

New section of Bike Path officially open

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — After 21 years, the North Central Bike Path draws ever-nearer to completion. On Saturday, members of the Bike Path Committee were joined by state Sen. Anne Gobi, state Rep. Jon Zlotnik, Winchendon Town Manager Keith Hickey, and other area residents and dignitaries of the official opening of Phase V of the Winchendon to Gardner link. Phase V is a 4.4 mile round trip between the new parking lot at the corner of Glenallan and Spring streets and the termination of that section of the path on North Ashburnham Road.

Cindy Boucher, of Winchendon, said the idea of a bike path linking the downtowns of Winchendon and Gardner first gained momentum after several other proposals pitched as economically beneficial for the region

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Greg Vine photo

North Central Bike Path Chair Cindy Boucher is absolutely giddy as she anticipates the official opening of Phase IV of the project, which ties downtown Winchendon to downtown Gardner. Boucher joined with other area residents who have committed much of the past 21 years to transforming the idea into a reality for future generations of walkers, joggers, and bikers.

Card leaving presidency of FPU

BY JERRY CARTON
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RINDGE — Saying he had “surpassed even the goals I laid out for myself,” Franklin Pierce University President Andy Card announced last week he is stepping down effective Aug. 1. Current provost Dr. Kim Mooney was named Monday as his successor.

“I had a two-year agreement with the board which will be up in January,” said Card. “I want the school to start with my successor in place prior to the start of the new academic year beginning so they can take the school to the next level. Leading this institution has been both a good challenge and a great joy. I leave knowing we have met the challenges. I know the school is on a firm foundation for growth.”

Card came to FPU in January, 2015 as the university was undergoing significant academic changes. New majors in health sciences, environmental sciences and health administration had taken the place of majors in fine arts, graphic communication, math, American studies, theatre and dance, and arts management, part of the university’s shift towards more job-oriented

degrees.

The changes were originally met with some stiff criticism, but in general the public responded with enthusiasm as applications soared. The school had a waiting list for the first time as FPU received more than 6,000 applications for the upcoming year. Next fall, there might be as many as 500 or more freshmen enrolled. In fact, undergraduate recruitment and, importantly, retention, are at an all-time high.

In addition, under Card’s guidance and unlike many similar small-ish liberal arts colleges, the university reversed its financial trend, the school showing a surplus for a second straight year. In addition, the university’s unrestricted endowment has taken a jump.

Beyond that, FPU’s national profile has been raised significantly, with applicants coming from a wider geographical range.

“Andy has accomplished everything we asked of him

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Andy Card

TTES playground has own valiant warriors

BY TARA VOCINO
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WINCHENDON — One slide is boarded up, hostile graffiti has been painted over a myriad of times so that black splotches create a cancer on once bright surfaces; broken fasteners, rusted pipes...when age-appropriate children approach the play structures it is no wonder they

turn away again in dismay.

Parents and children went before the School Committee on Thursday to discuss vandalism of the Toy Town Elementary playground and how they wish to proceed.

The playground has been in this condition for at least three years. Some of it is just disuse, some of it is outright vandal-

ism.

Parent Renee Tenney-Eldredge decided to start a Facebook page on June 12 when her 8-year-old daughter, Madison, who is going into the third-grade, told her, “They had to cover up the bad words all over the playground” when she attended Step Up day last week.

“I’m emotional that vandals came and wrecked our community playground and put graffiti on it,” Madison said. “All we want to do is go on the slide. That’s mine, and most other third-grader’s favorite part.”

Madison thanked everyone for taking the time to help rebuild the playground area.

Her mother, Tenney-Eldredge explained the goal is to have the playground refurbished for the 2016-17 school year.

She and another involved mother, Tina Santos, spearheaded the Facebook page with 270 members, as of Thursday, in order to gather ideas about how to fundraise.

“It has been suggested to reach out to local groups, such as the Lions and Kiwanis, research grant monies for repairs from Robinson Broadhurst, or ask the many talented construction workers to volunteer time,

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Parents Tina Santos, Renee Tenney-Eldredge, and her 8-year-old daughter Madison, speak about fundraising ideas for the Toy Town Elementary playground vandalism at a School Committee meeting on Thursday.

Help wanted: the fire department is hiring

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — On-call firefighters. EMTs. And an administrative assistant, the latter for 19 hours a week at \$16.55 per hour. All those jobs are open right now at Winchendon’s fire department. “People retire. People move on,” acknowledged Chief Tom Smith.

Experience, no experience — it doesn’t matter.

“We can train people. The state academy can train people,” explained Smith. “The state academy can train them and we can fine-tune it here.”

The department needs an influx of new staff because calls are rising every year, recently averaging about 1,900 annually.

“The population is getting older. Young families are moving into homes that are older,” Smith noted, adding, “dynam-

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Morgan St. Pierre

The fire department is decked out patriotically, but could use more help in several areas

Weekend of concerts planned

WINCHENDON — From folk to baroque, Toy Town will ring out with music this weekend as the first ever Winchendon Music Festival takes to the stage at Old Centre Church Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, the illustrious Winchendon Winds returns for its first concert on Sunday afternoon, local musician B. Dickens entertains on Friday evening at the Smith Community Pavilion and popular cover band Deacon Express holds a fundraising event on Saturday night.

Friday’s venue for the Music Festival at Old Centre features baroque music with violist da gamba, Andrew Arceci; sensational vocalist, Teresa Wakim; and ensemble. The program will feature early French works by Marais (1656-1728), Forqueray (1671-1745), Francœur (1698-1787), and others. The music begins at 7 p.m. The entire festival is free and open to the public.

The concerts at GAR Park begin at 6:30 p.m. and Brian Dickens, with his core group the Pleasure Academy will entertain with much original music. This concert too is free and open to the public. The Friday series of concerts are sponsored by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

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Haddad upbeat about end of school year

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — Summer vacation has begun for students, but the business of the town’s public school system goes on and while Superintendent Steve Haddad briefly looked back at his first year at the helm, he was upbeat about the future.

Haddad reiterated that while Josh Romano will be the sole principal in the building, Murdock Middle School will retain an identity separate from that of the high school with Jess Vezina returning as assistant principal for grades six through eight.

“Overall, our priority is to continue to build a positive culture” throughout the system. “Our goal is to become a level one school within five years,” Haddad stressed, “and we’re taking the steps that we think will get us there.”

Those steps include continuing to add AP classes in science and upgrading academic

requirements in foreign language and math as a significant number of colleges now want to see four-year math programs. Also, “one year of foreign language isn’t what most colleges seem to be looking for,” he noted. Technology teacher Mike Fontaine’s growing program is likely to expand into the middle school.

“This is a selling point for us,” said Haddad. “We’re raising the academic bar,” a process he hopes will encourage families to keep children in the local school system, pointing out that in addition to the usual maximum number of slots filled by Winchendon students at Monty Tech, and those who have chosen the Winchendon school or opted for Narragansett, some 50 kids

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Steve Haddad



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WEEKLY QUOTE

“Act as if it were impossible to fail.”

Dorothea Brande

Administration already planning academic progress

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — While it may feel like one school year just ended, the start of a new one is just over two months away, and administrators at Murdock high and middle schools are already deep into preparation.

“Let me say first that we are one district with one goal — offering our students the best education possible. Our vision, our core beliefs are geared towards that goal,” emphasized Principal Josh Romano, adding the middle school will retain its individual identity, its programs staying in place, with Jess Vezina continuing as assistant principal for the sixth through eighth grades.

“Jess has done an amazing job,” Romano said, “and we have a systemic plan in place to help get the system to

where we want to be as a level one district.”

For one thing, the 2016-17 year will see a seven-period day including academic support and study halls.

“This is good for a number of reasons,” explained Romano. “As one example, and there are lots of them, we’ll be able to build a better music program because kids will no longer have to choose between, say, foreign language or music. We’re planning on separate Spanish three and four classes. Our numbers are up for foreign language and we have, right now at least, 40 students signed up for pre-calculus. Those are numbers we like to see,” he said, adding, “while a lot of colleges are scrapping the SAT’s, they are looking for strong academics and well-rounded students. Colleges want to see math. They want to see science and foreign languages. They want to see

extra-curricular activities. It’s our job to provide those opportunities.”

Many of those opportunities can begin at the middle school level.

“Sheila Hunt’s science/technology program is one example of where we’re building,” said Vezina.

“We’re working on the transition for eighth graders into high school,” Vezina noted. “The PBIS program has been really successful. It’s created an atmosphere where we’ve had a reduction in discipline issues. The kids know what’s expected of them and we’re focusing on getting them ready to go to high school.”

Two changes which will be seen in the middle school are some new lockers and new laptops.

“We’re always trying to improve,” said Vezina. That annual field trip to Monty Tech? That’s a thing of the past. We’re focusing on us,” Vezina asserted.

When school reopens in late August, Romano is projecting an enrollment between 330-340 in the high school and Vezina is anticipating another 300 in the middle school. An additional 30 are expected in the Murdock Academy for Success.

Romano did acknowledge the high school “has pretty much maxed out” on what he termed “phenomenal” Advanced Placement classes.

“There’s not much left we can do, but the middle school can build on that,” he remarked. That said, “we think colleges will look at and like our AP offerings,” he pointed out.

“I know what to do to get you ready for college. That’s what I tell them. But you have to do it. We have a good system here. We have great opportunities, if you take advantage of them. That’s my mantra to them,” Romano stressed.

Vanderhoof recognized for exemplary service

BY TARA VOCINO
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WINCHENDON — The School Committee gave a retirement acknowledgment to Kathryn Vanderhoof, who served as Toy Town and Memorial Elementary principal for the past three years, during its meeting on Thursday. She sat before School Committee members and recapped her work history in and outside of town.

Vanderhoof began her career as a teacher in Kansas at a magnet school for the school district and became lead

teacher there before getting married and moving to Texas. In Irving, TX, she received her M.Ed. in special education with an emphasis in academically gifted students and became part of a team that developed the curriculum and taught a gifted/talented program for primary students. They then moved to New England, and she worked in New Hampshire briefly and then Athol. She held several titles there: third-grade teacher, gifted teacher and coordinator for the program, school improvement facilitator, Title I reading teacher and then director for the district.

Holding administrative roles in Winchendon for seven years, Vanderhoof previously served as the assistant principal from July 2009 to April 2013. She was a Title I reading teacher from January 2006 to June 2009, also in Winchendon.

“In 2006, I was hired by Winchendon public schools as a Title I teacher,” she continued. “I received my reading specialist certification from The Reading Institute and attended Keene State College for my post-Master’s certification as a principal/assistant principal. I became the assistant principal at Toy Town Elementary in 2009 where Mr. Mackey was the principal. When he moved to the middle school, I assumed the principal’s position in 2013 at Toy Town where Mrs. Laura Weideman became the assistant principal and, this year, took on the additional responsibility as Memorial Elementary School’s principal, too.”

The West Chesterfield, NH resident served for 40 years in education throughout several states in kindergarten through grade six.

Superintendent Steve Haddad said that Vanderhoof helped thousands of students in town and in Kansas, Texas and New Hampshire.

“Thanks for all you’ve done for Winchendon public schools,” Haddad said. “Our students are forever grateful.”

He joked that the gifts, including a bouquet and a plaque, are nicer than the ones he received.

School Committee member Lawrence Murphy said Vanderhoof was in the district for a while and knows the direction that it is trying to head into. Murphy joked that she still had to behave, even in the exit interview.

When asked about her favorite memory, Vanderhoof said she received more satisfaction in teaching over administrative roles.

“Every time I see a little one light up,” Vanderhoof said. “That’s what I’m most proud of accomplishing over my tenure. Being an administrator, you still get the hugs and the smiles, but there’s a whole lot of stuff you have to do in order to get down to the kid level.”

Her immediate plans are to start a rose garden.

“The last summer that I had off was in 2009, and I had the most gorgeous rose garden,” Vanderhoof said. “The roses all died since then, and I’m hoping to grow them back.”

She said she has to clean house before she can sell it, adding that her two oldest children had bought houses and she won’t be heading anywhere for a while.

Her advice to her successor is to “get to know the kids.”

“That way, if they need something, they’ll tell you,” Vanderhoof said. “It might not be in English but in body language.”

She added she heard retirement is



Tara Vocino photo

School Committee member Larry Murphy, principal of Toy Town and Memorial Elementary schools Kathryn Vanderhoof, School Committee Vice-chair Janet Corbosiero and Superintendent Steve Haddad. Vanderhoof was presented with gifts at her last School Committee meeting on Thursday.

wonderful, and she’s ready to move onto the next chapter in her life.

