

Magic in the Parklands

Friends of Historic Hopedale hosts sixth annual Fairy Walk



By CAROLINE GORDON

Dozens of families with daughters covered in face-paint and fairy wings attached to their backs gathered at the Hopedale Parklands to celebrate the sixth annual Hopedale Fairy Walk June 11.

Tracey Philips, chair of Friends of Historic Hopedale, said she created the walk because she wanted a family-friendly event to bring more people into the Hopedale Parklands.

She said, “A lot of people in the area don’t know about the big three-mile loop through the woods and all of its beautiful scenery.”

Philips added, “I saw the Fairy Walk done on a small farm in another state and I thought it would be a great application to bring to the Park-

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Donation account to be created to help pay special legal fees

By THERESA KNAPP

The Hopedale Select Board has asked the Town Administrator to facilitate the creation of a donor account to accept donations to be used to pay town legal fees related to supplemental counsel recently engaged in the 364 West Street matter.

The town recently engaged the law firm of Anderson & Kreiger to review the history of the case involving Grafton & Upton Railroad and advise the town on how, and if, it should proceed.

Though the motion to create the donation account passed unanimously, it was not before a lengthy discussion started by Select Board member Brian Keyes about the merits of keeping the anonymity of anonymous donors.

“Let’s have some accountability. If a donation is being presented to accept from a party who’s currently litigating against us, then I don’t see how that could be possible or even legal for that matter. So the folks that are part of

the “[10] citizens’ lawsuit” should not be able to donate so we should know the names of the people who are being generous with their currency...I’m just saying they should be accountable and take ownership for what they want to donate to the cause. We need to have some oversight around that and so having it just be, like, anonymous, and behind the curtain, is not kosher to me; I’m sorry, I don’t agree with it.”

Keyes said the board is privy to the identity of all donors and he could reveal the names if he so chose. Earlier this year, he intentionally revealed in a public meeting the name of a private donor related to this matter.

Select Board Chair Glenda Hazard and member Bernie Stock maintained that anonymity should be respected. Several gallery members agreed as well, noting a standard practice of anonymity in

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lands.”

Lisa Blaney and her daughter, Maddie Blaney, have attended the fairy walk since the tradition began.

Blaney said, “It’s a great event that the town puts on. We are really lucky to have it!”

Jacqueline Morais and her daughter, Nina Morais, attended the fairy walk because it is an opportunity for them to spend quality time together.

“The fairy walk gives us the chance to do something together. I like the mother-daughter aspect of it,” she said.

Morais added, “It’s just a lot of fun to have her dress up and be outside.”

Brianna Zalusky said she attended with her daughter, Maisy Zalusky, and her nieces, Serena and Zoe, as the Fairy Walk is a family tradition.

She said, “We have a young daughter and we thought it would be fun for her to see it - it’s just really cute!”



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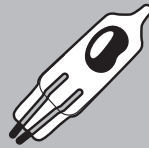
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Town to engage supplemental counsel to advise on matters related to 364 West Street settlement agreement

By THERESA KNAPP

At its meeting on May 23, in a motion made by newly-elected Select Board member Bernie Stock, the Hopedale Select Board agreed to seek additional counsel from the law firm of Anderson & Kreiger LLP in matters related to the 364 West Street settlement agreement with Grafton & Upton Railroad.

The intent is to have an additional review of the current settlement agreement and to discuss possible next steps. This review would be in addition to legal services previously provided by the town's general counsel (KP Law) and special counsel in the GURR matter (Peter Durning of Mackey, Shea, Durning).

On June 6, the Select Board held an introductory meeting

with Anderson & Kreiger and voted 2-1 to engage the firm.

Select Board member Brian Keyes opposed the motion. "If we're going to make the decision as a town to charge up the hill to fight battles that we've not been able to win yet, and your firm just does not have any history or experience in litigating against a railroad at any level, it just doesn't give me a comfort to engage."

Select Board Chair Glenda Hazard said, "I'm sure this firm understands we're not interested in an exercise in futility, whether it's our money or it's donor money [paying the legal bills], I think we still want to spend it responsibly and respectfully."

Stock said, "I like the value of having just another set of eyes. This may be the last shot,

and I just want to be comfortable at some point going back to the town saying that we left nothing unturned, we did what we were requested to do at those Town Meetings which were quite heavily in favor of doing this."

Dave Mackey of Anderson & Kreiger said his firm could be ready to advise by mid-June.

"There's a lot of background here and there's a lot of history, there's a lot of local history that's already happened so it's a fair amount to digest but we've been hard at it for the last several days and we'll be ready to go with some recommendations," Mackey said.

Keyes asked Mackey for "cliff notes" on how this firm could be successful where others were not. Mackey said that conversation should take place

in executive session.

From the gallery, Michael Milanowski, president of Grafton & Upton Railroad, took issue with strategy discussions being reserved for executive session. Mackey stood by his opinion.

The Anderson & Kreiger team includes two partners (including Mackey) who bill at \$495 per hour plus one associate who bills at \$325 per hour.

