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*Have a safe and happy holiday season!*

Please contact the office at 978-649-2300 extension 129 or email to [jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov](mailto:jshifres@tyngsboroughma.gov) with any questions.

## A SINCERE THANK YOU!

*The Friends of the Tyngsboro Council on Aging* would like to thank all those who participated in their recent Annual Fair and Tag Sale. The Fair was an outstanding success thanks to the many volunteers who made it possible.

The Friends of TCOA continues to ask for gently used jewelry, scarves and handbags for the next sale. We are also collecting toiletries for the homeless shelter. Both these donations can be dropped off in the coat room.

Become a Friend of the Tyngsboro Council on Aging and join the fun at our new senior center located at 169 Westford Road in Tyngsboro. *You are always welcome there.*

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## TYNGSBOROUGH COUNCIL ON AGING

**Senior Gift and Donation account** is accepting donations to help supplement current programs. Exercise, Tai Chi, Paint Class, and other events at the Center. If you wish to donate please make check payable to: **Council on Aging, Senior Gift and Donation and send to Tyngsborough Council On Aging, 25 Bryant Lane, Tyngsborough MA, 01879**

The Tyngsborough Council on Aging has three sources of funding: Senior Gift and Donations, Friends of the Council on Aging, and Grant Funding. When you donate it is helping seniors to lower the cost for activities, bus rides, etc...

*"With your donations, it makes everything possible".*

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

**Tyngsboro Boy Scout Troop 46** will be picking up Christmas Trees on **Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**, and bringing them to one of the drop-off locations in town.

If you would like us to pick up your tree, please email [tyngstroop46@gmail.com](mailto:tyngstroop46@gmail.com) by January 6<sup>th</sup> and specify your address. Please have your tree on the curb by 9:00am on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Be sure to remove** all ornaments, nails, tinsel, and stands. A voluntary donation of \$10 per tree is suggested and appreciated.

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The Recreation Committee meets at the Recreation Center 120 Westford Road the **first Monday of the month at 7pm**. Additional information may be found on our website at [TyngsboroughRec.com](http://TyngsboroughRec.com) Friend us on Facebook. **Seeking new members. Currently three open seats. Join us!**  
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#### **BEEKEEPING COURSE**

Tyngsborough Recreation Center,  
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**BEEKEEPING BASICS** This course is designed for individuals interested in starting this fascinating hobby, as well as for seasoned beekeepers looking for more information. We will learn the latest techniques of beekeeping and how to keep honeybees which are essential to our environment. Honeybees are the most fascinating and important insect on our planet. When weather cooperates, a healthy hive of honeybees, in Middlesex County can produce 100 lbs of excess honey. Instructor: Rick Reault, owner of New England Beekeeping Supplies and President of the Middlesex County Beekeeper's Association.



#### **TYNGSBORO GARDEN CLUB**



November was a busy month for us with our November 1st meeting featuring a speaker from Country Gardens in Rowley, MA. He presented an interesting PowerPoint on ponds, waterfalls, and fountains for our backyards. A field trip in the spring sounds like a good idea for people who are interested in these features. We also had our yearly holiday greens and basket workshop at the end of November so we can decorate the library, town offices, Brinley Terrace, the Senior Center, the Sherburne House, and the Police Station. We all hope you enjoy the beauty of the season!

We will also contribute to the Festival of Trees by donating a small tree entitled "Caring for our wildlife". Look for our tree decorated with small woodland creatures, creative garlands, and a home-made tree skirt surrounded by animal beanie babies.

We also enjoyed a holiday field trip and lunch to the Fells mansion in Newbury, NH which was decorated for the holidays by area home designers and florists. It was a wonderful day filled with great ideas to incorporate into our own homes and garden club.

Our December meeting will be at a member's home with chef Liz Barbour cooking an herbal meal for the group. We will supplement with appetizers, desserts, and paper goods.

We have been busy this fall, so we will be taking a break in January. Our February meeting will have members doing creative planter painting, March will have the gardens of Paris, April will have Linda presenting a talk on chemical vs natural fertilizers, and May will be container gardening at Mahoney's.

Please visit our website [tyngsborogardenclub.tripod.com](http://tyngsborogardenclub.tripod.com) for a more complete schedule and we hope that you can join us! Enjoy the season! Debbie Schneider co-president.

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We will have a full schedule of Christmas Eve services. The early service is our family service, with singing and handbell ringing by our children's and youth choirs. The later services feature special music. Please check the website for the specific times.

We hope to see you soon! We are on 242 Main Street in North Chelmsford, right on the Westford/Chelmsford line. From Route 3, take the Route 40 exit to Chelmsford, take a sharp right onto Main Street Chelmsford right after the variety store and follow Main Street until you see the church on the left.

## TYNGSBOROUGH SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEPAC)

Location: Tyngsborough Middle School Library

SEPAC Chair Amy--Jane Maciel [ajmaciel@comcast.net](mailto:ajmaciel@comcast.net)

• **December 8, 2016 7:00pm--9:00pm: I Feel Mad: Helping Your Child Manage Angry Feelings** Speakers: Nadine Briggs, [www.simplysocialkids.com](http://www.simplysocialkids.com) & Donna Shea, The Peter Pan Center, [www.peterpancenter.com](http://www.peterpancenter.com) This parent seminar will explore the causes of anger in kids, ideas to prevent outbursts from occurring, and how to problem solve situations that are resulting in angry feelings. This workshop provides an empathetic approach to angry outbursts and gives a menu of safe strategies that children can try to solve their problems. This seminar is based on the workbook, I Feel Mad: Tips for Kids on Managing Angry Feelings co-authored by Donna Shea and Nadine Briggs and published by How to Make and Keep Friends, LLC

• **January 11, 2017 7:00pm--9:00pm: I Feel Worried: Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety** Speaker: Nadine Briggs, [www.simplysocialkids.com](http://www.simplysocialkids.com) This workshop for parents will describe how the brain reacts when it feels threatened and how to shift that thinking to a more productive reaction. Parents will learn what contributes to child anxiety with ideas on how they can help their children practice management strategies. The seminar includes an extensive list of ideas for families to use to prevent worries and adopt a more positive outlook. This seminar is based on the workbook, I Feel Worried: Tips for Kids on Overcoming co-authored by Nadine Briggs and Donna Shea and scheduled to be published by How to Make and Keep Friends, LLC in 2016.

