

Local roads to get facelift

BY GREG VINE
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Public Works Director Al Gallant he hopes the town will soon be able to allocate state funds that have been made available for road work, but some red tape apparently seems to be holding up the process. He says the town will be receiving about \$453,000 in state Chapter 90 funding for FY19, but until he receives correspondence confirming that amount, he'll be unable to begin work on the projects at the top of his priority list for

the approaching summer.

"The Chapter 90 program is not part of the annual budget process," explained state Rep. Jon Zlotnik, "and is taken up through separate legislation. That was done earlier this year. The town has received confirmation of their Chapter 90 allotment, but I spoke with Al and he's still waiting on some paperwork to come through before that money can be spent. We're trying to track that down now, as that should have already occurred."

Gallant did say a grant from

the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation will allow him to undertake improvements to Summer Street and Summer Place, between Central Street and the North Central Bike Path. Work will include upgrades to manholes and drains, as well as resurfacing the roadway. The cost of the project comes in a just under \$48,000.

Summer Street/Summer Place were not in the best of shape to begin with, but heavy truck traffic related to the construction the Clark Memorial

YMCA's new community center had further damaged the roadway. The construction project commenced last fall and is now nearly complete.

Several resurfacing projects are among projects awaiting certification of Chapter 90 funding. Gallant said those resurfacing projects include: Forristall Road, from Elmwood Road to the New Hampshire border (\$144,249); Robbins Road, from School Street/Route 12 to the New Hampshire line (\$69,840); West Street, from School Street/Route

12 to Royalston Road North (\$121,611), and; the full length of Vine Street (\$5,081).

The work on Robbins Road does not include reconstruction of the bridge over Robbins Brook. While it remains open to traffic, the bridge is in poor condition. Gallant has applied for a \$500,000 state grant to cover most of the cost of the bridge work. It is unlikely the town will hear before mid-summer whether the grant has been approved.

Even if Winchendon lands the

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Greg Vine photos

Toy Town Elementary School students who took part in an essay contest – *What Being an American Means to Me* – sponsored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. (l-r) Haley Fleming, Sydney Ransom, Isabella Peace-Scesny, and Brad Wightman. Haley Fleming won first place, not only for the school but for the entire state. TTE's second-place went to Peace-Scesny and third went to Wightman. Ransom won top honors for her poster. The students were joined by Auxiliary State Conductor Betty Jane Mire and State Color Bearer Alice McGovern.

Toy Town Elementary celebrates veterans

BY GREG VINE
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With a bit of pomp and circumstance, students at Toy Town Elementary School welcomed members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193, and American Legion Post 193 to Memorial Day ceremonies last Friday.

After reading the Gettysburg Address, a rendition of the poem In Flanders Fields and a very informative talk by former US Marine and TTES guidance counselor Matt Londo, several students were honored for their participation in a Legion sponsored essay and poster contest.

Of particular note is the essay written by Haley Fleming, which follows, which won first place not only at the local level, but went on to win at the state level as well.

What Being an American Means to Me

By Haley Fleming

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Summer is coming; that means music

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Summer is almost here and that means a lot of great entertainment is on tap, especially for lovers of music. Whether you like classical, jazz, country, classic pop, rock, or folk – or if you love it all – there will be plenty to keep you entertained from the beginning of June until the end of July.

The first notes will be heard when the 2018 Winchendon Music Festival, under the direction of Andrew Arceci, kicks off the weekend of June 1st through the 3rd.

On Friday, June 1, Arceci and Winchendon Music Festival Artists will present an evening of classical music. The classical theme continues on Saturday, June 2, with Anne Azema, who employs the harp, organetto, and hurdy-gurdy in her performances, along with

vocal offerings. John Arcaro and Band will present an evening of great jazz on Sunday, June 3.

Music of a different kind will be offered later in the month.

On Friday, June 22, Muscari presents an evening of world music, a genre that grows more popular with each passing year. Floyds Row entertains with a mix of folk and world music composition on Saturday, June 23. The festival concludes on Sunday, June 24, when John Arcaro and Band are back with more finger-snappin' jazz.

All performances begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Old Centre Church. Concerts are free, with general seating.

The 2018 Winchendon Music Festival is supported in part by a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council, with additional support from the cul-

tural councils of Ashburnham, Athol, Gardner, Templeton, Royalston. Support also comes from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Festivals Program, the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, and the First Congregational Church of Winchendon in Olde Centre.

The town of Winchendon's Recreation Committee kicks off the Toy Town Summer Concert Series 2018 on June 15, when The Obsession Band presents "locally grow rhythm and blues." On June 22 it's a "tie-dyed tribute" to a decade many of us remember well (sort of) with Throwback! To The 60's. If you like great Top 40 classics, don't miss The Ash Boys on June 29. The keytar and piano pop/rock group The Terryrifics entertain on July 6.

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School Committee addresses communications in district

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The final school committee of the month included recognition of May's students of the month as well as reports from principals and a discussion of the system's communication strategy.

Memorial School Principal Michelle Atter told the committee about a recent New England Leadership Forum in Mystic, CT where she outlined her school's PBIS program.

"We're data driven. PBIS works," she asserted, adding Memorial sets both behavioral and academic expectations through a team approach. Atter acknowledged Memorial has a unique responsibility because it is there where students begin their school careers. That includes getting used to and comfortable with school routine including how to behave in the halls and cafeteria and bus.

Atter said she was pleased with the reception she and her team received.

After a difficult winter, there was some discussion regarding the school calendar. As has been brought up in the past, the elimination of February vacation is a potential option

to tighten the calendar but there has as of yet been no formal consideration of doing so. Members held a casual discussion regarding ways to deal with years in which there are a significant number of snow days.

Middle School Principal Jess Vezina told the committee she wanted her teachers to be heard regarding their support for the Summit learning platform. Vezina noted those voices have seemed to have been lost in the ongoing debate.

Regarding the school system's communication with the greater community, while Superintendent Steve Haddad explained a strategy is in the works, committee Chair Larry Murphy acknowledged the school committee as a whole also has a responsibility to reach out.

"We have to do a better job," he noted.

Students of the month included Ava Godfrey for pre-K, second grader Brady Brunt from Memorial, fifth grader Haley Fleming from Toy Town, eighth grader Kelsey Boucher from Murdock Middle, and Abigail Gagne from the Murdock Academy for Success.



Courtesy photo

The Clark Memorial YMCA proudly kicked off the Community Capital Campaign for the new Youth & Community Center at the Clark Y with an Alumni Family Reunion.

Memories at Clark kick off new campaign

Clark Alumni recently gathered at the Clark Memorial YMCA for an afternoon of socializing, and a trip down memory lane as families reminisced about growing up in the community and the many activities and events held at the Clark.

Alumni families were quick to share stories of school dances, swim meets, hockey & basketball games, bike rodeo's and more. Tony LaFreniere recalled his days of teaching judo classes here at the Clark and how much he and his wife Doris, still enjoy coming to the Clark every day.

The event marked the official kick-off of the community phase of the Clark YMCA's capital campaign - PROMISE FOR TOMORROW - which helps to fund the construction of a new Youth & Community Center at

the Clark YMCA.

"We are very proud to have been a part of so many family's fond memories and want to ensure that we can continue to be there for the families of today as well as future generations," stated Cindy Landanno, President of the Clark Memorial YMCA. "This new addition will allow us to expand our childcare programs, re-open the gymnasium, grow our gymnastics programs and offer space for community events, programs, and classes that we currently don't have the space to do so. This project not only helps expand our youth programs, it also helps to expand program opportunities for adults, families and seniors. This project truly benefits everyone."

Executive Director Mike

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.

Al Bernstein



CLYDE'S CORNER

Friday, June 1

BEALS LIBRARY SCREENS "THE POST" On Friday, June 1 at 7:00 pm, the Beals Memorial Library will be screening the academy award nominated film, *The Post*, on their large 9 x 16 foot screen. The movie was directed by Steven Spielberg and stars Meryl Streep as Katharine Graham, the first female publisher of a major American newspaper: *The Washington Post*. The movie is free. For more information, call the library at (978) 297-0300. The Beals is located on 50 Pleasant St. in Winchendon.

Friday June 1, Saturday June 2 & Sunday June 3

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: the first weekend of the annual music festival includes three concerts, one each evening, all held at Old Centre Church, 10 Old Centre beginning at 7 p.m. All concerts are free and open to the public. Friday features classical orchestral; Saturday includes French born vocalist Anna Azehma; and Saturday is jazz with John Arcaro.

Saturday June 2

PLANT SALE! The Winchendon Garden Club is having a Plant and Bake Sale at the Winchendon History and Culture Center, 135 Front St., on June 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most plants \$5 or less. Local vendors selling outdoor decorative items. Proceeds fund

our plantings about town and scholarship program. Garden Club members will be on-site for free advice, tips and ideas.

MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday's 4-7 p.m. and Saturday's 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

Thursday June 7

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Saturday June 9

PIRATES & PRINCESSES TEA! Yo Ho! Come be inspired and have a bit of tea with a both a pirate captain and a

princess at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center, 151 Front St. 2-4 p.m. Fun and games, refreshments. Come in your best pirate or princess clothes for a prize! \$5 per person, \$15 limit per family.

Friday June 22, Saturday June 23 & Sunday June 24

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: the second weekend of the annual music festival includes three concerts, one each evening, all held at the Old Centre Church, 10 Old Centre beginning at 7 p.m. All concerts are free and open to the public. Friday features Musicari, a New England based band performing music from the eastern Mediterranean; Saturday is Floyds Row, a folk and world collective from the UK and Saturday is jazz with the John Arcaro & Band, a different program from the one earlier in the month.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

THURSDAYS & SATURDAY

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SUNDAYS INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: The Indivisible Winchendon

group meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

MONDAY LEGO CLUB: Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. hosts a Lego Club for kids aged six-12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday afternoon the library is open. Show off your creative side. More information about this and other programs by calling (978) 297-0300 or visit townof-winchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary.

