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*Photo courtesy of the Hopedale Park summer program Facebook page*



## Hopedale Police Department releases year-end statistics

### Report details criminal and traffic activity

By THERESA KNAPP

The Hopedale Police Department has released its year-end statistics which report criminal and traffic statistics from July 2021 to June 2022.

The highest rates of traffic activity were 1,114 motor vehicle citations issued, and 1,062 motor vehicle stops. It also notes there were 859 written/verbal warnings issued.

There were five reports of missing persons and zero reported motor vehicle thefts in FY22.

The full report, with monthly details, is available at <https://bit.ly/3Pun4nb>.



According to the report, the highest rates of incidents under criminal activity were “total [number] of calls for service” at 12,336, and “property checks made” at 3,311.

### Criminal Activity (July 2021 - June 2022)

#### FY22 total


Alarm calls	146
Harassing phone calls	9
Breaking and entering	3
Summons served/delivered	19
Criminal damage	9
Missing persons/runaway/juvenile	5
Property checks made	3,311


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911 calls	384
Disturbance/fight calls	109
Animal complaint calls	119
Arrests	127
Officer investigative cases	1,801
Field interviews	120
Calls for service	12,336

**Traffic Activity  
(July 2021 - June 2022)  
FY22 total**

Motor vehicle accidents responded to	53
Parking tickets issued	57
Vehicles towed	95
Motor vehicle lockouts	20
Disabled auto/public assist	85
Motor vehicle thefts	0
Motor vehicle stops	1,062
Motor vehicle citations issued	1,114
Written/verbal warnings issued	859
Hours spent on selective enforcement	226
Hours spent for School Resource Officer	147
Hours spent on preventative patrolling	11,766
Hours spent at court	70
Hours spent on community policing	24
Hours spent assisting other agencies	165

*Data Source: Hopedale Police Department, Hopedale Select Board meeting packet, Aug 1, 2022.*

# Local water restrictions continue due to drought conditions

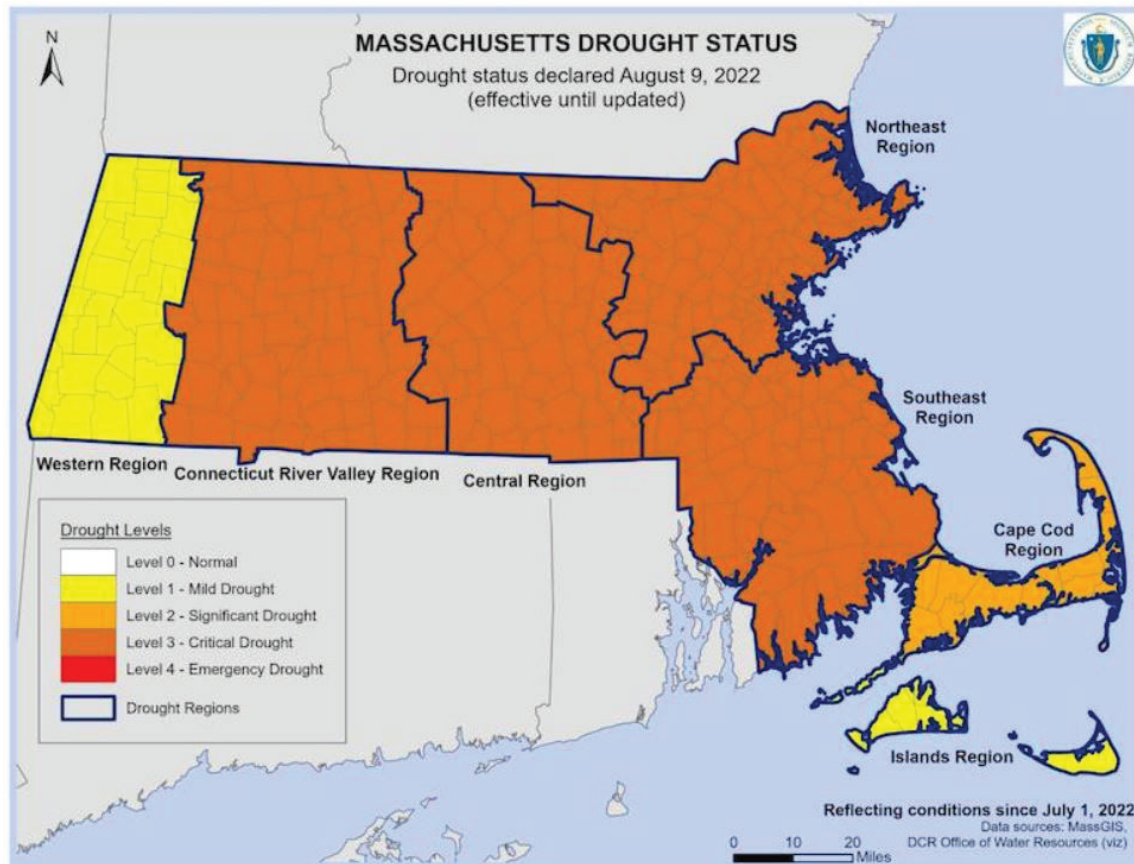
By THERESA KNAPP

As of press time, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts remained in a “critical drought,” according to the Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card.

The majority of the state is in critical drought status except for Cape Cod (level 2, significant drought); and Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket and western MA (Level 1, mild drought).

