collins took her wealth of knowledge and depth of experience to start her own firm – one with a goal to provide a personal and honest experience.

"We maintain a small but growing boutique practice," she explained. "I would rather have a couple of hundred clients I know personally than scads of 'just a number' clients. It sounds trite but returning someone's phone call and treating them with respect goes a long way."

This individual approach has translated into a firm that is widely recognized for its trustworthiness and passion to un-muddle what can be a complicated and overwhelming process.

"It might sound crazy, but I am passionate about taxes," said Collins, who graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. "They are so interesting to me and it's a puzzle to interpret to your client's best advantage."

Ruth Collins, CPA is located in The Law and Financial Center in the heart of Medway on 77 Main Street. The firm does personal and corporate returns, preparation of financial statements, tax planning, book keeping, and charitable remainder trusts. Regardless of your needs, Collins offers one bit of advice to future clients.

"Come, be yourself. I truly mean that," she said.

According to the IRS, over 50 percent of all people file annual federal income tax returns before the looming April deadline and about 10 percent don't file at all; however, Ruth Collins, CPA would rather you hit the mark early so you can move past the paperwork. Follow her personal motto to "plan, improvise, and commit to success," and give Ruth Collins, CPA a call for all your financial needs this tax season.

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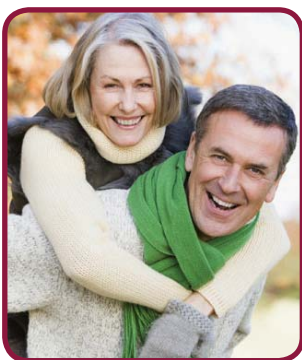
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Thomas and Deborah Phelan of Hopkinton, MA are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Daniel Phelan, to Meagan DiVito, daughter of Louis and Dollena DiVito of Alton, NH. The couple met at their alma mater, the University of Vermont, graduating together in 2012. Dan proposed at the Natural History Museum in London, England last October. The couple plans to wed September 2015 in Alton, NH. Dan is employed at the National Regulatory Research Institute as a Research Associate, and Meagan is a Registered Dietitian for Kaiser Permanente of Mid-Atlantic States. The two currently reside in Washington, DC.

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6:30pm - 8:00pm

• **OPEN HOUSE TOUR**
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, February 18

• **Hospice Talk:** An Introduction to Hospice: What you need to Know to Comfort your Loved one. Presented by Deb Tishler, RN from Brookhaven Hospice
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, February 21

• **OPEN HOUSE TOUR**
9:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday, February 26

• **Avoiding Falls Talk:** How to minimize the risk of falls. Presented by Caretenders Physical and Occupational Therapy, Optimum Balance
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Solect donates energy system to Arts Center

by Erika Steele

The Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) has been a fundraising machine – garnering over \$1.7 million towards its \$1.9 million goal thanks to the collaboration and support of individuals, the community, and local businesses and organizations. Each effort has been well documented, each donation excitedly announced.

Solect Energy Development, a commercial solar energy company out of Hopkinton, swiftly jumped at the opportunity to support what will come to be known as the town’s arts juggernaut. In the early weeks of 2015, the local business delivered on its pledge to donate and install panels on the roof of the original barn and the new building – an effort which value is undisclosed.

Ken Driscoll, Founding Principal and CEO at Solect, felt it was important to support a project that will greatly benefit the townspeople and surrounding community.

“We feel that part of our role as a business is to be part of the community that we choose to work and live in,” said Driscoll.

Initially, Solect pledged enough panels to support the first blueprint of the arts center; however, when the project expanded and the available space on the building for panels followed suit, the company coolly increased its already generous donation.



“We wanted to insure that the design was appropriate for a building of this caliber and importance to the town,” said Driscoll, who noted the project was aided greatly by the ideal southerly exposure of the buildings. “We were fortunate to be in the position to be able to scale the project based upon company success.”

The solar panels will save the HCA an estimated \$10,000 per year in electrical savings and upwards of \$200,000 plus over the 21-plus year life of the system. It’s savings the nonprofit can use to grow its classes, shows, and events.

With offices just across the street from the HCA, Solect is able to enjoy the view as the building comes to life, though



this is not the first time the company has been a prodigious supporter of its community. Solect has consistently donated solar systems, goods and services to support several local non-profits and charities.

Golden Pond

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As of December 13, 2014 Golden Pond has acquired the operations of our Memory Care Neighborhood which is now called Country View. Country View is an established 44 bed unit that has been in existence since Golden Ponds inception. With our experience and expertise we will continue to provide support and programming to meet the needs of individuals with Alzheimer Disease or related dementia. The transition of the management of Country View has been seamless with the retention of almost all of the staff under the direction of Jillian Alfeo, LMHC, who has been promoted to Senior Director of Special Care at Golden Pond. We continue to offer a full range of services presently provided to residents including but not limited to, assistance with activities of daily living, limited medication management (LMA), continence management, as well as many other amenities and services.

The Country View resident participates in engaging and stimulating social activities in a secured and safe environment. Country View’s increased staffing also allows services to be provided to those residents who need additional support and care.

Golden Pond in Hopkinton, MA, is a long standing community designed to provide residents and their families the benefits of both state-of-the-art senior housing and a commitment to excellence in health care services.

In 2013, the leading commercial solar PV project developer serving the New England area donated an 11.75 kW solar PV renewable energy system to the Michael Lisnow Respite Center. The 50-panel system was estimated to offset up to 30 percent of the center’s electricity costs each month which equates to a savings of \$2,500 in annual electricity costs. Like the Respite Center, Solect has committed to monitoring and maintaining the system for the HCA. Solect has also worked with the town to sell power from a Holliston based project that will save it upwards of 40 –50 percent off its current rates. Solect is also a proud sponsor of the Melanoma Foundation and the Sharon Timlin Race for the last couple of years and just recently sponsored the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s Cycle for Life event this past October.



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Community briefs....