TUESDAY WINCHENDON RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP: For all who are in recovery or want to be. Not a 12-step group or a "program", this is an open, peer-led group for discussion, support, sharing practical information and resources, and helping each other with the day-to-day challenges of life in recovery. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St., downstairs in the parish hall.

LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

CRAFT FOR ADULTS: On Tuesday nights at 6:30 Beals Memorial Library has an adult craft hour providing a place to meet and do crafts. People bring in things they are work-

ing on, and can get help on knitting, crocheting, quilting and discuss different ideas.

TINY TOTS PLAYGROUP: on Tuesday 10-11 at Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. for toddlers aged 0-4. Songs, rhymes and sharing.

WEDNESDAY BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

BINGO 2! Old Murdock Senior Center hosts Bingo on Wednesday afternoons at 12:15 p.m.

KIWANIS: the Kiwanis of Winchendon meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Restaurant. Come be part of the service club that concentrates on helping local children with the Backpack Program at the public elementary schools, Breakfast with Santa and yes, the Family Fun Day with the Massachusetts state level chili cook off every summer. We need your help. Stop in any Wednesday, we'd love to meet you!

THURSDAY GARDEN CLUB: The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from May through December. Please note the meeting place has been changed to the Hyde Park Drive Community Building.

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This informative presentation will take participants from old-time Appalachian string bands and bluegrass pioneers to newgrass innovators and beyond. The talk, based on Harris' latest book, *Bluegrass, Newgrass, Old-time, and Americana Music* (Pelican Publishing, May 2018), combines audio archives, rare film footage, well-researched storytelling, and collective music-making into a program that fans of

Americana Music will not want to miss. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Beals Memorial Library. For more information, call the library at (978) 297-0300. The Beals is located on 50 Pleasant St. in Winchendon.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT WORCESTER — The following local residents were among 1,474 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2018 semester. Anika Stundtner of Templeton is a member of the class of 2021 majoring in chemical engineering; Colby Whitcomb of Jaffrey, is a member of the class of 2018 majoring in chemical engineering; Kimberly Stanway of Rindge, is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in civil engineering; and Caleb Olson of Rindge, is a member of the class of 2021 majoring in mechanical engineering.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Dean's and Merit Lists for the spring 2018 semester. A total of 565 students were named to the Dean's List and 1,017 students were named to the Merit List. Students named to Dean's List must have a Quality Point Average (QPA) of 3.5 or higher and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester. Students named to the Merit List must have a QPA of 3.5 or higher and have earned 6 or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits. Among them were local students: Gardner: Noah Shields; Templeton: Tyler Cota. MERIT: Baldwinville: Nicholas Voyer; Gardner: Brianna Maillet, Eric Wells.

WORCESTER — On Saturday, May 12 on the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) campus quadrangle, over 1,000 bachelor's degrees were awarded during the university's 150th commencement ceremony. Owen Chace of Winchendon was awarded a bachelor of science degree in mathematical sciences with distinction, Colby Whitcomb of Jaffrey was awarded a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering with high distinction and Perry Ascani of Jaffrey was awarded a master of science degree in mechanical engineering.

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Student interns share stories

JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A quartet of student interns shared their stories last week and discussed how the experiences impacted the way they are looking at their futures.

Ariel Beal and Haleigh Kirwin spoke enthusiastically about their time at the Monodnack Humane Society, saying they could see themselves working with animals down the road.

"I really liked working with the other volunteers but it was more fun to be around the animals," reflected Kirwin.

Both girls emphasized they also liked the energy surrounding the Society.

"You could tell people were there, the volunteers, because they really cared," said Beal, conceding she has an especially soft spot for cats.

"These events like today," where students spoke to a collection of school officials and others, "give them a chance to share their internships, to tell us how they were impacted both short and maybe long term," said Murdock Academy for Success Director Kris Provost. "Internships give participating students a chance to see other options they may pursue career-wise."

"I was thinking about getting an animal-something degree," said Kirwin. "Now I'm sure I want to have a career around them."

Alijah Johnson Kenney and Brandon Lafrennie also had presentations. Lafrennie has been doing his at Beth Hunt's local Not Just Produced store on Central Street.

"I kind of did everything there - inventory, weigh meats, whatever needed to

be done. It was fun. I liked working with her and I liked meeting customers," he said.

For Kenney, his internship was an immersion into real estate and when it was done, he had found a career goal.

"Although," he laughed, "at first I didn't know they made their money on commissions."

Kenney said he liked the interaction with prospective buyers, adding he learned the difference between seller's agents and buyers' agents.

"I learned so much. This is definitely the career I want to pursue," he said.

"Giving them a taste of the 'real-world' is very beneficial," marveled district Superintendent Steve Haddad.

"The internship program is very worthwhile and valuable," he said.

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Clark readies for annual Solstice celebration

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

This year's astronomical summer solstice take place at 6:07 a.m. on Thursday, June 21. However, as everyone in Winchendon knows, summer really begins when the Clark Memorial YMCA holds its annual summer solstice celebration. This year the summer kick-off bash takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 16.

The event begins with the Morin Real Estate 5K Run and Walk. The starting pistol will be fired at 8 a.m. According to Noah Raynor, race coordinator, about 60 people have thus far signed up for the event. Participants can pre-register \$15 at the Clark, 155 Central St., Winchendon or by going to Active.com until June 14. Day-of-race registration

is \$20.

The race course begins at the Clark, proceeds down Beech Street to Water Street, then right onto Ash Street. Runners continue past the Winchendon School to a turn-around. After once again passing the Winchendon School, participants will turn right down Hall Road, cross Spring Street/Route 12, and follow the North Central Bike Path back to the Clark.

The McDonald's Fun Run begins at 9:30 a.m. with a third-of-a-mile event for kids 7 and under. There is no charge. At 9:45 a.m., kids between 8 and 12 will participate in a 1-mile race. The cost is \$5 and registration is available at the Clark.

Clark Senior Program Director Kyle Scrivines said all proceeds from

Summer Solstice go to support a variety of programs.

"Funds raised help to pay for our annual summer camp," he said. "The also go to childcare and other youth programs, as well as for scholarships."

Scrivines said last year the Clark provided \$54,000 in scholarships. He further explained that some of that amount went to support educational scholarships, but also allowed the organization to provide scholarships for YMCA memberships and program participation.

"We want everyone in the community to be able to take part in all that we have to offer," Scrivines said, "regardless of their income. Building community is among our most important priorities."

"While we raise funds," Scrivines continued, "the main purpose of Summer Solstice is to bring the community together. It's a nice event in a great location, and it offers a little something for everyone. Close to 50 volunteers take part in the planning, set-up, and break-down."

Entertainment for the kids this year includes five inflatables, a number of obstacle courses, and games of skill. All will be located on the soccer field.

Raynor said concessions include popcorn, sno-cones, ice cream, and - of course - the ever-popular Winchendon Kiwanis burgers and dogs.

There will be musical entertainment and tours of the new community center will also be offered.

Music students represent Murdock at festival

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

May means the Great East Music Festival and last week more than two dozen Murdock students traveled to Greenfield high school to participate in the event which even included a visit to Six Flags.

MHS Chorus and Chamber singers joined numerous other schools in what music teacher Aly Galipeau called a "very competitive" event.

"I really think it's important that Murdock students are able to see where they measure against other high schools in the area," reflected Galipeau.

"High schools from all over New England go to the Great East Festival. We are a truly competitive school when it comes to music and the arts," she continued, pointing out each ensemble earned a gold medal.

"The ensembles are all judged against a very competitive standard," said

Galipeau.

"We are so proud," she added.

Galipeau was pleased too, that her students were able to work with Plymouth State University professor Emily Jarowski.

"She was able to give us great feedback on our performance," noted Galipeau, saying outside reviews from skilled performers and instructors are always helpful.

The Six Flags portion? "It's part of the

Festival," she laughed.

"It was a great day," recalled Galipeau. "They were soooo well behaved and I actually think they gave a better performance at the Festival where dozens of schools participated than they did on our concert night" in Winchendon.

Keeping the music program going has been a challenge but Galipeau has never been one to back away from one.

"The kids make it all worthwhile," she stressed.

New paramedic certificate program at MWCC this fall

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

When the fall term opens at Mount Wachusett Community College, in place will be a first-ever paramedic technology certificate program, one of just nine across the state.

Program director Peter Laitinen said space will be limited and applications are due July 1. Classes will be held in the evenings and scattered Saturdays. He said that will be an intense schedule but, "paramedics work in chaotic envi-

ronments. These are people who like to turn chaos into organization, who are driven to serve others and who thrive on adrenaline."

He added there appears to be significant interest in the area, noting he's been approached by numerous firefighters and EMTs.

"There's definite demand in the region," said Laitinen.

The program at MWCC will be the only one of its kind in north central Massachusetts.

Applicants are required to have an

EMT certification and a year of experience and/or contact with at least 75 patients.

It was recently when MWCC was accredited by the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Services as a training center and Margaret Jalliet, assistant dean for the School of Health Professions was quite happy.

"We are delighted we have achieved approval from the Commonwealth and the first step towards accreditation by CoAEMSP (Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs

for the Emergency Medical Services Profession). We recognize the emergency medical services in our region have been asking for this for many years and we are happy to give it to them," she said.