\*ALL workshops are open to the public and BOTH parents and professionals are always welcome! For schedule updates: <http://sepac.tyngsboroughps.org> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/465834040182584/> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TyngsboroughSpEdPAC/>



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Library Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** December 24 Saturday Christmas Eve\*\* CLOSED. December 26 Monday\* Christmas Day Observed CLOSED. \* December 25 (the legal public holiday for Christmas Day) falls on a Sunday. \*\*NOTE: *The Library will be open on Friday, December 23, 9-2 p.m. since it will not be open on Saturday, December 24. See program announcement below.*

*The Staff, Trustees and Friends of the Library wish all our patrons a very happy holiday season!*

- Enjoy an evening of holiday cheer with the Staff, Trustees and Friends of the Library on **Monday, December 5, 4:30-7:30 p.m.** Stop by with a friend for refreshments and the music of DeLuna, who will perform seasonal tunes on harp, flute and bells from 5-7 p.m. Snow date: Monday, December 12.
- **Holiday Centerpiece Class, Wednesday, December 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Create a holiday centerpiece with fresh flowers and greens. Maureen Gearin of Blossoms will teach how to refresh your centerpiece for use throughout the holiday season. Materials included. \$15 materials fee. Registration was required by November 24.
- The library will be **OPEN on Friday, December 23, 9-2 p.m.** because it will be closed on Saturday, December 24. A drop in **Holiday Wrapfest and Cookie Swap** will be held during open hours. Bring three dozen cookies in packs of six cookies each to swap and all your gifts to wrap. Wrapping paper and supplies, crafts for the kids, hot chocolate and goodies will be provided.
- **Adult Coloring Club, first Wednesday of each month, September-May, 6:30-8 p.m.** Coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring sheets, colored pencils and refreshments will be provided and a door prize awarded.
- **Tech Advice by Appointment** Individual lesson or consultation on computer basics, and android tablets & phones, Excel, MS Word, PowerPoint, OverDrive digital downloads for Nook, Kindle or android devices. **Tuesdays, 11:30-1:30** and **Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m.** Registration required.
- **Holiday Dance Performance, Saturday, December 3 from 11:00 -11:30 a.m.** Enjoy a holiday dance performance by Center-Stage Dance Academy in Tyngsborough.
- **Music Together demo class on Thursday, December 8, 11-11:45 a.m. for infants to age 5.** Music Together® is a wonderful early childhood musical program. Registration required.
- **Santa Visits! Saturday, December 10 from 10-11:30 a.m.** Bring your kids and your camera!
- **Make and Take Craft for kids, Monday, December 12, 4-6:00 p.m. Ages 5-12.** Drop by to create a fun seasonal craft!
- **Pokemon Club, Wed, Dec 21. Two Sessions: Teens ages 13+, 3-4 p.m. Ages 9-12, 4-5:00 p.m.** Bring your own cards or handheld device. Enter a raffle. Drop in. *No younger siblings please.*
- **Books and Babies: infants to toddlers. First Thursday of November, December, February & March, 10-11 a.m.** Join Ms. Leigh for music, rhythm instruments, scarves and more! Drop in.
- **Spanish Stories! Wednesday, Dec 14, 4:30-5 p.m.** Ages 4-10. THS Spanish Honor Society students read stories in both Spanish & English. Learn Spanish words, activities & music. Drop in.
- **Lego Club Sat, Dec 17, 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Grades K- 5.** Drop in
- **Bingo for kids! Wed, Dec 28, 11 a.m. – 12:00 pm. Grades K-6.** Drop in for vacation week fun. Maybe you'll win a prize!
- **Tiny Tots Storytime for infants to three year olds. First and third Wednesdays, November – May, 11-11:30 a.m.** Drop in.
- **Storytimes for 3-5 year olds. Thursdays, December 1, 8, and 15 at 1:00 p.m.** Drop in.
- **Writer's Group - Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** Feedback and publishing tips; all genres. Contact Karen Johnson at 978-649-7132 or [kjohnson39@comcast.net](mailto:kjohnson39@comcast.net)
- **Rep. Colleen Garry** (or a representative) **Office Hour** – September-May, third Saturday of each month from 9-10 a.m.
- The **Friends of the Library** meet on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m., September-June.

• The **Board of Library Trustees** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:45 in the Library.

• **Artists & collectors, contact the Library to discuss scheduling an exhibit in the gallery or display case.**

**Register for TPL programs by calling the Library or using the contact form on the website.**

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## IN MEMORY OF ROBERT L. KYDD

US Army; Korea CHELMSFORD-Robert L. Kydd, of Chelmsford, (& Sarasota, FL.) passed away peacefully Nov. 6 2016. He was the beloved husband of Jean (McAllister) Kydd with whom he shared 61 wonderful years of marriage. Born in Lowell on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1932, he was the son of the late Jack and Edie Kydd. Bob graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1950. He was captain of his football and basketball teams. Bob served in the U.S. Army as Staff Sgt, during the Korean War. In Bob's early career he worked for his grandfather at Kydd's Dairy & Ice Cream Stand & Kydd's Diner (known as Skip's) before becoming co-owner of Jack's Diner. In 1957 Bob and Jean founded Elm Hill Breeding Labs raising guinea pigs for research. Elm Hill Guinea Pigs were instrumental in the development of the Polio and TB vaccinations, also the Cochlear ear implant. Bob was a member of Chelmsford Board of Appeals, founding member of Chelmsford Elks, Trustee of Lowell Five Bank, member of William Sewall Gardner Lodge of Masons, and member of Holiday Lighting Committee. Bob was inducted into the CHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2012. He and his wife established the Jack's Diner/Kydd Family CHS Alumni Scholarship. Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Jean and his children Robb Kydd of Tyngsboro, Kathy Stokes (Terry) of Steamboat Springs, CO, Kenny Kydd (Sharon) of Chelmsford, and Cindy Tessier (Michael) of Chelmsford. He was the proud grandfather of Jessica and husband TJ, Breanna and husband Derek, Gregory, Katelyn, Jenna, Kevin, and Alex Tessier. He was also the proud great grandfather of Thomas, Casey, Aubrey, and Kaleigh. He also leaves behind many loved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by siblings Margaret Tyler of Chelmsford and Jack Kydd of North Kingston, RI.