At the board's May 23 meeting, resident Liz Reilly said, "In the past, private donations were being rejected for this but there is a private donor who would be willing to fully fund any special counsel for the West Street property."

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philanthropy.

Hazard said, "The ultimate control over how the money gets spent is still ours and I don't think that letting the donors remain anonymous compromises that in any way. What gets spent, and how it gets spent, is still the board's decision."

The final motion that passed was for the town "to look at setting up a fund to accept donations from people who wish to contribute to the legal fund and that we will protect the confidentiality of those who wish to remain anonymous."

Keyes pushed back, suggesting "protect" be changed to "respect" but ultimately the original language passed.

For more information on the fund, contact the office of the Select Board.

Hopedale Pizza Market receives local liquor license

By THERESA KNAPP

Hopedale Pizza Market can now serve alcohol.

At its meeting on June 6, the Hopedale Select Board voted to approve a local liquor license for Hopedale Pizza Market, located at 1 Menfi Way, after the business received approval from the Alcoholic Beverages Con-

trol Commission.

The local select board unanimously agreed to issue the license. It will expire on December 31, and be up for renewal on January 1 when all liquor licenses go before the board for renewal.

Select Board member Brian Keyes said, "I wholeheartedly support. I've been there several times. They're fantastic people, they run a great business,

they've got great food...This will add another value to the dining experience that we have very limited of in Hopedale."

According to its website www.myhopedalepizza.com, half of the restaurant will be a pizza shop and the other half will be a full-service bar and grill where they plan to offer an assortment of wine and beer as well as mixed drinks.

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Hopedale Town Counsel raises rates for FY23

By THERESA KNAPP

Hopedale's regular town counsel, KP Law of Boston, has raised its billing rates for fiscal year 2023.

In a letter to Hopedale Town Administrator Diana Schindler received May 18, 2022, the law firm advised the town it would raise its hourly rate for legal services to \$220 an hour.

Additional rate increases will

be applied to various specialty matters, including:

- Comprehensive permits and related matters will increase to \$330 per hour if paid by the town or \$360 per hour if not paid by the town;
- Comprehensive general or zoning bylaw and related matters will increase to \$300 per hour;
- Cable television licensing will

increase to \$300 per hour; and

- Bond counsel fees will be calculated based on "standard factors in the field."

Paralegal services will continue to be billed at one-half of the quoted attorney rate in each category, "and we will continue to pass through to you disbursements and other costs incurred

by the Firm on your behalf."

The firm says it will continue to absorb "any charges for in-house copying and postage."

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The new rates went into effect on July 1.

The matter was not discussed in detail at the May 23 or June 6 meetings of the Select Board. It is unclear if the rate increase was received in time to be reflected in the FY23 budget.

New suicide prevention hotline number – 988

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While some areas may be currently able to connect to the Lifeline by dialing 988, this dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16.

When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are

part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

The current Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will always remain available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis, even after 988 is launched nationally.

The Lifeline's network of over 200 crisis centers has been in operation since 2005, and has been proven to be effective. It's the counselors at these local crisis centers who answer the contacts the Lifeline receives every day. Numerous studies have shown that callers feel less suicidal, less depressed, less overwhelmed and more hopeful after speaking with a Lifeline counselor.

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Select Board makes appointments, accepts resignations and donations

By Theresa Knapp

At its meetings on May 23 and June 6, the Hopedale Select Board made the following appointments, and accepted the following resignations and donations:

Made the following appointments:

Nicholas Walker to the Hopedale Police Department as a Part-Time Dispatcher, effective May 24, 2022

Timothy Morse, Andre Au-

reliano, and John McCarthy as Call Firefighters Candidates to the Hopedale Fire Department, effective June 1, 2022

Accepted the following resignation:

Ann M. Williams as principal assessor

Accepted the following donation:

From Barbara A. Levinson for the Hopedale Bancroft Memorial Library, \$50

Your Money, Your Independence

Enjoy Every Sandwicher Moment.

Once David Letterman had frequent guest and a favorite musician of his, Warren Zevon, on for an entire show. Zevon, who'd disclosed terminal cancer, performed and interviewed throughout. Dave at one point asked, "Anything you know now, that I should know?" to which Zevon wittily deadpanned, "Enjoy every sandwich."

Those raising children and helping aging parents often feel rushed and are distracted thinking about what's next, overlooking the beauty of daily, mundane moments.

July is National Sandwich Generation Month, celebrating a generation of people sandwiched between caring for their young children and aging parents at the same time.

I'm a Sandwicher, as are approximately 15% of Americans between ages 40-60 who face the challenges of planning, communicating and executing for 3 generations at once.

In 2018, my parents were struggling with health to remain independent in NH after 60 years in their home. Stress raised

on my mom as a caregiver and daily living/house routines began to slide. My wife, our daughters (then 5 & 3) and I lived comfortably in our Ashland home. The adults agreed on a Plan B supported by updated financial planning. Sell both homes, buy a new home for 3 generations and live as one household sharing in daily responsibilities.