To prepare for the program launch, MWCC is hosting three informational sessions for prospective applicants. While the first was held yesterday, the others are slated for Monday June 11 at 3 p.m. and Tuesday June 19 at 5 p.m.

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Municipal Small Bridge Program grant, however, the town will have to find another \$370,000, the balance of the overall cost of the project.

"Just about all of our Chapter 90 funding will have to go to that bridge in FY20," he said. "That means no other roadwork could be done in Winchendon unless the town comes up with the money."

Gallant said he has also been asked by the town to set aside \$80,000 in Chapter 90 funds to cover the town's share of replacing the sidewalks on Grove Street and on Central Street, between Maple Street and Memorial Avenue.

The total cost of the project is \$469,000, but the town is hoping its application for \$400,000 for a state Complete Streets grant will cover most of the cost.

The DPW director said town crews had recently completed sealing cracks on Front Street, Spring Street, part of High Street, Old Baldwinville Road, and Glenallen Street.

Gallant said he is utilizing results of a road survey done by StreetScan to prioritize roadwork. Last year, StreetScan drove over every mile or roadway in Winchendon with ground penetrating radar to determine the condition of each public way.

He said results of StreetScan's study indicated it would realistically take \$5 million a year to get ahead of the roadwork that needs to be done to bring all

municipal roadways into compliance with state and federal safety standards. Just maintaining all town roads in their current condition would run about \$1.8 million a year.

"This year we'll be getting about \$453,000 in Chapter 90 funding," he said. "That money comes from the state. We get nothing extra from the town. So, we're really doing the best with what little we have to work with. We're always playing catch-up."

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EDITORIAL

June First...
is it summer yet?

We had the official, unofficial start of summer last weekend with the three day holiday. Many families did indeed get out into the yards, break out the grills, perhaps do a road trip (though with the price of gas those are pretty close to home...) and convince themselves yes, summer is here.

But most of the kids are still in school for a few more weeks, the result of bad days during the winter, and let's face it, the weather has not been cooperating to usher in those lazy, hazy, days.

Cold rain, temperatures dipping overnight, while we have had a day here or there that felt as if we could leave the house without a jacket; most days we grabbed something, just in case.

We actually cranked up the car heater the other night on the way home, it was that cold.

True, we suspect July and August will get those temperatures up there, but June? Meh.

But back to the gas prices.

Why?

Just...why?

What has changed in the world that has raised those costs and made them soar?

Who is controlling those barrels?

We haven't seen a reliable explanation yet. The crude is available, the refineries are working. Shipping is on time.

Is someone just gleaming a big old profit somewhere?

Is there a shortage looming no one is

admitting?

We remember the '70s, and gas lines, because there really WAS a shortage. It miraculously righted itself (We say with a jaundiced prejudice, because we imagine the shortage was engineered to begin with).

And isn't it most interesting these prices rise just when Americans plan to travel? Like for summer trips?

Do these increases affect the costs associated with airline travel and what about shipping costs for the fleets of trucking companies? Aren't these costs now being passed on to consumers?

Chickens and eggs people, chickens and eggs.

See, someone decided long before now (just like the colors of furnishings and clothing and cars are decided years in advance) just when certain economic realities will happen. They don't always go as planned, but there is planning involved. And it usually involves someone, somewhere, with an eye on a better profit margin.

So do some research. And then start complaining to the right people. The local gas station isn't it; they have to charge pretty much what they are demanded to by those higher on the food chain. So go up the food chain.

Because trust us when we say, just like drug companies don't want to cure disease (that would stop the sale of drugs cold), oil companies and utilities don't want to see anything but increasing profits...ever.

Impeach him!

Really?
Does this cry remind you, as it does me, of these?

Crucify Him!
Burn the books!
Off with his head!
Take him to the Gulag!
Burn the witch!

There are many more examples throughout history of people who sought action that was neither called for nor justified.

Our Constitution is a living document. In their wisdom, the Founding Fathers anticipated times when the people would become dissatisfied with their ruler. They provided sane, rational ways for the people to remove a ruler.

We all, pro-Trump and anti-Trump people alike, need to understand there is a right way, a legal way, a Constitutional way, to address concerns.

More importantly, there is no other way.

So let us lower the noise, take the necessary steps to redress grievances, and stop all the whining, bellowing, and wringing of hands. I do not know, and neither do you, my readers, where these divisions will lead. I do know, and so do you, that wearing ignorance of the Constitutional mandates is not an excuse for the national upheaval that is being perpetrated.

Let us look at this matter pragmatically.

The ONLY cause for a president to be impeached and removed from office is committing high crimes, misdemeanors, bribes, or treason.

He cannot be removed for being uncouth, a playground bully, bad hair, bad morals, or simply because we suspect he is not trustworthy.

A special counsel was appointed to look into matters that might lead to such a charge. It has been over a year, and Robert Mueller has not made any accusation or submitted a report. It falls to us to await his suggestions. Obviously, when it is released, the report is not going to satisfy both sides on this issue.

In the event the report suggests there might have been things happening that fit the Constitutional definition for impeachment, it then falls to the House of Representatives to investigate.

If, in the course of their investigation, they believe sufficient proof is present, they then vote to impeach the president, which means only that the matter then moves to a trial by the Senate. The trial is presided over by the Chief Justice.

Only if the Senate finds the president guilty is he removed from office.

All the social media rantings in the world will not affect this process. Calmer minds prevail.

Now let's look at the likelihood of this process ending with the removal of the president. As I read the concerns, they are ALL suppositions. No prosecutor,

investigator, or court has substantiated any of the charges that appear daily in the news, on Facebook, and elsewhere.

If we suppose that something is discovered, it then goes to the House. The House is currently controlled by the President's party. If they

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move it on to the Senate, again they find the body controlled by the President's party, the presiding official, the Chief Justice, was appointed by a Republican.

I do not suggest that any of these people are not honorable or unwilling to find against the President. I do mean to suggest that in the absence of a strong case, they would be unlikely to do so, as would any impartial person.

Further, we should be aware that only three presidents have been impeached: Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon, and William Clinton. Not one of these men was removed by the Senate.

So in the entire history of our nation, such an extreme interference in a decision made by voters has never been taken.

We have had some questionable presidents in our history. None has been removed. The bar for removal is set very high. I think the Founders preferred we use the ballot box to address such issues.

A President only serves two years before his party is faced with midterm elections. If the electorate is concerned, they can turn both Houses of Congress over to the other party. Such action would severely limit what a president can then do.

Furthermore, after two more years, the voters can turn the president out at the polls.

This is democracy.

The purpose of this column is to simply state the facts. I have no idea what the special counsel will determine. Nor do I have any idea if it will rise to the level of an impeachable offense. I cannot discern if the House would send a bill of impeachment to the Senate, and I certainly cannot fathom what the Senate would do.

What I do know is that the Federal government is faced daily with important and essential tasks. When divisions such as those currently existing occur, it is difficult to focus on the national needs. I do not find it in the best interests of our Republic to make governing more difficult. And I find it especially repugnant to do so when the proper steps have been taken, our concerns are being investigated, and a way forward is written in the law.

Let's let the Constitutionally provided processes take place. And when a decision is rendered, let's accept it and move forward through the ballot box to address our grievances.

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Reading the morning newspaper
is the realist's morning prayer.

George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

We reach a year

It is June. Next Thursday, a week from yesterday will be June 7. It will be one year, one unimaginable, one horrific, one beyond - nightmarish year. Next Thursday will mark one year since we lost Courtney. To those who blithely assure that time heals, I can only say - perhaps but that sure hasn't happened yet. I'm honestly not sure it ever will. Who knows? The last several weeks have been especially hard for me. I am sure that's because the calendar has been moving inexorably towards June and I'm sure recovering from the flu didn't help matters either.

A year ago this week, she was preparing to return to Smith for her third and last summer session. Graduation loomed just two months away and she had already had at least one job offer. Her thesis too was essentially done. Courtney had spent the better part of a year working on it, so laser focused that I strongly, very strongly, suspect she was so focused on getting it done she tended to too frequently neglect everything else including her health. But that was who she was - a perfectionist and far too hard on herself when it came to things like writing the thesis. After all, she had bought into the mantra that Smith's MSW program was, in the words of one dean, "the Marines of graduate school."

Personally, I attributed that to a lot of arrogant self-promotion but even so there's no question the program was demanding and challenging and there was no question a Smith degree would open doors. Nor was there any doubt she loved it there, embracing a rigid academic schedule and finding she was looking at the world very differently than she had before. Her social consciousness had been awakened.

Thus it was excitement and anticipation we drove out to Northampton on Friday June 2. It took two cars to transport all her stuff. I wasn't sure why but I was smart enough not to ask, either.

That would be the last day I ever saw her, ever talked to her. I am forever grateful we parted on good, laughing terms that day. We'd certainly had our share of clashes but on that Friday, she seemed content, happy to catch up with her friends who were returning from across the country and ready to dive into a last summer of school before launching her social work career.

I had no idea, not at first, how many lives she had touched. People would tell me but there was a part of me



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which in the immediate aftermath kind of felt that was just a way of offering even a small degree of comfort. To be sure I was appreciative but I was thinking - she was 23 - how many lives could she have truly impacted?

It turns out the answer really was and remains, a lot more than I had thought. There was a side of her I never knew. I heard from parents of kids she'd been working with as an intern. I heard from Smithie pals who told me then and still tell me they think about how she would handle situation A or B and they tell me in some detail. People have told me her commitment to making a difference has inspired them to become more socially active in their communities. It turns out 23 was just a number.

There is no possible way I can really articulate how much I miss her. I have moments of emotional devastation. I have moments when I curse the fates. I have moments when I feel I can't get through the next hour. Those are inevitable.