Municipalities in regions designated Level 3 are advised “to ban all non-essential outdoor water use. Essential uses for water include health, safety and regulatory uses, as well as for the production of crops, maintenance of livestock and other core business functions,” according to the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The latest data available at press time from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection said, “168 cities and



Massachusetts residents living in “Level 3: Critical Drought” areas (dark orange) should refrain from all non-essential outdoor water use. Source: www.mma.org.

towns had implemented outdoor water use restrictions, and 156 of these restrictions are mandatory,” according to www.mass.org.

A chart of “Current City and Town Water Restrictions” lists: Hopedale – days watering allowed per week: 2 (effective 6/27)

To check current drought status, visit [www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status)

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# Select Board accepts donation to pay for assessment of Hopedale Pond

By THERESA KNAPP

The Hopedale Select Board has accepted a \$38,500 donation from the Hopedale Foundation to fund the Hopedale Pond Dredge Feasibility Evaluation Proposal.

This donation, which was accepted at the board’s Aug. 1 meeting, was the result of a request from the Conservation Commission for funds “to hire an engineering and environmental firm to conduct an assessment of

Hopedale Pond to determine a proper course of action to restore the Pond’s ecological, environmental, and recreational value,” according to a letter dated July 29, 2022, from the Hopedale Foundation to the Select Board.

The letter also says the town “will receive reimbursement for the project from the state, however the reimbursement will be made sometime in late fall or winter. Having the assessment performed now will save substantial time in the completion of the

entire project.”

In February, the town received a contract for services from Tighe & Bond, environmental specialists in Worcester, after the firm conducted a drone flight of the pond in late January. That proposal includes project scoping, due diligence review and sediment sampling plan, conceptual drawings, dredging alternatives and opinion of probable cost, permitting and scheduling, and an optional preliminary sediment sampling.

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# Family-run Affordable Junk Removal takes the stress out of cleanups

BY CHRISTIE VOGT  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Whether it's one old fridge in the garage or an entire home of unwanted goods, the team at Affordable Junk Removal offers a cost-efficient, stress-free approach to waste management. "You don't lift a finger," says owner Jason Schadler, who started the company along with his wife Christine in 2005.

The business offers same-day service for both residential and commercial clients across eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. In addition to junk removal, the company rents 15-yard dumpsters.

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more accessible than national competitors. "I answer my phone 24 hours a day," he says. "I was on vacation in Italy and Portugal, and I was still answering my phone on the beach. When you call us, you get me — not an automated machine!"

Schadler says the company has an environmentally friendly approach to disposal in which it recycles items when possible, properly disposes of non-recyclables and resells many items at the Schadlers' secondhand store, Resellables. "We opened that store in Bellingham because we hated to see things thrown away," Schadler says. "We have four kids and sustainability is extremely important to us."

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk removal on nights and weekends



when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers invested back into the company with new equipment and techniques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have any tarps. I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp.'"

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in getting the business off the ground. "She handled the back-end while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at EMC," he says. "Fast forward 17 years, and we both work full time managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place, The Corner Market in Holliston."

In addition to delivering an in-demand service to the community, Schadler is appreciative that Affordable Junk Removal has helped provide a work-life balance that suits his family. "It allows me to be able to do what

## Business spotlight

I like doing and spend time with my kids," he says. "I'm home to see my babies play softball and do all that stuff. We are also able to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Hopedale in particular, Schadler says they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area. The Schadlers live in nearby Milford and have coached and sponsored many youth sports activities in both Hopedale and Milford.

One of the best parts of his job, Schadler says, is meeting and getting to know new people and developing relationships with returning customers. "We are really grateful for the repeat business and the chance to form connections with residents across the MetroWest area," he says.

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# HCA approved for cannabis-infused gummy production facility

**OGeez Brands hopes to operate at 6 Charlesview Road**

BY THERESA KNAPP

Hopedale has granted a Host Community Agreement for OGeez Brands for property

It has come to our attention that a paid Political Spotlight did not have the proper disclaimer stating "Paid Advertisement" in our August edition. For the record, the article was paid for by the Committee to Elect Chris Doughty. This was an unfortunate oversight. As the publisher, I do not endorse any candidates and as a media source stay neutral in all political matters. I apologize for any confusion this oversight has caused. This experience has shown how passionate our readers are. Keep on reading.

-Publisher  
Charles Tashjian

located at 6 Charlesview Road.

OGeez is based in Arizona but hopes to expand to Massachusetts and has partnered with Dave Dennis of the town of Douglas.

According to a presentation made by OGeez owner Bran Noonan, Dennis is a family member and an "aspiring cannabis entrepreneur" who has been mentored by Caroline Frankel who also has a cannabis business in Hopedale.

"Through Caroline, we've identified Hopedale as a perfect home for our processing operations," Noonan noted in his appeal to the board.

According to documents provided to the board, "OGeez Brands is Arizona's leading pro-

ducer of cannabis-infused gummies. We produce great-tasting, consistent, safe and enjoyable edibles, offering a variety of flavors and strains in both recreational and medical dosages."

In a slideshow presentation to the Select Board on Aug. 1, Noonan said his mother started the company in 2017, and he took over in 2021.

OGeez has signed a lease for a production facility at 6 Charlesview Road in anticipation of receiving a product manufacturing license from the Cannabis Control Commission of Massachusetts.

