

No slowing down for this racer

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

GARDNER — When he moved to Gardner from the Canadian province of New Brunswick at the age of 21, Leonard LeBlanc had no way of knowing he would wind up making a living in the harness racing business. Some 45 years ago, LeBlanc fell into racing almost by accident.

A construction worker by trade, LeBlanc moved to Gardner when he was unable to find work around his Canadian home. After a time, he started his own business, which he operated for about two years.

Then it happened.

"I had a friend who had a horse here," says LeBlanc. "After a while he entered her in a claiming race. In a claiming race a horse is for sale up until shortly before the race is run. Well, somebody claimed her – bought her. My friend decided he wanted to get her back but I knew he didn't have the money. I told him 'I'll buy half but you have to train her and race her.' So, I wound up owning half a horse and it just took off from there."

And at the age of 77, LeBlanc shows know signs of slowing down.

"I'm going to do it until I'm not able to do it anymore. I'd sell out now if I was smart," he says with a wry smile. "But what would I do? Sit around and

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Greg Vine photos

The gelding Trigger Finger and Leonard LeBlanc in a moment of bonding.

Conflicting info from DESE leaves schools frustrated

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The official report discussed at the School Committee last week is not available to the general public as yet; but it has been provided on a preliminary basis to the schools involved. Murdock Principal Josh Romano addressed the extremely conflicting Massachusetts Department of Education report with the School Committee, which Romano said gave the school "meets" or "exceeded" expectations in all the categories yet failed to meet its target, and lowered the school's percentile average rating.

When discussing the report Romano said, "Today we got about as big of a kick in the teeth as you can get from the Department of Education. We got our preliminary accountability data, and I am going to share the details with you because when I saw it I was pretty disappointed. Last year we were at 17 to the 18th per-

centile, this year the report says we were dropped to 12 percentile and told we didn't meet target."

Romano when reading the report, made a very strong case based on the Department of Education's very own words showing the department and report findings did not add up to the final evaluation they provided with the following:

English Language Art 'ELA' gap narrowing, all students on target; high needs, on target.

Mathematics proficiency gap narrowing, all students on target.

Science proficiency needs gap narrowing, all students, on target, high needs, above target.

ELA growth, all students on target, high needs, above target.

Math Growth, all students on target, high needs, on target.

After a brief pause, a very concerned Romano said.

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Plans underway to re-dedicate GAR Park

BY RICK WARD
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

WINCHENDON — The restoration of Winchendon's Grand Army of the Republic Park is nearing completion. The cannons have been restored, trees planted, gazebo upgraded, crumbling walkways newly paved, and park benches about to be installed. Through the generosity of the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation, and those who purchased trees, the park, located on Murdock Avenue across from the Old Murdock Senior Center, has a new face.

The GAR Park Restoration Committee has set the official dedication ceremony for Sunday, Oct. 2, starting at 12:30 p.m. and promises fun for the entire family. There will be Civil War era music by Shades of Gray camp band; a wreath laying at the Soldiers' Monument by American Legion Post 193; musical selections by the Murdock Glee Club; and, the keynote speech and Gettysburg Address by President Abraham Lincoln. Portraying Lincoln will be Steve Wood, named "Best Lincoln Look-Alike" by New Hampshire Magazine, and featured on television's "Chronicle." If raining, the dedication will be held in the auditorium of the Old Murdock

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Courtesy photos

The statues of a Civil War soldier and the cannon are symbolic of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Rivers Edge expanding hours

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Arriving in town almost a year ago to serve breakfast and lunch, the Rivers Edge on Spring Street enters a new era a week from tonight when it opens for dinner from 4-8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

It's a new era for the restaurant but not for owner Seth Silver who says he's returning

to his culinary roots.

"Doing dinners is how it started for me," Silver recalled. "I didn't get into the breakfast business until around 2009 with the Ugly Omelette" in Lunenburg. "Dinners really are my old-school roots."

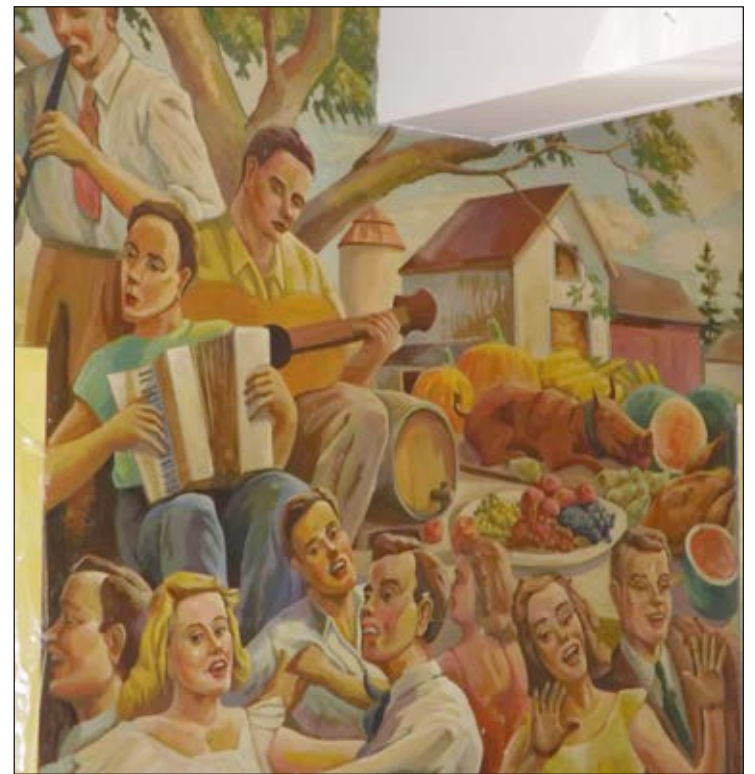
"People have been asking me for a while — when are you going to start doing dinner so I guess you can say we're doing it by popular demand. It's going to be a challenge but