I have learned so much in the last year. I have learned who my friends are and aren't. That mattered, mattered

more than I can. But I thank you, and you know who you are. I have learned who really cared about her and who didn't. That mattered too.

Here's what I can articulate. Courtney didn't see herself as anyone all that special. Never. As much as she had loved softball when she was younger, as much as she reveled in the championships, she was happy to bask in the reflected glow of others. She moved far beyond the games but you know what? I like to think she learned and took to heart some lessons on those fields about commitment and teamwork which served her well when her career was done. She understood winning and losing wasn't really what mattered. But she understood this, too. She and for that matter her brothers too, all shared a mantra, believing we all have a responsibility to others, to the wider community and she had chosen social work as a vehicle to do what she could every day to pitch in. That's her legacy. At 23 or 93 you can't ask for a better or more lasting one. I'm trying to do my part to live up to that. Wherever you are, I hope you know that and I hope I'm making you proud. You sure still make me proud beyond words. You will until my dying day. Love you kid. Forever and ever.

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POLICE LOG

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Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimised through indirect identification.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

12:32 a.m.: burglar alarm (Gardner Road), secure; 1:42-2:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:35 a.m.: suspicious person (Lincoln Avenue), spoken to; 2:51 a.m.: info/general (Lincoln Avenue), gone on arrival; 3:10 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:10 a.m.: vandalism (Glenallan Street), report taken; 9:11 a.m.: accident (Glenallan Street), report taken; 10:41 a.m.: assist citizen (Spruce Street), no cause; 12:56 p.m.: info/general (Colonial Lane), info taken; 2:12 p.m.: info/general (Center Lane), info taken; 3:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Benjamin Street), referred to ACO; 4:17 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville Road), accidental; 5:28 p.m.: trespassing (Academy Street), advised civil action; 6:30 p.m.: welfare check/general (Main Street), report taken; 6:33 p.m.: accident (Lake Street), spoken to; 6:55 p.m.: erratic operation (Central Street), citation issued; 7:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Hale Street); 8:52 p.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road), transported.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

1:53 a.m.: building check, secure; 4:41 p.m.: ambulance (Hale Street), transported; 7:56 a.m.: mental health issues (Linden Street), advised officer; 8:07 a.m.: investigation (Lakeview Drive), spoken to; 8:28 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), assisted; 8:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 9:12 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (North Ashburnham Road), report taken; 10:05 a.m.: welfare check/child (Emerald Street), spoken to; 10:53 a.m.: warrant arrest (Central Street), John J. Neely-Richard, Jr., 28, 322 Ashburnham Street, #1, Fitchburg; 12:00 p.m.: harassment (Alger Street), report taken; 12:15 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), false alarm; 12:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (Front Street), spoken to; 1:40 p.m.: assist other agency (Main Street), services rendered; 1:42 p.m.: animal complaint (Goodrich Drive), assisted; 1:49 p.m.: ambulance (Murdock Avenue), services rendered; 3:52 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), no service necessary; 5:06 p.m.: residential lock-out (Morse Avenue), assisted; 5:38 p.m.: fraud (Mill Street), info taken; 6:15 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 6:26 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report

taken; 6:27 p.m.: warrant arrest (Central Street), Randy A. Kauffman, 30, 272 Pearl Street, #23, Gardner, arrest based on warrant/4 counts; 6:27 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Glenallan Street), report taken; 8:33 p.m.: fight (Central Street), gone on arrival; 9:04 p.m.: investigation (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:11 p.m.: suspicious mv (Brooks Road), unable to locate; 9:19 p.m.: accident (Royalston Road North), unfounded; 9:24 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road), services rendered; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Brown Street), spoken to; 11:20 p.m.: suspicious person (Pearl Drive), unable to locate; 11:35-11:51 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

12:38 a.m.: info/general (Ipswich Drive), spoken to; 12:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), spoken to; 1:33-1:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:01 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 2:15 a.m.: warrant check (Central Street), services rendered; 5:36 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), transported; 9:08 a.m.: fraud (Forristall Road), report taken; 9:33 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), services rendered; 11:00 a.m.: info/general (Webster Street), services rendered; 12:09 p.m.: info/general (Glenallan Street), info taken; 12:11 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 12:31 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 1:07 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Central Street), services rendered; 1:42 p.m.: fraud (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 5:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Alger Street), spoken to; 5:36 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 5:45 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Doane Hill Road, Royalston), assisted; 6:08 p.m.: bolo (Walnut Street), spoken to; 6:20 p.m.: harassment (Mechanic Street), report taken; 7:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), referred to ACO; 7:18 p.m.: noise complaint (Cedar Street), spoken to; 8:42 p.m.: mv stop (Forristall Road), verbal warning; 8:51-8:53 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:00 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:46 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 10:43 p.m.: erratic operation (School Street), unable to locate.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

12:34-12:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:44 a.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), no service necessary; 1:02-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:44 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 6:13 a.m.: traffic hazard (Glenallan Street), hazard removed; 6:52 a.m.: welfare check/child (Mill Street), unfounded; 7:37 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 8:46 a.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road), referred to ACO; 8:58 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 9:25 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:34 a.m.: assist citizen (Bayberry Circle); 9:37 a.m.: summons

service (Old Gardner Road), served; 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Walnut Street), citation issued; 9:55 a.m.: summons service (Chestnut Street), served; 10:03 a.m.: assist other agency (Harrisville Circle); 10:23 a.m.: summons service (Elwood Road), served; 10:45 a.m.: assist citizen (Pond Street), spoken to; 11:08 a.m.: burglary/b&e (Lincoln Avenue), report taken; 1:29 p.m.: keep the peace (Ash Street), spoken to; 1:51 p.m.: info/general (Murdock Avenue), info taken; 1:55 p.m.: larceny (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 2:35 p.m.: keep the peace (Alger Street), spoken to; 3:38 p.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Road), transported; 5:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Elmwood Road), referred to ACO; 5:23 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:58 p.m.: erratic operation (Central Street), spoken to; 7:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Highland Street), referred to other PD; 7:11 p.m.: bolo (Route 119, Rindge), advised officer; 7:51 p.m.: property damage (Main Street), report taken; 8:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 9:13 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street), transported; 9:48 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street), spoken to.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

12:06 a.m.: disturbance (Oak Street), spoken to; 1:29-2:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:32 a.m.: officer wanted (Front Street), secure; 2:33 a.m.: building checked, secure; 2:34 a.m.: assist other PD (Spring Street), canceled; 3:36 a.m.: disturbance (Mill Street), unable to locate; 8:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), referred to ACO; 8:06 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning; 8:46 a.m.: summons service (Mill Street), unable to serve; 9:45 a.m.: accident (Central Street), assisted; 9:52 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), false alarm; 10:08 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 11:12 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), gone on arrival; 11:19 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street), referred to ACO; 11:30 a.m.: suspicious mv (Murdock Avenue), services rendered; 11:49 a.m.: suspicious mv (Murdock Avenue), no service necessary; 1:58 p.m.: civil complaint (East Street), advised civil action; 2:36 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), James M. Jarmolowicz, 26, 15 Harvard Street, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, citation issued; 3:42 p.m.: sex offender registration (Woodlawn Avenue), info taken; 3:54 p.m.: hazardous materials spill (Main Street), services rendered; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), citation issued; 6:05 p.m.: noise complaint (Cedar Street), spoken to; 6:39 p.m.: noise complaint (Vine Street), spoken to; 8:59 p.m.: intoxicated person (North Main Street, Templeton), advised officer; 9:06 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:14 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal

warning; 9:49 p.m.: intoxicated person (Glenallan Street), unable to locate; 10:20 p.m.: loitering (Pearl Drive), no cause; 11:16 p.m.: intoxicated person (Glenallan Street), protective custody; 11:25 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Spruce Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

12:19 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), secure; 2:08 a.m.: mv stop (Memorial Drive), spoken to; 2:27 a.m.: welfare check/general (Goodrich Drive), unable to locate; 3:13 a.m.: noise complaint (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 5:56 a.m.: harassment (Spring Street), spoken to; 7:02 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), info taken; 7:49 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 7:54 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 8:24 a.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Road), referred to ACO; 9:55 a.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 10:15 a.m.: ambulance (Royalston Road North), referred; 12:05 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street), transported to hospital; 12:10 p.m.: fire alarm (Ready Drive), false alarm; 12:30 p.m.: harassment (Juniper Street), report taken; 12:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road), info taken; 1:43 p.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street); 2:53 p.m.: gunshots heard (Hospital Drive), unfounded; 4:02 p.m.: accident (Winter Street), report taken; 6:05 p.m.: welfare check/general (Baldwinville State Road), no service necessary; 6:21 p.m.: erratic operation (Front Street), unable to locate; 8:25 p.m.: property damage (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 10:51 p.m.: disabled mv (Franklin Street), advised officer; 11:04 p.m.: burglar alarm (Banner Place), secure.

MONDAY, MAY 28

12:04 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:21 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:44 a.m.: disabled mv (Gardner Road), no service necessary; 1:04-3:05 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:59 a.m.: info/general (Teel Road), info taken; 7:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Willoughby Avenue), spoken to; 10:09 a.m.: dog bite (Central Street), report taken; 10:10 a.m.: dog bite (Mill Glen Road), referred to ACO; 11:47 a.m.: sex offender registration (Woodlawn Avenue), assisted; 12:13 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street); 12:28 p.m.: wires down (River Street), info taken; 3:36 p.m.: 911 hang-up (Maple Street), no service necessary; 5:23 p.m. suicide threats (Brown Circle), report taken; 7:22 p.m.: building check, secure; 7:52 p.m.: harassment (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 8:11 p.m.: disabled mv (Central Street), advised officer; 8:22 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 9:49 p.m.: fire alarm (Central Street), assisted; 11:52 p.m.: unwanted party (Joslin Road), spoken to.