300th collectibles

The Friends of the Hopkinton Anniversary Celebration (<http://friendsofhopkinton.org/>) are still selling collectible items for this year's birthday celebration. Items include the warm fleece seen worn around town, long-sleeved t-shirts, ornaments, coasters, books and other items. Go to

the Friends website for more information. <http://friendsofhopkinton.org>

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Free Sellers Seminar

On January 29, RE/MAX Executive Realty and Home Heritage Funding will team up to offer a seminar on "How to Prepare Your House to Sell." This informative presentation will take place from 7 - 8 p.m. at the RE/MAX office located at 22 South Street in Hopkinton. Admission to this seminar is free; however, seating is limited, so reservations are required and may be made by calling Erika at 508-435-6700 or emailing

Scholarship

The Hopkinton Garden Club is soliciting applications for its 2015 Scholarship for Hopkinton residents with an interest in any of several fields related to the garden club's mission. Scholarships are available to:

- Applicants maintaining legal residence in Hopkinton, Massachusetts for at least one year, and
- High school or college students and any adult interested in pursuing a career in the fields of Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Forestry, Conservation, Environmental Sciences and related fields.

Applications may be obtained through the Hopkinton High School Guidance Department, the Joseph Keefe Technical School Guidance Office, and the Hopkinton Garden Club website (www.hopkintongardenclub.org). The application deadline for college scholarships is April 19, 2015; however, scholarships for horticulture classes will be considered throughout the year and disbursed depending on available funds. If you're eligible, don't miss this opportunity to apply!

Faith Community Church

Faith Community Church raised \$67,500 to provide supplies to those caring for victims of Ebola in Africa. The leaders of Faith Community Church decided to use money collected during Christmas Eve services to support World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children and families. \$67,500 was collected to purchase materials and build 2,250 Ebola Caregiver Kits. These kits contain supplies for those who care for victims of Ebola. Faith Community Church will be sponsoring a Kit Build on Saturday, February 7, where members of the congregation will assemble the 2,250 Caregiver Kits and pack them in a shipping container. Once built, they will be shipped to West Africa and distributed by World Vision.

H o p k i n t o n Public Library presents

"Alzheimer's Disease for Caregivers" - Wednesday, February 11, 7 p.m. Join us for an informative program when staff from Hopkinton Health Center, Geriatric and Adult Day Care, will present on Alzheimer's Disease for Caregivers. Lori-ann Summer has a Master's degree in Social Work and diplomas in Whole Health Education and Wellness Coaching and will provide an informative session for caregivers on symptoms of Alzheimer's, behavior changes, skill development and self care for caregivers, options, and resources.

Ideas&Insights at Fay School

How do we keep our kids safe in this technology-driven world? Join Fay School for a special presentation by Katie LeClerc Greer, an expert in Internet safety and technology! Parenting in our technology-driven society can be overwhelming, and keeping up with the latest trends and dangers can seem like an impossible task. Katie will help you navigate the digital waters and let you know what's new and what's next when it comes to your children and technology. She will also provide parents with proactive ways to keep kids safe. Event Date: Wednesday, February 11, Event Time: 7 p.m., Location: Fay's Harris Theater (signs will be on campus directing visitors to the theater), Parking: Please park at Fay's Primary School (25 Middle Road, Southborough) or at Fay's Office of Advancement (31 Main Street, Southborough) This event is free to attend and open to the public. No registration is required to attend the event. Questions? Please contact Nicole Casey at 508-490-8204 or ncasey@fayschool.org

NE Amputee Assn

UMass Memorial Medical Center and the New England Amputee Association Group Meeting Thursday, February 19 at UMass Memorial Hospital 55 Lake Ave Worcester, Lazare Building main level. Time: 6 to 8 p.m. Free valet parking in front of the Lazare building is available for meeting attendees.

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Marathon Number Available
The Hopkinton Education Foundation has received one invitational number for the 119th Boston Marathon on April 20, 2015, and is making it available to interested runners. To secure a bib, runners must commit to fundraising a minimum of \$4,000, which will go to support the Foundation's innovation grants to Hopkinton educators. To apply, visit www.hopkintoneducationfoundation.org for an application form. The deadline for submission is January 30th. Send completed applications to the attention of Sherry Grady, grady76ts@comcast.net, Hopkinton Education Foundation, PO Box 109, Hopkinton, MA 01748. Fax: 813-639-5851.

Women's Club

The Hopkinton Women's Club invites you to join us in contributing to our community through volunteer opportunities, developing new friendships and having fun together. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month from September to June and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Nancy Clark at nclark@rmclark.com, 508-435-4260. If you would like to donate to the Women's Club Scholarship Fund, information is available on the club website <http://hopkintonwc.com>. Enjoy Flora in Winter at the Worcester Art Museum on January 30. Meet at the museum at 9:30. Tickets are available online. The February meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 9, at Faith Community Church located at 146 E. Main St. The meeting begins with a social at 9:30 a.m., followed by a general meeting and program. The program

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includes a Valentine Breakfast, preparation of Valentine Bags for Serenity House and a special guest, Barbara Kessler, folk singer and songwriter. Guests are welcome at meetings.

Call for Photography

Hopkinton: Past, Present, Future

The Hopkinton 300th Anniversary Committee and the Hopkinton Center for the Arts have partnered to present a photo show and contest in celebration of the town's 300th anniversary! This FREE contest is **open to all** artists of all ages. Submissions should reflect some aspect of the 300th Anniversary theme: Celebrating our Past, Embracing Today and Inspiring our Future. There is no entrance fee, and **cash prizes will be awarded** for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Exhibit Dates: January 24 - February 26, 2015

Clafin Hill Symphony

On Saturday, January 31, 2015, CHSO will perform works by the Symphony's frequent guest conductor and composer Thomas Hojnacki, including the world-premiere of his Second Symphony "The Canyon," inspired by his recent eight-day backpacking trip through the Grand Canyon. "A Composers' Life" is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Milford Town Hall.

Fuel Assistance

SMOC (South Middlesex Opportunity Council) is taking applications for the home heating fuel assistance program. State income (maximum gross annual income) guidelines are:

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To see if your household qualifies, please phone the Hopkinton Outreach Department at the Senior Center at: 508-497-9730. Outreach assists households of all ages in Hopkinton with Fuel Assistance applications.