the food business is always a challenge," said Silver.

"By the way, we're going to be looking for cooks, too," he added.

Dinner menus are, of course, very different from those for breakfast and lunch. Evening offerings will include baked stuffed lobster, prime rib, chicken piccata, pasta primavera, steak tips, chicken broc-

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Greg Vine photos

The mural on the wall was painted by the fellow playing the accordion in this segment pictured. It has been in place for decades.

The Glen Caffè: satisfying appetites for a decade

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — This week, Toy Town's Glen Caffè celebrates 10 years of satisfying the appetites of customers from near and far.

It was a decade ago that Sally Morin purchased the building at 63 Glenallan St. from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. For about two years before Morin moved in the VFW had rented the site to the Richard Milburn Academy.

"I was in the food business in high school and college," says Morin. "I was in the food trades program at Monty Tech. I also spent 25 years at the Clark (now the Clark

Memorial YMCA), holding jobs ranging from secretary to interim executive director."

But the restaurant business was calling and Morin decided to take the plunge.

"I've always wanted a restaurant," she says. "I love to cook, eat, and I love people. I'm always meeting new 'family' and friends. I used to come here as a kid. They would rent the place out for special events. As a matter of fact, I rented it for my mother's 60th birthday."

Some of the eatery's customers are people from around the state coming to visit or inter loved ones at the nearby

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WEEKLY QUOTE
"The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it."
- Woodrow Wilson



Rotary hears details of playground project

BY TARA VOCINO
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GARDNER — Two organizers spoke to Gardner Rotary Club members about the progress of a once-vandalized community playground at Toy Town Elementary School last week at Williams Restaurant.

Parent Renee Tenney-Eldredge represented the Project Playground group while Pre-K and Alternative Lifelong Learning Director Suzanne Michel represented the Save Our Playground group.

Tenney-Eldredge began her presentation by explaining with parents' countless volunteer hours, they were able to pull the project together since she and her 8-year-old daughter, Madison, went before the School Committee on June 16 about two and a half months ago.

"A renewed awareness was established via social media with a Facebook page, after my daughter, Madison, came home from a visit to Toy Town Elementary, her soon-to-be new school," Tenney-Eldredge said. "She enjoyed the tour; with the exception of the playground. She described the state of the playground to me and questioned, 'Why is the slide boarded up, and why are there so many bad words blacked out.'"

She said Saturday's boot drive alone raised about \$1,300.

"Thank you so much," Tenney-Eldredge said. "It's been an amazing 2 ½ month journey, but we're not done yet. It goes to show, 'When there's a will, there's a way'. When people pull together, it can be done."

She thanked district Facilities Director Jim Murphy and staff for working tirelessly to install the new

slide and climbing structure while parents cleaned the structure to ensure the playground was in place for the first day of school on Aug. 29.

The town laid new blacktop along the walkway so children could play on the renovated structure, she said.

As of Aug. 30, the parent group raised about \$6,000.

As for the staff group, Michel explained she is involved with playground projects in grades kindergarten to five. She joked she left teaching and went to the dark side when she became an administrator.

She taught for 18 years and never knew about the vandalism.

"That goes to show how important communication is," Michel said. "It looked fine from far away, but I never got close enough where I could see the damage."

She said the damage was so fair beyond repair that there was talk of closing the playground. When she found that out, she sat there appalled and with her mouth open, thinking of a way to help.

"It is very expensive to tear down a playground, and the school budget just couldn't afford it," Michel said. "Several attempts were made, but they fell through."

She thought since the playground serves the community-at-large, she has to have a mission for how to preserve the playground.

That mission was: the playground is a center for children to engage in physical activity that stimulates the brain.

"If children don't get up and move, their bodies aren't ready to take in information when they get back from recess," Michel said.

So, she wore her special needs hat.

"I love and am passionate about intensive need students," Michel said. "They drive what I do every day. They need that playground more than anyone else."

Michel then reached out to Superintendent Steve Haddad and he directed them toward Tenney-Eldredge and parent and PTO President Tina



Mat Plamondon photo

Suzanne Michel makes a presentation to the Rotary Club as Renee Tenney-Eldredge waits her turn to speak.

Santos.