"Our tenancy will be a good refreshing of an existing business that has been vacant for a while with a new growing

business without really any significant construction or any rezoning," Noonan told the Board.

Noonan said they will have a secure facility with a limited footprint and no public access. There will be no signs on the building.

"We will not even have any signage to identify our location. The idea is that you do not know we are there," he said.

He said they hope to employ "about 15 to 25 individuals from Hopedale and nearby communities" over a two to four year period.

"We expect to have entry level as well as experienced manager positions; full time, part time...We expect to provide starting hourly wages of no less than \$15 an hour for the hourly employees, with com-

prehensive medical benefits [and] various paid time off."

The HCA was approved on Aug. 1 with the caveat that the Select Board would be holding a joint meeting on Aug. 3 with the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Development & Industrial Commission to discuss the marijuana establishment zoning bylaw and possible additions and/or amendments.

Before the vote, Select Board Chair Glenda Hazard said the boards would be meeting "to look at the big picture of how much of what kind of cannabis we want, when and where. I don't really anticipate any concerns, but I just want to let you know that, if we vote tonight, it would be contingent on that discussion."

## Select Board makes an appointment, accepts resignation and donation

BY THERESA KNAPP

At its meeting on Aug. 1, the Hopedale Select Board made the following appointment, and accepted a resignation and a donation.

Cheryl Hanley was appointed as Principal Assessor

effective Aug. 15, 2022.

Hanley, who lives in Franklin and grew up in Bellingham, has been the Assistant Assessor in the Town of Bellingham for 14 years.

"I'm looking forward to serving the taxpayers and the Town of Hopedale," Hanley told

the board just before being officially appointed and signing her contract.

At that meeting, the Select Board also:

Accepted the resignation of Call Firefighter/Paramedic Edgar Vigil effective July 22, 2022; and

Accepted a donation of \$500 from the Hopedale Friends of Elders, Inc. to the town's Council on Aging to be used to pay for two summer instructors.

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**Take control, don't be another victim** - The student debt crisis has many sides to blame: government taking over student lending in 2009, unlimited money supply allows schools to raise tuition 5-7% annually and students (plus parents) desire for "brand name" schools on top of college rankings lists.

**College Rankings lists are brand marketing** - CNBC's latest "Colleges That Pay Off The Most" listed Stanford #1 again, followed by the usual trophy schools - ones kids (and parents) brag about attending. Criteria is based on 10-year earnings of graduates minus college costs.

Sounds noble until you dis-



Glenn Brown

cover costs are calculated based on Average Net Price Tuition for a family income \$48-75K, which for Stanford is \$3,490. Realize under 1% of 7,083 Stanford undergrads pay this, while 52% pay the full \$55,000 tuition. If cost criteria was tuition paid by majority over 4 years (\$220,000) instead of paid by less than 1% (\$14,000), would Stanford and others even make this list?

**"What are you interested in doing for work?"** - This is the ap-

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**The road less traveled yields merit** - "Top ranked" schools get thousands of honor roll students applying and willing to pay, so

merit scholarships are awarded to those truly moving future rankings.

Same honor roll student discovers a lesser-known college based on a program of interest, engages with a local recruiter, shares financial information, and chooses early decision or early action - here comes the merit.

For these schools to compete, they're willing to invest in your kid's ability to excel upon graduation, raise the 5 and 10-year earnings of graduates from the program and be an advocate for the college.

Eliminate emotional decisions to raid investment accounts, borrow heavily and/or delay retirement to make your teenager happy, because they won't be. In-

stead, lead a process that engages them, puts them on a desired career path and provides financial transparency now and in their future.

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## Town grants second Host Community Agreement to Lifted Genetics

### New HCA for additional site across the street

By THERESA KNAPP

The Hopedale Select Board has granted a second Host Community Agreement to Lifted Genetics which intends to operate a second facility on Condon Way.

At its meeting on Aug. 1, the board heard from Lifted Genetics founders Dave and Mike Griffiths who said the smaller facility will help them get their business started as soon as possible.

Lifted Genetics currently has an HCA for a 15,000 square foot facility they are in the process of building at 6 Condon Way, but this additional HCA is for 5 Condon Way, a 1,500 square foot building across the street that they plan to retrofit and for which they are now seeking a Tier 1 HCA.

"Both locations would be

cultivation of cannabis," Dave Griffiths told the board.

"The Tier 2 [6 Condon Way] for us is a much larger facility, it's 15,000 square feet. It's ground up. We need to finish developing the land, get the building dropped off, and build the whole interior. The location we found at 5 Condon Way is already an existing building, we just have to go inside, retrofit it to meet our needs, and then we can start production. So, it's essentially a way for us to pre-proof-of-concept of our idea to start production and then segue into the larger facility - but same practice, both locations, same exact growing methods."

Dave Griffiths said they intend to keep both facilities operating in the future.

Mike Griffiths told the board

that noise on the site "is pretty much nonexistent except for an [air conditioner] running," and lighting is contained within the building.

"It's very important to us to have airtight rooms," said Dave Griffiths. "For the most part, especially in the smaller facility, no one would really know that we're there, honestly. It's a very dubbed-down version of the HCA that we already have with you guys... It's an opportunity for us to get going a little bit quicker with the fact that the building is already in existence."