Running Club

The Hopkinton Running Club is a group of runners of all abilities, from the painfully slow to the ridiculously fast, living in and around Hopkinton. Established in the spring of 2003, we're dedicated to promoting running as a lifestyle, improving the fitness of our community, and providing a welcoming environment for those new to the sport, as well as seasoned veterans. Join us for a Saturday Club Run at 7:30 a.m.! Contact our Membership Director (info@runhopkinton.org) for details on location. For more information about the club, visit our website at www.runhopkinton.org or follow us on Twitter @RunHopkinton.

Dept. Conservation, Recreation

Our gift to you is a list of accessible activities for you to enjoy from January thru March 2015. Have fun in a Massachusetts' DCR state park this winter! The programs and dates can be found online, along with both text and .pdf versions, at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/accessibility>. And the waiver: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/universal-access/waiver-dcr.pdf>

Pick up the phone or compose an e-mail and let us know the dates and times you and your family/friends would like to join us. Please let us know in advance so we can provide you with any necessary paperwork, answer your questions, book a time and have on hand the adaptive

equipment you may need. If you have any questions, please call the numbers below. We look forward to having you join us in the snow this year!

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Join 1000 Homes

With the support of the Hopkinton community, Hopkinton Public Library has achieved three monumental milestones in 2014: 1) Town voted YES for the restoration, renovation and expansion of our Library, 2) \$4.5 million state grant awarded to Hopkinton, 3) \$525,000 raised toward our \$1,000,000 goal! But our work is not yet finished. We still need your help! BUILD WITH US! by joining 1000 Homes for Hopkinton Library, attending fundraising events, supporting HPLF marathon runners, or encouraging others to be a part of our Town's future. Add YOUR name to the growing list of those who already have joined together to make this incredible opportunity for our community a reality. You can learn more at HPLFinc.org and facebook.com/HPLFpage

Woodville History Day

As part of the 300th Anniversary Celebration, The Friends of Whitehall and the Hopkinton Historical Society will join in presenting "The History of the village of Woodville and Lake Whitehall" on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the Historical Society's building. We are looking for any information or photographs about houses, people, old industries, the lake and any historical anecdotes about the area. If you have anything to share please contact Margaret Mighton at mightons@comcast.net or Gail Clifford at GMunroC@aol.com

Join Hopkinton Girl Scouts!

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Garden Club

Come learn with us - we'd love to meet you! Our Club conducts its programs beginning in September and running through June of each year. No experience is required-just an enthusiasm about gardening or floral design and the good works of the club. These include town beautification sites, local conservation efforts and scholarships to students of horticulture and conservation. The Hopkinton Garden Club is a non-profit organization and an affiliate of The Garden Club Federation of MA. Want to know more? Please email us at info@hopkintongardenclub.org or see our website at www.hopkintongardenclub.org. We'd love to have you join us!

Hopkinton Moms Group

Calling all moms! The Hopkinton Moms Group offers a wide variety of activities to participate in for you and your children and committees to serve on from Playgroups to the Service Committee. We work together to organize exciting activities, maintain regular outings and serve the community. If you are interested in joining please contact <http://www.hopkintonmomsgroup.org>

Calling All Metro West Business Women

NEW (Network of Enterprising Women) would like to invite you to attend one of its meetings to check out what a vibrant and growing organization of business women looks and feels like. NEW meets the first Monday of every month at the First Faith Church of Hopkinton, 146 E. Main St., (Rte. 135) from 8:30 a.m. till 10 a.m. All Metro West business women are welcome to come and join us for a free, healthy, buffet-style breakfast, an opportunity to network and to listen to one of our dynamic presenters. NEW is a non-profit organization of Metro West Business Women that was formed to support, nurture and educate its members on doing better business and community involvement. For more info, please visit our website; www.networkofenterprisingwomen.com

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Vision *(continued from front page)*

Steering Committee Chairman Tim Kilduff presented his committee’s final recommendation to the board and outlined how the vision was created.

“We worked really hard to avoid specifics, with the objective of creating a vision 10 years out,” said Kilduff.

According to Kilduff, the group also worked extensively with Town Manager Norman Khumalo and Director of Land Use, Permitting and Planning Director Elaine Lazarus, whose input was sought and listened to.

“We put them through their paces,” said Kilduff.

The details of the vision contain themes related to nine different categories; arts, culture and community, community services, education, open space, recreation and natural resources, town center, managed growth, development and economic development, town government, facilities and financial considerations, transportation and infrastructure.

Within each category is a vision of what Hopkinton will be like in 2025.

“It was a great experience,” said Selectman John Coutinho, also a member of the Visioning Steering Committee. “There was some trepidation that we could all come up with a vision, but it was a great collaboration.”

Kilduff also spoke of the group’s collaboration saying it was a privilege to work with the team and that the process proved that Hopkinton is a terrific community. “We came out of this united,” said Kilduff.

BOS Chairman Todd Cestari congratulated the committee for its work as the committee with the shortest life span.

“It was a compact effort in a short span and the product is fantastic,” said Cestari who wants to make sure the vision gets into the schools reaching younger residents so that they will appreciate what they have in Hopkinton. “Great work,” said Cestari, “but it’s not done, it’s just the beginning.”

Kilduff agreed saying, “You’ve asked for a vision; now someone needs to be responsible for moving it forward. The success of the vision will depend on continued community engagement and driving the message out to a wider audience.”

“I’m very impressed with this,” said Selectman John Mosher. “I agree the vision should be visibly posted and we should be careful it doesn’t get tossed aside. It gives us a contemporary map to work with. It’s time to start filling in the blanks here.”

To read the full detailed Vision Statement, visit the town website at: https://docs.google.com/a/hopkintonma.gov/file/d/0B_Dg3BMNzeU4ZG9jWGxnQVF4bmR6ZE1SeW1TaUdRNUduOFVN/edit



Tim Kilduff details the Vision for the town

Budget *(continued from front page)*

which the District has no control. She said, “When 3.85 percent of the budget is already fixed, it is impossible to do anything that we have talked about and stay within the 4 percent that was the town message.”