The urgency was greater than anticipated and not without challenges since our move to Holliston, here's some antidotes for Sandwichers:

Small talks instead of "The Talk." Families don't like to think about declining health and elder care, let alone discuss it. I used single topics tied to a recent story about a friend, asking what they would do. Gained small agreements, the changed topics as would address others another day to frame a mutual plan.

Bring in outside mediators. My aunt shared with my mom that time is not your friend. She encouraged the positives to take action now, rather than later when fewer options are available. Additionally, we consulted with

an elder care attorney on understanding MA Health options, current trusts, POAs and proxies before making the move.

Your spouse's support is critical. Incredibly fortunate to have a spouse that pushed me to see the positives and embraces bringing family in as "you'd want your daughters to treat you the same someday."

Through the eyes of a child. It's not all about you, the girls show the love and benefits of learning by being around grandma and grandpa. And vice versa, as health has improved so has activity as the girls provide motivation and energy.

Sometimes timing is everything. I couldn't imagine the anxiety and ill-advised actions my parents would have faced on their own these past 2-plus years.

Your parents sacrificed many things to make sure you had it better, including concealing issues to not worry you. Be open with communication and embrace change, the best ways to prevent costly unintended consequences and ensure positive lasting memories.



Fathers Day 2022

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Hopedale project seeks Draper stories for digital archive and new book

By THERESA KNAPP

The Hopedale Women's History Project is seeking photographs and stories about women and men who worked for the Draper Corporation.

Linda Hixon grew up in Hopedale and her grandfather worked at the Draper Mill. She founded the project.

"Our current project on the workers of Drapers - the people who made the company great - is being laid out now. But I am hoping that more people will reach out and we'll need to do a second volume," said Hixon. "We're always looking for more stories and photos for future projects."

Hixon, who has a master's degree in history and wrote her thesis on the Hopedale Women's Sewing Circle (1848-1862, during the Adin Ballou years), started the Hopedale project after conducting similar community group efforts while teaching at Worcester State University. While working with local communities on those projects, she realized they can also make great book projects. This is her third such project.

Hixon's other books include *Following the Threads: The Hopedale Sewing Circle 1874-1924*; *The Grip: The 1918 Pandemic* and *a City Under Siege*; and *Symbol of Progress: A Photo-*



Ernest Q. Hixon working at a Draper shuttle bench. He is the grandfather of Linda Hixon who is currently collecting photos and stories about men and women who worked at the Draper Mill.

Source: www.hopedalewomen.org

graphic History of the Draper Corporation.

"I work with volunteers to try and find the forgotten history of Hopedale - not just women's history, but all of the town's history," said Hixon from her home in Worcester. "Hopedale was one

of the most successful communal living experiments to come of the 1840s, and Drapers was the largest manufacturer of automatic textile machinery and the largest employer in Central MA during parts of its history. And some of the innovations to come out of that company changed the textile world forever. Those are facts that should not only be remembered, but be celebrated and learned."

In June, Hixon and many of

her volunteers held a Draper Scanning Day at the the Little Red Shop Museum where the public could have their private photos scanned into the Hopedale Digital Archive. Hixon says the event was well attended but they continue to seek additional photos for the archive.

To contribute photos or stories, and to learn more about its many projects, visit hopedalewomen.org or email hopedalewomen@gmail.com. Books are

available at online bookstores, the Little Red Shop, and will be available at Day in the Park on Sept. 17.

Note: The Hopedale Women's History Project is a registered nonprofit; all proceeds from the sale of its books go to history and educational projects.

Hopedale Women's History Project

In 1848, the women of Hopedale began a group - and a tradition. They started sewing to raise money for abolitionism. Later, they used their needles to help their neighbors. They sewed for the less advantaged or sold their work to raise money for causes close to their hearts - widows, orphans, even the Contrabands, those slaves who escaped their masters during the Civil War to the safety of the Union lines.

That tradition continued. Hopedale has an almost unbroken 150 year record of women sewing and raising money for beneficent causes, helping the needy both within and outside their community.

The Hopedale Women's History Project seeks to unlock that record and follow the voices of these strong, benevolent women. Our goal is to tell the story of Hopedale through the eyes - and words - of its women. It's a story that is ready to be told, filled with voices that need to be heard.

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Dan Malloy, late wife Elaine, Honored at Flag Day Ceremony

By CAROLINE GORDON

The Hopedale Historical Commission hosted Hopedale's Flag Day to honor local historian Dan Malloy and his late wife, Elaine Malloy, for their service to the Little Red Shop, outside of the museum on June 14.

Thomas Beder, a United States Marine, began the ceremony by thanking those in attendance, DAV Lawrence J. Heron Chapter Six, State Representative Bryan Murray, Hopedale Board of Selectmen Chair Ryan Keyes, Hopedale Historic Commission Co-Chair Suzan Ciaramicoli, The Hopedale fire and police departments, and the residents of Hopedale.

Beder said, "I am very honored to be at Hopedale Flag Day. This is certainly not a military event, this is a patriotic event, an event for America where we celebrate the flag."