They will not be open to the general public.

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# Town Counsel says Overdale Parkway can be used to access new development

By THERESA KNAPP

At the request of the Hopedale Planning Board, town counsel has issued an opinion related to the 703 feet of unpaved area at the end of Overdale Parkway, which has been the subject of litigation off and on for decades.

In a six-page opinion letter to the Planning Board (and copied to the Select Board) dated July 27, 2022, Town Counsel Katharine Lord Klein, of KP Law, stated, "In summary, in my

opinion, by virtue of the 1985 Vote, as memorialized by the Agreement, the Applicants have the right to access their property by Overdale Parkway."

The letter is available at www.hopedale-ma.gov and at https://bit.ly/3QUo5pP

The "1985 Vote" refers to the vote of Special Town Meeting on June 24, 1985, "where it was voted to accept as a gift a 30 foot wide paved access road into the Hopedale Parklands from the present end of the pavement

on Overdale Parkway," says the letter.

It was later learned the town did not formally accept the gift, which it did in June 2021.

The "Agreement," as summarized in Klein's letter, refers to an agreement reached in August 2021, wherein developer Black Brook Realty Corporation, developer Ricardo Lima, and the Select Board agreed the developers would upgrade the road to town subdivision standards and add parking spaces at

the entrance to the Parklands in exchange for access to the property. Black Brook also agreed to grant a conservation restriction for a portion of its land.

The issue came to the fore again recently when Black Brook and Lima filed a 10-lot subdivision plan for "Hopedale Ridge" with the town's Planning Board.

In 1999, Black Brook had a subdivision plan approved for 42 lots but the decision was appealed in Land Court which held, in 2003, that the Planning Board had exceeded its authority in approving that development.

The "Overdale Parkway Association" which includes residents of the private dead-end road that extends from Freedom Street to the entrance to the Hopedale Parklands, claims the 703 feet at the end of the paved portion of Overdale Parkway cannot be used to access the proposed subdivision.

In February, a lawyer for the Association sent a letter to the Planning Board opposing the development. This prompted another review by Klein who opined in her July letter:

"Applicants have a right to seek approval of the Planning Board for the proposed subdivision, as the 1985 vote and the Agreement provided the required access that the Land Court and Appeals Court held was lacking"

"Towns routinely grant rights to private pirates in Town-owned property, both with and without consideration from the private party"

"Overdale Parkway is not, nor is anyone asserting, that the road has become is [sic] a public way"

"The Abutters have a non-exclusive easement to use the Town-owned Overdale Parkway. This right is not absolute. So long, in my opinion, as there is not unreasonable interference with the easement rights held by the Abutters, the Town may, in my opinion, grant rights to others to use the road, and the conveyance of such rights does not result in a taking of the Abutters' property."

"It is not clear that all of the existing residences on Overdale Parkway have express rights to use the road in their deeds."

"The owner of the underlying property in the context of easements may grant rights to others in the same property, so long as the rights of the easement holder are not unreasonably interfered with."

"The use of Overdale Parkway by other property(ies) is certainly foreseeable."

"The use of Overdale Parkway by owners of residential lots in the proposed subdivision would not constitute a taking."

"The intent of the 1985 Vote to grant these ten lots the right to use Overdale Parkway from Freedom Street as access is clear."

The 2021 agreement between current parties, "merely memorializes the terms of the 1985 Vote."

A title search done in 2021 found "no evidence in the [deeds to the Town], that the tracts were to be used for park purposes."

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# Select Board transfers ARPA funds to cover tree removal work

*Amount covers emergency work at Bancroft Park*



Inside of tree that was removed from 61 Bancroft Park due to decay. Source: Hopedale Select Board, Aug. 1, 2022.

BY THERESA KNAPP

The Hopedale Select Board recently transferred “ARPA Funds” to cover costs for emergency tree removal done at 61 Bancroft Park.

“ARPA” is money provided to the town by the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan Act signed into law in 2021.

Town Administrator Diana Schindler told board members, “We had to do some emergency tree removal on the left bank of the river at Bancroft Park. There were some trees that were decaying and needed to be removed in an emergent way.”

Tree Warden Becca Solomon ordered the work which cost \$7,850.

Schindler asked the board for a transfer of \$35,000 “because that was the amount we discussed at town meeting to give to the tree warden to deal with these tree situations...She has other things that have to be dealt with and I am getting many phone calls about trees.”

Schindler said the larger lump-sum transfer would help the tree warden deal with several outstanding tree issues.

“She [Solomon] has a whole list of trees that she’s prioritized and that need to be removed,

that’s where we came up with the \$35,000 in the first place,” explained Schindler, noting there are about 20 trees on the list.

Schindler reminded the board that the money for the tree warden was requested in the ‘23 budget and the Finance Committee had specifically taken it out of the budget and recommended ARPA money be used for that line item.

After a 10-minute discussion, the Select Board agreed to transfer \$17,500 in ARPA money to the forestry account.

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# Hopedale Unitarian Parish to Host Benefit Event for Ukraine

On Saturday, September 24, the Hopedale Unitarian Parish will be hosting an auction and benefit concert to support the relief efforts in Ukraine. The concert will be headlined by the Pousette-Dart Band, an American soft rock group that began in the 1970s in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Doors will open at 7pm and the charity event will end around 10pm. The Parish is located in the center of town at 65 Hopedale St.