Middle-Schoolers jump into the Shark Tank

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Anyone familiar with the ABC-TV show Shark Tank has seen the kind of pressure people can feel as they try to lure investment in a product they have developed and which, they believe, could become the next Fidget Spinner, GoPro, or even Barbie.

Well, students in Murdock Middle School educator Andrew Coleman's class recently had the chance to experience the exhilaration of inventing their own "best-selling" product, as well as the sweat-inducing pressure of trying to sell that product to investors. For six weeks the seventh-graders refined their

ideas and developed business plans before pitching their proposal to a team of judges.

Ideas ranged from a bed that makes itself to a device that makes school desk chairs more comfortable, from an automatic ball (basket, base, foot, etc.) inflater to a dribble stopper, from a hat cooler for your head to a trash shredder. All of them required an investment of time, patience, and – most of all – imagination.

Students had to calculate the cost of producing, marketing, and shipping their products, and how much they would need to sell each unit for in order to turn a profit.

The hardest part, after all the effort that went into developing all the

business-related details, may well have been pitching it to the judges. Each individual, or team of developers, had to stand in front of not only a trio of hard-marking "investors," but also in front of their sometimes overly-skeptical classmates. It was, as stand-up comedians call it, a "tough house."

But each did his or her best and the experience, win or lose, was certainly invaluable. As Coleman said: "Hopefully, one day they will look back at this as their inspiration for a million-dollar idea."

Once all the pitches were made, all the questions answered, and all the judges satisfied, the winners were:

Most Sellable: The

Hammy Home – This was a hamster house made of hamster food to prevent hamsters from chewing on their cages or eating toxic plants. Invented Angelina Dellasanta, Sarah Holt, and Brooke Zabick.

Best Sales Pitch: The Blister Buster – Cushions put into shoes that help prevent blisters. Invented by Tiana Graessle and Rickelle Divoll-Tien.

Most Impactful: Zippity Do Dah – A zipline for laundry baskets to make getting one's laundry downstairs easier for the elderly and those who are mobility challenged. Invented by Hannah O'Neill and Liz Laprise.

Coleman said, "I was glad to see all our students rise to the occasion."



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A 'zip line' laundry set up to help get baskets up and down stairs.

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Willie Bryan, 69

WINCHENDON — Willie Bryan, age 69, a resident of Winchendon and a former longtime resident of Lowell, passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Bay State Medical Center in Springfield, with his family by his side. He was the loving husband of Paulette C. (Villandry) Bryan, with whom he recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Born in Prince Edward Island on September 22, 1948, he was a son of the late Rathbun W. and Julia (Bernard) Bryan.

He was raised in Lowell and was educated in the Lowell school system and was a Golden Gloves Champion boxer in his earlier years.

Willie worked as a salesman in the automotive industry for his entire life and had received several awards and accommodations during his career. He had worked at many dealerships including the former Hallissey Motors, Allen Mello Dodge and more recently Ron Bouchard Kia in Lancaster.

He was a wonderful husband and family man who always enjoyed family gatherings and singing karaoke. Willie also loved to be with his dogs Rosco and Pheobe.

Surviving him in addition to his loving wife Paulette, are two sons and a daughter in law, Keith W. Bryan and his partner Kellie Cadigan Mitchell of Tewksbury and Robert L. and Vanessa Bryan of Nashua; two daughters and a son in law, Dawn M. Thompson and her husband Dean of Leominster and Judy L. Dionne of Lowell; fifteen grandchildren, Kayela, Rechelle, Austin, Seth, Luke, Lauren, Brittany, Kayla, Dylan, Tonimarie, Niko, Hunter, Devyn, Bobby Jr., and Anthony; two great grandchildren, Liam and Adaelyn; a sister and brother in law, Judy and Stephen Schaffer of Dracut; a brother, Richard Bryan of Lowell, also several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews as well as extended family in Canada.

He was also the brother of the late Margaret "Mugsy" Beauchesne, Gladys "Mickey" Leakeas, Linda Bryan and Daniel Bryan.

Funeral Services and burial were held on June 1st. Memorial donations may be made to the Children's Tumor Foundation at www.ctf.org.

For online condolences, please visit www.tyngsboroughfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by the Tyngsborough Funeral Home, 4 Cassaway Dr., Tyngsborough, MA 01879.

FRAMINGHAM — Thomas Michael Cahill, age 89, passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2018, after a brief illness.



Born on November 20, 1928 in Worcester, son of Walter Purcell Cahill and Catherine Anna (Johnstone) Cahill. He spent his early childhood in Shrewsbury before his family moved to New Jersey. He graduated from Seton Hall Prep and he had just moved back to Massachusetts, when he was called by the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. After his service, he graduated from UMass Amherst and worked in the aero-

space industry before transferring to the Dept. of Revenue for the Comm. of Massachusetts.

Thomas had great interest in local history, military history, government and genealogy, tracing his roots back to Ireland.

He is survived by wife of 44 years, Virginia (Roberts), his daughter, Catherine Anne and her husband Sgt. Christopher Kelly, both of Colorado. He is also survived by many nephews and nieces and their families.

After a funeral service at Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, Winchendon, a military burial followed at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

James J. 'Jim' Nolan Sr., 80

PEPPERELL — James J. (Jim) Nolan Sr., age 80, died peacefully, at his Pepperell home on Saturday, May 26, 2018. James was born in Ware on August



13, 1937, the youngest of seven children. He was orphaned when his parents, James & Leticia Burke passed away suddenly. He was adopted by his first cousin, Mary (Dennehy) Nolan and her husband Joseph at the age of 3. James was the light of his parent's lives.

He was educated in the Burlington school system, attending Burlington high school until enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1957. James served his country as a military police officer and investigator. He served in France, Belgium and Turkey, returning to the States in 1960, continuing to serve in the United States Army Reserve until 1963.

James was a master electrician, licensed in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, a member of IBEW local 588 & 103 for over 45 years. Even in retirement he continued to work on projects for friends and family.

When Jim moved his family to Pepperell in 1971, he became very involved in the community, coaching Little League, and taking on the role of Santa Claus for several local organizations. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, Bishop Beaven Assembly. He was also a past Grand Knight for Council 317 In Pepperell.

He was predeceased by his wife Judith, in 2015, to whom he was married for 54 years. He is survived by his children, a son, James J. Nolan Jr, and wife Melissa of Ashby; two daughters, Tracy A. McEvoy and husband William of Leominster and Julie A. Holly and husband James of Winchendon. His grandchildren, Taryn Holly Wright and her husband, Sgt. Kenneth Wright of Wahiawa, HI; 2nd LT. Ruben Holly currently serving at Ft. Sill, OK and fiancé, Averi Treseder of Albuquerque, NM; James H. & Jarred J. Nolan of Ashby. One great-grandson, Brady A. Wright of Wahiawa, HI.

His hobbies included taking care of his yard and hosting many pool parties. He loved that generations of children learned to swim in his pool. He also enjoyed long meandering drives to the beach for his salt water taffy and a bite to eat. And in recent years, bird watching on his deck. His grandchildren were most important to him and his youngest two, James & Jarred were an integral part of his care team when he became home bound, frequently answering his "call bell" when Grampie needed something. He repeatedly mentioned that they "couldn't do enough for him"! They loved to wait on "Bamp".

Visiting hours at the MARCHAND FUNERAL HOME, 16 Pleasant St., Pepperell, were Wednesday. A funeral mass was offered on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Our Lady of Grace Parish, worshipping at St. Joseph's Church, 28 Tarbell St., Pepperell. Burial with military honors at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, in Winchendon followed. For online condolences, please visit www.marchandfuneralhome.com.

Debra J. Gallerani, 58

NATICK — Debra J. Gallerani of Natick, age 58, died Saturday, May 20, 2018. She was beloved daughter of the late Charles Gallerani.



Debbie was born in Newton and has been a lifelong resident of Natick. A loving and gentle spirit, Debbie was full of fun, love and joy. She was a very determined and strong young lady. Very expressive in

nature and knew just how to get what she wanted. Besides being a foodie, fashionista, fan of the men and hugs; Debbie wanted to be right in all the action. She was loved by all and never met a stranger.

She is survived by her devoted mother Alice (Bowler) Gallerani of Natick, her loving sisters, Gail Ingemi and her husband Michael of Winchendon, Carol Smaltz and her husband Charles of MI and Lianne Ingemi, her husband Joseph of Framingham, her nieces, Heather Ingemi, Alyssa Ingemi, Meghan Custer all of Framingham and Sarah Smaltz

of MI, nephews, Ryan Smaltz of MI, Christopher Ingemi of Winchendon and Michael Custer of Natick and her devoted Godmother and aunt, Noreen Code of Acton and uncle William Gallerani of Framingham. She is also survived by many cousins and extended family and her close friends and community at West Hill Park and Advocates Inc. Day Program.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend her Funeral Service on Wednesday May 30 from the John Everett and Sons Funeral Home 4 Park Street, at Natick Common. Interment was at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.

The family would like to thank everyone for the wonderful care given to Debbie especially from the West Hill Park Community and Advocates Inc. Program.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to The ARC of Massachusetts, 217 South Street, Waltham, MA 02453. For the online guest book, obituary and additional information please visit www.everettfuneral.com.

Paul Francis Roger, 88

ASHBURNHAM — Paul Francis Roger, age 88, of Ashburnham, passed away on May 25, 2018, at The Highlands, surrounded by his loving family.