Committee member Jean Bertschmann also added that because the District adopted town-wide free full-day kindergarten, the town will receive an additional \$120,000 from the state in chapter 70 funding, not factored into the budget.

The budget passed includes a reduction of bus fees as well as support aimed at helping the schools rise out of their level two designation from this past year’s MCAS scores.

The Superintendent’s budget as originally presented to the School Committee included a request for funding to expand foreign languages at the Middle School into the sixth grade. Ultimately, to bring the budget below the 5 percent increase over last year, the committee decided not to fund the expansion. This expansion of foreign languages has been part of the District’s strategic plan, but MacLeod acknowledged that the schools may not be in a place to expand the programming, noting that expanding foreign language down to the elementary schools would take away time from core subjects.

At the prior School Committee meeting, MacLeod had suggested specific alternatives the committee should consider if they choose not to adopt the budget in its entirety. Among the suggested alternatives was halting the planned expansion of the foreign language program. Members of the committee expressed surprise at the lack of public feedback around those proposals during their budgeting process.

School Committee member Lori Nickerson said, “I feel like we have had many occasions for public input and I don’t think we’ve gotten any, really, especially around the options. That puts us in a difficult position of representing the community’s desires and needs and wants and not really knowing what those are.”

“We have been talking about these options very openly for over a month with lots of opportunity for public input...it is interesting for me to hear that there hasn’t been a lot of public response because we know we can pack a room [at meetings] if there are people who feel strongly about something. And for more reason than one we’ve packed a room. The lack of response is telling to me,” MacLeod added.

Only a few people attended the committee’s public forum on the budget on January 8. As the rest of the town budget comes together, it will become clearer how the school budget will impact the overall town budget, including whether the budget will require a proposition 2 1/2 override or not.

Community *(continued from page 13)*

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Town Clerk

NEW Office Hours: Town Clerk – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Recycling

If any charitable groups want to participate in this program, please call Bob Snyder at 435-4528.
The Town of Hopkinton DPW is now offering Electronic Waste Drop-off at the Recycling Center Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a nominal charge as follows: PC Monitors and Large TVs, \$10, Small TVs and Household Electronics \$5, Portable Electronics \$1. To dispose of an item, see the Recycling Center Attendant.

Compassionate Friends

A support group for those who have lost a child meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Washington Street in Holliston. Anyone who has lost a child of any age is invited.

La Leche League of Hopkinton/Ashland/Holliston holds meetings each month for women looking for breastfeeding

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January Needs: Warm teen clothes any sizes 10 and over girls and boys, things like hoodies are great.

Al-Anon

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January 31 (Saturday) 6:30 – 8 p.m. Full Moon Owl Prowl for Families Family 6 & up
February 3 (Tuesday) 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Watercolors in Nature Adult
February 6 (Friday) 8 - 9:30 p.m. Full Moon Owl Prowl for adults
February 7 (Saturday) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Guided Snowshoe Adventure at Broadmoor Adult
February 7 (Saturday) 3 – 4 p.m. Owl Festival: Up Close and Personal with the Owls of Broadmoor Adults and Families 4 & up
February 7 (Saturday) 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Owl Festival: Owl Prowl Adventures for Families 5 & up
February 8 (Sunday) 1 - 2:30 p.m. Animal Tracking at Broadmoor Adult
February 8 (Sunday) 3 - 4:15 p.m. Fun with Animal Footprints and Signs Family 6 & up
February 10 (Tuesday) 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Watercolors in Nature Adult
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January 9

8:33 a.m. A caller reported the same red truck that always speeds on Saddle Hill Road passed a school bus today. This is the second time the caller has seen the operator pass a bus. Officer Stephen Buckley will investigate.

9:56 a.m. A caller reported a vehicle is off the road and stuck up on a rock on East Main Street. Officer Thomas Griffin responded to assist and requested a tow truck. No injuries were reported.

2:41 p.m. A caller reported her son witnessed a brown car on Greenwood Road hit a fire hydrant, breaking it off the base, and the car continued on. Officer Stephen Buckley responded and checked the hydrant. The Fire Department reported the mother of the operator had called to report the accident.

6:14 p.m. A walk-in with questions regarding an ongoing civil matter spoke with Officer Matthew McNeil.

6:34 p.m. Multiple calls were received about a dog running in the roadway of Hayden Rowe Street. Officer Matthew McNeil responded and checked the area with a negative find.

January 10

12:16 a.m. Officer Linda Higgins reported it appears a vehicle drove over a pedestrian sign on Grove Street, and it's now lying in the roadway. The Highway Department was notified.

4:11 a.m. A Hawthorne Lane resident reported someone knocked twice on her door, and no one was there. She also stated her home phone line was disconnected, but it had begun to work again. Officer Linda Higgins checked the area and found all secure.

10:15 a.m. A walk-in brought in a cell phone that he found on the ground next to a West Elm Street construction site.

12:20 p.m. A caller requested extra checks of the soccer fields on Greenwood Road after reporting young motorists have been driving their cars out in to the fields.

2:38 p.m. Two female walk-ins requested to speak with an officer about an abuse prevention order. As it was not an emergency situation, Officer Stephen Buckley advised them to go to Framingham District Court on Monday.

7:19 p.m. A Mayhew Court caller reported her daughter hasn't come home since yesterday after school. She last heard that her daughter was with a friend at noon today, but she is not responding to text messages. Officer Philip Powers was able to contact the daughter, who was okay and with a friend and will return home after dinner. Both mother and daughter notified Officer Powers when the daughter returned home.

11:30 p.m. The Southborough Police Department reported a caller in their town reported an erratic operator entering Hopkinton who has run through several stop signs, almost hit a pole, and at one point stopped in the middle of the road. Officer Linda Higgins located the vehicle and spoke with the operator and the operator's father. A call to the operator's mother will be made tomorrow.

January 11

8:10 a.m. Officer William Burchard spoke with an individual about suspicious activity at his Hayden Rowe shop.

9:18 a.m. A Lumber Street business owner requested an officer to assist with trespassers on his property. Officer Matthew McNeil responded and assisted.