From 7-8pm, there will be an auction, including Red Sox tickets, foursomes of golf at the Hopedale & Franklin Country Clubs, and Bobby Orr's signed autobiography. There will also be light snacks and beverages at the cash bar during this time. The concert will begin at 8pm in the Sanctuary of the church. Hopedale Unitarian Parish will cover all costs associated with the event so that 100% of ticket sales will go to Sunflower of Peace, a local nonprofit that provides aid directly to Ukraine. Tickets to the event, including the auction and general admission seating to the concert, are \$30 and can be purchased at [www.hopedaleunitarian.org](http://www.hopedaleunitarian.org).

The Pousette-Dart Band was a

mainstay of album radio, a favorite on the college circuit, and became one of the busiest touring groups in the country, working with such acts as The Eagles, Bonnie Raitt, James Taylor, and Journey, to name a few. Although the original band broke up in the 1980s, Jon Pousette-Dart has continued performing nationally and writing steadily to this day. Various members of the band have reunited and performed with him over the years. To learn more about the band, you can visit [www.pousette-dart.com](http://www.pousette-dart.com).

Sunflower of Peace, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Massachusetts, will receive 100% of ticket sales raised by the Hopedale Unitarian Parish. This will help fund humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, specifically mobilizing support and aid for Ukrainian orphans, internally displaced persons, and those most affected by the war. To learn more about this organization, visit [www.sunflowerofpeace.com](http://www.sunflowerofpeace.com).

Please direct any questions to Hopedale Unitarian Parish's Event Coordinator, Tracy Anderson, at [tracylanderson@verizon.net](mailto:tracylanderson@verizon.net) or (508) 962-0235.

# Hopedale's Hidden History: Who is Miss Margie?

The Humphrey family was very important in Hopedale history. William and Almira came to Hopedale in 1849 and quickly became "devoted members" of Adin Ballou's Practical Christian Community. In his History of Milford, Ballou called the couple "among our most exemplary people" and praised their daughter Lizzie as "our excellent artistic designer," noting her "sterling moral character." Lizzie became a successful artist, and a search for her in newspaper archives shows acclaim for her illustrations in hundreds of articles and publishers' advertisements. Her drawings, often based on the faces of Hopedale's children or on sights around the town, appear in dozens of books and cards.

But the Humphrey family had a secret. Around 1860, just before Lizzie's 20th birthday, William and Almira welcomed a new child to their home. Margaret, born when Almira was 51, was listed

as the Humphreys' daughter in the 1865 Massachusetts state census. But Adin Ballou, as the

Lizzie Humphrey the couple's "only surviving daughter." Margie was living with the family in the 1880 federal census and was very much alive in 1886 when she showed up in a newspaper article traveling with Lizzie in California.

This begs the question: who was Margie Humphrey and why, except for a few tantalizing glimpses, has she been lost to Hopedale history?

Join Hopedale Women's History Project founder Linda Hixon as she probes Hopedale's Hidden Histories on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Bancroft Memorial Library. The presentation, which is offered through the support of the Hopedale Cultural Council, is free and will be held in the library's program room starting at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [hopedalewomen.org](http://hopedalewomen.org).



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# Bancroft Memorial Library - September 2022



50 Hopedale Street, Hopedale  
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## Labor Day

The Bancroft Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

## Friday Hours

Friday hours will return to 1-5pm beginning on Sept. 9.

## Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Any resident of Massachusetts is eligible for a library card free of charge. All you need is a picture I.D. and proof of a Massachusetts address. To learn more about the library's resources and programs, please visit our website: [www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library/bancroft-memorial-library](http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library/bancroft-memorial-library).

## BML Celebrates Banned Books Week

The Bancroft Memorial Library celebrates Banned Books Week, Sept. 18-24. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. This year's theme is "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us."

## Intellectual Freedom: Fighting the Good Fight with Martin Garnar, PhD - Save the Date!

On Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7pm, the Hopedale Unitarian Church and The Friends of the Hopedale Library invite you to join in a community conversation led by Martin Garnar, Director of the Amherst College Library, Chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Editor

of the 10th edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual. Across the country there has been an overwhelming increase in the number of materials challenged in school districts and public libraries. Join us as we explore the themes of freedom of expression, the intersection of intellectual freedom and social justice, and the rights of readers. To sign up, please call the Library at (508)634-2209.

## Ongoing Monthly Library Events

**Helen Symonds Book Group**  
The Helen Symonds Book Group meets in the Library Program Room at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join the group. If interested, please call the library at (508)634-2209 to request a copy of the discussion book.

The group returns on Wednesday, September 7 at 1pm to discuss *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian. "A resourceful Puritan woman in 1662 Boston plots to escape a violent marriage only to find herself targeted by her disapproving and superstitious neighbors for failing to save a child's life." – CW MARS Catalog

The group will meet in October to discuss *11/22/63* by Stephen King. "Receiving a horrific essay from a GED student with a traumatic past, high-school English teacher Jake Epping is enlisted by a friend to travel back in time to prevent the assassination of John F. Kennedy, a mission for which he must befriend troubled loner Lee Harvey Oswald." – adapted from CW MARS catalog

## Wednesday Needlework Group

Join us for an evening of needle-

work every Wednesday night from 6:00pm until 7:45pm. Bring your latest project. No commitment required – come when you can!