Paul was born in Leominster on August 18, 1929, a son of the late Oliva J. and Exina M. (Fontaine) Roger.

Paul was the owner of Roger's Hardware Store, in Ashburnham for many years. He was a friendly face, always helping those in need. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Paul was a very active and caring man for both his family and community. He served on the Ashburnham Trust Fund Commission, was a past member of the Lion's Club and was on the board of the Gordon Erickson Rescue Truck Fund. For several years, Paul was involved in the Ashburnham Advisory Committee. Always selfless and giving of himself, Paul enjoyed his many years volunteering with the Salvation Army.

A devout Christian, he served as Eucharistic Minister at St. Denis Church, where he was a longtime

parishioner and past president of the Forever Young Club.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Pauline (Caron) Roger of Ashburnham; his eight children, David Roger and wife Marcia of Westminster; Steven Roger of Winchendon; Nancy Bolk and Dennis Bozza of Gardner; Kenneth Roger and wife Jill of Harwich Port; Daniel Roger and wife Kim of Ashburnham; Karen Gravel of Gardner; James Roger and wife Heather of Westminster; and Amy LeBlanc and husband Kenneth of Westminster; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Paul was predeceased by his siblings, Madeleine Siciliano, Raymond Roger, and Reverend Richard Roger, as well as his daughter-in-law Lee Forrest Roger.

The funeral mass was held in Saint Denis Church, 85 Main St., Ashburnham, on Wednesday, May 30. Burial followed in Saint Denis Cemetery. Calling hours were held in Brandon Funeral Home, 17 Main St., Ashburnham, on Tuesday, May 29.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to St. Denis Church, 85 Main St., Ashburnham, MA 01430.

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Midnight Sharp presents classic and alternative rock and blues on July 13. On July 20, Franklin County Sweethearts get you humming along with a mix of western

Massachusetts folk and country classics. The series wraps up on July 27 with The Keith McLinden Project presenting "original rock with an eclectic style." Concerts are every Friday at G.A.R. Park and run from 6:30 to 8

p.m. In the event of inclement weather, performances are held in the 2nd floor auditorium at Winchendon town hall. For more information visit facebook.com/toy-townparks.

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Quinn added, "We're pleased to be able to work with Sean Pepper of D.R. Poulin Construction Co., on this project. Sean and his family are from Winchendon and know first hand what the Clark means to the community. It was important for us to work with someone who shared the values of the organization and the community. And I know that Sean is proud to be able to give back to his community and to lend his craft

to establishing something that will be enjoyed for generations to come."

A donor tree will be prominently displayed in the lobby of the new Youth & Community Center to recognize individuals and families that contribute to the campaign. An anonymous donor has generously pledged to match contributions up to \$5,000.

For more information about the Youth & Community Center, or the PROMISE FOR TOMORROW campaign, please contact Mike Quinn, Executive Director at (978) 297-9622.

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Yes, it's all yours. The NFL that is. My interest has been waning for a while but now I'm done.

To be sure, the NFL can establish whatever workplace rules it wants. But here's the thing. A few years ago, the almost exclusively white owners had no problem with Tim Tebow taking a knee, did they? But let the black guys do it, and they have been protesting police brutality, not the military, and all hell breaks loose.

Let's acknowledge the truth - these owners either don't understand what patriotism really is or more likely don't give a damn. These clowns caved to DJT. They should be ashamed. They're not of course and while some deserve credit for their philanthropic efforts, that doesn't change the reality they proved as well to be racist bigots as well. Shocking, I know.

There's no other way to say it. The anthem policy adopted last week is racist at its core and I was glad to see a big name white player, the thoughtful Chris Long, say so. Additionally, the way this came down was stupid. The owners should have sat down with the union and worked out a compromise. That's what the NBA did. The NFL brought this mess on itself. Back in '09, the league signed

a promotional deal with the Pentagon. Before that, players all stayed in the locker room when the anthem was being played, but in their insatiable greed, the owners threw in with the military nine years ago and that began the road down that slippery slope which eventually brought us to a place where there is really no reason to be.

These owners. They messed up the whole concussion/head injury situation. They're blackballing Colin Kaepernick. They aligned themselves with a nut-job pizza franchise who turned around and blamed his declining sales on his owner buddies and then resigned from his company.

These owners were complicit with Mike Pence's walkout stunt last season. They remain largely tone deaf to domestic

violence issues in far too many cases. On top of all that, the quality of play is, well, not good, to be charitable.

Yes, you can have them. And their game.

Baseball just passed the traditionally accepted quarter pole of Memorial Day and do any of you doubt four of the five American League playoff spots will be claimed by the Yankees, Red Sox, Indians, and Astros? That's pretty much a given. The only post-season qualifying drama revolves around who gets the second wildcard spot, the Twins, Angels, or perhaps the Mariners, though the latter is unlikely. But while there may not be a ton of doubt regarding who'll be playing in October, you should take time to marvel at amazing individual accomplishments. Aaron Judge threw

a 100 mph perfect strike to nail a runner at the plate. Justin Verlander's ERA is Bob Gibson-like. For that matter, the whole Houston rotation's ERA is Gibson-like. Mike Trout is Mike Trout.

The NL at least at the moment has more intrigue. The Nats, Cubs and Dodgers have yet to run away with their respective divisions, in fact only the Nats are even playoff eligible as I write Sunday morning, but even if they do all wind up coasting through September, at least the Braves, Phillies, Cardinals, Brewers, Rockies and D-Backs are making things interesting early on. Who knows? Maybe there will be real pennant races after all.

One can hope. See you next week.

Track stars beat multiple school records

SUE POLCARI
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Congratulations to the Murdock boys and girls track teams! The boys placed 2nd in Mid Wach E during the league meet held May 16th and the girls team placed 3rd. Mid Wach All Stars are: Richard Swanson III, Justin Thira, Ryan Thira, Adam Digman, Logan Huff, Steven Ingman, Alexia Allard, Lilly Digman, Briahna Bouchard and Paige Demanche.

The State meet was held May 26th. Alexia Allard broke her own individual record and placed 3rd in the States in the pentathlon. She broke her own school record in the hurdles. She also broke the Murdock long jump record of 42 years

with a jump of 17 feet, 8.5 inches!

Lilly Digman broke her own school record in the 400 meter and placed 2nd in the State meet. Briahna Bouchard placed 10th in the state in the pentathlon and 13th in the 400 hurdles.

Allard placed 2nd in the state in the triple jump, breaking her own school record. 8th grader Nobaleigh Laraba placed 20th in the 2 mile. Paige Demanche placed 15th in the high jump and Lilly Digman placed 18th in the javelin. The 4x4 relay team of Demanche, Bouchard, Allard and Digman set a new school record, previously held for 31 years, while placing 5th in the state.

The girls team placed 8th overall while the boys

placed 9th overall in the State meet (approx. 55-60 teams participating).

Adam Digman placed 5th in the state, breaking his own school record by 400 points in the pentathlon. Richard Swanson placed 2nd in the 400 meter, Steven Ingman placed 6th in the mile, Ryan Thira came in 14th in the 200 meter and Justin Manuel placed 21st in the mile. Additional placements by Murdock athletes: Triple jump: Ryan Thira (7th) and Justin Thira (12th); 110 hurdles: Adam Digman (16th) and Logan Huff (25th). Huff also came in 20th in the 400 hurdles. The 4x4 relay team of Digman, Ryan Thira, Swanson, and Ingman placed 3rd.

Richard Swanson (400

meter), Lexi Allard (triple jump) and the boys 4x4 relay team have qualified for and will be participating in the All-State meet on Saturday, June 2nd. Lilly Digman, an 8th grader, also qualified for the High School All-States, but will opt to defend her 2017 championship title in the 400 meter in the 2018 Middle School state championship meet that same day.

Other participants in the Middle School State meet: Deaclan Marmanadis (Discus), Moeketsi Molai (100 hurdles, 4x1 relay), Richard Field (100 hurdles, 4x1 relay), Kevin Pesce (Discus, 4x1 relay), Adam Buccaroni (4x1 relay), Jason Ingman (1 mile) and Nobaleigh Laraba (Discus, 1 mile).



Murdock Track group shot - front row - Briahna Bouchard, Alexia Allard, Lilly Digman, Logan Huff, Ryan Thira. Back row: Justin Thira, Richard Swanson, Adam Digman, Justin Manuel, Steven Ingman.

Congratulations and GOOD LUCK to all!

Upcoming track events: Weight throwers pentathlon - Monday, June 4th

Decathlon - Tuesday/Wednesday - June 5-6

Relay

for Life - Torch Run - Friday - June 8th

England Track Meet - Saturday - June 9th

National Track Meet in Greensboro, NC (LEXI ALLARD) - June 14-16

Lady Devils garners District berth

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Having secured a ninth post-season berth in 11 years, the Murdock Lady Devils varsity softball team now awaits word of its playoff seeding which will be revealed next Tuesday.

"They just work really hard," reflected first year Coach John Reilly. "They're just willing to do the things they need to do to get better, to be a better player and a better team today than they were yesterday."

MHS guaranteed itself yet another District berth by overpowering North Brookfield in a 13-1 five-inning 'mercy rule' rout behind Emily Smith's one hitter. Smith yielded a game-opening single and nothing thereafter as the Lady Devils gained their tenth win of the season. Senior Vicki St. Hilaire had four RBI, Jocelyn Garner scored three runs and senior Emily Kiberd Pervier drove in three runs.

"It all just clicked for us," stressed Reilly.