Ciaramicoli explained that Malloy would be given the retired flag and the new one would fly over the museum for the next 12 months.

She said Malloy and his late wife deserve to be awarded the old flag due to their "outstanding service to the town" and because they were a "force to be reckoned with."

Ciaramicoli added, "A good citizen is active in their community. They participate in the social life of their town, and they look for ways to make the community a better place to live. The Malloys were instrumental in the team of folks that had Hopedale recognized as a Nationally Registered Historic District."

She explained that Elaine led the force to restore The Statue of Hope and hosted annual senior citizen teas.

According to Ciaramicoli, in 2002, Town Coordinator Allan Klepper, appointed the Mal-

loy's co-chairs of Hope Curators, which was then considered the town museum. Later, they became the curators of The Little Red Shop Museum.

Murray took the stand and said, "I have always been impressed by Hopedale, its community and the folks that live here and love this community. The best thing that we can do is continue those efforts and expand those efforts and show other communities how it's done."

Next, the Boy Scouts removed the retired flag, hung a new one, and Beder presented the old one to Malloy.

Malloy said, "I want to thank you for also recognizing Elaine tonight by providing a chair with a photo of her on it. Whatever project Elaine got into, she got really into it - she did huge amounts of stuff!"

Baseball Family Night Benefits Scarlett Fund

Hopedale Youth Baseball conducted its season-ending Family Night on June 10, with an added twist—a fundraiser for Scarlett Hubsch.



Local businesses contributed gift certificates for a cash raffle, and Pepperoncini's of Milford supplied 30+ pizza to sell with all cash sales going to the Scarlett Fund.

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The dates of the classes will be determined. At least 12 participants are needed to hold classes. This is a continuation of the posting from the April 2022 newsletter. Call the Senior Center for sign-up at 508-634-2208.

Help the Hopedale Council On Aging Celebrate 51 Years of Serving Hopedale's Seniors

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"Reading Buddies" Summer Reading 2022

As part of this year's Summer Reading

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"Reading Buddies" pair will select the stories that they would like to read together and will

meet each week to talk about the book and share stories. When they have finished reading

their first book, they can select another book together. Library staff will be available to

suggest authors and titles and will provide discussion questions for the groups.

"Reading Buddies" will meet from 10:30 – 11:15 AM at the Library on July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, and 11. "Reading Buddies" will meet for 6 consecutive weeks. As part of the

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Decades of Service to the Community And a New Provider

BY: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.
MILFORD FRANKLIN EYE CENTER

Milford-Franklin Eye Center has been providing excellent eye care to the community for decades. With much excitement, we are happy to announce that we have grown to a dedicated group of 7 physicians and Optometrists. In August of 2022 Dr. Donald L. Conn, OD will join our team in our state-of-the-art medical offices in Franklin, Milford and Millis. Dr Conn is a comprehensive optometrist offering the latest in comprehensive eye care for the entire family.

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Dr. Roger Kaldawy is an experienced eye physician and surgeon and the area's only full-time specialist in corneal diseases. Having completed his training in Ophthalmology at University of Rochester and

his fellowship in Cornea and Refractive Surgery at the prestigious Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Iowa, Dr. Kaldawy served as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Boston University where he was Director of the Cornea and External Disease program and trained fellows and residents in Ophthalmology. Some of his trainees are now in academic and private practices in Massachusetts and around the world. Dr Kaldawy published research articles in peer-reviewed academic journals and has been invited as a guest speaker to many prestigious academic programs in the US and around the world including University of New York, Stanford University and University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Kaldawy is proud to be the first surgeon in central Massachusetts and among a handful



of surgeons in the State to have performed DSAEK corneal transplantation. With special interest in cataract surgery, Dr Kaldawy has performed over 30,000 procedures and surgeries and was the first surgeon in the area to offer the highly advanced accommodating implants. Dr Kaldawy was the first surgeon in the area to offer bladeless laser-assisted Femto cataract surgery. This laser procedure is offered locally at the Cataract and Laser Surgery Center of Milford.

Dr. Hatch is the only fellowship trained pediatric ophthalmologist in the area, and is a skilled surgeon with training in the latest techniques for straightening misaligned eyes. Dr. Hatch earned bachelors and master's degrees in engineering from Boston University and Dartmouth College. He completed his medical degree at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in 1988, followed by residency in Ophthalmology at Yale-New Haven Hospital and fellowship in Pediatric and Neuro-ophthalmology at Duke University. Returning to his home state in 1993, Dr. Hatch joined the Milford-Franklin Eye Center where he focuses on comprehensive pediatric and adult ophthalmology and adult strabismus.

Dr. Lashkari is our practicing vitreoretinal specialist as well as a scientist at the Schepens Eye Research Institute, Harvard Medical School. He is also a part-time Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Lashkari completed a Medical-Surgical Fellow in Vitreoretinal disease at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Dr. Perriello Consigli received her Bachelor of Science degree from Clark University in 1987. She went on to earn her Doctor of Optometry degree from New England College of Optometry in 1991. Dr. Consigli has over twenty five years

of experience, spending several years in private practice. In February 2019, Dr. Consigli joined Milford-Franklin Eye Center. She enjoys seeing patients of all ages. She is proficient in routine eye care, contact lens fitting, and diagnosing and treating various eye disease.