"They welcomed me graciously," Michel said. "Steve backed us up every step of the way."

Like Tenney-Eldredge, she said the collaboration was outstanding.

"We even had children out there cleaning," Michel said.

Tenney-Eldredge thanked Winchendon Courier Editor Ruth DeAmicis for connecting with Powell's Landscaping, which donated mulch.

Joe Rosa, of Powell's Landscaping, offered materials and time to assist with widening of the playground walkway, Tenney-Eldredge added.

And she gave a shout-out to parent Danielle Antonellis, who facilitated a calendar raffle, where more than 600 tickets were sold. Performance Press generously printed calendars.

Because this has been so well-received, additional tickets were printed," Tenny-Eldredge said. "Local stores offered to sell the calendars: To Each His Own Design, Powell's Landscaping, Lickity Splitz, and Not Just Produced, or via Facebook request on the Project Playground page."

But she was quick to note that the work is not done until swings are installed and the basketball court is resurfaced.

New nets for the hoops, and consideration to install a swing set will be given, Tenney-Eldredge said.

School has been in session for four days, as of the presentation date, but 22 parents have already approached her to acknowledge the fencing installed by Cheshire Fencing.

"We have a superintendent who listens to us and who hears our messages," Michel said. "We installed the fencing for safety reasons to protect our children. Safety means everything to us. We want parents to know the school takes the safety of their schoolchildren seriously."

The goal was to raise \$15,000, but the fence added another \$10,000, which is a blessing in disguise.

"We got a pricing from five years ago, which is about \$4,000 cheaper," Michel said.

She wants people to know that a little

communication in a small community can do just as much as a big city with a large population.

Michel said students don't have to be special education to get an education that is special to them.

She thanked the Rotary Club for their time, and she hopes she can speak at other community clubs.

Michel said checks can be made to Winchendon Public Schools and mailed to Memorial School, 32 Elmwood Road, Attn: Suzanne Michel, Memo: Playground.

As soon as checks come in, she sends a thank you letter for tax purposes.

Rotary Club Secretary Dottie Yablonski of Gardner, was responsible for finding guest speakers this month, and she is glad Tenney-Eldredge and Michel came.

"I read an article about it, and I wanted to get more information about it," Yablonski said. "They are interested in the community, and in the needs of the community. I learned what the problems were. As she said, I did not realize they were so bad. When you first look at it, it looked fine. I'm glad they installed a fence to protect the kids."

Yablonski said she will make a donation.

Rotary Club Treasurer Mike Ellis said some of the most effective and important projects began as grassroots.

"This is no different," Ellis said. "I give a great deal of credit to these ladies for getting the attention and support in such a short time period."

Tenney-Eldredge said the collaboration between administration, School Committee, the Town Manager, and the community, locally and outside of Winchendon, has produced results.

Ellis said the humanitarian group has helped to eradicate polio by 99.9 percent worldwide.

Tenney-Eldredge said a few fundraising events will continue throughout the school year with additional grant applications forthcoming.

"Collectively, we are proud to have been a part of this important renovation effort and appreciate the feedback, volunteers, and support from all those involved," Tenney-Eldredge said.

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Local students among those at FPU

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

RINDGE — With a handful of Murdock High School graduates among them, Franklin Pierce University in nearby Rindge this week welcomed almost 700 new students, (freshmen and transfers alike) the largest incoming class in the school's 54 year history.

"There's so much anticipation and anxiety that goes along with move-in day for new students and their families," said Kim Mooney, who took over as FPU's president last month. Mooney knows that feeling first-hand having enrolled at Franklin Pierce as a freshman herself in the fall of 1979.

Mooney added that while there was normal anxiety when new living-on-campus students arrived last weekend, plenty of people were around to help ease the transition. Additionally, events were scheduled throughout this for all new students, commuters and residents alike.

More than half a dozen MHS grads had been accepted at FPU last winter and spring, continuing the trend of local students applying to Pierce. 19 states are represented on campus this year and while more come from Massachusetts and New Hampshire than any others, students have also come from as far away as California, Colorado, Hawaii, and Texas.

A number of those new students will be studying Health Sciences, the fastest growing major since the university revamped its curriculum in January, 2014. Criminal Justice and Sports Recreation and Management are also popular among the incoming class of 2020.

That class includes a competitive horseback rider, a member of Police Explorers, Murdock's all-time leading girls soccer scorer, a student who represented the United States at the Goodwill Games in Holland and one student who has already launched their own landscaping business as well as one who has volunteered as a bone marrow transplant recruiter.

"It's a great example of the caring community that is Franklin Pierce," said Mooney.

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YOUNGSTER WANDERS AMONG THE STONES



Amy Warnke photo

Passing near the cemeteries on Glenallan Street, a very young stranger was seen wandering through the parklike setting. He didn't seem to be in too much of a hurry; and wasn't very worried about the photographer either.

This craft just ‘felt’ right



BY TRACY GAMBILL
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WINCHENDON — The Gardner Area League of Artists recently held a needle felting workshop at the Isaac Morse house on Front Street. Instructor Karen Sugalski, artist and GALA member from Gardner, was happy to share her knowledge with students last Saturday.