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## The deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup> for the January issue of Neighbor to Neighbor.

Have events coming up in? Send an email to me at [anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com](mailto:anne@NeighborToNeighborNewsletter.com) or by mail to Neighbor to Neighbor, 64 Hardy St., Dunstable, MA 01827. News is placed on first come, first served basis, as space allows.

Need details about advertising your business? You may reach me at **978-419-1914** or email me at the above address.

*I look forward to hearing from you, Anne*

## COMING HOME TO CATHOLICISM

This is a program run by St Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson NH. It will begin on **January 5<sup>th</sup>** and run through February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7 to 8:30 PM. The program is for those who have left the Catholic Church who might be feeling the call to return. The program consists of 7 sessions designed to answer most of the questions returning Catholics might have, and some discussion to address any individual concerns. All of the team members have left the Church at one time and have returned, providing a comfortable and understanding atmosphere for others looking to return.

Anyone interested can contact the parish office at 603-882-7793 or simply attend the first session at 7 pm on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS AND PUBLIC HOUSING SUBSIDIES

*By Edward H. Adamsky*

One of the ways to provide funds for the needs of a person with a disability is a Special Needs Trust (sometimes called a Supplemental Needs Trust or SNT). SNTs can be funded with assets from a parent's or other relative's Estate, and they can be funded by life insurance proceeds. When the trust is funded with someone else's money it's called a "third-party trust." An SNT can also be funded with the assets of the individual with a disability, such as the proceeds of a lawsuit for injuries. When the SNT is funded with these assets it is called a "first-party trust."

A major benefit to an SNT is that the assets in the trust are not counted as assets for benefits programs like Medicaid or housing subsidies. The trust assets can help an individual while also allowing that person to get benefits from government programs for similarly situated individuals. There is clear public policy behind allowing this even though it means some people with substantial assets available to them will get benefits intended primarily for those with low assets.

The existence of an SNT, particularly one with a lot of assets, can cause tension with those administering government benefit programs. The New Hampshire DHHS has rules counting most distributions from SNTs as income of the individual with a disability. This can impact benefits. This is an ongoing struggle between Elder & Disability Attorneys and NH DHHS, and is not yet settled.

Subsidized housing is a great benefit for those with low income and especially those with disabilities who cannot engage in meaningful employment. Most subsidized housing requires the tenant to pay 30% of income as rent, and the relevant housing authority pays the rest of the market-rate rent. This allows those with low income to live in relatively good situations at a price they can afford.

The Brookline Housing Authority runs a subsidized housing program. They determined that certain distributions from the SNT of a tenant would count as income, thus making her ineligible to continue in the subsidized program. She sued and took the case to Federal Court where the District Court ruled against her [DeCambre v. BHA]. She appealed and Members of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys filed a brief in favor of the tenant's position, and the Appeals Court ruled in favor of the Tenant.

The decision makes sense as the rules do not count a lump-sum received as settlement for a lawsuit as income, and this is what funded the SNT in this case. If the lump sum wouldn't have counted if it went to the individual and would not be counted as she later withdrew it from a bank account (for instance) why would it be counted when put in a trust and later distributed from that trust? The only difference was the vehicle for holding the asset, a bank account or a trust.

So, unless this case is overruled by the Supreme Court, the law stands that distributions of assets from an SNT do not count as income for rent determinations in subsidized housing. This case was a first-party trust, and it's not for sure that the same rule will apply to a third-party trust, but for now we have some certainty with the use of first-party trusts and continued eligibility for housing subsidies.

If you have a family-member with a disability, and want to learn more about Special Needs Trusts, please contact your local Elder Law Attorney.



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- The Tyngsborough Scholarship Trust would like to thank all of our community members who participated in and contributed to the Holiday Market Place and the Tyngsborough Trot. Many thanks to Bianco's Catering, Brick House Pizza, Republic Services and Coca Cola, all of who contributed to the concession area of the Holiday Market Place.
- Another community favorite, **Trivia Night**, will take place on **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Tyngsborough Sportsmen's Club. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. and the Trivia contest begins at 7:30 p.m. Teams of four compete to correctly answer the sometimes obscure, often hilarious, and frequently curious trivia questions. Cash bar and free snacks are available, and pizza can be pre-ordered. Donation is \$25 per player. **Student teams are encouraged and welcome at \$10 per player.** Unique and amusing team names are encouraged! Test your wit against the past champions, "My Drinking Team has a Trivia Problem", "Over the Cloverhill Gang" and "Titanic Smarts". **To reserve your space today, call Sue Bowden at 978-649-3207, email mitchell6260@msn.com, or visit www.TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org and download a registration form beginning in early December.**
- All profits from the 2016-2017 fundraising events will benefit scholarships for the Class of 2017.
- A reminder to the 2016 scholarship recipients, please be sure to submit proof of school enrollment to the TST at P.O. Box 547, Tyngsborough MA 01879 so you can receive your first or second payment. Please contact Ellen O'Neill, Treasurer, at 978-649-9195 with any questions regarding payment.
- **The TST meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall at 7 p.m.** For 53 years volunteers from the community have been coordinating fundraising and awarding scholarships to high school students from Tyngsborough. We welcome and need your help to continue this town tradition. Please join us at our monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at the Tyngsborough Town Hall.