"I'm an unorthodox coach. I'll bunt with two strikes, things like that, and they're really open to trying anything that might help us win. They're such a good group of kids. They really are. Not every

team is," he said.

After reaching the playoffs every year from 2008-14, the Lady Devils fell short two of the last three seasons, missing in 2015 and 2017.

"That's not okay. Not blaming anyone," assured Reilly, "but that's not what we do here. What we've done this year is what we do here."

Senior night was a tough loss to Monty Tech but MHS had already clinched, so it was a celebratory evening for St. Hilaire, Kiberd-Pervier and Molly Murphy, all of whom were feted along with their parents during pre-game ceremonies.

"They're real leaders," pointed out Reilly. "They set good examples for the younger players."

The senior night contest was a slugfest and players from Winchendon were big contributors for the Lady Bulldogs, including Amber Colcord who blasted a three run homer and Chelsea Simmers-Swanson who had a couple RBI.

Garner belted a grand slam of her own as MHS jumped out in front after two innings before Monty Tech rallied. No matter. Another playoff berth had been clinched as this spring's edition of the Lady Devils emulated so many previous squads of the last decade.

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Last Thursday the Murdock Blue Devils hosted the Monty Tech Bulldogs in their final game at home of the season.

The Devils held a 2-0 lead up until the seventh inning when the Bulldogs would make some noise, bringing across their first run of the game and avoiding the shut-out. But the Devils went on to a 2-1 victory, winning their third game of the season, and Jack Polcari pitching a complete game.

In the first inning Polcari got into an early jam but would get out of it picking up is second of eleven strikeouts on the afternoon as the Bulldogs left two runners on.

Murdock picked up their first run of the game as Mitch Charland stole home while at the same time Sam Drake stole second. At the end of one the Devils took a 1-0 lead into the second inning.

Polcari struck out two more in the second, keeping it a one run ball game. In the

bottom half of the second Zach Richards and Morhei Castro reached base with a walk. Charland would take a pitch into left field driving in Richards for an RBI and their second run of the game. Alec Barrows would fly out and Same Drake would ground out to end the inning as the Devils take a 2-0 lead at the end of two.

In the third inning it was good morning, good afternoon, and good night for the Bulldogs as Polcari struck out the side in order and with seven strikeouts on the afternoon. Polcari continued to keep his team energized as he would continue to deal up strikeouts.

The Blue Devils held a 2-0 lead until the seventh, when the Bulldogs would make some noise as they would avoid the shutout bringing across their first run of the afternoon, but the Devils would pick up the victory 2-1.

Offensively for the Blue Devils: Sam Drake reached base twice-walked and Reached On Error, Zach Richards-Walk, Morhei Castro-Walk, Mitch

Charland:1 for 2-single, RBI, Tony Wolski: 1 for 2-single, HBP(Hit By Pitch), and Jack Polcari: 1 for 3- Walk and single. Polcari also pitched a complete game with (eleven strikeouts, four hits allowed, one run allowed, and three walks allowed.

After the game, Coach Bob Polcari said, "Number three for the year, that's more than we've had in five years I think or at least four. In my coaching career that's the most we've had. It was a good game, we played a good game. We do have that in us when we reach down and a little bit more disciplined."

Jack pitched a very, very good game and multiple performances in a row, so I'm happy. We seem to play well behind Jack, more so than other pitchers and that's beneficial for us, and we play well," Polcari added. "So, it's a good win! We got a couple hits here and there, we left a few runners out there that we probably should of scored."

The Devils wrapped up their season last Saturday facing West Boylston.

Softball on top once more taking MidWach

SUE POLCARI
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Murdock secured its place as champion of Mid-Wach League E on Tuesday, May 29, with a 15-7 win over Tahanto.

Murdock scored three runs in the top of the 1st inning which Tahanto answered right back with 3 of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

Both teams scored an additional run in the 2nd inning to even the score at 4-4.

Murdock held Tahanto scoreless for the next four innings, while plating three runs in the 3rd, one in the 4th, five in the 5th, one in the 6th and one in the 7th innings.

The Stags scored three more runs in

the bottom of the 7th inning, but it was not nearly enough to catch up to the Lady Devils. Everyone in the Murdock lineup had at least one hit.

Lindsey Smith 1-4, RBI, 2 runs scored; Ashley Sevigny 2-3, RBI, 3 runs scored; Kelly Murphy 1-4, RBI, 1 run; Cassidy Stadtfeld 1-1; Meagan Knight 1-5, RBI, 1 run; Victoria St. Hilaire 1 run scored; Emily Kiberd-Pervier 2-5, 2RBIs; Jocelyn Garner 3-5, triple, double, 4 RBIs, 3 runs scored; Molly Murphy 4-5, RBI, 2 runs; Maria Polcari 4-5, 2 doubles, triple, 2 RBIs, 2 runs scored. Emily Smith earned the win for Murdock, going the distance in the circle.

Murdock seniors Molly Murphy, Emily Kiberd-Pervier and Victoria St. Hilaire, along with their parents, were

recognized and celebrated by their coaches and teammates, in a pregame ceremony on Wednesday, May 21. This game (vs Monty Tech) was the last regular season home game for these three players.

The Blue Devils scored seven runs in the first 2 innings, but unfortunately it wasn't enough as they fell to Monty Tech 10-7.

The Bulldogs were first on the board, scoring three runs in the top of the 1st, but the Lady Devils answered back in the bottom half with two runs of their own on an RBI double by Emily Kiberd-Pervier which plated Maria Polcari (triple) and an RBI single by Vicky St. Hilaire.

Murdock held Monty Tech scoreless

in the 2nd inning and scored five more runs, four of which resulted from a grand slam off the bat of Jocelyn Garner.

Monty Tech tied it up with four runs scored in the top of the 3rd. Monty Tech scored two runs in the 4th and one more in the 5th, but Murdock was unable to produce any more runs.

Kiberd-Pervier went 2 for 3 with a walk, RBI and run scored. Vicky St. Hilaire had a 3 for 4 day (3 singles) while Kelly Murphy and Molly Murphy each contributed with a single.

At the time of this writing, Murdock's record is 11-7 overall (8-2 Mid Wach E) with non league games scheduled for 5/30 at David Prouty and 6/4 at Parker Charter. Go Blue Devils!!



Honoring our own



Participants in Winchendon's annual Memorial Day parade make their way down Central Street. Unlike recent years, the weather cooperated to allow for a pleasant celebration of those who sacrificed their lives in the founding and defense of the American nation.



Some young Winchendon residents – under the watchful eye of dad – gaze up at the Civil War statue erected at GAR Park to remember those who fought and died in the war to preserve the Union.



American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 Commander Mark Desmarais addresses those attending Memorial Day ceremonies at American Legion Park.



American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 Honor Guard fires a volley in remembrance of those who died in defense of the nation during Memorial Day services at GAR Park.



Students from Murdock High School perform The Nation Anthem during Memorial Day ceremonies at GAR Park.



Members of the Murdock High band take part in the parade.



Genny and Guili Difaba wave flags while watching the Memorial Day Parade



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Memorial School - Brady Brunt with his family - Grade 2



Kelsey Boucher, grade eight, pictured with her parents.



Murdock Academy is Abigail Gagne with her mom?



Pre-K - Ava Godfrey with her family

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by John A. Macomber to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated December 9, 2011 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48245, Page 318, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49218, Page 133 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on June 8, 2018 at 27 Prentice Circle, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in the Town of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on Prentice Circle bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point located on the Northerly end of Prentice circle cul-de-sac; Thence N. 03 degrees 38' 52" W. a distance of two hundred, fifty-nine and 19/100 (259.19) feet to a point located on a stone wall; Thence S. 88 degrees 02' 44" E. along said stone wall and land now or formerly of E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of four and 58/100 (4.58) feet to a drill hole located at an angle point in said wall; Thence N. 62 degrees 41' 08" E. along said wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of eight and 42/100 (8.42) feet to a drill hole located at an angle point in said wall; Thence S. 88 degrees 57' 58" E. along said wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of seventy and 98/100 (70.98) feet to a drill hole in said wall; Thence S. 77 degrees 27' 08" E. along said wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of one hundred eighty-one and 54/100 (181.54) feet to a drill hole located at a corner of said stone wall; Thence S. 14 degrees 00' 30" W. along said stone wall and land of said E. Murdock, Inc., a distance of twenty-two and 56/100 (22.56) feet to a point; Thence S. 28 degrees 45' 29" W. a distance of three hundred fifty-six and 96/100 (356.96) feet to a point located on the northerly end of Prentice Circle cul-de-sac; Thence by said cul-de-sac to the left having a radius of 85.00 feet, a length of one hundred ninety-six and 10/100 (196.10) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 54,693 square feet and being Lot 65 on plan entitled "Lot Line Relocation Plan, Map 9, Lot 13, Prentice Circle, Winchendon, Massachusetts," prepared for D.M. Industries, Inc., October 26, 1989, scale: 1" = 20' prepared by Cuece and Cormier, Inc., and being on record at Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 628, Plan 68. Subject to

and with the benefit of any easements, restrictions or rights of way of record, if any there be, insofar as the same are presently in force and applicable. Meaning and intending to describe the same premises conveyed by Deed recorded 2/17/11 at the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47096, Page 308. See also Deed recorded herewith.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
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Phone: (781) 790-7800
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May 18, 2018
May 25, 2018
June 1, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18CO203CA
In the matter of:
Esme Rose Smith
Of : Winchendon, MA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Jade S Tavares requesting that:

Esme Rose Smith be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Esme Rose Tavares

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 06/19/2018

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 18, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