According to GALA’s Facebook page, “Felting is an ancient way to make fabric in a non-woven process. It is done by tangling mammal fibers...by using a needle with barbs to tangle the fibers.”

Those who attended learned about the history of felting and the many types of fibers that can be used for the craft. They intermeshed fibers by repeatedly stabbing them with



Tracy Gambill photo
The four friends intent on their work
Susan Ellis photo
At left: (l-r) Louise Parmenter Hammerman of Westminster, Deb Write of Gardner, Marilou Ingemie of Fitchburg, Patty Marsh of Fitchburg, and Rosemary Laverdiere of Leominster stand with their finished artwork after a GALA needle felting workshop.

barbed needles of different sizes, ultimately producing two pictures – a colorful beach scene and a black cat sitting outside.

Participants found it almost meditative once they got the hang of it. Self-proclaimed ‘crafty friends’ Rosemary Laverdiere, Deb Write, Marilou Ingemie, and Patty Marsh are all educators who decided to do the class as a last hoorah for the summer before school began.

Write said she felt successful and said there was “nothing like success to encourage you to do more.” She liked the new home of GALA. “It’s a beautiful spot...a lovely use for this.”

The class was so popular that another will be scheduled in the winter.

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Fall Harvest concert scheduled

REGION — Tickets are now available for a Fall Harvest Concert with the New England Symphony Orchestra (formerly known as Thayer Symphony Orchestra). The concert will take place at the Clinton Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1. Tickets can be purchased at Thurston House and Sunrise Boutique in Clinton, as well as through the NESO’s website at newenglandsymphony.org or (978) 466-1800.

We’ll celebrate the fall season and chase away New England’s worst demons with music of film, classics, and Broadway. Experience a full symphony orchestra at the beautiful Clinton Town Hall. The program will feature music from Harry Potter films, The Phantom of the Opera, The Sorcerer’s Apprentice (Disney’s Fantasia), Night on Bald Mountain, and many more! Violinist Eunae Koh will be featured in the Danse Macabre by Camille Saint-Saens.

With the orchestra’s new seat pricing structure, our concert tickets have never been more affordable. Single tickets are \$18 general admission, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for students. Bring your family, friends, or significant other to a memorable concert you won’t want to miss.

The NESO is offering a 3-concert subscription series, including the Fall Harvest Concert. Subscribers will enjoy seating in a specially designated section at the Clinton Town Hall, as well as early access to insider video about the concerts. A full season subscription costs no more than \$71, with discounts for seniors and students.

Remaining concerts in the 2016-17 season are:

Holiday Pops Concert, Dec. 17, 2016, Monty Tech

Celtic Fantasy Concert, March 18, 2017, Clinton Town Hall

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Annual 9/11 ceremony at Cathedral scheduled

RINDGE — The Remember to Remember September 11 memorial will be presented at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The Remember to Remember September 11 memorial is a reverent reading of the names of the 2,977 people who were killed by the terrorist attack against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, the names of the five victims who perished as a result of the Boston Marathon Bombing, and the 49 victims of the Orlando Shooting. In honor of the 15th anniversary of 9/11 there will be two readings of the victim’s names. The first reading will begin at 8:45 a.m. The second reading will begin at 1 p.m. Each reading will take approximately three hours.

The theme of the memorial is from Ecclesiastes 9:11-12. “11. Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. 12. For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught

in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.”

The 9/11 victims’ names are read by actress Betsy Palmer, actor Jerry Orbach, Admiral Mike Mullen, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Pentagon, Public Affairs Officer Alan Hicks of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and volunteers at the New York Unit of the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic organization. Palmer read the names of the victims of Flight 11, Flight 175, Flight 77, and Flight 93. The volunteers at RFB&D recorded the names of the victims at the World Trade Centers and the FDNY firemen. Hicks recorded the names of the officers from PANY&NJ. Orbach read the names of the NYPD police officers. Mullen read the names of the Pentagon victims.

Remember to Remember September 11 was organized by artist/poet James Pelletier in collaboration with RFB&D, the United Nations, and the Pentagon. Production Director Todd Palumbo oversaw the recordings read by Palmer, Orbach, Hicks, and the volunteers at

RFB&D in their NYC studios. Mullen recorded the names at the Pentagon. The United Nations Translation and Editorial Division offered their help with the pronunciation of victims’ names. The Boston Marathon Bombing and Orlando Shooting victims will be read live at the Cathedral of the Pines.

Pelletier, age 65, of Winchendon, has been involved with 9/11 memorials since 2001. He volunteered at Ground Zero for several months in the wake of the terrorist attack. The recording was first presented in 2002, as part of the first anniversary tributes in Battery Park, NYC. In 2008, Remember to Remember September 11 was expanded to include all the names of the victims.

Remember to Remember September 11 is an all volunteer effort. Volunteers for the memorial include: students and faculty at Franklin Pierce University at Rindge, American Legion Cheney Armstrong Post 5 of Peterborough, NH, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Westminster Amvets, Sons of the Amvets, Ladies Auxiliary of Westminster, and individuals throughout the region.