## The Friends of the Hopedale Library

The Friends of the Hopedale Library are pleased to host local historian Linda Hixon as she presents Hopedale's Hidden History: Who is Miss Margie, Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm. This program is free to the public and will be held in the downstairs program room. To sign up, please stop by the upstairs registration desk or call the library at 508-634-2209.

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ter in the 1865 Mass state census. But Ballou, the town's minister, never mentioned Margie in his 1882 book and he called Lizzie Humphrey the couple's "only surviving daughter." Margie was still living with the family in the 1880 federal census and was very much alive in 1886. Which begs the question: who was Margie Humphrey?

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

## News from the Marjorie

### Hattersley Children's Room

"Kids Plus One" Book Club

Join our newest book club for kids in grades 3 and 4 on Monday evenings (biweekly on Sep 19, Oct 3, Oct 17) from 6-7pm! Bring an adult of your choice and discuss books! Books will be provided. Begins September 12 and lasts 5 weeks. Please call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209.

### Story Hour with Mrs. Kraimer

Story Hour will begin again on Tuesdays (Sep 13-Oct 11) at 3:30pm! Join Mrs. Kraimer for stories, flannel boards, music, and crafts! Call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209. Ages

3-6

## Mother Goose

It's Mother Goose time! Enjoy stories, puppets, music, and rhymes on Thursday mornings at 10:30am (Sep 15-Oct 13). Please call Mrs. Kraimer to register at (508)634-2209. Ages 2+

## Come Sail with Me!

Sail away with Mrs. Kraimer on Saturday, September 17 at 11am! Listen to nautical tales and make a wooden sailboat! Please call Mrs. Kraimer to register at 508-634-2209. Ages 3+

## "Check It Out"

Coming in October! The library's annual "Check It Out" contest for grades K-3 at Memorial Elementary School is coming in October! During this four-week contest, children are urged to visit the Library to check out a book and earn points for their class. The winning class will win a pizza dinner and special evening event chosen just for them at the Library. Be on the lookout for a visit from Mrs. Kraimer this month to explain more!

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## Decades of Service to the Community and 2 New Providers

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 8 physicians and Optometrists. In September of 2022 Dr. Purvi Patel, OD will join our team in our state-of-the-art medical offices in Franklin, Milford and Millis. Dr. Patel is a comprehensive optometrist offering the latest in comprehensive eye care for the entire family. Dr. Bryan Hong will also join our team as our practicing vitreoretinal specialist. Dr. Hong will see patients every Monday in our Franklin office.

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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 Mas-



sachusetts 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. John 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. Bryan Hong is our practicing vitreoretinal specialist. Dr. Hong is a graduate of Yale College and Yale School of Medicine. He completed his ophthalmology residency at the University of Southern

California Eye Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute in Los Angeles, CA. He then went on to complete an intensive vitreo-retinal disease fellowship at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Hong will be providing retina care in our practice starting September 2022, and specializes in eye surgery, laser surgery, and diseases of the retina, including macular degeneration, macular diseases, vitreo-macular interface abnormalities, retinal vascular diseases, diabetic retinopathy, trauma, retinal detachments, uveitis, and cataract complications. His research interests include retinal imaging, novel surgical techniques, and medical cost-efficacy analyses.

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



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## EYES

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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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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.

Dr. Purvi Patel, OD originally from the tri-state area, received her bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey in 1996 and her Doctor of Optometry from the State University of NY College of Optometry in 2000 through a joint accelerated B.S.-O.D. program. She then completed a residency in Ocular Disease and Special Testing. In 2003, Dr. Patel joined the New England College of Optometry as Clinical Assistant Professor. Through her role as Director of Eye Care Services at Whittier Street Health Center and then The Dimock Center, one of the largest community health centers in Boston, Dr. Patel brings with her teaching and leadership experience. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, with a history of publishing, presenting and lecturing. During the last 10 years, Dr. Patel has transitioned to direct care and worked in collaboration with ophthalmology. Most recently, Dr. Patel completed a postdoctoral certificate for the treatment & management of glaucoma. Dr. Patel has clinical

interests in diabetes, glaucoma, community-based eye and vision care, public health & epidemiology. Dr. Patel currently lives in Dover, MA with her husband and 3 daughters. She enjoys traveling abroad, reading and tennis.

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# State Awards BVT \$150K Skills Capital Grant

## New equipment for training in Health Services and Dental Assisting programs

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) was recently awarded a \$150,000 Skills

Capital grant from the Baker-Polito Administration. The grant will allow the school to purchase new industry-grade equipment to advance its goals of increasing diversity among the student population and enhancing training for entry-level positions in health care and dental care.

BVT is one of 70 educational institutions to receive a portion of \$22 million in Skills Capital grants to update equipment and enhance vocational training. The Baker-Polito Administration has awarded these grants as part of their multi-year effort to address skills gaps in growing industries.

Governor Baker announced \$22 million in Skills Capital grants awarded to 70 educational institutions and an additional \$10 million awarded to 23 vocational schools to expand programs for young people and adults as part of the Career Technical Initia-

tive (CTI). This round of CTI grants will help train more than 1,600 people for new careers in construction, manufacturing, and other trades with growing workforce demands.