**Please contact info@TyngsboroughScholarshipTrust.org with any questions.**

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- **View our bulletin** on line at [www.stmarymagdalenparish.com](http://www.stmarymagdalenparish.com). Join us on **Facebook!** Search "Saint Mary Magdalen Parish Tyngsboro" and like our page to see daily meditations and events.
- **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATIONS** are held on the first Fridays of the month at the Church and will consist of Holy Hour with closing Benediction from **9:30AM – 12pm**.
- **The St. Vincent De Paul Society** operates a monthly food pantry out of the rectory in addition to providing holiday meals to those in need. We can be reached at 978-844-2365.
- **Prayer Line – Do you know of someone needing prayers?** Call Helen (978) 649-7927 or Carol (978) 649-6717. (Submit only first name of one to be prayed for)
- **MEN OF ST. JOSEPH** - The Men of St. Joseph in the Greater Lowell area meet on the Second Saturday of every month. Each monthly meeting includes prayer, food, and faith-building fellowship. **All meetings will begin at 7:00am and end no later than 9:00am.** Newcomers, father/son (Confirmation age) teams, and friends from other parishes are always welcome! To find out more, please come and check us out! Held at St. Rita's Church, Mammoth Rd, Lowell
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## THS GRAD NIGHT

**Don't forget to check our website at [www.ths.gradnight.org](http://www.ths.gradnight.org).**

**For those of you who do not know what Grad Night is all about**, this significant night is all about our seniors creating memories that will last a life time. There is a committee behind it made up of parents of children from grades sixth through twelve. We parents are always looking for new, enthusiastic members who are interested in new beginnings. As you may have noticed, there have been many colorful flamingos flying around the lawns of Tyngsborough. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. **Also Grad Comedy Night Fundraiser**, Save this date, **March 31, 2017** at the Princeton Station, North Chelmsford. **If interested, please attend our next meeting or contact either Tara Gabriel at 978-397-6495 or Caren Bovill at 978-852-3964. Hope to see new faces!**

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Together with the Friends of Tyngsborough Theater, we are excited to announce that for our next dinner theater event we are bringing back the **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam Country Spelling Bee at the Old Town Hall on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Tickets went on sale Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Box Office hours will be in the high school lobby on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:30pm. **Contact [eftyng@gmail.com](mailto:eftyng@gmail.com)** if you would like us to hold tickets for you to come and purchase during those box office hours. *Please note that because we will sell out quickly, you must bring your cash or check(s) during box office hours or we will have to release your reservation to others.*

Thanks to all teachers, families and community members who came to support public education while running or walking our 9th Annual Tyngsborough Trot 5K. We hope you had as much fun as we did cheering you on! Congratulations to the top runners in each age division, including the top three overall females (Taryn Leger, Helen Stamas and Renee Laurencelle) and males (Chris Ausiello, Michael Day and Peter Goransson).

Have you started your holiday shopping? **If you shop on-line**, please support EFT by starting your Amazon shopping at **[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)** and designating the Education Foundation for Tyngsborough as your cause. Please bookmark [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and use this bookmark every time you shop on Amazon. It may only be pennies each time you shop, but these pennies could add up to an entire education grant if hundreds of us take this simple step every time.

EFT needs more members! We are especially looking for parents of elementary and middle school students. What a great way to get involved in your town and support public education. You can start small or go all in with us. There are little jobs and big jobs that need to be done. Or come attend one of our meetings to see if EFT is the right group for you to join. **Please contact our President, Karen Jackson, at [eftyng@gmail.com](mailto:eftyng@gmail.com).**

Together we are bridging the gap. Like us on Facebook!

## ATHLETIC OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Tyngsboro Middle & High School*

**FALL SPORTS AWARD NIGHT** for all athletes who play a High School sport only will take place on: **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the High School Auditorium.

• **Winter Sports Pictures** \* will take place on Wednesday, December 14th, after school in the HS Gymnasium. Swim Team will have there pictures taken at the Gr. Lowell Tech during practice time. All picture order envelopes will be sent home in the mail.

\*for all athletes that play at a high school level,

### • CONGRATULATIONS

to the Girls Cross-Country team on their 6th straight Division 2 Central Mass Championship!

to Kyle Laforge on signing his National Letter of Intent to play Division 1 lacrosse next year at UMass Lowell.

• **THE BIG RED WRESTLING TOURNAMENT** In honor of Detective/Sergeant Gregory Kasabian will take place on: **Saturday, December 17th starting at 9:00am** in the High School (Kelleher) Gymnasium. Cost: \$5.00 for Adults \$3.00 for Students/Sr. Citizens. Children 10 years and under are free as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Fourteen Schools are invited to this all day event.

• **For more information on Athletics** please go to the following site: <http://www.tyngsboroughps.org/pages/Tyngsborough/Departments/Athletics>

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## FRIENDS OF TYNGSBOROUGH THEATER (FOTT)

The Tyngsborough Theater Program kicked off the year with its first event on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for the great show of support from friends, family and the community at the **Musical Review**, where High School students performed solos, duets and group number from their favorite musicals.

On **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, please show your support by visiting **Barnes and Noble (6-9pm)**, where the students will be singing Christmas Carols. A portion of any purchased books/merchandise that evening and benefits the Theater program and we'll be holding a raffle for a chance to win several large cash prizes.

The very popular Dinner Theater production that will take place on **January 6, 7 and 8** at the Old Town Hall is going to be **"The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** which is a musical comedy not to be missed! This is an exciting, interactive show with some larger than life characters that are sure to excite and engage the audience. An additional show will be performed at Nabnasset Country Club on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

This year's Middle School mainstage production will be **"Godspell"**; a great choice given its long-running success, uplifting theme and variety of musical styles, including the popular song "Day by Day". Performance will be held on **February 3, 4 and 5**.