COURIER CAPSULES

BUSINESS WORKSHOP

A two-hour workshop designed to give small business owners a start in using Facebook for marketing will be held 6 p.m., Sept. 12 at the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce. Participants need not be Chamber members to attend. Cost is \$35 and pre-registration is required at this site: <https://jaffreyfacebookbeginner.eventbrite.com>

Presenter Christine Halvorson of Halvorson New Media will teach how to create a business page, the difference between a business page and a personal page on Facebook, and how to use a business page effectively without spending a lot of time at it. Crafters, artists and non-profits could also benefit from attending.

Halvorson will also be conducting a live broadcast through Facebook at noon on Sept. 14. Participants can have their social media questions answered then by visiting facebook.com/HalvorsonNewMedia at that time. Participating is free.

TEMPLETON WARNING

The Templeton Board of Health, in conjunction with the Templeton Animal

Control Officer, has issued a notice of a positive case of rabies in a wild animal; after an investigation into a domestic animal exposure. To date, it has not been detected in any domestic animals (dogs, cats, etc...).

Chairman of the Board of Health, said that, “The Board strongly recommends that cats and dogs that are not vaccinated be vaccinated immediately; any cat or dog due for a booster should be vaccinated immediately.”

The town pointed out that wild animal out in the daylight hours does not necessarily indicate rabid behavior; the following are behaviors to be aware of:

1. Overly aggressive behavior
2. Friendly or fearless behavior
3. Animal appears to be intoxicated (not sure on its feet, etc...)
4. May appear lethargic, laying down

Citizens are advised to not touch any wild animal but rather, if noticing anything strange, call the Templeton Police Dispatch at (978) 939-5638 which will coordinate with Animal Control.

For more information on rabies exposure go to www.cdc.gov/rabies/exposure, or contact the Board of Health at (978) 894-2771.

AHIMSA GRANT

REGION — Ahimsa Haven is happy to announce they are a recipient of a 2016 grant from the Massachusetts “I’m Animal Friendly” license plate program. Funds will be used towards Ahimsa Haven’s spay/neuter program, which alters all cats and dogs prior to being adopted.

The “I’m Animal Friendly” license plates are a program of the Massachusetts Animal Coalition. Funds are dispersed annually to organizations who demonstrate a need for and provide low-cost spay/neuter services.

Massachusetts Animal Coalition (MAC) is a state-wide, non-profit organization comprised of animal professionals and individual volunteers dedicated to working together to decrease the number of homeless, neglected, displaced and abused animals in Massachusetts. MAC’s “I’m Animal Friendly” License Plate program helps fund spay and neuter programs across the state. These charitable plates are available through

Massachusetts RMV and are tax deductible. www.petplate.org

Founded in 1999, Ahimsa Haven is a non-profit, no-kill, volunteer-run shelter. Ahimsa (pronounced ah-HIM-sa) is a word meaning compassion and non-violence. Ahimsa Haven relied on foster homes until the opening of their shelter at 381 Baldwinville Road, Templeton in September of 2013. For more information please call 978-297-2673 or email info@ahimsahaven.org.

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EDITORIAL

Back to the same old same old

Even the college age students are back in school as of this week. Routines are beginning to be normalized every where as the bed times become earlier, meal-times even out, expectations for rising and getting dressed and ready are all in place.

So the big sigh is given by parents everywhere as they attempt to get into that groove of normalcy.

Not that things have settled down of course. Just look at the calendar elsewhere in the newspaper today. This weekend is just packed!

And we made an error (of course, we aren't infallible). The Through The Doors concert this Saturday night isn't to benefit the Lions, though that service club has sponsored them in the past; this time the band booked the hall themselves. Instead, the Lions have booked the Beatles tribute band Studio Two for Oct. 15 this year. So, if you are a huge Doors fan, this weekend if for you. The Beatles will be here in October and that one does benefit the Lions; who do a lot for our community.

There is a book out currently called "Bowling Alone" that decries the fall of community service and community involvement in general. We can attest to the phenomena in Winchendon. It is hard to come across willing volunteers for town offices, for elected positions and for the service clubs. It is hard to get volunteer coaches and managers for children's events and teams. It is hard to organize events and expect people to attend.

Why?

The desire of people to interact with one another in a community setting is disappearing apparently. We have become an insular society. We don't need one another or the need to mingle.

We also don't feel the need to give back.

A check written to some nebulous charity is enough of a feel good to satisfy the need to give. Actually giving time and effort is not necessary.

The days of Beals, who worked hard at his feed store, saved his money and gifted the town with funding for a public library; the days of Clark who ran his chair company successfully, saved his money and gifted the community with a recreation center; the days of Murdocks who worked hard at their manufacturing company, saved their money and gifted the town with a high school; those days are gone.

The days of 50 member service clubs like Lions and Kiwanis are also gone. Those two clubs, while extremely active with the membership they have, are struggling; and could use more people.