The Skills Capital grant program was launched in 2015 with the goal of replacing outdated equipment and technology, mainly at vocational-technical high schools and community colleges. Since then, the program has evolved into a crucial component of local workforce training efforts by expanding the number of young people and adults trained and experienced with the newest technologies used by local employers.

“Since our administration launched these critically important programs, high schools, colleges, and other educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth have created and expanded numerous training programs with Skills Capital Grants and developed

new training opportunities for young people and adults with the Career Technical Initiative,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We are very proud of the lasting impact these grants will have on the Massachusetts workforce and the future of the Commonwealth as they prepare the next generation of innovative leaders in cutting-edge industries.”

The school will implement new equipment to support hands-on learning activities within the Health Services and Dental Assisting shops. These vocational classrooms resemble clinical facilities where students develop advanced skills using equipment that directly resembles what employers are utilizing. Instructors are excited to prepare students with the direct care skills needed for future employment opportunities in Health Services and Dental Assisting fields that address pressing employment gaps in our region.

“The Skills Capital grants align with our efforts to continue providing students with

exciting and rewarding career exploration opportunities and advanced skill development,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “As well as our commitment to finding additional funding, to invest in the most up-to-date equipment to give our students an advantage when they continue in their chosen field or area of study.”

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

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# Sports

## Lucas Levasseur Destined to Play Golf

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Having two older brothers and a father who played golf, it was only a matter of time before young Lucas Levasseur joined them on the golf course.

Levasseur picked up his first golf club at the age of 4, and by 6 he was putting away on the greens with his father and brothers. While he never really put the golf clubs down he didn't play competitive golf under his freshman year in high school.

While attending Hopedale Jr./Sr. High School, Levasseur not only played on the golf team, but he also played basketball and baseball for the Blue Raiders. Although a three-sport athlete, golf was his primary sport as he not only enjoyed it the most, but he is hoping to eventually pursue it on the college level.

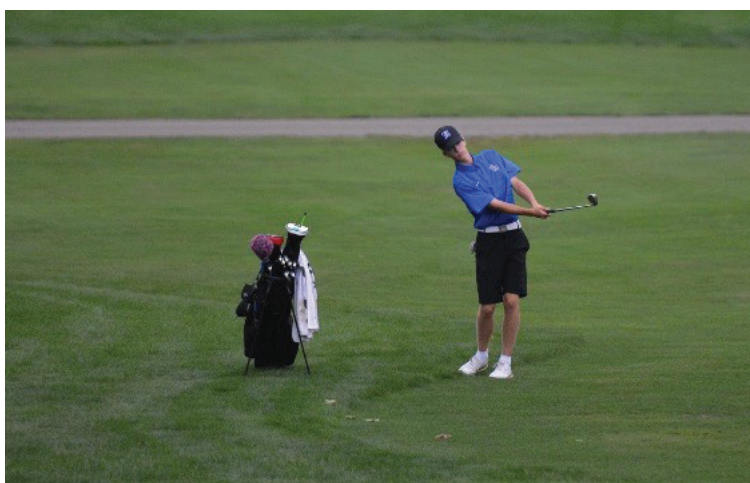
Not having played competitively in some time the then-freshman had himself an ok season where he was the team's number two golfer for the majority of the season before attaining that top spot late in the year.

"My first year was alright. I averaged between 40-42," he said. "Going into my sophomore year I trained hard and played as much as I could that summer as I knew that I had to get better if I wanted to pursue golf in the future."

Although golf was looking to be his ticket into college, Levasseur believes that playing other sports are just as important. Not only will they keep you in shape, but they also can help in some of your other sports.

As a sophomore he managed to hold onto the number one position he achieved late in the previous season and lowered his scores from the low 40s to the high 30s. As a team, the Blue Raiders finished third in the Sectionals and qualified for the States. Unfortunately, the young team didn't play all that well being new to the tournament experience.

Much like the summer prior to his sophomore season, Levasseur once again found himself on the greens as much as he could this past summer playing anywhere between 18 and 27 holes



a day. He also took part in some tournaments to help him with his competitiveness as well as his confidence. Two of the bigger tournaments he played in were the Mass Golf Junior Amateur Tournament and the two-day New England Junior PGA Bay State Games.

"Colleges like to see that you played in tournaments," Levasseur said. "These are some well known amateur recruiting tournaments and although I've never been involved in them in the past I'm hoping to do well and get my name out there. It'll be just another thing that I can add to my resume."

While only an incoming junior this fall, Levasseur still has two full seasons on the high school level to improve his game and get his name out to the colleges. At this point he has yet to determine if there are any colleges in particular that he would like to attend, but he does know that he wants it to be in a warmer weather state.

"I don't have any names of schools yet, but I definitely anticipate it to be in the south where you can play golf more year-round," he said. "Being from New England I feel that I am already behind the golfers from the south as they get to play every day and I only get to play certain months of the year."

Hopedale Coach Jim McCallum believes that Levasseur should once again take control of the number one spot when the team returns to the course.

"Lucas has a great attitude and is definitely looked up to by the rest of the team," the Blue Raider Coach said. "He is a solid kid off the course as well as his golf prowess on. He also exhibits great leadership qualities."

His goals may be on target to continue his golfing career following high school, but the ju-

nior knows that he still has parts of his game upon which he must improve.

"Understanding the mental part of the game is probably my best attribute. Golf is a challenging sport and there is no such thing as perfection," he said. "With that said I need to be much more consistent with my long irons. Day-to-day, week-to-week I need to keep working on my hitting."