She left with some final thoughts.

“Teaching has always been the most rewarding part of my career,” Vanderhoof said. “It was thrilling to develop new programs in Texas and again in Massachusetts in gifted education. It was rewarding to be trusted with the students and staff of Toy Town and Memorial. There is nothing, however, that compares to teaching young students and watching them become excited about their own learning.”

Courtesy photo

GROUT HONORED

Rachel A. Grout of Winchendon has been recognized for her 25-years as an officer with Catholic Financial Life. Catholic Financial Life purchased the Union St. Jean de Baptiste more than 30 years ago. The USJB/Catholic Financial Life is an organization of Catholic men and women and dates back to 1900. The local organizations promotes various local activities, including the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Strawberry Festival and the USJB Educational Foundation. Rachel will be recognized, along with 50 and 75-year members later this summer at the national headquarters in Milwaukee, WI.

CLYDE’S CORNER

FRIDAY JUNE 24
KIDS PROGRAMS: Beals Memorial Library has two programs for younger children on Fridays. Toddler Time for kids age three & younger at 9:45; preschool story hour for ages 3-5 at 10:30. We request people sign up 24 hours in advance only to ensure enough materials are available. Free. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: an evening of baroque music with Andrew Arceci, Teresa Wakim & ensemble at the Old Centre Church begins at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

FREE CONCERT: B. Dickens & Please Academy beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening with New England’s best Beatles tribute band. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

OPEN MIC: at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers’ Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10

a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: the festival continues with an evening of folk music featuring Floyds Run beginning at 7 p.m. at the Old Centre Church. Free and open to the public.

PAINT CLASS: “Less is More” painting class with Alicia Drakiotos on Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery.

RODRIGUEZ FAMILY FUNDRAISER: at the American Legion, 295 School St. with the band Deacon Express, 8 p.m. to midnight. Come help raise funds for the family that was burned out on Maple Street! Any help would be appreciated. \$10 or \$15 per couple and tickets are available at To Each His Own Design and also at the door.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26
WINCHENDON WINDS: free concert featuring new conductor Lucinda Ellert on the grounds of the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1:30 p.m.

WINCHENDON MUSIC FESTIVAL: the final night of the festival features pianist John Arcaro & Band and an evening of jazz at 7 p.m. at the Old Centre Church. The evening is free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JUNE 27
YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
STORY HOUR: On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers’ and up.

ADULT CRAFTS: during the children’s story hour at Beals Memorial Library, we will now provide an opportunity for adults to do crafts. If you’d like to attend but don’t have a babysitter, problem solved! We provide stories while you craft! Tonight we will hold an open discussion with whomever attends about what sort of activities this might be. No need for preregistration, but for information call (978) 297-0300.

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First Friday rocks open with Beatles tribute

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WINCHENDON — “A splendid time is guaranteed for all,” was the promise spoken to the crowd of people patiently waiting in the soft grass around the GAR Smith Community Pavilion last Friday night. Everyone was excited as the sun began to fall lower on the horizon, until beloved classic Beatles tunes met their anticipation. The New England Beatles tribute band Beatles for Sale wowed the crowd with their talent, authenticity, and humor as they played the first show in the Toy Town Summer Concert series of the year.

During the summer of 2007, 25-year veterans of the Worcester/Boston scene, Joe Budroe (bass/vocals) and Mike Christian (drums/



Mat Plamondon photo

The first Friday concert of the year took place last week as Beatles for Sale entertained at the Smith Community Pavilion at GAR Park. This week, beginning at 6:30 p.m., it's B. Dickens and Pleasure Academy. The concerts are sponsored by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

vocals), founded Beatles for Sale. Along with members Dennis Cummings (rhythm guitar/keyboards/vocals),

Dan Kirouac (keyboards/acoustic guitar/harmonica/aux percussion/vocals), and Steve Caisse (lead gui-

tar/vocals), Beatles for Sale has raised to being the top Beatles cover band in the New England area. Every member has been playing music almost their entire lives, and has a strong passion for those iconic songs the Beatles gave the world. “Years fly by when you're having fun,” joked the band as they progressed through 1960 and beyond with their accurate performance of the cherished songs.

The turnout for the free concert was fantastic, leaving everyone excited for next Friday's installment of the Toy Town Summer Concert series, put on by the Winchendon Parks and Rec. Come to the GAR park at the gazebo every Friday during the next six weeks at 6:30 pm to relax and listen to more amazing talent.

Jaffrey planning a big bang!

The Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Jaffrey Airfield Silver Ranch and Atlas PyroVision has announced the return of the Jaffrey Festival of Fireworks! This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival. We welcome you to join us on Saturday, Aug. 20th for the Best Fireworks Festival in New England.

This year, Atlas will produce a 35 minute pyro-musical titled ~ Small Town...Big Dreams! This display will feature songs that remind us of small town America, family traditions and of course...a few surprises! Keeping in the tradition of giving back to our community, the festival organizers have committed to the Monadnock Adult Care Center as the non-profit host organization. This important organization provides critical care services to adults from across the Monadnock Region. Donations made to the Monadnock Adult Care Center in the online ticketing will be matched by the festival partners.

Come join us for a spectacular event including live entertainment, the roaming railroad, skydivers, games and lots of food for your enjoyment. The gates open at 3 p.m. and the fireworks begin at 9 p.m. The online ticketing is now available and please note that online tickets will increase after Aug. 12.

Entertainment includes 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Northern Stone; 6:40-7 p.m. sky divers; 7-9 p.m. Wyld Nightz band and fireworks should begin about 9 p.m.

Tickets available on line at jaffrey-chamber.com or at atlaspyro.com.

Players season begins with a Driving Miss Daisy



Don Daly photo

Miss Daisy (Carolyn Michel) and her soft-spoken driver played by Taurean Blacque will begin this year's Peterborough Players season.

PETERBOROUGH, NH — The Peterborough Players Professional Theatre Company is proud to open its 2016 summer season with the play that won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Alfred Uhry's Driving Miss Daisy. The play is a warm-hearted, humorous and affecting study of the unlikely relationship between an aging, crotchety white Southern lady, and a proud, soft-spoken black man. In its initial run, Driving Miss Daisy was an Off-Broadway success and became an Academy Award-winning film.

This exceptional production comes to New Hampshire from Sarasota, FL where it performed sold-out performances at the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe. Featuring Carolyn Michel

(star of the Players 2014 production of Family Secrets), Taurean Blacque (known for his portrayal of Detective Neal Washington in Hill Street Blues) and Kraig Swartz (winner of the 2015 New Hampshire Theatre award for best actor for his portrayal of Fanny Babs in the Players production of Charley's Aunt). Driving Miss Daisy is directed by Howard Millman.

In its review, the Herald-Tribune highlighted that the play is told in such a way that “the performers wrap around your mind and heart and draw you into this gentle story of an unexpected friendship amid a changing society.”

The Players is also gearing up for the opening of its first Second Company family show of the season Miss Nelson is

Missing! box office at (603) 924-7585 or online at www.peterboroughplayers.org

Driving Miss Daisy runs June 22 through July 3. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Single Tickets are \$39. Subscriptions and passes are available and offer discounted ticket rates. For more information call the box office at (603) 924-7585 or visit them online at www.peterboroughplayers.org

Performances for Miss Nelson is Missing! are on June 25, July 1, 2, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults \$8 for children.

Peterborough Players is located at 55 Hadley Road., Peterborough, NH 03458

The Peterborough Players theatre is air-conditioned, handicapped accessible, and is equipped with a hearing assistance system. The Peterborough Players, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, has been providing professional theatre to audiences since 1933.

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STRONG FOR ORLANDO

Greg Vine photo



More than three dozen people gathered in the garden behind the Winchendon History and Cultural Center, 151 Front St., last Thursday evening for a vigil to remember the 49 victims who were fatally shot at Orlando's Pulse nightclub at around 2 a.m. on Sunday, June 12. Fifty-three other people were wounded before the shooter was silenced by gunfire from members of the Orlando Police Dept. SWAT team. The Orlando incident is one of eight mass shootings in the U.S. (in which two or more people have die) in June of this year*. Florida alone has witnessed 15 mass shootings since Jan. 1*. (*Source - Gun sViolence Archive)

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VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

EDITORIAL

One step in front of the other

The Planning Board opened its hearing with representatives of Cumberland Farms this week. They were respectful on both sides, listened, asked good questions and, while the hearing remains open until July 19 with no decisions there was a feeling around the room that progress was just a question of time.

Applause, applause. This was a long time coming, and at first we were less than supportive of moves made by the Historic Commission attempting to stop some of the progress; now we openly admit while they were more aggressive than we might have liked, they accomplished a great deal and got something in the plans the town should be extremely proud of; a building reminiscent of the Joseph's Candy in place for more than 100 years.

No, the old buildings couldn't be saved; and that is too bad in some ways, we hate to see things gone too. This town hasn't been really stellar in saving its past; churches and Marchmont and other houses and buildings have gone down over the years. Could or should some of those been saved and reused? Maybe. But hindsight doesn't tell us whether they were in good shape, or whether the funding could have been garnered to save them realistically; so we'll never know.

We do know these buildings were not well cared for over the years; both the house and the commercial building were allowed to deteriorate. Heating systems, electrical and plumbing are all outdated and actually dangerous. Roofs are collapsing. Foundations are collapsing. Mold and mildew have taken up residence within walls.

So, no, these would require an enormous amount to save, and the plans presented by Cumberland Farms will create a new, improved corner on Central Street.

We like we've seen. There were questions about the number of parking spaces; but we aren't sure the expanded number makes sense. Maybe a few more than 10; certainly not as many as 28. Most people going to Cumby's aren't going for an extended stay. And we do have an example to compare.

The Irving station on 140 has a few tables to accommodate its Dunkin' Donuts customers. So the possibility exists for someone to seat themselves and eat a meal. Irving also has a few items of microwavable fast foods, pizza and the like. So there is the scenario we are talking about to compare to Cumby's. And they have no, zero, foot traffic. No one walks the distance down Gardner Road just to visit the Irving station.

Yet we do not see droves of cars in their parking spaces for the number of people seated inside eating.

They did expand a parking area to one side, their employees park there. We have never seen more than two or three cars there at any one time. Parking out front of the building itself accommodates, at most, five or six cars. And at no time has there ever been a problem parking.

We don't see an issue. We think it's a tempest in a teapot just to find something to stir. The plans are well thought out, the landscaping accommodates the slopes and tiers, the principals are willing to work with the town, the Historic Commission and whomever else they must to plant even the right trees to satisfy everyone.

And we're worried because someone might have to park further down Central Street?

Find a real problem and we'll listen. Instead, find a way to work with these people, who have bent over backwards to work with us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ashmore: with gratitude

To the Editor:

This is to the Winchendon Fire Fighters Relief Association, President Deputy Chief Ricci Ruschioni and Capt. William Brown and all members; to the entire Winchendon Fire Department, Fire Chief Tom Smith, Chaplain Fr. Michael Clements and to all members.

On behalf of the entire Ashmore family, it is with our heartfelt gratitude for the re-dedication on the 50th anniversary of the monument with Fire Chief Clayton Ashmore's name engraved on the back for his Life of Duty death.

Chief Ashmore was a proud member of this department, and would have been very humbled by this honor as he was a man who never forgot his roots, and growing through the ranks. For a Department which honors its history and tradition, this was an ultimate honor for a man who gave his all for the town of Winchendon.

CRAIG ASHMORE, LIEUTENANT
(RETIRED)
WINCHENDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Javorsky: town government at its best

To the Editor:

My wife and I attended the joint meeting on June 13th between the Winchendon Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee. What we saw that evening was town government, not town politics, at its best.

The three boards talked openly about issues and worked together to set up a new committee and decide on how best to have future meetings. Then it was time for the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen to go over budget transfers. As one would expect, there were questions, discussions and resolutions. From the very beginning of the transfer portion of the meeting it was clear that everyone had done his or her homework. The questions were well thought out and the answers were not knee-jerk, but factual and well presented.

We listened as line items were discussed and watched as our town manager addressed very point with confidence and clarity.

We are not naïve enough to believe that every meeting will be this calm. But we left town hall that night feeling positive that when the discussions are more spirited the individuals involved will truly be voicing what they believe is best for Winchendon and its citizens. The members of those committees, through their actions, also planted the seed that maybe it's time to get off the sidelines and get involved.

There are number of committees and opportunities to help...

JIM AND KATHY JAVORSKY
VIA EMAIL

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Mr. Obama

Everyone likes to write about President Obama.