June 1, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Scott Griffith to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, dated May 28, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45854, Page 65, subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45854, Page 78 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on June 15, 2018 at 99 School Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows, viz:- A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon and numbered 99 School Street, bounded as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of land formerly of David S. Roby, on the Easterly line of School Street; Thence Easterly on line of said Ruby land, now owned and herein conveyed by Julia R. Young, about one hundred seventy-three (173) feet, more or less to the Southerly line of Park Street, as laid out by the Town of Winchendon under date of October 27, 1915, which is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of said town; THENCE Southeasterly on line of said Park Street, 17 feet and 8 inches, more or less, to the Westerly bank of an old ditch in line of land formerly of E. Murdock, Jr.; Thence Southerly on the west bank of said ditch, about forty two (42) feet, more or less, to a stake and stones; Thence Westerly in line parallel with the North line about 11 rods to the Easterly line of School Street; Thence Northerly on the Easterly line of School Street to the bound first mentioned. Also the lot adjoining the above described tract of land on the north and bounded as follows: Beginning at point where Park Street as extended intersects said School Street; Thence Southerly on line of said School Street fifty-four (54) feet, more or less, to a corner, it being the point of beginning of the

above described lot; Thence Easterly on line of said above described lot about one hundred seventy three (173) feet, more or less, to the Southerly line of said Park Street; Thence Westerly on line of said Park Street, to a point of beginning. For Mortgagors' title see deed recorded herewith. B45854 P63 For consideration paid, the signors of the mortgage to which this Exhibit is attached, (the Mortgage) hereby release any and all rights of homestead in and to the mortgaged premises as against the holder of the Mortgage. It is agreed that any such Homestead shall not have any effect upon the Mortgage and to the extent such Homestead is legally enforceable, shall be subordinated and junior to said Mortgage in every respect.

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Paint Tips



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Nothing makes such a dramatic difference and gives a home decorator more bang for the buck than painting. With many color choices for both wall and surface finishes, transforming an object or room from dull to delightful is easier than ever. The following practical pointers are sure to make your painting chores a little easier this season.

Painting a room, but not sure how much paint to buy? Use this rule of thumb: Multiply the height and width of your walls and divide by 300. Keep in mind a gallon of paint covers approximately 350 square feet (with enough left over for touch ups).

Ensure a smooth surface: Before painting over an old bureau or other piece of furniture, you can easily clean the finish by wiping it down with a lint-free cloth dampened with straight turpentine. This method picks up any stray dust and helps smooth out the surface to prepare it for painting.

Painting over knotty wood? Knots often seep through newly painted surfaces. To prevent the transparency, try

this: When using water-based paint, be sure to take the time to apply a water-based paint made to cover knots first. This preventative step not only seals knots, but will prevent them from showing through subsequent coats of paint.

Gilding vintage frames or furniture pieces doesn't have to require the artistry of a pro. Try achieving the effect of gild by using enamel paint to produce a rich gilded effect. Simply apply gold enamel paint very sparingly with a thin brush to the edges of frame and furniture moldings.

Don't you just hate it when paintbrush bristles "shed" on a freshly painted surface? Even the best of brushes sometimes come loose. To prevent this, try soaking a new brush in linseed oil overnight before using it. As a bonus, the pre-treated brush will last longer and be easier to clean!

After cleaning brushes, place a rubber band around the tip of the bristles until dry. It will keep the shape of the bristles and prevent them from fanning out during drying.

Achieving an even paint application when using aerosol paint cans can be tricky. For a finer spray, make sure your can of paint is room temperature. Paint stored in cold areas such as the basement or garage doesn't always dispense as smoothly. Better yet, dip

your can in warm water before using to ensure a nice, even coat of paint.

Here a few tips from the pros to prepare walls for painting: *Need to patch a crack in the wall quickly? You can do the job with items on hand if you just mix equal parts of starch and salt, with just enough water to make a thick paste. Apply and smooth over cracks or small holes.

*Did you know you when mixing up commercial plaster, you'll reduce lumps if you add the powdered plaster to the water instead of adding water to the plaster?

*Want to reduce sanding your plastered walls? Go over freshly applied joint compound with a wet paint brush for a smooth finish.

Vintage Patina Finish: This application, which gives objects a faux aged patina, is ideal for flea market birdbaths, outdoor plant hangers, base planters and other items you want to have a showy vintage finish. It is easy to do and the results are truly impressive!

Materials: Oil based enamel in three hues of green (recommended Verdigris green, Sage green and Pine green; oil base semi gloss in Bronze; four kitchen sponges; masking tape.

Instructions: It is important you prep the piece well so the paint layers adhere properly. Sand if needed, and remove any rust. Tape off areas with masking tape. To prime, paint

surface with a good rust proofing primer. Paint item with the base color Bronze (see materials list), allow to dry.

Dab dry sponge into first green paint color, then blot off excess and dab on the object. Don't squeeze the sponge in your hand, but hold it lightly, parallel to the surface of the object. Apply the paint randomly to create light and dark spots. Leave some gaps. These will be filled in with the rest of the paint colors. Repeat the process with the two other colors of green. Use your brush to push paint into cracks and crevices. Let the first color dry before moving to the next. This should take about a half hour for it to dry because so little paint is used. Reapply the base coat color in spots to bring up the back ground. Let dry. Remove the tape but do not varnish for a true aged effect.

Floral Faux: This simple application results in a designer look wall that rivals expensive floral wallpaper. Best of all you control how dense the pattern is. Use a few colors or just one to customize your design and achieve the desired effect.

Materials: Latex wall paint in two or more colors; a new feather duster; paint applicators such as roller, brushes, etc.

Directions: Paint wall a base color in either flat or semigloss finish. Thin out latex paint with a little water. Dip tip of feather duster in water and shake off excess water. Dip end

of feathers in a small amount of desired color and dab wall lightly with one color, leaving space for one or more additional colors. Use your imagination to create a unique floral pattern for the walls.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of The Southbridge Evening News? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO BOX 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

VETERANS

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What being an American to me is freedom. Freedom of religion, speech and freedom of the press. Americans are free to make choices for themselves even when not everyone agrees.

Bravery - Being an American means to be brave. The brave men and women that volunteer to join the military choose to leave their families and put themselves in danger to keep America Safe.

Respect - Being an American means respecting our flag, respecting those who fight for our freedom, and respecting each other.

To be an American is to be equal. All men and women are equal in America. Women in America are able to run for office, vote, and work in "a man's world." Women are not considered be less than men, like in other countries.

To be an American means diversity. In America there are multiple cultures, backgrounds, and religions that live together to get along. We are able to be different, but we are all given the same freedom and rights.

Also, to be an American, it means privilege. We are privileged because we have things that other countries do not. We have clean water, food, and stable houses. We have schools and good education. Our healthcare is better than some countries and we have vaccines to keep us healthy and safe from diseases.

If given the choice of being an American or not, I would choose America every time.

Thank you.

Toy Town Elementary School 5th-grader Spencer Robichaud reads Pres. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address during Memorial Day services at the school last Friday.

FAR RIGHT: Members of the Winchendon's American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and of Post 193 were joined by students in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during Town Elementary School's Memorial Day assembly last Friday.



Toy Town Elementary School Guidance Counselor Matt Londo recalls his service as a U.S. Marine during last Friday's Memorial Day assembly at TTE.



Fourth-grader Angel Diaz recites In Flanders Fields, by Canadian physician Lt.-Col. John McCrae during last Friday's Memorial Day assembly at Toy Town Elementary School. The poem was written to recall the sacrifices of allied soldiers during World War I.



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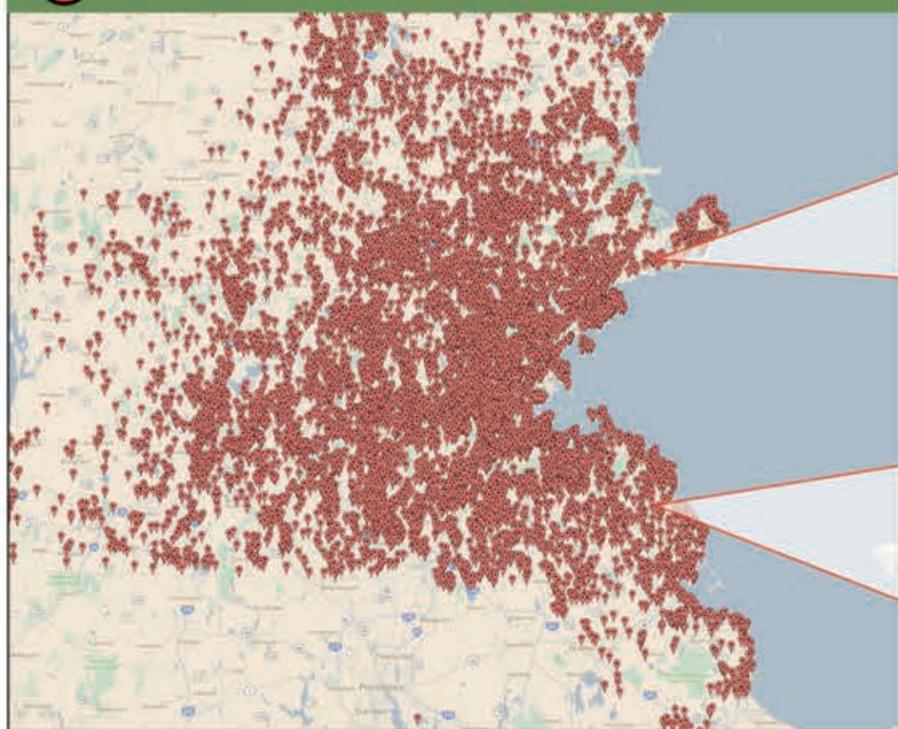
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