That feeling of community just is gone. People who work in Boston leave home at 4 a.m.; stop at Fitchburg on their way home to shop at 6 p.m. and never leave their homes once there. If they know about activities in the town where they have purchased a home because they could afford it, they don't take advantage of the opportunities. Some do have kids, and do travel within the school realm to an extent, but many do not.

So, how do we get them involved? How do we convince them to become a part of the community they have adopted as their home?

It's a puzzle.

Speaking of puzzles we have another for you. On weekends in the month of October, the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center will be holding an Escape Room event at the Isaac Morse house. We attended a preview last weekend.

Imagine getting locked into the dining room with a group of friends. There are clues EVERYWHERE, but what do they mean? How do they go together? There are locks, there are bits and pieces and puzzles and; if that weren't enough once you solve getting out of this room there's a second room...the kitchen. And then the clues between the two rooms will finally need to be solved to get you out of the dilemma entirely.

If you like mysteries, or puzzles or just a challenge, we suggest you check this out. Escape rooms are a new rage right now, and the organizers of this event have done it up well. For more information and to book a reservation to challenge yourself go to winchendonescaperoom.com.

We dare you!

Response to Kaepernick Unsettling...But Expected

In what has been called a thousand-year event, tropical rains in Louisiana take at least 11 lives and severely damage 40,000 homes. In Italy, an earthquake and its aftershocks reduce several medieval towns to rubble while claiming nearly 300 souls. President Obama stares down Vladimir Putin at a G20 summit in China and the U.S. and China sign on to a global climate agreement. A wave of bombings carried out by ISIS kills at least 48 in Syria. Tens of thousands of people pour into the streets of Caracas to demand the ouster of Venezuela's president.

All of these things have happened



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Really?
Really.

San Francisco 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick refused to stand for the National Anthem at the start of his team's final two games of the preseason. The six-year veteran of the NFL says he'll continue his protest because

in the past week or two. So, what has Americans' panties in a twist?

What is everybody talking about? An NFL quarterback's refusal to stand for the National Anthem.

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Question 2, a billion concerns

You have probably already seen the passionate television adds both for and against "Question 2" already played time and time again. Let's examine the cold hard numbers and the reasons for this.

Currently Massachusetts has roughly 80 Charter Schools functioning in the Commonwealth. Those schools educate roughly four percent of all public school students in our state with some 41,000 attending, and up to 37,000 on the waiting lists depending on what information source you use. What do those students equal? Lots of dollars being lost by traditional public schools, already functioning on budgets often not up to means to meet the standards the state enforces.

If Question 2 passes at the ballot box, let's just say your controversial presidential election may not be your biggest worry locally. Why you may ask, well did anybody forget how much money school districts already lose to school choice? So here are just some of the cold hard numbers.

At a recent Winchendon school committee meeting it was stated the system currently loses about \$1,000,000 a year to school choice. The district website lists the current per pupil cost at \$6,839 annually; the math works out to just



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under 150 students and families exercising their right to choice out of the district. That is \$1 million that could go to books, teachers, paraprofessionals, technology, and much more.

Now let's use the Athol Royalston Regional School District as an example of what can happen. A town of roughly 11,500 vs Winchendon, a town of about 10,300. The ARRS is an even worse local example of the possibilities of school choice and its devastating financial effects. Currently, that district has roughly 325 students who choice out costing a whopping \$2.25 million annually. Many could make the argument of the ability of students and families to choice out was the beginning of the end for adequate school funding and reasonable budgeting.

It has already been discussed that if Question 2 passes and the cap on charter schools is lifted allowing 12 additional charter schools a year to be built, the immediate financial impact to state public schools is \$400 million just in the first year alone. So the state has already allowed the ability to choice out, and now wants to gut another \$400 million from the public school budgets...and that is a good idea why?

After all these years of teachers plac-

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OH SAY CAN YOU SEE

A national anthem celebrates the pride a people have in their country.

It is not meant to be a political statement.

Every nation has a list of wonderful accomplishments over the period it has existed. No nation is without bad decisions and shameful behaviors.

When I see people protesting, I can almost always understand how they feel. And I believe they have every reason to argue their point of view, which, for the most part, is a minority view. If it were a majority view, then things would have changed and become what they want them

to be.

Many things have changed for the better over periods of time, sometimes long ones while the minority, through argument and discussions, convince the majority that change is needed.

I think of slavery, temperance, women's rights, and gay marriage as just a few examples.

I am not among those who feel when people go to a football game, or an Olympics medal event, or a concert, that this is an appropriate place for people to demonstrate their political views. If this were an acceptable behavior, it would



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be going on at church services, veterans' parades, in school classrooms, etc. Can you imagine what it would be like if every time you went to a basketball game or a Labor Day celebration, a couple of people felt the need to "diss" the

national anthem.

Also, many people of my generation have lived when there was a draft and not a volunteer army and are aware of the hundreds of thousands who died so that we could see all the good we do. Many of us feel that their contribution dishonored by a few who cannot find a respectful way to express their protest and choose instead to fail to stand during the playing of our national anthem. After all, they could write letters to the editor, compose columns for publication, arrange for stage debates, or argue their differences in places where such arguments are intellectual and emotional

as well as helpful. Any of these would be preferable to showing disrespect to all that the Star-Spangled Banner represents.