Some write nice things, and others write things that are no so nice.

It occurs to me that not all his critics dislike Mr. Obama. They dislike President Obama, and that should mean they dislike some, or most, of his decisions, but not him personally.

I acknowledge that I never believed Mr. Obama was sufficiently seasoned by virtue of his work or experience to be

president. And I have been critical of President Obama in my column. But I have never been critical of Mr. Obama.

I never met either President Obama or Mr. Obama. However, I have watched both for almost eight years.

Mr. Obama is a dashing figure. He dresses impeccably. His words during terrible tragedies ring with serious hurt and concern for those involved. He comes across as genuinely nice. He is smart. He is well

educated. I think I would be lucky to have him as a friend or a neighbor.

His wife seems friendly. Together they make a great physical presentation of the executive branch. And from everything I see and hear, they have raised two fine and cultured young daughters. They have made sure they got the girls a good education, and instead of hiring a nanny, they brought Granny to look after the girls when official duties

prevented them from doing it themselves.

The decision to let their eldest have a year off school after all they have been through is a good one, one a good parent would make. It also enables the family to remain in Washington rather than take their younger daughter out of school. Another good family decision.

So I guess what I am trying to say is that I think I would like Mr. Obama a lot.



NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

President Obama, not so much.

Some write all this political stuff either seeing the proverbial glass as half empty or half full.

Well, that long tradition may end in November when the glass may well be totally empty.

Now isn't the time for this rhetoric

It just seems worse than it's ever been. It's not, but it seems that way. I'm talking about the hate in this society. We fought a Civil War, remember? We've gone through eras where the Irish weren't welcome or the Germans or whomever. We had to endure a cataclysmic fight for Civil Rights because of the hatred. Four little girls were killed in a church bombing in Alabama. White activists were slaughtered in Mississippi. Medgar Evers was slain in his driveway. Dr. King was assassinated on a hotel balcony in Tennessee.

In the 1960s though, we saw this only on the evening news. The hate was just as intense as today, but there was one big difference. There was no instant communication. Today, it feeds on itself through social media and as it does, the monster grows. There's no way to stop it.

This is the toxic environment which allowed for the rise of Donald Trump, yes, but more to the point, this is the environment which enables the racists and bigots to embolden one another. The internet makes them feel less iso-

lated, that there are other (i.e., angry white) "patriots" like them but guess what? Even after Trump is defeated, they're still going to be there, and sure to be angrier than ever. How do you think they're going to react when they wake up Nov. 9 to find out they are not, in fact, going to take "their" country back? Not well. Of that you can be sure.

Another Clinton presidency? They'll be foaming at the mouth. Another Clinton presidency, to them, is almost as bad as having had the endure the eight years of the Kenyan-born Muslim and never mind that out here in the real world, he and Michelle have delivered nothing but class. That doesn't fit their narrative.

As obnoxious as Trump is, as despicable and inflammatory as his comments are, he'll be a political has been in less than five months. But when he leaves the stage, he'll leave in his wake a trail of ugly rhetoric and unsubstantiated claims that will serve to broaden the already enormous cultural, economic and racial divide in this country. He's going to lose, but if you think the nation

will respond by uniting around the new President, you're wrong. She's already despised by many. 25 years of unrelenting vicious garbage will sully anyone's image and reputation.

When you stop to think about all the energy being wasted on personal hatred, imagine what we could accomplish if ideological blinders were ever cast aside for the greater good. That's the way things used to get done. Republicans paved the way for passage of the Civil Rights Act. Democrats joined Ike in building an interstate highway system. W and Ted Kennedy agreed on No Child Left Behind. Those kinds of cooperation seem impossible today and that's because of the strident, never-ending filth flowing from the far right which serves to further incite the bigotry and as well, the lack of genuine patriotism,

as opposed to their warped perception of the concept.

So what can we do? We show up in local and midterm elections and vote for progressive candidates. We treat each other individually with decency and respect. Small things, but ones which matter. Think about the legacy we want to leave our kids.

Finally, closing on a far lighter note, let me say thanks to Dave LaPointe who, when the Big RanDom band took the stage at Saturday's Summer Solstice, took a second to offer me a shout-out. Yes, Dave, we were, in your word, "inconspicuously" in the front row but hey, it was something of a minor miracle I was still upright at all by that point. Thanks! And once more, great show! See all of you next week.



JOURNEY OF THE HEART
JERRY CARTON



VIEW FROM THIS CORNER

GREG VINE

New Rules is a feature segment on on Bill Maher's HBO series "Real Time." The title pretty much says it all.

They (whoever the hell "they" are) say "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." It's a very nice sentiment. I say, however, "imitation is the quickest way to throw together a column when under deadline pressure." Not as profound as the former, perhaps, but it makes it easier to rationalize last night's final Dewars.

That being said, I have decid-

ed to offer my own New Rules. Please keep in mind that Mr. Maher has a staff of writers to come up with ideas, finalize lists, and refine the writing. I do not. Following are some pretty mundane issues but, given conversations I've had with many people, my responses to them are - I would like to believe - pretty much on target.

New Rule #1: Pajamas are not pants. If you're over the age of, say, four, you really shouldn't be traipsing around town in your Scooby Doo footies. I'm not your husband or boy friend and am not the least bit interested in seeing what you look like after you roll out of bed.

As an addendum to this rule I'd like to add; fuzzy slippers are not shoes. And please stay away from "statement" p.j.s or sweatpants. It turns out that words like "hot" emblazoned across the seat of these items of apparel tend to be wishful thinking, not statements of fact.

New Rule #2: No spandex shorts. Need I say more?

New Rule #3: There's a reason the very top of your pair of pants is called "the waist." That's where your pants are supposed to come up to - your waist. While it may come as a surprise to some, pants are made to cover your butt. The last thing I need to learn today

is if you're wearing Haines, Fruit of the Loom, or Joe Boxer underwear. Pardon my being frank, but you do look stupid with your pants hanging six inches above your knees.

New Rule #4: Anyone who leaves their shopping cart in a parking space in the parking lot will be banned from ever shopping at that store again. I mean, really, are you so freakin' lazy you can't walk 20 feet to the shopping cart corral? Leaving your cart sitting in a parking space so the next person who comes along has to get out and move it is just plain selfish. You know your mother would be disappointed in you.

New Rule #5: No more conga

lines. If you look in your rear-view mirror and see a line of three or more cars bunched up behind you, get the hell out of the way! Seriously, chances are you're going too slow. I don't advocate speeding but you're not the police. It's not up to you to enforce the speed limit. Just pull over and let the growing number of drivers who are angrily cursing at you in an increasingly loud volume go by.

New Rule #6: Turn it down. The neighborhood is not impressed by your choice of music or your apparent need to turn the volume up to 11.

Town receives CDBG grant

WINCHENDON — Welcome news was received by town hall and the planning department Monday as the announcement of the distribution of community development block grant funds includes the combined request by Ashby and Winchendon.

The two towns asked for \$1,000,000 together, and Winchendon's share will be \$600,000.

The funds are designated for three major projects. First will be an entire reconstruction of Walnut Street, including sewer and water lines, sidewalks and street paving. The street has been the site of several main breaks over past few years, is in need of upgrades and the best solution, according to Department of Public Works Director Al Gallant who helped with writing this portion of

the grant, is complete reconstruction. Gallant has said in the past, patching water lines has been a stopgap solution at best, and the entire line needs to be replaced.

In addition to the reconstruction of this street, which is a frequent conduit for traffic off Central Street; funding is available for homeowner rehabilitation of property and a new program that sets

aside funding to help with fuel assistance for low income households.

Planning Director Tracy Murphy said the guidelines for both the rehab and the fuel assistance are already available through that office, and anyone wanting to know more information should contact the town hall during regular hours.

Regional art show now on display

FITCHBURG — The Fitchburg Art Museum Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft, on display until Sept. 4, is one of the oldest juried exhibitions in New England. This annual summer tradition at the museum strives to discover, encourage, and celebrate the artists and crafters in the region. The regional show provides artist community with a museum environment to exhibit their artwork and opportunities to connect with fellow artists, arts patrons and enthusiasts.

The first prize winner of the 81st Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft will receive a solo exhibition in the summer of 2017.

This year's juror is Erin Becker, the Norma Jean

Calderwood director of the Cambridge Art Association. "We would like to also express our gratitude to the artists and crafters that continue to make this FAM tradition one of the highlights of our year," said Nick Capasso, director of Fitchburg Art Museum.

The exhibition is sponsored in part by Workers Credit Union, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Cultural Councils of Acton/Boxborough, Ashburnham, Athol, Ayer, Bolton, Fitchburg, Groton, Harvard, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Lunenburg, Maynard, Princeton, Stow, Townsend and Winchendon.

This exhibition was organized by Koch Curatorial Fellow Emily M. Mazzola.

The artworks in the exhibition are for sale and a percentage of the proceeds benefit the Fitchburg Art Museum.

To learn more, www.fitchburgartmuseum.org.

The Fitchburg Art Museum serves the cities of Fitchburg and Leominster and the surrounding communities in north central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. FAM was founded in 1925, and its five-building complex, with over 20,000 square feet of exhibition space, features exhibitions from its art historical collections as well as special exhibitions focused on New England contemporary art. FAM plays a vital role in the cultural life of the region and the Museum maintains active



Courtesy photo

Fitchburg Art Museum's Director Nick Capasso thanks Workers Credit Union's Darryl Richardson, assistant vice president, branch manager, for sponsoring through its Charitable GiveBack program the museum's 81st Regional Exhibition of Art & Craft, which will be on display now through Sept. 4. To learn more, www.fitchburgartmuseum.org.

educational partnerships with as Fitchburg State University. the local school systems, as well

Prospect of new jobs lures governor to Gardner



Gov. Charles Baker and ACT, Inc., Pres. & CEO Ken Tomasetti watch as one of the newer machines at Advanced Cable Ties makes some of the more-than one billion cable ties manufactured each year at the Gardner facility. Baker visited the Chair City factory last week

for the official opening of the company's 53,000-square-foot addition. It's anticipated some 100 new jobs will be added at ACT over the next three years.

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

GARDNER — Gov. Charlie Baker visited Advanced Cable Ties at Gardner's Summit Industrial Park last Thursday officially open a more-than 50,000 square foot addition to the company, which first began operations in 1994. It's anticipated the additional space, much of which will be occupied by new machines used in the production of cable ties, will allow for the creation of some 100 new jobs over the next three years and a doubling of revenues by 2021.

While the addition allows for expansion of the company's manufacturing capabilities, it also provides more room for office space and greater warehouse capacity.

Baker was joined at the ribbon-cutting by Mayor Mark Hawke, state Rep. Jon Zlotnik, company founder and CEO of the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce.

Tomasetti noted that ACT manufactures more than a billion cable ties each year. The product is shipped via 1,600 distributors across various sectors of the economy, including HVAC, electronics, and industrial customers. According to the company's marketing department, 95 percent of ACT's business is transacted in North America, with international customers making up about five percent of the company's customer base.

Hawke, a friend and political ally of the governor, praised the Baker administration for its interest in improving the state and local economies. He noted the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, which is overseen by the state Department of Housing and Economic Development, assisted in securing the financing needed to cover the cost of Advanced Cable Ties expansion.

Said Hawke: "This is a perfect example of when government can assist (the private sector). They recognize good projects."

In addition to loans from MassWorks, a tax increment financing was worked out between the company, the city, and the state, which further facilitated ACT's expansion.

Advanced Cable Ties began operations in Fitchburg in 1994, but quickly outgrew its physical plant in that city. Tomasetti eventually decided to re-establish his company in Gardner and moved into the Summit Industrial Park in 1998.

ACT is a 24-hour a day, seven-day a week operation. Three shifts work round the clock to make cable ties that range in length from four to 48 inches.

Bellina heaped praise on Advanced Cable Ties and its founder, declaring to those attending the ribbon-cutting that "this is about as good as it gets."

"Ken approaches everything the right way," he said. "He's probably one of the most beloved bosses around. In a very difficult economic environment, look at what Ken has been able to accomplish."

For his part, Gov. Baker said, "I can't think of a better place or a better story to be a part of. I'm really pleased to have the chance to come out today and help celebrate (this expansion)."

Prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, those attending the event (close to 200 people) were given tours of the plant. Groups were given the opportunity to view the corporate offices, new machines and manufacturing space, and expanded warehouse capabilities.

The event was sponsored by the Greater

Gardner Chamber of Commerce and was catered by Phillipston's King Phillip Restaurant.