9:48 a.m. A concerned walk-in reported he saw a mail truck driving on Main Street today, a Sunday. The information was logged.

10:20 a.m. While checking fields and buildings on Fruit Street, Officer Matthew McNeil discovered that someone had driven on the astro turf athletic field. There does not appear to be any damage.

12:27 p.m. A caller reported there is an injured deer walking on three legs on Cross Street. Officer William Burchard responded and watched it go in to the woods.

7:11 p.m. Officer Aaron O'Neil attempted to serve a warrant on Woodview Way but learned that the individual no longer lives at that residence.

January 12

3:13 p.m. A caller requested assistance, as his vehicle is disabled at the intersection of West Main and School Streets. Officer Aaron O'Neil responded along with a tow truck.

4:48 p.m. A Glen Road resident reported smoke in the house from the fireplace. Officer Aaron O'Neil and the Fire Department responded and noted a damper problem. Everyone was advised to exit the home.

5:28 p.m. On Main Street Officer John Moran arrested Luis D. Caguana, 35, of 282 Concord Street, Framingham and charged him with Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle and Oversize Motor Vehicle.

8:22 p.m. A Paul Revere Path resident reported a call she received from U.S. Customs at Logan Airport. Officer John Moran advised the caller to contact U.S. Customs with any questions about the individual they have in custody.

January 13

11:32 a.m. A Westfield Road caller reported he received an automated phone call about power washing from a man called Kevin. When he called the number, the man became belligerent. He then called the reporting party back a few more times. Officer Stephen Buckley spoke with the reporting party.

11:49 a.m. Santander Bank on Main Street requested a customer go to the station to report larceny by check. Officer Stephen Buckley assisted with the multi-jurisdictional investigation of fraud.

4:14 p.m. A caller reported a water leak in the roadway of Hayden Rowe Street. Sergeant John Porter and Officer John Corridan responded and reported the water is mostly on the sidewalk but will need to be looked at. The Water Department was contacted.

7:31 p.m. A Greystone Lane caller reported smoke in the house from a wood stove, which is setting fire alarms off. Sergeant John Porter and the Fire Department responded.

January 14

2:59 a.m. Officer Jacob Campbell issued a winter parking ban warning on Sadie Lane.

8:59 a.m. A Wood Street caller reported her dog has fallen through the ice of the pond behind her house. Officer Thomas Griffin and the Fire Department responded.

1:14 p.m. A walk-in spoke with Officer William Burchard about harassment.

4:09 p.m. An anonymous caller reported a vehicle doing "donuts" on a school athletic field on Hayden Rowe Street. Officer Arthur Schofield responded and the vehicle was gone upon his arrival, however, he reported the field is torn up with tire tracks.

4:24 p.m. On West Main Street Officer Arthur Schofield checked on a vehicle parked on the wrong side of the road. The operator was placing a sign in the median. Officer Schofield sent the operator on his way and removed the sign.

January 15

3:37 a.m. An Elm Street caller reported her black and brown mix-breed dog did not return home after being let outside at around 1 a.m. The caller was advised to contact the Animal Control Officer in the morning.

7:49 a.m. Officer Thomas Griffin responded to a motor vehicle crash on South Street involving two vehicles. No injuries were reported. Two tow trucks were requested. A report will follow.

8:35 p.m. A caller reported a possible traffic light problem on School Street. Officer John Corridan checked the light and reported it is functioning properly.

8:39 p.m. A Claffin Avenue caller reported a suspicious motor vehicle was parked outside and it quickly sped away when noticed. Officer Matthew McNeil checked the area with a negative find on the vehicle.

January 16

1:31 p.m. A walk-in turned in a lens that a newspaper photographer left behind on Hayden Rowe Street. The photographer was contacted and came to the station to pick it up.

10:45 p.m. A caller on Hayden Rowe Street reported she was followed by a vehicle and blocked in to the road by the vehicle. One occupant, with a drink in his hand, exited the vehicle and stared her down. The vehicle took off when the reporting person called 911. Officer Philip Powers responded and checked the area with a negative find on the vehicle.

11:26 p.m. A caller reported a chimney fire on Lumber Street. He was advised to

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I am a devout Catholic. My favorite subject is God, and I love to read the Bible. I watch the Hallmark channel, Food Network, and EWTN. I have no trouble driving, though I hate the highway and have difficulty seeing at night.

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have all parties vacate the home. Officer Jacob Campbell responded along with the Fire Department. The family was able to return to the house.

11:51 p.m. Officer Jacob Campbell spoke to an individual walking on Hayden Rowe Street who stated he and his girlfriend were in a fight, and she kicked him out of her vehicle. The individual was picked up by a friend.

January 17

2:40 a.m. Officer Jacob Campbell checked on an individual sick in a West Main Street parking lot. The party went on his way.

7:20 a.m. The Southborough Police Department reported a hit and run vehicle accident involving a pole. The vehicle is a gray SUV with heavy passenger side damage and a broken window. The vehicle may be headed to Hopkinton or Ashland. Officer Matthew McNeil reported a negative find up to the Ashland town line.

7:34 a.m. An East Main Street caller reported his roommate has not paid his bills and owes him about \$7,000. The caller plans to evict his roommate when he comes back today. The caller is requesting a no trespass order against him, as the court advised this before getting a restraining order. Officer William Burchard advised the caller to call back if the roommate comes to the house today.

9:02 a.m. Officer William Burchard assisted the Fire Department with entry in to a Cross Street home for an investigation.

9:35 a.m. A Pond Street caller reported there is a large raccoon sitting at the end of his driveway. Officer Matthew McNeil responded and reported the raccoon is now up in a tree.

10:44 a.m. An anonymous caller reported a 20-year-old male is on a dirt bike speeding up and down Yale and Amherst Roads. The caller stated this occurs frequently. Officer Matthew McNeil responded and located the biker on Lakeshore Drive and advised him to cease riding.

11:55 a.m. A Grove Street resident reported a neighbor has three unregistered vehicles. Officer William Burchard spoke with the caller.