Dr. Adams, graduated from John Carroll University, Bachelors of Science, summa cum laude, in 1995. He completed his Masters in Biochemistry from The Ohio State University in 1997. In 2003 he received his Doctorate from the New England College of Optometry. Dr. Adams has advanced training in corneal pathology, specialty contact lenses, ocular disease and laser refractive surgery.

Dr. Mai-Khuyen Nguyen joined Milford-Franklin Eye Center from the New England Carpenters Benefit Fund - Vision Center, where she served as Head of Optometry. She has over 10 years of experience in comprehensive eye exams for adult, geriatric, pediatric, and special needs populations. Her experience includes performing contact lens fitting and managing contact lens complications. Dr Nguyen is also experienced in glasses fitting and lens edging. Her charitable activities include participating in Boston Cares program and the Boston Special Olympics.

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4  CLOSED FOR JULY 4 HOLIDAY	5 9:00 am No Yoga Class 12:30 pm Mah-Jongg 12:30 pm Bridge	6 1:00 pm Cribbage	7 1:00 pm Tai Chi	8 Sr. Center Closes at 12:00 pm
11 9:00 am Free Panera 9:00 am Bridge 12:30 pm BINGO	12 9:00 am Yoga with Crystal 12:30 pm Mah-Jongg 12:30 pm Bridge	13 10:00 am Move, Groove & Sculpt 11:00 am Meditation 12:30 pm Literature 1:00 pm Cribbage	14 10:00 am Movie "King Richard" The story of a father's plan to make his daughters Serena & Venus tennis stars. 1:00 pm Tai Chi	15 Sr. Center Closes at 12:00 pm
18 9:00 am Free Panera 9:00 am Bridge 12:00 pm Lunch at Sr. Center 12:30 pm BINGO	19 9:00 am Yoga with Crystal 12:30 pm Mah-Jongg 12:30 pm Bridge	20 9:30 am Nurse Clinic 10:00 am Move, Groove & Sculpt 11:00 am Meditation 12:30 pm Literature 1:00 pm Cribbage	21 10:00 am Knitters' Group 1:00 pm Tai Chi 1:00 pm NO COA Board Meeting	22 Sr. Center Closes at 12:00 pm
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residency in ocular Disease and Primary care at the Bedford VA in June 2022. His clinical experience also includes clinical rotations at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Boston Medical Center and South Boston Community Health Center. Dr Conn will join our team in August of 2022. He is experienced in providing care to patients of all ages including adults, geriatrics and pediatric populations. Outside of work Dr Conn enjoys long distance running and spending time with friends and family.

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Bancroft Memorial Library News

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Adult Summer Reading 2022 – Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Summer Reading is for adults too! Register online or at the circulation desk and receive your Reading Log. Complete any 25 activities on the sheet and return to the library to receive 3 raffle tickets towards our Adult Prizes! Leave a book review on our website’s “Patron Picks” and receive an extra ticket.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

We are grateful to so many individuals and companies for their generous support of the 2022 Summer Reading Program. Special thanks to the Hopedale Cultural Council, The Friends of the Hopedale Library, Hopedale Fire

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ONGOING MONTHLY LIBRARY EVENTS

Helen Symonds Book Group

The Helen Symonds Book Group will not meet in July and August. We will meet again on September 7, 2022. Enjoy the summer and keep reading!

Drop-In Tech Help

The Bancroft Memorial Li-

brary is offering Wednesday night Drop-In Tech Help from 5:30-7:30pm. Bring in your device and we will help you with any questions/problems using Libby, Kanopy, CWMARS, etc!

Wednesday Needlework Group

Join us for an evening of needlework every Wednesday night from 6:00pm until 7:45pm. Bring your latest project. No commitment required – come when you can!

News from the Marjorie Hattersley Children’s Room

July StoryWalk®
The Bancroft Memorial Library is pleased to present a special StoryWalk® featuring Change Sings: A Children’s Anthem by Amanda Gorman. The July StoryWalk® will be located on the Library’s lawn from July 1-15.

Guesstimation Jar
Weekly through August 5
Make a guess with each week’s Guesstimation Jar. The closest guess wins the jar and everything in it!

YA Coloring Club
Mondays (July 11-August 1)
2pm Grades 5+

Come in on Monday afternoon to relax and color with your friends!

Summer Story Hour with Mrs. Kraimer

Tuesdays (July 5-August 2)
3pm Ages 3+

Join Mrs. Kraimer for stories, songs, and crafts! Call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209.

PJ Story Hour with Mrs. Kraimer

Wednesday, July 6 & 27 6pm
Ages 3+

It’s pajama time! Come in your pajamas and listen to stories and fingerplays with Mrs. Kraimer. Call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209.