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You're not cool...you're annoying. From now on, anyone blasting their car radio will be detained and forced to endure 12 hours of Barry Manilow. If you're blasting Kanye West the speakers will simply be ripped out of your car. Exceptions to the rule: anyone playing classic rock.

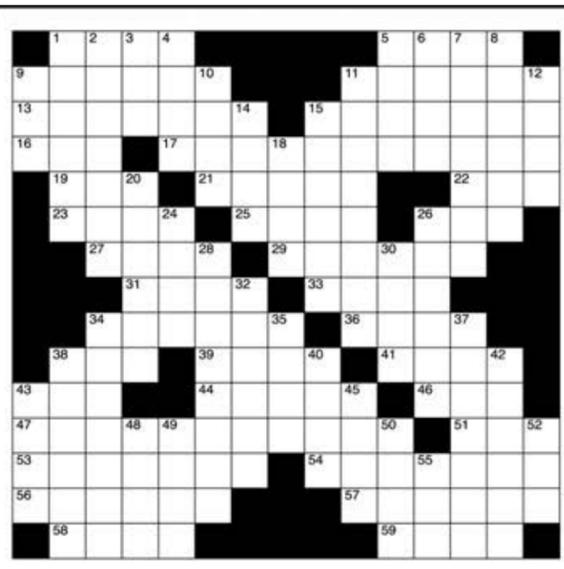
New Rule #7: Learn what those switches on your steering column are for, especially the one on the left; it's called a turn signal. Oops! Forgot. I'm in New England. It's called a directional. Does it really take that much effort to use it? Is it just too much trouble to let other drivers know your intentions? I realize that, in Massachusetts anyway, the use of your turn signal is considered a sign of weakness. But if you fail to use it and you get rear-ended by a seven ton garbage truck it's your own damn fault. And if you fail to use it while leaving a street-side parking space and get nailed by someone approaching from behind you, well...you get the idea.

New Rule #7: Never again use the word "irregardless"; mainly because it's not a word. The word is "regardless." Learn it.

New Rule #8: No, you may not axe me a question. Feel free to ask me anything you wish.

New Rule #9 : No more online petitions! Enough already! There are or have been online petitions to bring back Pudding Pops, to have Weird Al Yankovic perform the Super Bowl half-time show, to put the mustache back on the Brawny Paper Towel man, and to begin the Defense Department construction of a Star Wars type death star. There have also been petitions to allow Texas to secede from the Union and to deport Justin Bieber back to Canada. While I could get on board with these last two, it really is time to call a halt to petition mania. In fact, I may start a petition to have thepetitionsite.com removed from every search engine on the internet. That might help stop the madness.

New Rule #10: No more complaining by curmudgeonly men over 60. Help! Stop me before I kvetch again! Somehow I just can't help myself. Actually, I don't expect the first nine New Rules to have any effect. I guarantee this one won't either!

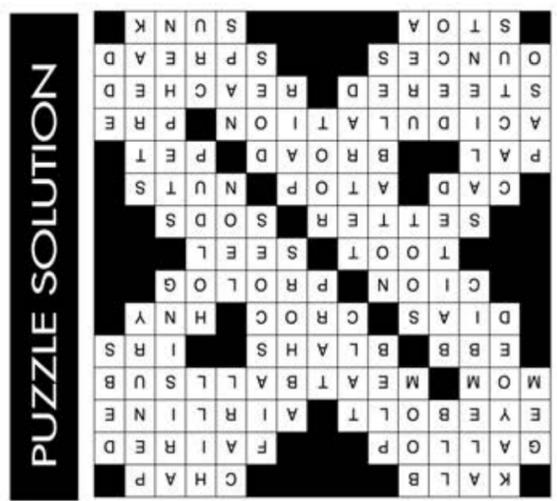


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Marvin __, journalist
- 5. Man
- 9. A fast gait of a horse
- 11. Streamlined
- 13. Rope fastener
- 15. They get you places
- 16. Ma
- 17. Filling sandwich
- 19. Move away from land
- 21. Sounds of boredom
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. Days (Spanish)
- 25. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
- 26. Hengyang Nanyue Airport
- 27. AJA camera
- 29. A computer language
- 31. Blare
- 33. Prevent from seeing
- 34. Long-haired dog
- 36. Turfs
- 38. Villain
- 39. At the peak
- 41. Macadamias are some
- 43. Chum
- 44. Not slender
- 46. Fido is one
- 47. Acidify with this
- 51. Before
- 53. Guided
- 54. Extended
- 56. Units of weight
- 57. Bedding
- 58. Greek portico
- 59. Descended

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Knocked out
- 2. Vessel that purifies
- 3. Bachelor of Laws
- 4. Loud noise
- 5. __ Sagan, astronomer
- 6. Mound
- 7. Coming to light
- 8. Extreme poverty
- 9. Jewel
- 10. Commoner
- 11. Disasters
- 12. Adult females
- 14. Mineral
- 15. Regards with disgust
- 18. Waterproofed canvas
- 20. Teased
- 24. Carbon particles
- 26. Delay
- 28. Luminaries
- 30. Boxing champ Spinks
- 32. A set of four
- 34. Most noticeable
- 35. He played Milton Waddams
- 37. __ Foster, composer
- 38. Succulent plant
- 40. Two
- 42. Run naked
- 43. El __, Texas town
- 45. Female deer (pl.)
- 48. Art __, around 1920
- 49. Compound
- 50. Breaks to sleep
- 52. Doctor of Education
- 55. Group of vineyards



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POLICE LOG

Same neighborhood still targeted

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — A string of incidents occurred at Juniper and Webster streets on Thursday, June 16 and on Friday, June 17.

Bryan Matthew Arsenault, age 30, of 17 Webster St., was summoned to court on charges of wanton destruction of property, more than \$250, at 3:33 p.m. on Friday. It was a result of a report by Jeanne E. Hue, of 46 Juniper St., who reported the back house window was allegedly shot out.

At 19 Webster St., Lionel C. Cloutier came in the station to advise police of threats at 2:38 p.m. on Thursday. However, the family didn't want any police action; they were just advising of the situation.

Cloutier reported Roger E. Arsenault was carrying a BB gun a few hours before in the pit area at 12:43 p.m. on Friday. It was listed in the police log as a suspicious person.

Lisa M. Hogan, of 70 Juniper St., reported a threatening text message she received from an ex-boyfriend's mother at 3:04 p.m. on Friday. Tori J. Sweeney, of 39 Forest St., Baldwinville, was also a victim.

Police advised them to report the alleged threats to Templeton Police Department, since it was in their jurisdiction.

to serve; 10:04 a.m.: summons service (Woodlawn Street) unable to serve; 10:11 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street) unable to serve; 10:34 a.m.: summons service (Central Street) unable to serve; 10:35 a.m.: summons service (Crosby Road) unable to serve; 10:50 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 10:57 a.m.: summons service (Baldwinville Road) served; 11:05 a.m.: summons service (River Street) served; 11:11 a.m.: automatic fire alarm (Winchendon School) false alarm; 11:18 a.m.: summons service (Brown Street) served; 11:21 a.m.: fraud (Water Street) report taken; 11:48 a.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville Road) assisted; 12:43 p.m.: fraud (Gabby's Pizza) info taken; 1:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Royalston Road North) unable to locate; 1:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) refer to ACO; 2:15 p.m.: fraud (High Street) spoken to; 3:10 p.m.: burglary B&E (Ready Drive) summons: Zachary Bronson, age 25 of 14 Ready Drive #6, Winchendon: B&E for misdemeanor; 3:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street) refer to ACO; 3:39 p.m.: fire mutual aid (State Road - Phillipston) info taken; 3:51 p.m.: burglar alarm (Alger Street) spoken to; 5:47 p.m.: extra patrols (Glenallan Street) info taken; 6:29 p.m.: investigation (Prospect Street) spoken to; 6:51 p.m.: unwanted party (Clark YMCA) spoken to; 6:58 group, disturbance (Lake Denison) spoken to; 7:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 7:15 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Franklin Street) advised officer; 7:20 p.m.: property found (Maple Street) spoken to; 7:22 assist other PD (Baldwinville Road) unable to locate; 7:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) spoken to; 7:27 p.m.: animal complaint (North Street) refer to ACO; 7:32 p.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Circle) refer to ACO; 7:59 p.m.: investigation (Jackson Avenue) spoken to; 8:01 p.m.: investigation (Ready Drive) spoken to; 8:15 p.m.: assist other PD (Depot Road) assisted; 9:09 p.m.: fight (Highland Street) spoken to; 11:35 p.m.: ambulance (Harris Road) transport; 11:38 p.m.: disturbance (Otter River Road) assisted.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

1:41-3:22 a.m.: building checks, secure; 5:45 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) summons: Jason F. Bosselait, age 37 of 39 Beech St., Winchendon: operating MV with license suspended; 9:37 p.m.: suspicious MV (River Street) services rendered; 10:27 p.m.: general info (Highland Street) spoken to; 10:30 a.m.: traffic hazard (Franklin Street) no cause for complaint; 11:26 a.m.: extra patrols (Glenallan Street) services rendered; 11:50 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 11:59 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 12:58 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) info taken; 1:09 p.m.: assist other agen-

cy (Webster Street) assisted; 1:25 p.m.: gunshots heard (River Street) unfounded; 2 p.m.: keep the peace (Highland Street) assisted; 2:35 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 2:38 p.m.: threats (Webster Street) spoken to; 3:27 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 4:09 p.m.: ambulance (North Street) transport; 4:11 p.m.: disabled MV (Baldwinville Road) removed traffic hazard; 4:35 p.m.: larceny (One Stop Plaza) call canceled; 4:37 p.m.: accident (Main Street) services rendered; 5:12 p.m.: ambulance (Pond Street) transport; 6:04 p.m.: disabled MV (Central Street) info taken; 7:05 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 7:20 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 7:48 p.m.: fire alarm (Lakeview Drive) services rendered; 10:05 p.m.: FD call (Highland Street) no FD service required; 11:47 p.m.: building check, secure.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

12:07-3:46 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:18 a.m.: burglar alarm (MH Parks) checked, secure; 3:47 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive) transport; 3:53 a.m.: be on the lookout (Elm Street) unable to locate; 3:58 a.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street) unable to locate; 5:49 a.m.: suicide threats (Murdock Avenue) removed to hospital; 8:21 a.m.: harassment (Old County Road) assisted; 8:29 a.m.: MV stop (Beech Street) verbal warning; 10:30 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) refer to ACO; 11:26 a.m.: investigation (High Street) info given; 12:17 p.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Avenue) transport; 12:43 p.m.: suspicious person (Webster Street) spoken to; 2:21 p.m.: general info (Teel Road) info taken; 2:51 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport; 3:03 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash Street) no PD service required; 3:04 p.m.: threats (Juniper Street) refer to other PD; 3:20 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Baldwinville Road) unable to locate; 3:27 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 3:33 p.m.: vandalism (Juniper Street) summons: Bryan Matthew Arsenault, age 30 of 17 Webster St., Winchendon: wanton destruction of property over \$250; 4:08 p.m.: MV stop (Pleasant Street) verbal warning; 4:20 p.m.: larceny (Gardner Road) report taken; 4:43 p.m.: general info (Town Farm Road) info taken; 5:28 p.m.: fire

mutual aid (Graham Street) assisted; 5:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Baldwinville Road) spoken to; 6:34 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive) info taken; 6:48 p.m.: animal complaint (Teel Road) unable to locate; 7:07 p.m.: suspicious mail-letter (Alger Street) report taken; 7:16 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 8:09 p.m.: suspicious other (Toy Town Elementary) unable to locate; 10:12 p.m.: suspicious person (River Street) unable to locate; 11:30-11:56 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:31 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) spoken to; 11:56 p.m.: disabled MV (Gardner Road) spoken to.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