There are many places in the world that could well be changed for the better. In not one of them is that going to happen because a few, or a large group, tread on the traditions that hold them together.

I say to you: OH SAY CAN YOU SEE, on great balance how lucky we are to live in the United States of America, with all her problems still one of the fairest and most noble of lands.

The start of the stretch

Labor Day is behind us. Election Day is two months from yesterday. Let's set aside for a moment the people who are supporting Donald Trump because he provides cover for their racist, homophobic narrow-minded bigotry. Those people aren't going to change. In fact, should Trump somehow win they'll be even angrier when there's no wall, no mass deportation, and no surge of jobs returning from overseas. None of those things are going to happen. For that matter, I am still not entirely sure Trump even believes the garbage he's spewing, after all, like Hillary, he's part of the New York elite. Sometimes, as others have noted, it feels like he's treating this campaign as if it's nothing more than reality TV.

That said, running the risk he does buy even some of it isn't worth finding out. So, obviously, while you can't take anything for granted, it's almost impossible to envision a scenario where Trump wins. Even in this unconventional year, even with all the out-sized rhetoric, you still need organization. You need to know where your sup-

port is, you need to make sure those people are registered and you need to get them to the polls. That's not easy under the best of circumstances and while the federal courts are helpfully derailing despicable but energetic and crass Republican efforts to suppress the vote, the Clinton campaign is in fact staffed and structured whereas the Trump campaign is anything but.

So let's assume it's likely Hillary will win and in that context let's talk about other demographics who are supporting Trump not because they are personally bigots but because they're justifiably furious at a system which has in fact failed them. True, globalization was inevitable. The world has changed forever. Steel mills and shipyards and factories aren't the big employers they once were and they're never going to be. A lot of older folks were displaced and the crime is they weren't trained to do anything else. Part of this is on them of course but I used to hear big promises about funding for retraining and the creation of new jobs from politicians along every point on the ideolog-

ical spectrum and while there has been some of that, nowhere near enough.

It's not just that. Everyone knows the infrastructure needs massive repairs. Everyone knows the ACA, like all huge social legislation, needs technical tweaking. But what are the odds? The country is so ideologically polarized the chances of compromise where everyone leaves the table somewhat unhappy are virtually non-existent. Clinton is obviously preferable to Trump by about a bazillion miles on every measurable standard but when it comes to grand legislative achievement, that's not in the cards. Can't you easily see the Republican congressional "leadership" doing on Inauguration night the same thing they did in 2009 — vow to make another another Democratic President a one-term? Of course they will. You think



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they were apoplectic about the black guy? That was nothing compared to what their reaction will be to another Clinton presidency. Hell, they might even invite Tom DeLay and Ken Starr to that dinner.

None of this is good for anyone, of course but I don't see it happening any other way. So the new President will have to do whatever she can largely by executive fiat and that too will bring the usual howls of overreach, and nothing of substance will get done. Again.

Except for this. Ready? There actually is a way out of this nonsense. The handful of moderate Republicans left in Congress will have to make up their minds to reach across this partisan divide and ask 'what can I do? how can I help make this a better country'? Yes, that's who the onus is on. When he was Speaker, John Boehner didn't have the

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Service projects highlight leadership academy

GARDNER – MWCC’s 12th annual Summer Leadership Academy is one for the records. Sponsored by the office of Student Life, the two-day event for incoming students saw a record number of participants, a record number of service projects and a record number of backpacks donated to children in need, said Associate Dean of Students Greg Clement, who coordinates the annual event with campus-wide support from college faculty, staff and administrators.

Nearly 80 incoming students participated this year, up from 47 a year ago. The two-day Leadership Academy helps prepare students for the start of the new academic year and provides a half-day of volunteerism on campus and in the community. Held on Aug. 23 and 24 this year, the program offered team building activities, educational workshops and civic engagement projects completed in collaboration with the college’s Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement.

Service projects included the annual backpack drive to benefit Massachusetts schoolchildren living in foster care; landscaping at the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center and MWCC’s Gardner cam-

pus; maintenance and painting benefiting Heywood Hospital’s wellness trail; vegetable harvesting at the Many Hands organic farm in Barre; and sorting and organizing household and construction supplies at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Leominster.

Through the generosity of the new students and members of the college community, the backpack drive resulted in 138 new backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need.

The Leadership Academy is designed to give new students a jump start on their first semester at MWCC. The success of the program relies on dedicated faculty, staff, alumni, current students and other community members who participate in the program, Clement said.

“We started with 12 students the first year. It’s an amazing program that becomes stronger each year,” Clement said. “What’s amazing to me is this is our 12th year and we’re starting to see the legacy of children and siblings of past participants now attending. Many of our group and club leaders are born from this event. Over the past 12 years, many of our Student Government Association members and nine of our Student Trustees were



Courtesy photo

Mount Wachusett Community College’s 12th annual Leadership Academy saw a record number of students and service projects. Students, faculty and college staff donated school supplies and backpacks that will be donated to 138 children in foster care.