Thursday Morning Reading Buddies (through August 11)

Grades 3&4 and Hopedale Seniors 10:30-11:15am

Grades 1&2 and Hopedale Teens 11:30am-12:30pm

Each “Reading Buddies” team will select a special book to share, and will meet each week to read together, discuss the book, and share stories. Reading Buddies will also have an opportunity to “Read to a Therapy Dog” as part of the program. If you are interested in being a part of a “Reading Buddies” Team (Seniors, Teens or Students in Grades 1 -4), please call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Hopedale Library.

Tween/Teen Make & Take Crafts

Fridays 10:30am-12:30pm
July 1-August 5 Ages 11+

Drop in on Friday mornings and make a craft!

Kids Make & Take Crafts

Saturdays 10:30am-12:30pm
July 9-August 6 Ages 3-10

Drop in on Saturday mornings to make a craft!

Animal World Experience

Monday, July 11 6pm Ages 3+
Develop respect and an awareness of animals in this fun, interactive presentation by Matt Gabriel, “The Animal Man.” Call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209. This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Hopedale Library.

Lego Challenge

Wednesday, July 13 2pm Ages 5+

Do you like to build with Lego bricks? Come on in and show us your skills by taking the Lego Challenge! Call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209.

Star Wars Symposium

Saturday, July 16 11am Ages 5-Adult

Come dressed as a character for a costume contest, bring your show and tell items, learn about the history of Star Wars, join in a trivia contest, watch funny videos, and more! Call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209. This program is supported by a grant from the Hopedale Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Rockets and Airplanes

Tuesday, July 19 1pm Ages 7+


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Sports

Hopedale Baseball on A Mission Heading into The States

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Despite playing in an abbreviated season last spring, Hopedale still managed to put together an impressive campaign on the diamond losing only twice.

The successful season saw them advance all the way to the District 4 Central Tournament, where they ran into Tahanto for the second straight time (2019 and 2021), but once again fell short.

Bresciani said. "We talked about it and the kids would really like another chance at them to even things up."

Getting into the State Tournament, the Blue Raiders sent five solid pitchers of their own to the mound throughout the season. Senior Will Parker is the Hopedale ace and when not on the hill, he started at shortstop for the Blue Raiders. The senior is an all-around player who leads Central Mass in homeruns (6)



Hopedale did get some revenge in the CMADA Finals by beating Tahanto last year.

From last year's team, Hopedale said goodbye to three talented seniors (two pitchers and a catcher). This season the Blue Raiders once again put forth an eventful season, posting a 12-6 regular season record and once again made it to the CMADA Finals. Unfortunately they lost to Tahanto 4-0 in extra innings when they ran into an unbelievable pitcher.

Hopedale will now enter the District 5 State Championships, where they are the number one seed and will face the winner of Westport (#32) and Smith Academy (#33), who will play in the preliminary round.

Tahanto is seeded fourth and would not see the Blue Raiders until the Final 4, if the two teams continue on a collision course.

"We would love to see them again," Hopedale Coach Kevin

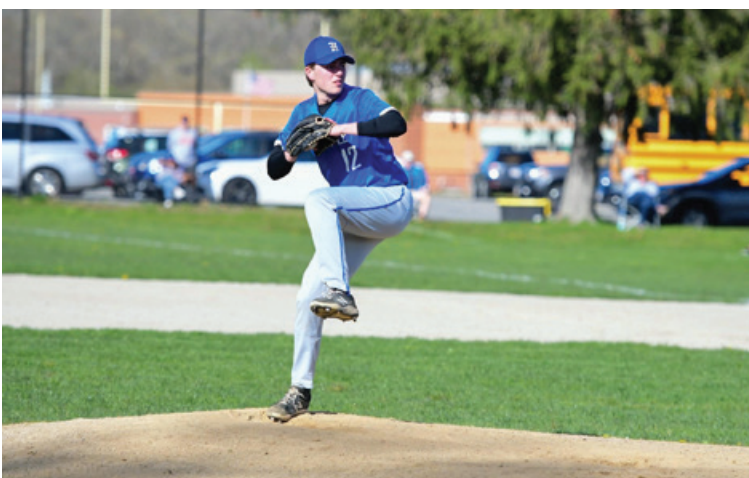
and RBI (30) and is second with a .554 batting average.

When he took to the mound his 3-4 record didn't really reflect his talent.

"With the new tournament system, which is based on strength of schedule, we loaded up with a lot of top talented teams that we normally wouldn't see," the Coach said. "We sent Will to the mound to face a lot of them. Although his record wasn't great, he still pitched to his ability and had 79 strikeouts."

Following Parker, Hopedale's number two pitcher rotated between junior lefty Ryan Reynolds and junior Jacob Smith. When not hurling the baseball, Reynolds plays the outfielder and according to Bresciani flies around the outfield.

Smith stepped up his game this season to be a solid pitcher for the Blue Raiders. Smith also played first base and at the plate batted anywhere in the top four



of the batting average. Bresciani had an abundance of pitching last year, so Smith didn't see all that much action on the hill. Both hurlers will be back next year battling it out for that top spot on the roster.