12:01 a.m.: suspicious person (Bruce Road) services rendered; 12:22 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 2:01 a.m.: building check, secure; 2:52 a.m.: transport (Goodrich Drive); 3:06 a.m.: deliver message (Spring Street) unable to locate; 8:20 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) no cause for complaint; 8:23 a.m.: repossession of MV (Central Street) info taken; 8:53 a.m.: burglar alarm (Golf building) false alarm; 9 a.m.: sex offender registration (Alger Street) assisted; 9:39 a.m.: disabled MV (Central Street) no cause for complaint; 11:43 a.m.: ambulance (Beachview Drive) transport; 12:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street) refer to ACO; 12:40 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 1:40 p.m.: disabled MV (Front Street) assisted; 2:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Athol Savings Bank) secured building; 2:26 p.m.: burglar alarm (Alger Street) call canceled; 4:09 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 4:39 p.m.: dog bite (Lake Denison) refer to ACO; 4:49 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Main Street) no cause for complaint; 4:55 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Circle) no FD service required; 5:27 p.m.: MV stop (School Square) verbal warning; 5:47 p.m.: general info (Lakeshore Drive) advised officer; 7:12 p.m.: FD call (Glenallan Street) services rendered; 7:30 p.m.: general info (Pearl Street) info taken; 7:35 p.m.: accident (School Street) report taken; 9:25 p.m.: noise complaint (Benjamin Street) unable to locate; 10:07 p.m.: noise complaint (North Ashburnham Road) area search negative; 11:29 p.m.: noise complaint (Central Street) spoken to.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

12-12:38 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:20 a.m.: suspicious MV (Gateway Convenience) spoken to; 12:41 a.m.: MV stop (Juniper Street) arrest: Tyler James Ayers, age 27 of 180 Spring St., Winchendon: OUI-liquor and possess open container of alcohol in MV; 9:36 a.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street) transport; 11:25 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) services rendered; 12:27 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 12:32 p.m.: keep the peace (Old County Road) assisted; 4:42 p.m.: general info (Central Street) unable to locate; 4:48 p.m.: alarm, type unknown (Athol Savings Bank) checked, secure; 5:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Denison) refer to other PD; 5:10 p.m.: investigation (New Boston Road) report taken; 5:47 p.m.: burglar alarm (Winchendon Golf Club) accidental; 7:39 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Maple Street) unable to locate; 8:18 p.m.: general info (Goodrich Drive) info taken; 8:47 p.m.: suspicious other (Highland Street) property returned to owner; 9:08 p.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville, Reservoir Street) call canceled; 9:09 p.m.: DPW call (Monadnock Avenue) referred; 9:47 p.m.: repossession of MV (School Street) info taken; 9:59 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Drive) spoken to; 11:30-11:47 p.m.: building checks, secure.

Bike path altercation results in summons

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Two Winchendon men were summoned to court for two felonies that they allegedly committed on June 11.

Joshua Slade Lemere, age 26, of 63 Elm St. #2, was summoned to court on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and accosting or annoying a person of the opposite sex.

Jacob M. Blacquiere, age 23, of 62 Belmont Ave., was summoned to court on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

According to Lt. Kevin Wolski, an adult male and female victim were walking home on the bike path at 1:53 a.m. when the incident allegedly occurred.

"Lemere and Blacquiere allegedly started to follow the victims, and Lemere allegedly started to make derogatory comments toward the female," Wolski said. "When the male party, who was with her, tried to intervene, he was attacked by Blacquiere."

Wolski said that when the two offending parties and the two victims ran into each other, the altercation was both physical and verbal.

"Words were exchanged," Wolski said. He said Lemere and Blacquiere will be summoned to court, a hearing will decide whether there's a complaint issued, and if so, there'll be an arraignment.

Lemere is known to police, but Blacquiere isn't, he said. The male victim suffered a swollen right hand and dizziness.

"It was suggested that he is transported to the hospital, but the report doesn't say whether he went," Wolski said.

The male was the victim of an alleged assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. The female was the victim of an allegedly accosting/annoying a person of the opposite sex.

Wolski said it appears that they knew each other from previously. He was quick to note that the bike path is a safe pathway.

According to a narrative by Sgt. Raymond M. Anair, Lemere was charged with assault and battery on an elder on Feb. 16, 2015.

"Then, he pulled me by my hair and threw me to the floor," the victim wrote in an affidavit.

When he plead guilty on June 2, 2015 he was placed on probation concurrent with present conditions, placed into a batterer's program, ordered to remain drug- and alcohol-free, undertake a substance abuse evaluation and any aftercare, if needed, according to court records.



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OBITUARIES

Michael S. Carlson, 38



FITCHBURG — Michael S. Carlson, age 38, of Fitchburg, formerly of Ashby, died Wednesday evening, June 15th from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident.

He was born in Fitchburg on Jan. 24, 1978, son of Theodore E. and Virginia (Scanlon) Carlson of Ashby. Mike grew up in Ashby and graduated in 1996 from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. For the last six years, he had resided in Fitchburg.

Mike proudly served his country during the Persian Gulf War as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He attained the rank of Lance Corporal and earned the Rifle Marksmanship badge. He shared a long lasting fellowship with all his Marine buddies.

He worked in many different jobs ending as an extruder operator for Bemis Associates in Shirley for nearly 10 years. An avid motorcyclist he loved to take long rides with his fiancé Elaina and his many friends. Mike loved fishing with his family and the Patriots. But he especially treasured time with his family. His love of family and friends was absolute. Many of his friends go back to elementary school but span his time in North Carolina and New Mexico. He loved them all.

In addition to his parents, he leaves

three children, Kyleen Carlson, Hannah Carlson and Mathew Carlson of Gardner; three sisters, Jennifer Livingstone and her husband Joshua of Westminster, Carolyn Besette and her husband Eric of Ashburnham and Danielle Gramolini and her husband Christopher of Templeton; his maternal grandmother Gloria Scanlon of Ashburnham; his fiancé Elaina Sebek (Wirtz); nine nieces and nephews, Daisy, Ashley, Madelyn, Anthony, Zachary, Nicholas, Alexander, Abigail and Ryan; his aunt and uncle Sheila and Richard Reynolds of Fitchburg; his godmother Margaret Donahue of Florida and many cousins.

Military funeral services were held Monday, June 20 in Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Carlson Children Education Fund, care of Workers Credit Union, 603 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, MA 01462. A Trust Fund has also been established via GoFundMe under "Carlson Children Trust Fund"

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon was entrusted with arrangements.



Thomas R. 'Tinker' Schofield Jr., 69



TURNERS FALLS — Thomas R. "Tinker" Schofield Jr., age 69, passed away Friday, June 3, 2016, surrounded by his loving family after a period of declining health. Thomas was born Aug. 26, 1946, in

Winchendon.

He was known as "Tinker" because he was known to say, "I am a Jack of all trades and a master of none".

Tinker grew up in Ashuelot and Hinsdale, and later resided in Keene and Concord, before settling in Turners Falls.

He was an avid stock car race fan and was frequently involved at Monadnock Speedway.

He is survived by two sons, Michial Schofield and his wife, Nanci and

Thomas R. Schofield III and his wife, Kimberly all of Webster; two daughters, Bonnie Williams and Cindy Rodriguez of Florida; a brother, Joe Schofield; and two sisters, Loretta Armentrout and her husband, Richard and Ruby Watts all of Athol; 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and long-time companion, Monique Bennett of Greenfield.

He is predeceased by his mother, Mary M. (Fecto) Clow and brother, R. Michael Schofield.

A celebration in Tink's memory was held Saturday, June 18 at the Franco-American Club, 592 South St in Athol.

Private services for the family will be held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Hinsdale, at a later date. To send an online condolence please visit mackfamilyfh.com. Higgins-O'Connor Funeral Home, 146 Main St., Athol, is directing arrangements.

Adella (Binenda) Kut, 102



ADAMS — Adella (Binienda) Kut, age 102, formerly of Adams, died peacefully on June 11, 2016 at the Highland's Life Center in Fitchburg. Adella was born in Adams on Dec. 18, 1913, the daughter

of the late Maria and Stanley Pacana Binienda, she attended St. Stanislaus School in Adams.

In 1922 she left Adams with her family to live in Poland and returned to Adams in 1929.

Adella married her beloved husband Rudolph Kut Sr. in 1939 and were married for 58 years, he predeceased her in 1997. She leaves her two children, her daughter Judith Mizhir and her husband John of Winchendon, and her son Rudolph Kut Jr. and his wife Jean of Hanson, and Big Pine Key, FL. Three grandchildren, Cassandra Mizhir Fessier, Sara Ciras and her husband Zack and Mandy Kut, also three great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a brother Joseph Binienda and her grandson, John Mizhir Jr.

During her life she was employed at the former Berkshire Mills in Adams

and the former General Cable in Williamstown, retiring in 1978. Adella dedicated her life to her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She enjoyed reading, crafting beautiful embroidery, and cooking especially Polish food and wonderful pastries. She was a great storyteller and would enchant her listeners with her life experiences especially those about her childhood living on a farm in Poland.

The last few years of her life she enjoyed living at the Broadview Assisted Living in Winchendon, where she received the Boston Post Cane Award for being the oldest resident in the community.

A liturgy of Christian burial for Adella took place Thursday, June 16, 2016 in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Adams, celebrated by the Rev. Steven G. Montesanti, Pastor. Burial followed in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery in Adams.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory can be made to the St. Stanislaus School in care of the funeral home.

Trottier Pringle Funeral Home, 6 Summer St., Adams, MA 01220 was entrusted with arrangements.

Dorcas 'Dot' M. (Stewart) Underwood, 93



WINCHENDON — Dorcas "Dot" M. (Stewart) Underwood, age 93, formerly of Winchendon, died peacefully Wednesday morning June 8, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

Dot was born in Wallingford, VT, Sept. 1, 1922 a daughter of the late Norman F. and Hazel M. (Earle) Stewart, and lived in Winchendon many years.

Dot is a founding member of the Church of God of Winchendon, where she remained very active for many years. Dot used to bake for the church bake sales and fund raisers, and was a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years. Dot took great joy from all the time she spent with her family. She was an avid Yahtzee player, she also enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, sewing, and she was a talented seamstress.

Dot will be missed by her five children; Rev. Howard E. Underwood Jr. and his wife Jane of Winchendon,

Robert L. Underwood and his wife Jeannie of Wallingford, VT, Janet A. Perry and her husband Al of Gardner, Rev. Charles J. Underwood and his wife Jade of Pearl City, HI, and Joan M. Hallquist of Gardner. Dot also has 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Dot was predeceased by five siblings; William E. Stewart, Gerald N. Stewart, Douglas Earle, Geraldine N. Newman, and Windella Bennett

Her funeral service was held June 13 in the Fletcher-Hebert Funeral Home at 11AM. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers; donations may be made to Church of God, 197 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475, or to the Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

The Fletcher-Hebert Funeral Home (fletcherfuneral.com), 70 Pleasant St., Winchendon is directing the arrangements.

Georgianna B. Beaulieu, 86

BRADENTON, FL — Georgianna B. Beaulieu, age 86, of Bradenton, FL and formerly of Leominster passed away peacefully May 7, 2016 in Tidewell Hospice Home, Bradenton with her loving family at her side.

She was born Feb. 18, 1930 in Leominster, daughter of Alfred and Blanche (LaFave) Beaulieu. She was raised in Leominster, and was a graduate of Leominster High School Class of 1948. She worked at Ray Plastics in Winchendon and was a tax preparer for many customers.

Georgianna was predeceased by two

brothers, Alfred and Paul Beaulieu. She leaves many dear friends and neighbors in Florida. Her family would like to extend many thanks to Dr. Paige Pennybacker for his concern and kindness he gave to Georgianna.

At her request, Funeral services are private. There are no calling hours. She will be interred in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Fitchburg, with her mother and father. The Lavery Chartrand Alario Funeral Home, 99 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA, is assisting her family with final arrangements.

Leo J. Forcier Jr., 69

WINCHENDON — Leo J. Forcier Jr., age 69, of 138 Spruce St. died peacefully at his residence Friday morning, June 17, 2016 with his family at his side.

He was born in Peterborough, NH on June 4, 1947, son of Gertrude (J. Lavenskie) Forcier of Winchendon and the late Leo J. Forcier. A lifelong resident of Winchendon, Leo attended Murdock High School.

Leo worked as a machinist for local companies. His hobbies were painting and gardening.

In addition to his mother, he leaves a brother, David P. Forcier of Swansey, NH; two sisters, Kathleen M. Young of

Winchendon and Patricia A. St. Pierre of Orange and many nieces and nephews, Three brothers, Robert J. Forcier, Daniel J. Forcier and John Forcier, predeceased him.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in Riverside Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to GVNA Healthcare Inc, 343 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440 or to American Cancer Society, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon is directing arrangements.

Robert D. 'Bob' MacDougall, 85

WALTHAM — Robert D. "Bob" MacDougall, of Waltham, died Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at his home. He was 85.

Bob was born in Belmont on Feb. 24, 1931, a son of the late William and Viola (Doyle) MacDougall. After graduating from Belmont High School he served with the United States Navy during the Korean War. After he left the Navy he attended Boston College graduating with the class of 1957. Two years earlier he married his high school sweetheart, Belmont native Virginia H. Union, in Saint Joseph's Church.