If you are a parent of a middle or high school theater student, we invite you to join us at our meetings, held on the first Monday of the month in the High School library starting at 7pm. Or if you would prefer to volunteer, please reach out to FOTT President, Nicole Salzano.

**For more information, tickets or other news, please visit our website: [fotttheater.org](http://fotttheater.org) and please like our Facebook page!**



## TYNGSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

is proud to announce Dylan Gage, Skyler Hickey, Caitlin Looney, and Emely Morel as the November students of the month.

Dylan, son of Kim and Scott Gage, is a member of the National Honor Society, the International Thespian Society, and was a member of the Spanish National Honor Society his junior year. He is a recipient of the Commitment to Learning Award, the Academic Excellence Award, and the Outstanding Achievement in Foreign Language Award, and he is a member of the theater program, the tennis team, and was a member of the soccer team his freshmen, sophomore, and junior years. Dylan volunteers his time at a variety of local events, including a summer camp to teach TES students Spanish, a Back to School BBQ for TES, and a book fair at the Tyngsborough Public Library. He enjoys musical theater, swimming, movies, and working at AMC. His favorite subjects are Chemistry, math, theater, and history, and he looks forward to going to college, majoring in Pharmacy, and eventually having a family somewhere near the city. "I have gained experience in working on my own and making new friends. What THS has done for me is it has given me the classes and tools to figure out what I want to do in life and how to get there. I will take away memories of hard classes with great people." Dylan believes that you can achieve more in school and in life with a good support system.

Skyler, daughter of Kristel and John Hickey, is a member of both the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She is the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, the Massachusetts Scholar Leadership Award, and the Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts Award. Skyler is a member of the varsity soccer, basketball, and lacrosse teams, earning Mid-Wach All-Star honors (soccer) and the Coaches' Award (basketball). She is a captain of both the soccer and lacrosse teams, and she is also an editor of the yearbook. Skyler volunteers her time at the Tyngsborough Public Library, and at the Westford Elementary School. She enjoys photography, puzzles, and water sports, and her favorite subjects are math and Ceramics. Skyler looks forward to attending college and pursuing a career in forensic science. "THS has allowed me to meet some of the greatest people in my life and has taught me how to be a part of a strong and supportive community."

Caitlin, daughter of Timothy and Tracie Looney, is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She is a recipient of the Academic Excellence Award, Commitment to Learning Award, 4-H Community Service Award, Top Senior Exhibitor Award, and Best Individual Exhibit in the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Photography Department Award. Caitlin is a member of 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Carrot Crusaders, 4-H Stars and Strides Equestrians (Vice-President), 2016 Regional and National Massachusetts Horse Bowl Team (Captain), 2016 Regional and National Massachusetts Hippology Team, 4-H Westford Woodworkers, and Girl Scouts (earning Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. Caitlin is also a member of the varsity soccer team and the Tyngsborough-Groton-Dunstable Swim & Dive team. She is a United States Equestrian Federation Lettering Equestrian Athlete, and also plays for the Tyngsborough Girls U18 soccer team in the winter and spring. For her gold award Caitlin initiated a rabbit therapy volunteer program, which brings rabbits to memory care assisted living centers to provide beneficial therapy, stress relief, and positive social interactions. She also volunteer tutors for underclassmen in Chemistry, Geometry, Algebra, and English. Caitlin enjoys trail riding, reading, and fishing, and her favorite subjects are Biology and Anatomy. She looks forward to majoring in Biology, becoming a veterinarian, and owning a donkey and a horse. "Thinking back on my days at THS, I have gained an attitude full of perseverance where the expectation is to exceed, as well a drive to keep learning more. The high school has given me a place to push myself academically while being supported by resources and knowledgeable teachers alike. I will take away many great memories from inside the classroom and out, such as school trips to Florida and New York as well as lab experiments and dissections in Chemistry and Biology."

Emely, daughter of Victor and Priscilla Morel, is a member and secretary of the National Honor Society and a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. She is also a recipient of the Academic Achievement Award, the Outstanding Achievement in English Award, and the Commitment to Learning Award. Emely

is a member of the Student Senate, and she has volunteered her time with the WISH Project, the Key Club, and at Spanish Week at TES. She enjoys binge-watching TV shows on Netflix, spending Saturday nights with her best friends, petting dogs, and doing Buzzfeed quizzes. Her favorite subjects are math, Chemistry, and Anatomy, and she looks forward to becoming a doctor, changing the world, owning four dogs, and living long enough to see the Eagles win a Super Bowl. "Even though this is only my third year at THS, it feels as though I've been here forever. This school has allowed me to meet some of the greatest people and I couldn't be more grateful. THS only makes up a fraction of my life, but the memories I made here will last forever." Emely would like to remind us all to not let the pressure of trying to be perfect distract us from enjoying all that life has to offer.

***Tyngsborough High School wishes all four of these talented young people best wishes in their future endeavors.***

## TYNGSBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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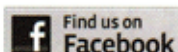
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• **CENTER CLOSED Mon, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> and Mon, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>,**

• **THE STITCHERS** meets on Mondays, 1PM in the Activity room. This season's projects for the homeless are slippers and afghans. We will supply your materials for these projects.

• **HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE** We will be **collecting** items for seniors 60+ who could use a helping hand **until December 16th.** There will be a basket at the center for donated items. Hard Candy, Peanuts, Small Juice boxes, Word Search Books, Individual Cracker Package, Small Lap blankets, A small Gift Item, Food Gift Card, Mittens, Tissues, Hats, Playing Cards.

• **SHINE Thursdays, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-12:00** **Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone.** Our Counselor Chuck Kluga will be holding office hours at the Center every other Thursday. Call 978-649-9211 to schedule an appointment. **Please bring insurance cards and a list of prescriptions you take with you.**

• **SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY** Cancellations on WCAP Radio 98.5 & TV News on 4, 5, 7. 1 No Meals Program at Tyngsborough COA if schools closed. 2 If there is no school in Tyngsborough the elder bus WILL NOT RUN. 3 If there is a two hour delay there are no morning appointments. Bus will start at 10. 4 If Tyngsborough Town Hall is closed call the center for availability.