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# Hopedale works to streamline process for cannabis companies who want to set up shop in town

By THERESA KNAPP

Cannabis companies continue to look to Hopedale to build their businesses, and town boards are concerned.

On Aug. 3, the town's Select Board, Planning Board, Economic Development Commission, and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals held a joint meeting to discuss the situation, specifically retail marijuana shops of which Hopedale has three.

"I don't think we want to be known for being the biggest pot distribution town in Mass.," said Christopher Chase, a member of the Planning Board and the EDC.

David Cedrone of the EDC said the commission recommended the town create an overlay district which would create 'geographic diversity' and note where retail establishments could be located, set a buffer zone of 500 feet so businesses 'are not on top of each other', and set a

limit of four such establishments within town lines.

All boards agreed the town should set clear expectations and create a clear path for success for cannabis companies hoping to establish roots in Hopedale. Currently, there are several town boards involved in the process, starting with the Select Board which issues the Host Community Agreement, the first step in a process overseen by the state's Cannabis Control Commission.

"Currently, we allow all marijuana establishments and we define the term broadly to include both cultivation and retail and we allow those uses in the commercial, light industry, and industrial zones by Special Permit through the ZBA," explained Planning Board Chair Stephen Chaplin, who ran the meeting.

At the early August meeting, the four boards discussed the issue for 2.5 hours which resulted in a request to town counsel Nicole Costanzo, Esq., to draft a bylaw framework for the boards

to review at another 'workshop' meeting to be held in late August.

That draft bylaw would include: Special Permit criteria for cannabis use, including social consumption

- Regulating retail establishments
- Regulating cultivation establishments
- Leaving the Special Permit granting authority as the ZBA
- Setting a quota for retail marijuana establishments at four

After lengthy discussion, the issue of a proposed buffer zone was left out of the proposed draft bylaw with the thought that, if an overlay district was created, that would eliminate the need for a buffer zone. Additionally, if the town establishes a shop quota, a buffer zone would not be needed.

Some time was spent debating a buffer zone of 1,000 feet or 500 feet (or less) which would

be directly applicable to a company currently trying to locate another marijuana retail shop on a property that abuts a current pot shop.

Those opposed to a buffer likened two marijuana shops near each other similar to two different fast food restaurants being next to each other, or two popular chain coffee shops being near each other. Others were opposed, in general, to too much governmental oversight and felt the market would determine if such businesses could succeed in close

proximity.

The feeling was that an overlay district, which suggests various areas in town for such shops to locate, could solve the issue.

"We don't think these businesses want to be on top of each other but they've ended up [in the same neighborhoods] because of other permitting," said Cedrone.

The four boards set a follow-up meeting for Aug. 24 at which to review a draft bylaw.

## Officials to discuss Town Planner position

The Hopedale Select Board and Finance Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss many issues facing the town including:

- Review and prioritize ARPA requests,
- Review capital requests in preparation for Fall Special Town Meeting, and
- Town Planner position implementation

As of press time no date had been set. For more information, visit [hopedale-ma.gov](http://hopedale-ma.gov)

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 \*Stop by to enter the free drawing for gift cards to the Hopedale Pizza Market  
 10:00am-4:00pm DJ Mike Rutkowski; Music, fun, and games at the bandstand  
 11:00am Rainforest Reptiles - basketball court - Free!  
 11am-3pm Miniature painting with the Jolly Good Giant - Free!  
 11am-2pm WMRC Radio team  
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Please support our local crafters and the school, church, and civic groups who will have booths with information, food, games, and other fundraising activities.

The deadline for applications for the Juried Art Show is September 9. See the town website for information: [www.hopedale-ma.gov](http://www.hopedale-ma.gov) >Boards and Commissions> Cultural Council

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## Recent Home Sales

Date	Hopedale	Amount
08/18/2022	4 Fieldstone Way	\$660,000
08/16/2022	23 Heron Lane	\$715,000
08/15/2022	110 Plain Street	\$565,000
08/12/2022	157 Laurelwood Drive	\$525,000
08/12/2022	18 Larkin Lane	\$850,000
08/10/2022	100 Freedom Street	\$300,000
08/08/2022	25 Hammond Road	\$625,000
08/04/2022	20 Depot Street	\$380,000
07/28/2022	4 Birch Circle	\$800,000
07/28/2022	58 Neck Hill Road	\$600,000
07/27/2022	9 Whitney Road	\$774,000
07/22/2022	84 Plain Street	\$685,000
07/20/2022	9 Driftway Street	\$415,000

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20 Depot Street in Hopedale recently sold for \$380,000.  
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12 9:00 am Free Panera 9:00 am Bridge 10:00 am Low Impact Exercise 12:30 pm BINGO	13 9:00 am Yoga with Crystal 12:30 pm Mah-Jongg 12:30 pm Bridge	14 9:30 am Nurse Clinic 10:00 am Low Impact Exercise 11:00 am Meditation 12:30 pm Literature 1:00 pm Cribbage	15 10:00 am Move, Groove & Sculpt 10:00 am Watercolor Class 1:00 pm COA Board Meeting 1:00 pm Tai Chi	16 10:00 am Low Impact Exercise w/Christine Sr. Center Closes at 12:00 pm
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