Others that have played an important part to the Blue Raiders success this spring have been right-fielder and senior captain Ollie Radcliffe, who usually finds himself batting in the three hole. Junior Troy Hobson, who is a very unique individual who has played all nine positions this year and the Coach is very comfortable in whatever position he is

playing on any particular day.

The team's other senior captain, Zach Frohn, is a power hitter who has two home runs and plays second base, while junior Tyler Wilke has been found playing either third base or leftfield. The junior has been solid in the field and consistent at bat and is hoping to pitch next spring. Having arm issues this season, Bresciani kept him off the mound but is hoping to get him some starts next year.

Two other athletes who really shined this campaign were sophomore Lucas Levasseur and freshman Brayden Lewis. Levas-

seur took over the catching duties, while Lewis was the team's leadoff hitter batting .360.

"Lucas caught every inning for us this year, controls the game and calls the pitches. I have full trust and faith in him," the Coach said "Brayden is not only confident but consistent at the plate. I have not seen a freshman perform on the varsity field at this level; he is focused and wants to play to the best of his ability."

Finishing the regular season at 12-6 is right where the Hopedale Coach figures his team would be.

"With the toughness of our schedule we could have been a little better or a little worse, but right around my expectations," Bresciani said. "If we go into the State Tournament and play to our capacity, I believe we can go all the way and make some noise. We'll bring the energy and do all the little things right while our pitching and hitting are at the top of our game."

Tournament update: Although Hopedale was hoping to meet up with Tahanto once again in the State Tournament it wasn't to be. Tahanto was knocked out in the Round of 16 by Sutton, while the Blue Raiders were cruising along. Hopedale, the number one seed in the Division 5 State Tournament, was crushing its opponents by a score of 39-2 during its first four games. Bresciani's Blue Raiders defeated Westport (14-2), Hopkins (5-0), Carver (3-0) and Pioneer Valley (17-2) to reach the State Championship game. While the pest called Tahanto was no longer in the way, Hopedale had to square off against Mount Greylock and unfortunately fell 3-1. The climb was there but the Blue Raiders just couldn't reach the top.

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Pokemon Trading Time
Wednesday, July 20 2:30pm
All Ages
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Build a Bird Feeder
Monday, July 25 6pm Ages 6+
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Bingo
Wednesday, July 27 2:30pm
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Oceans of Possibilities
Thursday, July 28 3pm Ages 3+

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Rainy Day Games
Don't let a rainy day during the summer get you down! Come into the library and play some board and card games.

School Summer Reading Assignments
Have you completed your summer reading for school yet? If not, just stop by the Bancroft Memorial Library and Library staff will be happy to assist you with finding or selecting the materials that you need. And we can always request titles from other libraries in our network as well!

For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook and sign up at www.wowbrary.org to discover the Library's newest books, movies and music. The library webpage is <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.

State Fire Marshal, State Police Colonel: Leave Fireworks to the Professionals

More Than 900 Fires, 31 Severe Burns Attributed to Fireworks Since 2012

Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and State Police Colonel Christopher S. Mason are reminding residents to leave fireworks to the professionals this summer.

Massachusetts fire departments reported more than 900 fires related to illegal fireworks between 2012 and 2021, officials said. In addition to the 43 fire service injuries and \$2.1 million in damages attributed to these fires, Massachusetts medical facilities reported 31 severe burn injuries extending to 5% or more of the victims' bodies that were caused by illegal fireworks.

"People are injured and property is lost to illegal fireworks every single year in Massachusetts," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "As we enter the period when most of these incidents occur, we're reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal because they are dangerous. Many cities and towns will have professional fireworks displays this year, so play it safe and leave fireworks to the professionals."

"The possession, use, and sale of fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts without certification and licensing," said Colonel Mason. "Massachusetts law requires the confiscation of any illegal fireworks we encounter, even if legally purchased elsewhere. State Police and our local partners will be conducting targeted enforcement efforts to intercept illegal fireworks coming into the state and we will seize any that we find in routine traffic stops."

Officials emphasized that fireworks, including sparklers, are especially unsafe around children. Sparklers burn at temperatures

of over 1,800° Fahrenheit – hotter than the melting point of glass and aluminum. According to a 2021 report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, "there were an estimated 1,600 emergency department-treated injuries associated with firecrackers and 900 with sparklers" in 2020. This accounted for almost 10% of all fireworks-



related injuries that year. Of those 900 injuries from sparklers, 44% were to children under the age of 5.

Fireworks fires peaked in Massachusetts during the summer of 2020, with 120 incidents reported to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System that year. They declined by 67% to 40 incidents in 2021 as many cities and towns resumed their public fireworks displays and police departments increased enforcement. State Police seized more than 47,000 units of illegal fireworks and issued 65 criminal summonses during last year's enforcement operations. Those operations will resume this summer, officials said.