• **PEARL HARBOR & KIRK DOUGLAS MEMORIAL, Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 9AM** Come help us acknowledge 2 big milestones: The 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and the 100th birthday of Kirk Douglas. Sign up for a FREE BREAKFAST and watch a young Kirk Douglas in the movie "In Harm's Way" set at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

• **VETERANS' COFFEE HOUR!! Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM-10:30AM** (Run by Chris Dery - Town Veteran's Agent) This is an informal group that meets once a month to reminisce about time served and discuss benefits that are available to veterans. Come and have a cup of coffee and a donut amongst friends!

• **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS, Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:00,** Tyngsborough Council on Aging is now providing Veterans assistance on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Joseph J. Stavolta will give assistance and answer questions.

• **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON/PARTY, Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30** at the Senior Center. We will have good food, and lots fun. Tickets are \$5.00pp. Please purchase them at the Senior Center in advance. **Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, last day to sign up.**

• **Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00** John Kienzle from Wizard Music will provide keyboard Holiday Music for easy listening.

• **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, Wed, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10AM.** If you know of anyone who would like to get out and listen to some holiday music and mingle, pick them up, bring them along, and come and sing some holiday songs. Enjoy free coffee & pastries!

• **NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION. Wednesday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.** Come join us for a special gathering. Bring your favorite appetizer to share. We will have a toast with sparkling soda! Entertainment by Kathy Rodger, and our Calendar Girls!

• **PIZZA PARTY/BIRTHDAY FOR ALL! Wed, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30** Come celebrate National Pizza Week and everyone's birthday by making your own pizzas! We'll supply the dough, sauce and cheese, for the pizza, bring your favorite toppings. Will have a birthday cake to celebrate everyone's birthday. **Wed. Jan 4<sup>th</sup> is the last sign up day.**

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# Community Health and Wellness Programs

December 2016

## New Moms Support Group

**Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, FREE**

A drop-in support group for new mothers and their babies. This group, led by Registered Nurses/Lactation Consultants of Lowell General Hospital, provides a place to come with your questions and concerns or just to meet other new mothers. It is open to all mothers and their babies regardless of feeding preference.

## Boot Camp for New Dads

**Saturday, December 3**

**9:00am-12:00pm, \$25**

This nationally-recognized workshop is taught by fathers and is for men only. Rookie dads (men expecting their first baby) are oriented to the joys and challenges of fatherhood with the help of a coach and veteran dads with their newborns.

## Infant Massage

**Tuesday, December 6**

**12:30-1:30pm, FREE**

Infant massage is a centuries-old tradition that offers benefits such as bonding, better sleep, improved colic, relaxation and better digestion.

## Breastfeeding Class

**Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 - 8:00pm or**

**Saturday, December 17, 12:30 - 2:30pm, FREE**

Learn the art of breastfeeding. Discover the benefits for mom and baby, valuable tips and more.

## Big Brother & Sister Sibling Class

**Thursday, December 15**

**12:00-1:00pm, \$10**

Children ages 3-6 will explore their feelings concerning the arrival of a new baby. They will read a story, do an art project and tour the Birthplace.

## Babysitting Basics plus CPR

**Saturday, December 17**

**9:00am-1:00pm, \$60**

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Confession: Saturdays; 3:00 – 3:45 pm or by appointment

• **December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass: 4pm and 10 pm**

• **December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass: 8:30 and 10:30 am**

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• **December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass: 4pm, 6pm and Midnight**

• **December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass: 7am, 9am and 11am**



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• **SAL Detachment 247 now meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Post 247.**

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**Winter Lights: Gifts for the Holidays Through December 24**

**This year's show includes:** • Crazy Cosmic Coasters and tiles under glass by Deb Arsenault • Hand-woven scarves, table runners, trivets, and towels by Tarja Cockell • Adorable felt ornaments and hand-painted marble tiles by Linda Dunn • Cast-paper ornaments and animal-themed pillows by Barbara Fletcher • Pottery mugs, angels, and bowls that blend of imagination and practicality, by Lisa Hertel • Nature-themed art and jewelry, from materials old and new, by Heidi Jackson, • Fused glass jewelry, candles, serveware, and ornaments by Joe and Ivy Pompei • Miniature paintings, jewelry, and embellished stones by Denise Rainis

The Loading Dock Gallery, along with the Western Avenue artist studios and lofts, will be open for Holiday Open Studios continues Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, noon-5pm.

## DUNSTABLE TYNGSBOUGH LIONS CLUB



*"We Serve" The Lions Club is a non-profit organization of men and women dedicated to helping the community through donations raised by volunteers.*

### • Officers for the 2015-2016 Lions Year

President: Gerry Roth, Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Reich, Membership Chairman: Ed Majewski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Mike Roth, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer: Mark Alexander

• Anyone who would like to join the Lions is asked to call Ed Majewski at 978-649-6204 or Mark Alexander at 978-649-9124. Our Regular Meetings are held at Angelas on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm.

### YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING THE FOLLOWING:

• **USED EYEGLASSES** are collected for refurbishment and distribution to less advantaged people around the world. *We thank all who have donated glasses.*

• **CAN TABS (in sealed bags)** are also collected for kidney dialysis time through the Shriners Hospital.

**Lion's collection boxes for eyeglasses and tabs** (in sealed bags) are located at the Tyngsborough Post Office, American Legion Post 247 at 90 Pawtucket Blvd., Tyngsborough Council on Aging Center, 169 Westford Rd., Tyngsborough and Dunstable Town Hall, Post Office and Library.

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- The **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> will be at 7PM
- There will be a service on **Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10AM, however there will be no Child Care or Sunday School.

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship Service at 10:00am • A nursery is provided.