1:03 p.m. A caller reported two trash bags that may be filled with sand in the roadway of Fruit Street. Officer Matthew McNeil located the bags, which are approximately 50 lbs. and filled with sand. The Highway Department was notified.

3:11 p.m. A Lakeshore Drive caller reported a Jeep is on the frozen lake driving near children who are ice skating. The operator of the Jeep is in an argument with the male parties on the ice. Officer John Moran spoke with the parties skating. The Jeep had left the area, and the skaters were advised to call back if the Jeep returns. Officer Moran located the Jeep and operator and issued a verbal warning.

10:18 p.m. Officer Arthur Schofield spoke with parties at the ice rink on Hayden Rowe Street and advised that the rink is now closed. The parties left.

January 18

2:29 a.m. An Ash Street caller reported suspicious activity. Someone rang the doorbell, and when the homeowner went to the door, no one was there. Officer Philip Powers responded and checked the area with a negative find.

3:47 a.m. Officer Peter Booth conducted a motor vehicle stop on Pleasant Street and subsequently arrested Christian L. Losurdo, 23, of 735 Prentice Street, Holliston and charged him with OUI Liquor and Speeding.

4:36 a.m. A caller house-sitting on Appaloosa Circle reported hearing someone trying to enter her bedroom. Officer Philip Powers along with Upton

officers responded. No signs of forced entry were found and the perimeter of the house was checked with a negative find. All was secure.

5:31 a.m. A Daniel Shays Road resident reported his son did not come home last night. His last known location was at a friend's house in Hopkinton. Officer Philip Powers checked the friend's house and found his vehicle in the driveway. The information was relayed to the concerned parent.

9:31 a.m. A Mayhew Street caller reported someone drove across his front lawn and damaged the bushes. Officer William Burchard responded and a report will follow.

3:38 p.m. An Ash Street caller reported her mailbox and her neighbors' mailboxes have been vandalized, possibly overnight. Officer Arthur Schofield responded and viewed the damage.

6:57 p.m. A walk-in from New Hampshire, who is on probation, had a form that required an officer's signature when in town. Officer John Moran assisted.

8:22 p.m. A Hillcrest Drive caller reported someone in a neighboring house, which has been abandoned for about four years, making a lot of noise and walking around the house with a flashlight. Officer John Moran and Sergeant John Porter responded and spoke with a male party who works for the state property owner and who was cleaning out the home. He was advised of town bylaws, as he will also be clearing the property.

January 19

3:45 a.m. Officer Philip Powers notified the Highway Department icy road conditions throughout town.

5:33 a.m. A caller reported South Street is like a sheet of ice. The Highway Department was contacted and the street was salted.

4:09 p.m. Sergeant John Porter responded to a report of malfunctioning traffic lights on School Street. Sergeant Porter found that the lights were malfunctioning, and they were put on flash.

7:07 p.m. A caller reported a possible pipe leak on Nazneen Circle. Sergeant John Porter and Officer John Moran responded and shut off the water. The building inspector was contacted and will be handling the incident.

January 20

12:03 a.m. Officer Jacob Campbell conducted a motor vehicle stop on West Main Street and subsequently arrested Harrison K. Buhl, 22, of 3 Gina Drive and charged him with OUI Liquor, Second Offense and Possession of Class D Substance Over One Ounce.

3:19 p.m. A Main Street walk-in reported her house was egged sometime overnight. She spoke with Officer John Moran and would like the incident logged for future reference.

5:19 p.m. The Upton Police Department reported an erratic operator headed in to Hopkinton. Officer Arthur Schofield responded and checked the area with a negative find on the vehicle. The Upton Police Department called back and stated the vehicle changed directions and is headed away from Hopkinton.

January 21

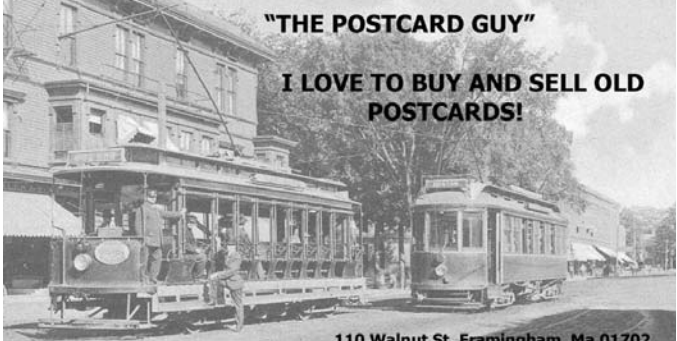
6:53 a.m. Officer Philip Powers escorted a Woody Island Road student to school.

9:18 a.m. Officer Stephen Buckley contacted the DPW to remove a raccoon that was hit on West Main Street.

9:57 a.m. An upset West Main Street caller reported she

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OBITUARIES

Angela Adams

Angela Adams, 92, of Danvers and formerly of Hopkinton, passed away Monday, January 19, 2015 at Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers. Born in Framingham, she was the daughter of the late Santina and Biagio Ferro. She was the wife of the late Clement W. Adams who passed away in 2005.

Angela is survived by her son, Paul Adams and his wife Kathy LeBaron of Natick and three grandchildren, Lia, Emma and Sophie.

A funeral service was held at the Chesmore Funeral Home. Flowers are gratefully accepted or donations may be made to Care Dimensions, Kaplan Family Hospice, 78 Liberty St. Danvers, MA. 01923

Mary McEttrick

Mary "Betty" McEttrick, 89, of Hopkinton, passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Anna (Davis) and James Redican, and married to her beloved James G. McEttrick who passed away in 1998.

Mary attended Notre Dame Academy and Regis College. She was a former teacher who loved sewing, travel, entertaining, BC Football games, but most of all spending summers at Rexhame Beach with her children and grandchildren.

She leaves behind five children, James McEttrick and his wife Barbara of Braintree, Rick McEttrick and his wife Meg of Fairfield, CT, Paul McEttrick and his wife Des of Fairfield, CT, Joanne Mahoney and her

husband Bob of Hopkinton, and Maureen Karpowicz and her husband Mark of Braintree. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A funeral mass took place at St. Clare Parish in Braintree. Burial followed at Milton Cemetery in Milton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02143.