The couple lived Watertown before moving to Waltham in 1963 where they have been residents since. Until his retirement Bob owned and operated Consumer Appliance Service in Waltham for thirty years. Always handy by nature he considered his home his castle where he took meticulous care of his house, gardens and yard. He was a man of many talents...the rare guy who not only had the tools but knew how to use them as well.

He belonged to the Knights of Columbus in Watertown and the Joseph

F. Hill American Legion Post No. 156 in Waltham.

In addition to his wife of 61 years, Virginia, he leaves his children, Brenda M. Kelly and her husband Michael of Franklin, Gail A. Cannistraro and her husband David of Littleton, Robert C. MacDougall and his wife Susan of Winchendon and Paula J. Burke and her husband Michael of Bellingham; his brother and sister, Richard D. MacDougall of Poinciana, FL and Viola Taylor of Rollins, MT; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Bob was also a brother of the late William A. MacDougall and cousin of the late Gloria McLean and her husband, Ken.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 11th, in Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church, 880 Trapelo Road, Waltham. Burial followed in Newton Cemetery.

Ann M. (Radicioni) Kallio, 68



WINCHENDON — Ann M. (Radicioni) Kallio, age 68, of 332 Maple St., died peacefully Friday, June 17, 2016 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner with her husband at her side.

She was born in Winchendon on Sept. 16, 1947, daughter of the late Gustavo and Anne ((Kazinskas) Radicioni. A lifelong resident of Winchendon, Ann was a 1965 graduate of Murdock High School.

Ann worked for 19 years as an assembler and inspector at New Hampshire Ball Bearings in Peterborough, NH. She

enjoyed arts and crafts and was a talented seamstress. Ann was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

She leaves her husband of 45 years, Douglas G. Kallio; two special cousins, Shirley Larose of Athol and Marie Ricci of Sterling, VA, nieces and nephews. Her brother, Robert Radicioni, predeceased her.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, June 22 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street followed by a graveside service in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Heywood Hospital Department of Pulmonary Medicine, 242 Green St., Gardner, MA. 01440.

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SPORTS

Annual 5K brings out all ages



Ronald McDonald gets ready to signal the beginning of the 1K race for kids at the beginning of Summer Solstice activities.

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — 87 runners gathered at the Clark Memorial YMCA field-house early Saturday morning to kick off Winchendon's 20th Summer Solstice with the annual Morin 5K and everyone made it back in one piece.

That was the theme of the day.

"I'm just glad I was able to run the whole thing with my

knee injury," exhaled Kayte Richtarsik, who managed to finish 49th despite her ailments.

A pair of 11 year-olds, Ryan Maloney and Lauren Coutu were among the youngest competitors, (10 year-old Jason Ingman the youngest of all), and ten runners in their 60s (John Lucey and Tom Bockus, 61, Martin Strout, 62, Deborah Kane, 63, Vickie Morin, 64, Bruce Clapp, 66, Rick Morin,

67, Tom Kane 68, and Dick Karvonen and Larry Morris, both 69) finished the course.

"My runners finished ahead of me," laughed Karvonen, Murdock's long-time assistant track coach.

"Next year I'll have my own 70-club t-shirt," he promised.

Several of those runners, Jordan Manuel, Steve Ingman and Dylan Lupien came home second, third, and eighth respectively.

Murdock athletic director Jenna Whitaker finished just ahead of Richtarsik. "I'm still breathing," she smiled.

38 year old Matt Carter was the first to stop the timer in 16:18. Manuel was clocked in 16:21, Ingman in 18:00.

The weather was quickly turning warmer when the runners were sent off just after 8 a.m. and within a half-hour, most of the field had checked back in and could see their times on a TV screen near the finish line.

Water bottles and post race bananas and oranges were waiting. "It was fun," Whitaker said.

Runners placed as follows:
Matt Carter (M-38) 16:18
Jordan Manuel (M-17) 16:21
Steve Ingman (M-16) 18:00
Eric Despres (M-41) 18:24
Dylan Chartier (M-16) 18:29
Ed Chartier (M-45) 18:38
Joseph Bulger (M-45) 19:08
Dylan Lupien (M-15) 19:35
John Lucey (M-61) 19:37
Tamara Muhonen (F-33) 20:13
Arnold Mwangodi (M-37) 20:37
Julie Gambrell (F-18) 20:51
Casey Barrieau (M-34) 20:51
Genevieve Kane-Howse (F-35) 21:08
Chris Nelson (M-48) 21:15
Kylie Chartier (F-20) 21:19
Art Leray (M-46) 21:21
Justin Manuel (M-14) 21:24
Tom Bockus (M-61) 21:27
Dick Karvonen (M-69) 21:32
Bekah Wheeler (F-24) 21:33
Logan Tamulen (M-14) 21:42
Jason Ingman (M-10) 21:57



And they're off! There are two divisions for kids, a 1K race for older children and once around the Clark track for younger.

Jill McGinn (F-47) 21:59
Derek Burrows (M-18) 22:00
Stefanie Caban (F-15) 22:00
Grant Maloney (M-50) 22:03
Cole Patterson (M-10) 22:22
Mike Ingman (M-45) 22:32
Rick Morin (M-67) 22:51
Tom Kane (M-68) 23:28
Jay Maillet (M-42) 24:21
Cait Difava (F-30) 24:27
Elly Hunter (F-42) 24:27
Tim Blouin (M-59) 24:28
Emily Bussiere (F-33) 24:28
David Bourbeau (M-55) 24:33
Lauren Coutu (F-11) 24:33
Wendy Coutu (F-42) 24:37
Larry Morris (M-69) 24:39
Jill St. Peter (F-39) 24:49
James Maloney (M-14) 25:00
Jocelyn Agnelli (F-23) 25:16
Chris Coutu (M-42) 25:40
Allie Catlin (F-29) 26:24
Catrina Boumil (F-33) 26:36
Jenna Whitkaer (F-28) 26:41
Krystin Martin (F-35) 27:05
Kayte Richtarsik (F-19) 27:17
Allie Bird (F-29) 27:18
Taylor Patterson (F-12) 27:29
Theresa Maramag (F-35) 27:32
Antonette Comeau (F-33) 27:32
Debra Kane (F-63) 27:39
Katie Seguin (F-31) 27:40
Martin Strout (M-62)

Bruce Clapp (M-66) 28:21
Jordan Mannings (M-14) 28:28
Joe Manning (M-41) 28:29
Michelle Gauthier (F-24) 28:32
Chris Boumil (M-44) 29:05
Staci Gannon (F-28) 29:16
Jason Vandinter (M-39) 29:29
Kyle O'Connell (M-22) 29:42
Don Mason (M-44) 29:51
Felicia Lee (F-29) 30:25
Morgan Eldredge (F-12) 30:52
Amy Brunelle (F-24) 31:14
Vickie Morin (F-64) 31:20
Amy Stukuis (F-41) 31:20
Cheryl Acreias (F-37) 31:37
Jerry McKean (M-36) 31:58
Elizabeth Dunn (F-54) 32:17
Danielle Desmarais Antonellis (F-35) 32:18
Mark Desmarais (M-57) 32:22
Frank McKinnon (M-55) 32:22
Amy Lorion (F-35) 32:31
Anna Salter (F-14) 33:56
John Salter (M-53) 33:57
Erika Rowland (F-43) 34:04
Ryan Maloney (M-11) 37:38
Kristi Maloney (F-50) 37:43
Niki Blais (F-37) 38:00
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Kathy Woodward (F-48) 38:26
Charisse Sylvestre (F-22) 38:30
Amy Nichols (F-36) 41:19

Summer baseball gearing up

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Just this week summer baseball got underway on Tuesday and it was Tom Clinkscale's team, consisting of Greg Downing, Chris Mitchell, Alec Barrows, Connor Clinkscale, Gavin Oakley, Nick Lamb, Ian Shack and Mitchell Charland who faced off against Tony Dellasanta's team. Dellasanta's roster includes Guerin Louett, Jack Polcari, Morhei Castro, Primo Dellasanta, Austin Barrows, Joe

Curtain, Tony Wolski, Calvin Clinkscale and Brandon McKenzie.

It would be Dellasanta's ball club coming up victors with a walloping score of 18-6. Louett would get the start going five and a third innings strong with three strikeouts, five hits and five earned runs; then Polcari would go the final one and two-thirds with two strikeouts, three hits and giving up one run.

The losing pitchers for team Clinkscale were Downing going two and two-thirds with one strikeout, five hits

and seven earned runs, Connor Clinkscale went one and a third with one hit and two earned runs and Lamb pitched two-thirds giving up six hits and nine earned runs.

It would be team Clinkscale on the boards first when Barrows drove in Mitchell and Oakley drove in Barrows; but team Dellasanta would strike right back with four runs in the bottom of the first.

In the second inning Lamb would get on base with a walk, then Downing would drive him in to make the score

4-3.

It would remain 4-3 to the bottom of the third, when Team Dellasanta tagged on three more runs. Louett and Dellasanta both got on base and that's when Austin Barrows drove in both ducks for two RBIs. A sacrifice bunt by McKenzie brought in Castro for a 7-3 lead. The team would get two more runs with Dellasanta's sacrifice fly bringing in Polcari and Woski.

In the fifth inning Team Dellasanta exploded with nine big runs bringing 14 batters to the plate.

In the final two innings, Team Clinkscale would bring in three more runs, two in the sixth and one in the seventh, but it wouldn't be enough.

Offensively for Team Dellasanta: Wolski went three for five with three singles, two RBIs; Louett went two for five with a triple, a double and an RBI; Dellasanta went three for five with three singles and three RBIs; Barrows went two for five with a single, double and two RBIs; Curtain hit one for four with a single and an RBI; Castro went one for four with a single;

McKenzie went one for four with a single and an RBI and Clinkscale went one for four with a single, and RBI.

For Team Clinkscale Downing went two for four with two singles and an RBI; Mitchell went two for five with a single and a double; Barrows went three for four with two singles, a double and an RBI; Oakley went two for four with a single, a double and an RBI; Charland went one for five with a single; Lamb went one for four with a single and Shack went one for four with a single and an RBI.

The correct word would be...finally

The word you were searching for last Sunday night? That would be "finally." Finally for Dustin Johnson. Finally for the Cleveland Cavaliers. DJ finally won his first US Open by not just not collapsing down the stretch, which has happened before in major championships, but by showing nerves of steel all the while having an alleged rules violation hanging over his head. We'll get back to that in a minute. The Cavs finally won their first NBA title because while the Warriors turned in a historic regular season, and have the Splash brothers, Cleveland had LeBron James. Game. Set. Match.

First, Johnson. It's a good thing he won by several shots after the obstinate USGA left him hanging about a possible penalty for an incident on the fifth green where his ball moved about a millimeter, not because of anything DJ had done but likely because the slope of the green was so sharp and the surface so fast, gravity itself moved the ball that

fraction. That evidently didn't matter to the honchos who, a) refused to take his word he hadn't done anything, standard procedure in PGA Tour events, and b) told him on the 12th tee they'd review the situation after the round was done. So for a couple hours, the outcome of America's national golf championship was potentially in limbo, creating a surreal atmosphere for DJ and his fellow players, no one being quite sure where they stood on the leaderboard or how far back they might have been. Johnson, of course, had struggled in majors. In 2010 he was justifiably penalized for not knowing the rules defining what was a waste area and what was a bunker on a then new course. He'd been close in other majors, most notably last year when he three-putted the final hole and had a reputation of not being able to close. He closed just fine Sunday, showing the kind of steel which had been missing in the past.

As for the dopes at the USGA, they should have followed what the PGA does. Golfers call penalties on themselves all the time, often for infractions only they see. When they say they didn't do it, you can be 99.999% sure they didn't. Failing that, the stuffed shirts should have imposed the one-shot penalty on the spot. Amateur hour tweeted, I think Rickie Fowler. Indeed.



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Others near the lead cooperated by flailing away and Johnson was a clear cut and deserving champion. The dubious honor now of being the so-called best player to never win a major? I suppose that might go to Fowler, who has, to be fair, won The Players, which is sometimes called the "fifth major", though you can make a case for Sergio or Westwood too.