Followed by Fellowship and Refreshments

• Children attend the Worship Service with parents and are dismissed after Opening to age related Sunday School classes. (K-12)

11:15 a.m. - Fellowship and Refreshments

• **Tuesday** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. -Women's. Bible Study. ( Old Testament Women ) All Welcome

• **Evenings:** Boards and Committee meetings

• **Wednesday.** 10:00 a.m. Worship/Music Team Practice

• **Thursday and Saturday** - Thrift Shop Open from 10:00 - 3:00

• **Friday Evenings.** - Youth Groups as scheduled. (Joy at 978-649-6142) High School ( Joan at 978-649-2590 ). Middle School

• **THE 150th Anniversary Committee** of the church is meeting regularly now to plan events for the historic celebration in 2018. *The 150th Anniversary Celebration Comm. is meeting regularly to discuss plans for the Big Day in 2018.*

• **THE THRIFT SHOP** Located next to the Church, it is open to the public on **Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** We offer an assortment of clothing and shoes, handbags, baby items, books, small appliances, dishes, glassware, decorative items, and craft items, ETC. We welcome your patronage and donations. **Please do not drop off large furniture, TV's, Computers or Bikes.** Thanks so much for understanding, we haven't means by which to dispose of them without incurring costs.

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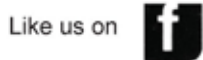
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For more information, visit the Rotary website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). If you are interested in membership, please call **Bob Guernsey** at (508)380-4351, or come to one of our meetings. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Tyngsboro Sports Center, 18 Progress Ave., Tyngsboro at 5:30 pm. If you would like to help us with ideas for projects, please contact us at [tdrotary@verizon.net](mailto:tdrotary@verizon.net).



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As another year comes to an end I want to thank all of the business owners who have chosen to advertise in Neighbor to Neighbor. I hope you do consider calling on them when you are in need of services.

Thank you to all who submit news and informative articles. I know it always seems that time flies when there is a deadline. I appreciate your dedication!

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, enjoy celebrating Chanukah, or the winter season.

I wish you all happiness, and good health through the coming year. *I look forward to hearing from you, Anne*

***The next deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>  
for the January issue.***

**Let Neighbor to Neighbor help spread the word!**

## DUNSTABLE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

518 Main St, Dunstable, MA 01827  
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Pastor Bobby Ross [pastorbobby@dunstablechurch.org](mailto:pastorbobby@dunstablechurch.org)  
***DECC is a welcoming church at the heart of the Dunstable community. "We gather to glorify God, to grow in Christ and to live the gospel in the world."***

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Worship Service is held at 10:00 am each Sunday. Child care is available during the service for infants through kindergarten age. Our worship services feature a wide variety of music, scripture readings, corporate prayer and spoken messages and with Communion (the Lord's Supper) served on the first Sunday of every month. An informal time of fellowship with coffee, tea and refreshments takes place after worship to which all are welcome.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR and PRAISE TEAM** rehearsals at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children in Ages 4-12. Children will attend the regular service with parents for the first 15 minutes of worship before leaving to attend Sunday School class for the remainder of the hour. Older children and teenagers remain with their parents for the entire worship service. Angels ages 4 and up will sing in the Annual Children's Christmas Pageant which will take place during the worship service on Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Please come.

**DECC YOUTH GROUP:** Participated in the Nashua Corp Hunger Walk and helped to raise nearly \$30,000 to help to fill the void for local, national and international hungry homes. Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome. Usually meet 4-6pm on Sundays. Come check it out! Questions? Call (978-649-8554). Sat, Dec 10, 5PM – 9M Outreach Service – Living Nativity on the town common, Sun, Dec 18, Christmas party! Sun, Dec 25, No Youth Group – enjoy Christmas with your family! Christmas Vacation Week 7-9 PM, date TBD Karaoke blast! Youth Group, family and community event. Sun, Jan 8, Regular meeting: Christian topic study and discussion. Games, snacks, fellowship. Sunday, Jan 15 Bowling night. Saturday, Jan 21 Outreach Service – Living Waters; serve breakfast and sing songs. Sunday, Jan 29 Regular meeting: Christian topic study and discussion. Games, snacks, fellowship. Sunday, Feb 5 Sledding afternoon, bonfire and hot chocolate at Larter Field. Indoor miniature golf if no snow.

**MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) at Dunstable Church. Next meetings are Dec. 16, Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17. It's a well-established, popular program that will be a blessing to our community. Moms and preschoolers had a wonderful social and sharing time together. Additional child caretakers are needed. MOPS will be meeting 9-11 am on Fridays, twice a month. If you're interested or know someone, please contact Shelly Ross at [shellyannross@gmail.com](mailto:shellyannross@gmail.com).

**SECOND ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY Saturday, December 10** on the Dunstable Common Walks between **5 and 7 PM**

This will be a night to remember! Join us for an outdoor guided "Walk to Bethlehem". Trace the steps of Mary and Joseph as you walk down the candlelit path and meet the shepherds and wise men. Enjoy the Christmas music and view the animals (sheep, goat, cow, llama, donkey!) as you journey to see the baby Christ. Come anytime between 5 and 7 pm; each walk is about 20 minutes. After the walk, join us for refreshments. Snow/rain date: Sunday, December 11th. Contact Jon Hughes (978-393-7708), Linda McDonald (978-549-6750) or Joka Quigley (978-337-1151) with any questions.

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** Family Candlelight Service Christmas Eve 6:00 pm

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Day Sunday Service 10:00 am.

For more information about any of these events, contact the church office 978-649-6251 or email [info@dunstablechurch.org](mailto:info@dunstablechurch.org).