Helen Haven

Hopkinton- Helen A. Haven, 91, of Hopkinton, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2015 at Countryside Nursing Home in Framingham. Born in Framingham, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Adele (Zambelli) Tedeschi and Lena (Dieana) Tedeschi. She was the wife of the late Donald Lyman Haven.



Helen was a former resident of Ashland and the Hopkinton Housing Authority and had lived at Countryside Nursing Home in Framingham since 2010. She had worked for Telechron for 19 years and also worked in many local establishments. She loved animals, family, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was very kind and compassionate and enjoyed knitting.

She is survived by her children, Lynn Haven of Leyden, MA, Paul Haven and his wife Lorrie of Framingham, Joe Haven and his wife Laurie of Hilton Head, SC, and Brad Haven and his wife Jayne of Millis; her twin sister, Alma Acton of Harwich; 10 grandchildren, Katherine, Matthew, Donya, Adam, Brittney, Julie, Tracey, Michael, Elizabeth, Danielle and 4 great-grandchildren, Anna, Maggie, Nathan and Jacob. She is predeceased by her sister, Josephine Rio, formerly of Hudson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Baypath Humane Society, 5 Rafferty Rd. Hopkinton, MA. 01748.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Chesmore Funeral Home.

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found items at the end of her driveway. She believes a neighbor put the shoe box and broken trash can there. The incident was logged.

10:03 a.m. An employee from a Hopkinton health center who was recently terminated is now making threatening phone calls. Officer Stephen Buckley spoke with the reporting party, and the threats were about discrimination and fraud. Officer Buckley will be contacting the person making the threats.

11:46 a.m. Officer Stephen Buckley reported that the base laying next to a hit fire hydrant on Greenwood Road is now missing.

1:09 p.m. A caller reported a dog has been hit on the side of East Main Street. Officer Thomas Griffin responded and reported it was a wild animal that had been hit a few days ago.

5:56 p.m. A Wood Street caller reported an incident that happened to his son at day care today. Officer Matthew McNeil took a report.

January 22

9:14 a.m. A Fenton Street caller reported someone went on his mother's property and cut down a tree, and the yard now has large ruts. Officer Thomas Griffin responded and found that the neighbors behind the caller did have a tree removed but didn't realize the tree company that they hired had used the neighbor's yard to gain access to their tree. The caller would like the tree company to make lawn repairs in the spring.

9:20 a.m. Officer Thomas Griffin took a report of credit card fraud on Main Street.

11:21 a.m. A passerby reported the 495 sign on West Main Street is down. Officer Thomas Griffin responded and stated it was the result of an accident last week, and the state is aware of it.

3:35 p.m. A caller reported he confronted the operator of a vehicle that was traveling the wrong way on a one-way street, and the operator yelled at him and nearly ran him over. Officer Matthew McNeil spoke with the reporting person.

9:10 p.m. A caller sought advice from Officer Matthew McNeil about how to deal with a person she once dated. Officer McNeil took a report.



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residents on an increasingly popular Facebook page, giving presentations all over town, utilizing HCAM, websites, Google Docs, email options, and call-in opportunities during public forums. The campaign has been so robust it even caught the attention of the Boston Globe last week with their advertisement of the January 24 forum.

On the official kick-off of Hopkinton's 300 Anniversary, with multiple activities occurring around Town, several dozen residents battled the snow to gather at the Middle School Library to hear about the 11 possible configurations the ESBC has identified as potential options for a new and/or renovated elementary school that



would serve preschool through first grade students in the district. By February, the committee will whittle options down to two or three before they pinpoint one site option in March to present to Town Meeting.

ESBC Chairman Joe Markey again stressed how important the community's involvement and participation is at this juncture.

"We want to get questions and concerns addressed now instead of at Town Meeting," said Markey who stressed to residents at the forum to share honest opinions, be respectful, and be creative.

Jim Barrett, a representative from Drummer Rosane Anderson, Inc. (DRA), reiterated concerns brought up by residents at the December community forum which focused on; planning for growth and flexibility, traffic issues and school safety, confirming the right

numbers for enrollment, and preserving the history of the Center School building.

Barrett then broke the 11 options currently on the table as site possibilities for the school into three families involving four properties. *Family one* involves six configurations of the current Center School building with three involving additional land on Ash Street. *Family two* focuses on the Elmwood School property and offers two options of building a new early elementary school building on the Elmwood Campus. *Family three* involves two options within the Irvine Property on Hayden Rowe and one on the Todaro site.

A comprehensive spread sheet weighing 13 considerations (program accommodation, costs, schedule, disruption to education, construction impact on neighbors, construction impact on traffic, site planning, site acquisition complexity, town permitting construction and conservation, long range planning and Town visioning, future growth and flexibility, district operations, and public safety) against the 11 options were displayed around the library and distributed to attendees.

Forum attendees divided into "break out session" groups focusing on; *Containers* – what a building would look like on each site, *Contents* – How a singular curriculum would work at each site, and *Currents*- trends and future projections at each site. Participants were asked to put a series of sticky notes with comments to act as a sort of vote for: Which site option they most preferred, what evaluation criteria they most agreed with, and what evaluation criteria they most disagreed with.

Based on the number of sticky notes placed by participants at the forum, a few sites emerged after the breakout sessions as popular options: Center School 1b + 25Ash, keeps the historic building only with a new addition utilizing the 25 Ash Street property; Elmwood School Site 2a involves a new building located in the wooded area of the Elmwood School campus; The Irvine Site (Hayden Rowe) 3a - new building located to the North 3b – new building located to the south.

"I like the idea of continuity on the Elmwood site with services and all of the young kids in the same area," said resident Amanda Losada. Losada noted that although not many parents of preschool children were in attendance, having gone through the process herself of changing schools every two years, she felt new parents would appreciate the consistency of staying at the same campus for a longer period of time.

"I want to know more about what the community feels strongly about, one way or another, about these different sites," said Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen John Mosher. Mosher was pleased with the presentation and is looking forward to reading about the results.