Hoops. I was rooting for or against neither team. Because I stayed up til 10:30 to watch the end, I was rooting for, and got, a good game. A very good one. I was, however, less than thrilled to see the championship-clinching basket drained by Kyrie Irving who spent a year in Durham, NC. Life sometimes seems to be a slam dunk for Dookies. Bah. James delivered the kind of finale expected from the best player in the

game. The Warriors might finally have been out of gas having gone 1,000% since November 1. The last two years these teams have played 13 games in the Finals, Golden State having won seven of them. Any questions left about the two best teams, with apologies to the Spurs? As an aside, we all know Cleveland hadn't had a champion in a while. The last major league champion from Cleveland? That would be the future Baltimore Ravens whom, as the Browns beat yes, the Baltimore Colts in 1964. I am told Cleveland has won the AHL Calder Cup. Doesn't count.

The best team in baseball? As I write on Monday morning, the Cubs have opened a 12 1/2 game lead (13 in the loss column) in the NL Central. I don't think Chicago will reprise the 1969 fade and I certainly don't envision a re-enactment of the '64 Foldin' Phillies. Do you? I know it's only June but I suspect the NL races are pretty much decided with just the two wild-cards up in the air. The Nats and Giants are much the best in the East and West. The Rangers are 8 1/2 up in the AL. We but we'll see. At least there are hot races in the other divisions. The O's, Sox, and Jays are fun to watch, aren't they? See you next week.

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Another successful day for Clark Y



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Members of the Winchendon Lions Club were popular with the kids, since they had candy!



Trying to catch bubbles was an entertaining part of the day.



Brian Dickens opened the live entertainment for the afternoon.



New this year, the Cornerstone Church sponsored a car show.



A tiny dancer.

BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Music, laughter, and the smell of fresh food filled the hot sunny air along Central Street last Saturday, making the perfect atmosphere for the Athol Savings Bank sponsored Clark Memorial YMCA Summer Solstice celebration. The day consisted of a multitude of family-friendly events and activities, from local vendors to musicians to games for the kids.

The day of festivities kicked-off with the annual Morin 5K and McDonalds McFun runs at the Clark Memorial

YMCA early that morning. First place in the 5K went to Matt Carter (16:18), second to Jordan Manuel (16:21), and third to Steve Ingman (18:00).

Later in the morning, the annual parade made its way from the fire station to the end of Central Street. Children and adults alike lined the sides of the street to watch the procession of vehicles, people, and organizations, while catching candy being tossed into the crowd. The spectators waved back at the people smiling in the parade in thanks of all their hard work and dedication to the community.

For the rest of the day, families and friends leisured around the Clark to shop at various vendor tents, grab some tasty food or refreshing lemonade, and enjoy the entertainment and games. The first musician to entertain the crowd was talented Winchendon-local Brian Dickens. Guitar in hand, he sang his original songs about small-town life and his own personal reflections. Following Dickens on stage was The Big RanDom, who performed a variety of classic rock covers. Thanks to the wonderful talent performing that afternoon, the entire event sang with upbeat music.

There were plenty of fun activities for the kids to partake in throughout the day as well. Multiple bouncy-houses were constantly full of leaping laughing children of all ages. Animal Craze Farms had a petting zoo of adorable little animals for children to play with, and pony rides were available for excited junior equestrians to try. The Clark held games such as tug-of-war, water balloons, and a classic sack race to name a few at different times as well. Needless to say, there was definitely something for everyone of any age.

One of the biggest community events of the year turned out a huge success thanks to everyone's time and dedication to make this Summer Solstice something special to remember. The new season was ushered in perfectly with a celebration as bright as summer itself.



Old fashioned fun like sack races are bringing back nostalgic memories for modern kids.



Grand Marshal this year was Bud Fletcher



Grand Marshal this year was Bud Fletcher



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Strawberry lovers unite!



Tara Vocino photos

Yes, definitely, the mouth motion DOES help....



Jim Leger bought the first strawberry sundae at the Strawberry Festival on Friday.

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Tradition is long lived in Toy Town and this year marked the 108th Strawberry Festival at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

The funds raised are usually earmarked for heat for the venerated church.

Families enjoyed a ticket auction, children's alley, theme baskets, of course strawberry treats, food fun, garden booth and raffles.

Many of the attendees were avid strawberry eaters.

Five-year parishioner Jim Leger buys strawberries year-round at a vegetable stand in Bradenton, FL; but he came on Friday purposely because of the events scheduled.

"I love strawberries," Leger said. "I love music. They have music playing tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. I really just came for the music and food, but I'll check out the raffles, games and attic while I'm here."

He ordered the first strawberry sundae of the evening. His daughter,

Chelly, was the first shortcake order. "They were extremely prepared for me," Leger joked. "They may have overdone the ice cream, but I gave her a dollar tip."

Leger said they got a front seat parking spot.

"It can't get any better than this," Leger said. "I'm impressed with the layout. They have everything arranged nicely."

Seventeen-year resident and 12-year year parishioner Marianne Murphy bought raffle tickets for a cat, baby, beach, car detail, Father's Day, and mother's basket.

Murphy said she is looking forward to the live auction the most, where she sought a household item. However, she confirmed on Monday that she didn't win. She goes to the festival to support local vendors, including baked goods from the Country Kitchen and plants from the Garden Booth.

Murphy said she eats strawberries on a regular basis.

"They give you energy," Murphy said. "I buy a pound a week. I eat them for breakfast, a snack, or anytime."

She said a lot of people look forward to the festival.

"It's under this tent every year," Murphy said. "That's how you know it's the strawberry festival. If it's comfortable and people are enjoying themselves, that's all that matters. You used to be able to see it from the main street."

Across the tent, lifelong parishioner four-year old Allyson Antonellis was playing the Pick-a-Pop game. Her prizes were dependent on what lollipop color was on the bottom. Her prizes were: a slinky/rubber bracelet, parachute, motorcycle wind-up toy, tattoo, and monarch butterfly finger puppet. She chose a mystery flavor and root beer pops.

Her mother, Danielle, participated in activities on Friday, and DJed off an iPad playlist with easy listening music on Saturday.

Like Murphy, she also buys one pound of strawberries a week.

"I slice and put them in my water," Antonellis said. "It adds flavor. I'll also buy a strawberry shortcake."

As of 7 p.m. on Friday, Mona Kuchhta sold 24 shortcake sundaes and half a strawberry rhubarb pie.

Ellie Dufault added they bought 140 pounds of Dole strawberries and eight pies from BJs.

Organizer Gail Connor said they purchased six-pound bags. Connor

said they sold all but eight pounds, and donated that to the Fire Department.

The goal is to raise \$7,000 for the \$15,000 heating bill. According to Fr. Mike Clements, Heating the rectory is another \$10,000.

Connor thanked local businesses for their donations: Murdock Farms, plant stands in town, Broadview Assisted Living, Monadnock Disposal, and Chair City Oil.

Clements said it's inspirational that 200 people have done something over the course of the weekend.

"I'm grateful for the support of the parishioners and the town," Clements said. "It's not so much the money that we make, but the community that we build. The goal is to build the parish as a community. To be the people that we're supposed to be."

Eleven-year resident Wendy Bonaccolto, said everyone is friendly and welcoming at the festival, adding it is perfect weather.

"I like to be supportive of the church," Bonaccolto said. "I love to meet people. A church event would be a nice, safe outlet. If I'm going to buy stuff, I like to support the local community."

She said that she is trying to grow a strawberry plant, but the critters keep eating the strawberries.

"They're having their own strawberry festival," Bonaccolto joked. "I'm trying to grow them so the grandchildren can pick them."

She said she plans to buy raffle tick-



Mark Desmarais, Mark Carrier and Jordan Comeau were manning the grills.

ets and a plant. "My mother yells at me that I don't water it as much as I should," she said.

Fifty-eight year resident and 40-year parishioner Gary Goodwin puts strawberries from Hannaford's in his protein shake. He also eats them plain, or gives them to grandchildren.

A kitchen worker, he notices he sees unfamiliar faces. He teaches third and fourth-grade CCD, serves as a Eucharistic minister, and brings Communion to the homebound.

"It's a way that the community comes together," Goodwin said. "Not just people who come here, but townspeople. The live auction draws in a lot of people. They might not be religious, but a lot of the same people come every year."



Maybe the screwing up the mouth thing helps with the games...

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and more," said board of trustees President Michael Fallon. "Thanks to Andy, Franklin Pierce is measurably better positioned for its future than when he arrived."

The rapidity with which the change happened was acknowledged by Fallon. "When Andy agreed to come to Franklin Pierce, we knew that it would be for a limited duration so the board had anticipated this transition for some time. Dr. Mooney's long and accomplished association with the university made her the immediate and unanimous choice of the board," he said.

"My love for Franklin Pierce started when I was a freshman on the Rindge campus," Mooney maintained. "I'm honored to accept this opportunity to lead my alma mater."

She holds a BA in English and psychology from FPU and a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of New Hampshire.

Card served in the Massachusetts legislature before being named transportation secretary by President George H.W. Bush. As White House chief of staff to President George W. Bush, it fell to Card to interrupt an elementary school reading class on Sept. 11, 2001. Card also served as acting dean of the George H.W. Bush school of Public Service and Government at Texas A&M University and had been on the FPU board of trustees between 1996 and 2000.

"I fell in love with this school and its mission when I served on the board. That love only deepened during my service in the presidency. I have truly enjoyed getting to know the people who make this university a success and especially the outstanding students. I will miss them most of all," Card said.

HADDAD

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spent the year at Sizer.

"We're working to make this a system where parents want their kids to be," he said.

"Aligning curriculum, improving our professional development are things we're working on. You can never stand still. You've got to keep getting better. We want to be ready to go on day one" when the next school year begins Aug. 29.

"We're building a positive culture," Haddad insisted. "Even little things count. The seniors went over to Memorial on Class Day and interacted with the second-graders there, the class of 2026, and the kids were singing the school song. That seems like a little thing but it helps build continuity within the system. Kindergarten kids got Santa tee-shirts for the class of 2028. We're always trying to look ahead and build a sense that people should want to be here. Small things? Sure, but all of it matters in the bigger picture," he noted.

Making the system run more efficiently makes a difference too, he said.

"We're finally going to have a business office that works well with every other department. We're hoping to be able to add more security cameras and we've been talking to the town about that. We have a great new town manager in Keith Hickey, who understands our issues," said Haddad. "I like the school

committee we have in place now, too."

After a year on the job, Haddad emphasized that he's going to continue to be visible in all three buildings.

"I can't just sit behind the desk. You learn a lot more when you're out there with the students and teachers," he remarked. "I'm not the sit-behind-the-desk all day kind of guy," he laughed, reminding he came up through the ranks as a teacher, baseball coach, and as the first director of the Murdock Academy, which will begin its fourth year in the fall having graduated five students earlier this month.

"If a teacher comes up to me with a good idea, there's a good chance we're going to try and run with it. It's a team concept," Haddad said.

"This is a great community with a lot of tradition," he remarked, adding "I can't stress enough how much we want this to be a community and a school where people want to be. When families are looking to move, the first question they ask is 'how are the schools'. Every family does that. We have a responsibility to make our schools the best system we can be. That's why it's important for us to get to Level One, so people will look at us and say 'that's a really good school system'. We owe that to everyone. I'm very enthused about the future. As I said, we're working hard to create an academic program that will keep and attract families and we're building that positive culture."

CONCERTS

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On Saturday, the Music Festival again begins at 7 p.m. as British-American ensemble, FLOYDS ROW explores early, folk, and classical idioms. Members of Floyds Row include Emily Noël - voice & autoharp; Asako Takeuchi - fiddle; Andrew Arceci - viola da gamba, double bass & cittern; Chris Ferebee - mandolin, guitar & cittern; George Lykogiannis - accordion and George Lernis - percussion. Visit www.floyds-row.com for more about this group.

And beginning at 8 p.m. at the American Legion, Deacon's Express and several others in the community are hosting a fundraiser for the Rodriguez family who were burned out of their home on Maple Street. Entrance to this event is \$10 or \$15 per couple.

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along with community volunteers, young and old, offering up the elbow grease needed to make the restorations," Tenney-Eldredge said.

Santos suggested students from Montachusets Vocational Regional High School could volunteer their skills.

She questioned why it's deemed unsafe for children at the Clark Memorial YMCA after school program, but not for Toy Town students.

"However, the DPW offered a temporary fix by removing boulders and patching up broken up pavement that is sticking up," Santos said.

Tenney-Eldredge commented on just what exactly needs to be done.

"It appears it will need to be completely repainted; a new netting needs to be purchased; and the boarded-up slide be removed and cleaned," Tenney-Eldredge said. "If the slide isn't repairable, then a replacement one should be considered - one that isn't enclosed."

FIRE DEPT

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ics are different in every situation. Every call is different. You can't predict what you're going to find."