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• **Fri Dec 30 2016 Annual Nashua-Hollis Christmas Bird Count**  
If you are familiar with bird identification and would like to participate, either in the field or at home as a counter, join us for this traditional event. Individuals or groups will be assigned specific areas to count. We will be counting birds by day and optionally tallying our sightings over dinner at 5 pm at the Lawrence Barn in Hollis. \$5 for dinner. For more information about CBC see [www.nhauadubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-count](http://www.nhauadubon.org/birding/christmas-bird-count)



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### Auxiliary Unit Officers for 2016-2017

President: Diane Dileo; Sr. Vice: Kathleen Oljey; Jr. Vice: Annette Coles; Treasurer: Frances Radgowski; Secretary: Josephine Beauregard; and SGT-At-Arms: Mary Dupras. Executive Committee: Mary Hanley, Maureen Harris and Sandra Desrosiers

The next Unit General Meeting will be Thursday evening January 5th, 2017, 7PM in the Post Function Room. Unit 247 was sad to have lost a long time Auxiliary Member Blanche Russell on November 14th, 2016.

For information on the Auxiliary Unit meetings, or functions contact Unit President Diane Dileo at 978-204-9329 or Unit Secretary Josephine Beauregard 978-459-7015.

*Yours In Auxiliary, Unit Secretary, Josephine Beauregard*

**THE UNIT IS STILL COLLECTING** can pull tabs drop off at Post and earmark for Auxiliary. **We also would Welcome New Auxiliary Members** 18 and older. Contact Unit President or Treasurer.

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## EVENTS AT POST 247

**Dec 6 AMVETs** meeting 7 PM

**Dec 7 Vet's Meal** 6 PM also **Son's** meeting 7 PM

**Dec 16 Post Christmas party** 7-11 PM

**Dec 17 The Children's Christmas Party** will be held in the Post Function Hall noon to 4pm. Any child or grandchild of a post member is eligible. There will be food, games, gifts, entertainment and lots of extras. Also Santa Claus will visit. You must register to participate. Please call the post at 978-649-7540.

\*\*\* **FOOD DONATIONS** are still being accepted at the Post for Holiday Baskets. Non-perishable food can be dropped off at the American Legion Post 247, 90 Pawtucket Blvd., Tyngsborough, MA from 11:30 am to 9 PM, daily.

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**by Tara M. Sacramone, DVM  
and Molly L. Sacramone**



Tara M. Sacramone, DVM, Starting in 2017 Honeybees are going to be considered food-producing animals by the Food and Drug Administration. This is not a big deal to most people, but anyone that currently keeps bees will no longer be able to get antibiotics over the counter for their colonies. This means that they will need a prescription from a veterinarian, hence why I decided I could write this article. Also, the main journal for veterinary medicine had an article about bees this month, *and* a client came in and told us a story about a bear that just ravaged the standing hives that they had in their yard. *And* since I'm always looking for ideas for these articles *and* my eight year old daughter had to come to the clinic yesterday I decided to put her to work typing Honeybee facts into the computer for me. Keep kid busy + get some of my article done = Win Win.

Honeybees are the only insect that produces food for humans. A Honeybee colony may contain 40,000 to 60,000 bees during the late spring or early summer.

To make 1 pound of honey the bees in the colony must visit 2 million flowers and fly over 55,000 miles. It will be the lifetime work of approximately 768 bees.

A typical beehive can make up to 400 pounds of honey per year. Honeybees are also responsible for the pollination of at least \$15 billion in agriculture crops in the U.S. annually.

Honeybees are prone to 18 infectious diseases, including one common disease that responds to antibiotics. However, the biggest threat to honeybees is a mite called *Varroa destructor*, which is not treated with antibiotics. In Europe it is actually illegal to treat honeybees with antibiotics. The FDA is taking a bigger role in trying to prevent antibiotic resistances in humans by monitoring the use of antibiotics in animals.

Maintaining the health of honeybees is crucial to the planet and now veterinarians will play an important role in that maintenance. And I would like to thank Molly for helping with this month's article and if there are any typos, spelling or grammatical mistakes – she did it.



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*By Nathan Combs*

Imagine for a moment that you're the Old Testament prophet Daniel. You're born into a crumbling nation that reeks of corruption and idolatry. Under normal circumstances, your intelligence and noble birth would guarantee a quiet, luxurious life. Instead, at an early age you're rounded up by soldiers of a foreign king, transported to a faraway country, and force-fed the mythologies and scholarship of your country's conqueror. After you're taken away, your people are slaughtered and your nation is completely destroyed, including the majestic temple that King Solomon built. You will never see your homeland again and you'll spend the rest of your life serving a long succession of pagan rulers.

If you're Daniel, does it look like God rules the kingdoms of men? Yet, that is one of the main messages of the book of Daniel. When the powerful Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar took personal credit for everything his rule had accomplished, the Almighty God of a conquered people transformed him into a clawed, hairy, grass-eating, beast-like creature until he learned his true position (Daniel 4.17, 25, 32). When the last Babylonian king Belshazzar flouted God by bringing the vessels of the temple to his banqueting table to toast his gods, God reminded the king through Daniel of what happened to his forefather and Belshazzar was killed that very night (Daniel 5.21). Even in the very beginning of the book, the conquest of God's people is phrased in the text as "God gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his [Nebuchadnezzar's] hand..." (Daniel 1.2). Daniel saw empires collapse and rise before His eyes, but despite the upheaval in his life, he never forgot the One in ultimate control of the world.

Regardless of your political persuasion, you probably agree that our nation's recent presidential race was the most divisive and disturbing election cycle in recent memory. For more than a year, social media and news corporations have bombarded us with sound-bites and opinions laced with dire tones of urgency, designed to whip us into a frenzy and capture our vote. Regardless of whether you're disappointed or satisfied with the outcome of the race, do not make the mistake of thinking that a human being controls the world. Do not allow your peace of mind to be determined by who's occupying the Oval Office (or some other governmental position). As the dust settles and we move on with our lives, recognize that presidents and nations come and go, but the world has a kingdom which will never be destroyed. Long after the United States of America is no more, the crucified and risen King of glory will still securely sit on His throne, ruling His people in peace and justice throughout eternity. Plant this thought deeply within your heart, bend your mind to His will, humble yourself before Him, and resolve to devote your short life to His everlasting cause!

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