The failed attempt to remedy the Center School problem in 2011 is often blamed on a lack of transparency and community involvement. Understanding the current solution possibilities does require active listening, reading, discussion, and participation, but come Town Meeting in May 2015, it would be a difficult argument to suggest that any option brought forth had not been properly presented to the community beforehand. Comments, suggestions, and concerns can still be made to the ESBC via their Facebook page, the Hopkinton Elementary School Building Project webpage, emailing Schoolproject@Hopkinton.MA.Gov, and calling in to HCAM during community forum - the next of which will be at the beginning of March to discuss the top two or three site options.



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College Sports Notes...

by Jean Cann

Carly Adams, John Carroll '18, helped her team to victory (162-69) against Ohio Wesleyan with an individual win and two relay wins on January 16. She captured the 100 meter backstroke (1:01.53) and swam legs on the winning 200 yard medley and freestyle relays. The following day, she picked up another win (400IM, 4:46.64), as well as second (200 yard backstroke, 2:14.95) and third (200 yard breaststroke, 2:33.68) places, but her team fell to Oberlin, 69-165.

Haley Anderson, Bucknell '15, ran a leg on her track team's fourth place 4x800m relay (9:38.96) at the Penn State Indoor Relays on January 10.

Kim Bolick, Connecticut College '15, won the 1,000 meter run in a New England Division 3 qualifying time of 3:07.40 in her track team's tri-meet win over Bowdoin and University of Maine, Farmington on January 10. She also competed on the second place 4x400meter team. The following weekend, she qualified for New England Division 3 and ECAC Division 3 with a 10:30.18 in the 3,000m, placing fourth at the Tufts Invitational. She also ran a leg on third place 4x800m relay team. The Camels placed fourth in the 18-team meet.

Corey Branch, Swarthmore '17, ran the leadoff leg on his track team's 10th place distance medley relay (10:56.38) at the NYC Gotham Cup at the NYC Armory Track & Field Center on January 16.

Francesca Casasanta, Worcester State '16, placed second in the high jump (5' 1 3/4", 1.57m) at the Tufts Winter Invitational on January 17. She helped her team to an eighth place finish in the 15 team field.

Anthony DeBenedetto, Tufts '16, finished fourth in the 200 yard butterfly (1:57.84), sixth in the 100 yard butterfly (54.78), and swam on the 200 yard medley and freestyle relays in his swim team's January 17 loss (101-199) to MIT. The following day, he helped his team to a 174-108 win over Wesleyan with a win in the 200 yard freestyle (1:46.88). He also swam on the 200 yard medley and freestyle relays and clocked the second-fastest time (4:55.96) in the 500 yard freestyle). On January 20, in a dual meet loss (204.5-163.5) to Boston College, DeBenedetto placed in two events. He touched second in the 200 yard butterfly (1:56.0) and third in the 500 yard freestyle (4:56.35).

Teddy Doherty, Boston College '16, had an assist in his hockey team's 4-2 win over Northeastern on January 10.

Lindsey Doucette, UMass Lowell '16, led her basketball team with 13 points in a 50-78 loss to Albany on January 11. She also contributed four rebounds, three steals, two blocks, and two assists. In a 54-68 loss to Maine on January 14, she scored eight points, and grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds. On January 17, she scored 10 points, and added eight rebounds, two assists and a steal in a 56-67 loss to Hartford. Doucette scored eight points and had eight rebounds, four assists, and two steals in a January 19 loss (58-51) to UNH.

Barrett Hanlon, Salve Regina '16, led all scorers with 23 points in a double-double effort with 11 rebounds in a 56-64 loss to

University of New England on January 8. He also had three assists, a block, and a steal. On January 10, in a 79-76 win over Gordon, he led his team with 22 points. He added six assists, five rebounds, and four steals. In a 73-66 loss to Eastern Nazarene on January 15, Hanlon scored a game-high 23 points. He also had four rebounds, three assists, three steals, and a block.

John Lagasse, Bowdoin '16, won the 100 yard breaststroke (1:01.82), placed fifth in the 200 yard freestyle (1:50.71) and swam a leg on the 200 yard medley relay in his team's 123-103 loss to WPI on January 10. In a non-scoring meet against the University of Maine, Orono on January 17, he won the 200 yard breaststroke (2:15.87) and swam on the 200 yard medley and 200 yard freestyle relays. The following day, in a close 153-141 loss to Bates, Lagasse took second in both the 50 yard breaststroke (27.67) and 100 yard breaststroke (1:00.27) and sixth in the 50 yard freestyle (22.75), as well as swimming on the 400 yard medley relay.

Paul Lagasse, Middlebury '16, won the 100 yard freestyle in his swim team's 175-123 win over Springfield on January 10. He also swam a leg on the 200 yard medley relay. The following day, he placed fourth in the 100 yard freestyle (49.69) and fifth in the 200 yard freestyle (1:50.75) in a 151-137 win over Bates. He also swam on the 400 yard medley and 400 yard freestyle relays. On January 17, Lagasse took third in two events (50 yard freestyle, 22.82, and 100 yard freestyle, 49.78) and swam on the winning 200 yard freestyle relay to help the Panthers edge Union, 122-119.

Alee Leteria, Stonehill '16, nabbed three rebounds and had two assists in her basketball team's 63-46 romp over Pace on

January 10. In a 69-44 win over American International on January 13, she scored two points and grabbed five rebounds. In a 75-63 win over Bloomfield College on January 17, Leteria had four rebounds and an assist.

Max Masucci, Ithaca '15, scored 12 points and added two rebounds, an assist, a block, and three steals in an 88-80 win over Scranton on January 13. In a 70-71 loss to Stevens Institute of Technology on January 16, he scored six points, and had three rebounds and an assist. In a 96-91 win over Hartwick on January 17, the captain netted 13 points, along with six rebounds and two assists. On January 20, in an 89-74 win over Houghton, Masucci had 12 points, five rebounds, two assists, a block, and two steals.

Harrison Sullivan, Hamilton '16, finished fifth in the 3,000 meter run (9:00.14) to help his track & field team to a runner-up finish at RIT's Tiger Invitational on January 17.

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