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Senate Passes Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

The Massachusetts State Senate on Thursday, May 26, 2022, passed a \$49.78 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). Advanced with unanimous support, the budget makes significant, critical and targeted investments in the areas of education, health care, housing and community supports to meet the on-the-ground challenges brought on by the global pandemic and ongoing financial uncertainty.

“The residents of Massachusetts are at the center of our work and their voice, advocacy and contributions are interwoven throughout our Fiscal 2023 budget,” stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “I take great pride in advancing a budget that contains meaningful investments in early education and childcare, K-12 schools, public higher education, mental health and substance use disorder treatment as well as a record level of assistance for low-income residents. At a time when reproductive and gender equity rights are under attack across the country, I am also grateful that the Senate budget adopts new, critically needed measures to protect our providers and health care centers. I want to thank Chair Rodrigues, Vice Chair Friedman and Assistant Vice Chair Lewis, as well as their staffs, the members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, all of my Senate colleagues who contributed ideas and energy as this budget came together and every advocate and member of the public who made sure we knew what was important to them.”

“Today, the members of the Senate have spoken and moved forward together to pass a Fiscal Year 2023 budget that strengthens our state’s economic foundation, upholds the fundamental rights of our people and continues our efforts to build a more inclusive Commonwealth,” said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “Under the leadership of Senate President Spilka, the Senate has taken meaningful steps this week to support our long-term economic health, maintain fiscal responsibility, and make targeted investments in education, local aid, health care, housing, workforce development, and many other important areas, ensuring we meet the everyday needs of our communities. Thank you to the Senate President for her guidance, Vice Chair Cindy Friedman, Assistant Vice Chair Senator Jason Lewis, Ranking Minority Member Senator Patrick O’Connor and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr for their impactful contributions, and to my colleagues in

the Senate, whose advocacy throughout the week contributed to a respectful and civil discussion on priorities important to them, which helped shape the overall direction of this budget.”

“The budget that passed the Senate today continues our commitment to funding the urgent needs of our residents, including increased funding for housing, education, child care, and assistance for families,” said Senator Cindy F. Friedman (D-Arlington), Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “This budget addresses the mental health crisis in Massachusetts by creating the Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Intervention Trust Fund, which will fund crisis supports and a new behavioral health crisis hotline. And while we know there is more need and more to do, this budget makes significant progress in these areas. I am also incredibly proud that Amendment #388, which I filed, was adopted. This amendment will enhance protections for residents, visitors and providers engaged in lawful reproductive and gender-affirming health care in the Commonwealth.”

“I’m excited that this budget will help move the Commonwealth forward and continue a strong and equitable recovery from the pandemic,” said Senator Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), Chair of the Joint Committee on Education and Assistant Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “I’m particularly pleased that we are continuing to fully fund the Student Opportunity Act as well as beginning to implement the recommendations of the Early Education and Care Economic Review Commission in order to expand access to high quality, affordable early education and care. Thank you to President Spilka and Chair Rodrigues for your leadership and to all my Senate colleagues for helping craft such a strong budget for the residents of the Commonwealth.”

The Senate’s FY23 budget includes a total of \$49.78 billion in spending with \$854.4 million deposited into the state’s rainy-day fund, bringing that account’s total to \$6.74 billion. Structured upon a consensus revenue estimate of 2.7 per cent growth, the budget also funds Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) at \$1.231 billion.

Real Estate Corner

Recent Home Sales

Date	Hopedale	Amount
06/03/2022	5 Malquinn Drive	\$465,000
06/02/2022	15 Hammond Road	\$335,000
06/01/2022	11 Whitney Road	\$795,000
06/01/2022	29 Hammond Road	\$650,000
05/27/2022	123 Greene Street	\$725,000
05/25/2022	10-10A Mellen Street	\$490,000
05/24/2022	15 Bancroft Park	\$315,000
05/20/2022	156 Mendon Street	\$300,000

Source: www.zillow.com / Compiled by Local Town Pages



15 Hammond Road in Hopedale recently sold for \$335,000. Image credit: www.zillow.com

June & July

Hopedale Parks Summer Program Craft Calendar
Hours: 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM Monday - Friday
Summer 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
27 Foam Shapes \$1	28 Macaroni Necklaces 75c	29 Fire Breathing Dragons \$1	30 Button Pins \$1	1 Popsicle Stick Flags \$1
4 CLOSED Happy 4th	5 Paper Snakes \$1	6 Door Hangers \$1	7 Freeze Pop Holders \$1	8 Wooden Key Chains \$1
11 Southwick's Zoo Field Trip! \$20	12 Boo Boo Bunnies \$1	13 Movie Field Trip! \$3	14 Paper Snakes 75c	15 CD Snails \$1
18 Plants \$1	19 Popsicle Stick Alligators \$1	20 Tie-Dye 1 for \$1.50 2 for \$2.50 3 for \$3	21 Window Suncatchers \$1	22 Sand Cups \$1
25 Paper Plate Jellyfish \$1	26 Foam Cup Ducks \$1	27 Sand Art \$2	28 Breezy Picnic Grounds Field Trip! \$20	29 Pipe Cleaner Puppets \$1



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