"We're on track to have more calls this year than any other year," he said. Fortunately, that's not because of brush fires.

"We haven't had a bad year with those," Smith pointed out.

The chief had advice regarding fire safety.

"Families should have their own fire drills, know how to get out. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should be checked every month. These are common sense preventive practices," he stressed.

With the Fourth of July

On Sunday, the Winchendon Music Festival ends its first run with a jazz offering featuring John Arcaro and band. The band will perform jazz interpretations of the "Great American Songbook" as well as contemporary jazz compositions. Performing will be Linda Dagnello - vocals; John Arcaro - keyboard; Jack Pezanelli - guitar; Stephan Arsenault - bass; and Ricardo Monzon - percussion. This concert begins at 5 p.m. at Old Centre Church.

But before that, at 1:30 p.m., bring a lawn chair down to Central Street to the Unitarian Universalist Church lawn to see the first concert of the season by Winchendon Winds.

The concert band was begun with its first concerts presented last year by local musician, composer and conductor Jon Nicholson. Unfortunately, the world lost Jon this past winter, but through the efforts of

his daughters, a new conductor was persuaded to take the helm, musicians were again recruited and the Win Winds will present a series of three concerts this year.

Local musician and conductor Lucinda Ellert, who has a career spanning 30 years of outstanding artistic merit has agreed to the post. A graduate of Grinnell College and the New England Conservatory, she has been recognized for her work in both jazz and conducting of college and municipal concert bands.

Currently, she is the music director of the Chelmsford Community Band, music director of the Baldwinville Memorial Congregational Church, and artistic director of the Lowell-based Commonwealth Orchestra Outreach Project.

Ellert and her husband are restoring an historic house, the original site of a 1747 sawmill, in Winchendon.

School Committee member Greg Vine takes his grandchildren to the playground on the weekends, calling it a 'discouraging' site.

"There's only three things in the whole place that they can use," Vine said. "Then, they'll go back to bugging Grandpa. It's not just a school playground. It's a community playground."

Facilities Director Jim Murphy said it'd cost about \$15,000 for a functional playground and \$26,000 to install age-appropriate equipment. A replacement slide will cost about \$5,000.

Murphy said vandals cut holes in the slide, making the slide unstable and unsafe.

Superintendent Steve Haddad said he's going to look into the budget or grant money and assist Tenney-Eldredge, Santos and other concerned citizens with fundraising.

"It's expensive, but let's sit down tomorrow, look at the budget, and see if we can do something," Haddad said. "We have to do something."

Ideas written on the Facebook page are to create a GoFundMe page, to lead a 120 raffle and to host a third-fifth-grade dance.

approaching, Smith reiterated home fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts.

"It's not just about the Fourth, either," he said. "There are lots of people doing fireworks during the summer. They are not legal here."

While eager to fill the vacancies, Smith pointed out anyone who is an on-call firefighter has to understand "you never know when your pager might go off," which might dissuade some who are considering applying.

"It can take away from family time. There are no certainties," he said.

At the same time, he encouraged those who would be interested.

"We get some good stories here too. We've delivered babies

and later had the mom and newborn come visit. It's not always bad or tragic stories, but even then it's rewarding when you do anything you can to help people on what is probably the worst day of their lives," Smith mused.

Some four years into his tenure in Winchendon, the former chief in his native Templeton said he likes Toy Town because "there's a sense of community and history here. Community matters here."

Applications can be taken at the department at 405 Central St. or Winchendon Town Hall or online at www.townofwinchendon.com. Their phone number is (978) 297-2324.

BIKE PATH

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either fell by the wayside or generated vocal opposition. All would have been sited in the area of the Hillview Industrial Park, currently the home of Mylec, Inc. The now-defunct waste management company, Browning-Ferris Industries, had suggested establishment of a landfill. A group of people, led by Joseph Henry of Acton, pushed for several years - ultimately unsuccessfully - for construction of a Winchendon Motorsports Park. And another group of private individuals proposed laying out an airport which would be used solely for the transport of freight; no passengers would find themselves jetting between LGA and BGR, with a stop in Winchendon.

Yet, while those impres-

sive ideas went the way of the Amphicar Model 770 (combination boat and automobile), the idea of a bike path between the Toy Town and the Chair City stuck. In fact, it not only stuck, over time it gained enthusiasm.

"Early on," says Boucher, "folks from Gardner expressed interest in it. They wanted to discuss the idea with people here, but Winchendon never responded. It was a positive proposal but no one was doing anything about it. But the mayor at the time was Mayor Manca and he was very enthusiastically in favor of it. Still, when we got together, we had no idea where it would go."

The first meeting of the bike path committee took place at Dunn's Pond in 1995.

The first section of the trail to open runs from near the Veterans Memorial Rink, past Crystal Lake, and ends on a par-

cel of land between radio station WGAW and the Gardner Municipal Golf Course on Green Street.

Boucher said extending the trail required the purchase of about eight miles of abandoned railroad bed. The property was purchased from Gilbert Transportation with a grant from the state.

"We did ask Gilbert to donate the rail bed," says Boucher, "but they said 'no.' Still, they did keep the price pretty reasonable. Cellucci, who was governor at the time, came out to publicize the purchase. The state didn't cover the whole cost, however. The host community, meaning Winchendon, had to cover 20 percent of the design costs."

Boucher also dispelled the myth that the late George Mizhir held up completion of the bike path.

"George didn't hold up anything at all," she said. "He didn't own the property the path would follow, he only owned the property where we wanted to put the parking lot. We worked together with George and his family on this."

The former selectman also explained the stimulus package passed shortly after Pres. Obama was sworn in in 2009 accounted for some of the delay.

"Federal funds were to be targeted specifically for transportation projects. The bike path didn't fall under that category."

Phase VI is the next portion of the trail awaiting completion. The half-mile section runs from Stone Street, Gardner, to Rt. 140.

"I thought this would be a really popular path for bike-riders," says Boucher, "but if you go out on any nice day you'll see a great many more people

walking or running. I'm really pleased to see so many more people using (the path) than we originally anticipated. It really adds something very positive, not just to our town but to the entire region."

Boucher also notes she has spent nearly a third of her life working to make the North Central Bike Path become a reality.

"It's truly gratifying to see all the effort - not just on my part but on the part of so many committed individuals - has been worth it. Every single person who has supported this, either by word or deed, deserves a 'thank you' from every resident who has biked or trekked the path. Future generations honestly owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who helped make this a reality."

LEGALS

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
16 SM 004499
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Terrence E. Bennett Jr. AKA Terrence E. Bennett
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C. App. §501 et seq.:
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered **5 North Vine Street, given by Terrence E. Bennett, Jr. to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**, dated **July 2, 2014**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **52514, Page 158**, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants'

Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 18, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on June 2, 2016
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
(OM 15-014872)
June 24, 2016

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
2016 SM 004635
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
David C. Prouty Jr a/k/a David Prouty, Jr.
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 et seq.:
Wells Fargo Bank, NA
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, 641 Alger Street, given by David C. Prouty Jr a/k/a David Prouty, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated January 30, 2014, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51993, Page 144, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment has/have filed

with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 25, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on June 8, 2016
Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
201604-0274-YEL
June 24, 2016

LEGALS



NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael P. Flynn and Tamara A. Flynn to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, dated January 21, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 32760, Page 213, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Ameriquet Mortgage Company to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated January 28, 2004 and recorded with said registry on October 19, 2004 at Book 34856 Page 88 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Household Finance Corporation II dated January 23, 2014 and recorded with said registry on January 28, 2014 at Book 51982 Page 374 and by assignment from Household Finance Corporation II to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2015-5T dated August 20, 2015 and recorded with said registry on January 8, 2016 at Book 54799 Page 176, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on July 18, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 337 MAPLE STREET, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land on the southerly side of Maple Street, Rte #202, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on the northeasterly corner thereof at a P.K. nail in paving in the southerly line of Maple Street at land now or formerly of Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee, said nail being located N. 82° 15' 00" W., 192.93 feet from a Massachusetts Highway Bound location at an angle in said street line opposite layout station 47+28.31;

THENCE S. 7° 45' 00" W., 177.00 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE N. 82° 15' 00" W. 170.00 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE N. 7° 45' 00" E. 177.00 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE N. 7° 45' 00" E. 177.00 feet to a P.K. nail in paving in the southerly line of Maple Street. The preceding three courses being by land now or formerly of said Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee;

THENCE S. 82° 15' 00" E. by the southerly line of Maple Street, 170.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 30,900.00 square feet. Being shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Lot #2 to be conveyed by Emmett T. Jeffers, Trustee of E.T. Jeffers Real Estate Trust, Winchendon, Mass., Scale: 1 inch=30 feet, February 14, 1980, Michael S. Szoc, Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Mass., which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 478, Page 79.

For title see deed from Jose L. Martinez and Teresa Martinez to Michael P. Flynn and Tamara A. Flynn dated November 30, 2001 and recorded November 30, 2001 in Book 25384 at page 127.

Property Address:
337 MAPLE STREET
WINCHENDON,
MASSACHUSETTS 01475
AP 5A4 LOT PAR 81

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25384, Page 127.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUST-

EE FOR RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2015-5T

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201404-0205 - PRP

June 24, 2016

July 1, 2016

July 8, 2016

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jenny Cooper to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, dated January 31, 2008 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42362, Page 340, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB. its successors and/or assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated November 24, 2015 and recorded with said registry on December 16, 2015 at Book 54706 Page 154, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on July 13, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 32 WALNUT STREET, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in the village of Winchendon, County of Worcester, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, situated on and numbered 32 Walnut Street, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a stake and stones at the junction of Walnut Street and Beech Street;

Thence N. 50-1/4 degrees W. on line of said Walnut Street five (5) rods to a stake and stones at the Southeast corner of land of Arnold E. Anderson et ux;

Thence N. 39-3/4 degrees E. to land now or formerly of Ellen M. Cross and hereinafter described;

Thence S. 50-1/4 degrees E. five (5) rods to the line of Beech Street;

Thence S. 39 degrees 45' W. on line of said Beech Street to the bound first mentioned.

Also the land and buildings in the rear of the described premises, being the "barn lot," so called, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said lot on Beech Street, at the Southeast corner of a lot now or formerly of William H. Jewett;

Thence Westerly on line of said Jewett land about five (5) rods to the Northeast corner of land of said Anderson;

Thence Southerly on line of said Anderson land about 41-1/4 feet to the first described tract;

Thence Easterly on a line parallel with the first line, being line of first parcel, to Beech Street;

Thence on line of Beech Street Northerly 41-1/4 feet to the place of beginning.

A deed from Adam J. Miller and Andrea B. Miller to Jenny Cooper recorded herewith in Book 42362, Page 338.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42362, Page 338.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201508-0409 - PRP

June 17, 2016

June 24, 2016

July 1, 2016

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 Timothy J. LeBlanc and Kelly A. Dalton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39156, Page 143, subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-B by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 49142, Page 106; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on July 8, 2016 at 26 Toy Town Lane, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on Toy Town Lane in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "15" on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Toy Town Heights, Winchendon, Massachusetts", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 763, Plan 102, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Parcel and said Lot. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. at Book 39156, Page 141

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

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.

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-B
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
13-017732

June 17, 2016

June 24, 2016

July 1, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lillian A. Clapp to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp., dated June 28, 2006 and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39309, Page 141 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-WM3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WM3 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-WM3 dated October 25, 2011 recorded at Worcester County

(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48145, Page 359; and corrective assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-WM3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WM3 dated March 29, 2013 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50765, Page 170, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 85 Eagle Road, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00PM on July 18, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated in Winchendon, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts being shown as Lot 7 on a plan of land entitled "Benjamin Hill Estates Winchendon, Mass., Prepared by Joseph R. Henry & Associates, dated December 24, 1986 revised March 26, 1987" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 576, Plan 16, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description of said parcel.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 33577, Page 158.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-WM3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WM3
Korde & Associates, P.C.

321 Billerica Road
Suite 210
Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100
(978) 256-1500

Clapp, Estate of, Lillian A., 15-020104,
June 17, 2016, June 24, 2016, July 1, 2016

June 24, 2016

July 1, 2016

July 8, 2016

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CASE NO: 16 SM 004587 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Suzanne L Rocheleau and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. Section 501 et seq.:CIT Bank N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 10 Royalston Road South given by Suzanne L Rocheleau to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, dated December 14, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40372 at Page 105, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 18, 2016 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on June 6, 2016 Attest:Deborah J. Patterson Recorder A-4580124 06/24/2016

June 24, 2016

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