Leadership Academy participants,” he said.

“I’ve met a lot of people. Everyone is so welcoming and helpful,” said Jammie Mascitti, who attended with her twin sister, Jessie. The Rindge residents also partici-

pate in MWCC’s STEM Starter Academy this summer.

Zac Tancrell of Hubbardston, a student enrolled in MWCC’s Gateway to College program, and recent Nashoba Regional High School graduate Trevor Sicard of Leominster said they

appreciated the opportunity to get to know fellow students and college staff prior to the start of the school year.

“It was a nice jumpstart and introduction to what college is like,” Tancrell said.

Upcoming festival marks advent of fall

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Toy Town’s annual Fall Festival begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 – four days, 23 hours, and 39 minutes before autumn officially begins. The event, which boasts a wide array of attractions, runs until 3 p.m.

As it has for the past two years, the festival takes place on what is know as the Ingleside property, just off Maple Street. Selectmen recently gave Town Manager Keith Hickey the go-ahead to work out a deal for the town to acquire the 47-acre site from the Winchendon School in exchange for the school taking ownership of the former Marvin School on Ash Street. The town would like to develop the Ingleside property for recreational purposes, while the Winchendon School would like to transform the Marvin building into faculty housing.

aLive music will be provided by the band Whiskey Johnson.

For the kids, there will be inflatables to play on, pumpkin painting, and a petting zoo provided by the Animal Craze Traveling Farm. Prizes will be awarded for pumpkin painting, which is sponsored by the Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission. There will also be a trackless train and tractor rides for the young and the young at heart.

Winchendon police Officer Jim Wironen will give demonstrations with Clyde, the department’s new K-9. Demonstrations, which include an obedience exhibition and article search, will take place at 12:15 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Teens will be able to test their skills, strength, and dexterity on the Spider Climb n’ Slide and the Black Ops Obstacle Course.

A number of food vendors will be on site, as will arts, crafts and town-related vendors.

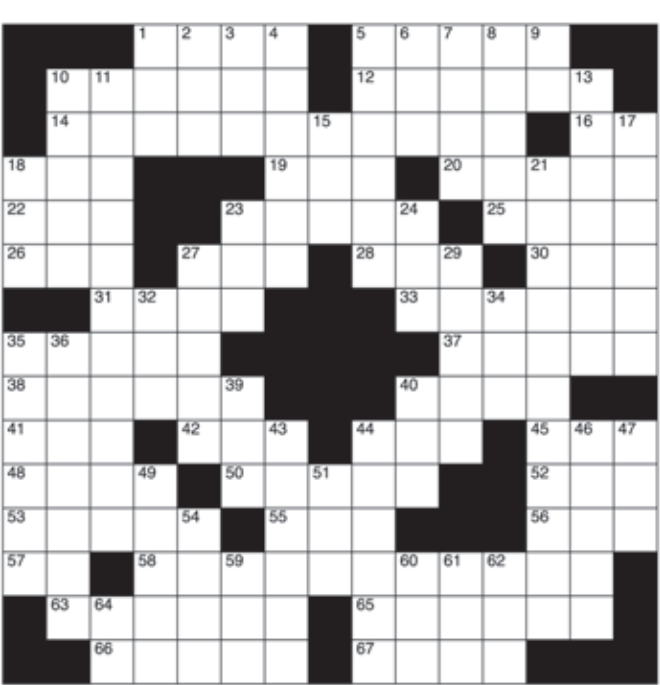
Always a favorite, there will be an apple pie eating contest. There will also be a best apple pie contest and a dessert auction.

In the apple pie eating contest there will be five divisions; one each for ages 6 to 9, 10 to 14, 15 to 18, 19 to 49, and 50 and up. The event begins with the 6 to 9 division chowing down at 11:30, with subsequent divisions competing every half hour thereafter. The winner in each division wins a \$25 prize.

Participants in the apple pie baking contest must submit their entries by 11 a.m. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m. Second and third place designees will each be awarded a \$25 prize, first place earns the winner \$50.

Anyone offering up a dessert for auction needs to drop off their creation between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Proceeds from the auction, which begins at 2 p.m., will help defray the cost of the festival.

The festival, sponsored by the Winchendon Enhancement Committee, will take place rain or shine.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Taro plant

5. Stone splinter

10. One who likes tobacco

12. Roughly chipped flint

14. He played Gandalf

16. Indicates position

18. AMC ad show “Mad __”

19. Popular sports league

20. Linguistics pioneer

22. Singer DiFranco

23. Dispenses

25. Most important part

26. Worthless entertainment

27. Remunerate

28. Cool

30. Ex-Knick Jeremy

31. On top

33. Felt for

35. Vulcan doctor
37. Publicly denounce

38. Bits of

40. Something to live by

41. Take in solid food

42. Small amount

44. German war epic “__ Boot”

45. Words per minute

48. Employee stock ownership plan

50. Recorded

52. Paddle

53. Dormouse

55. Officially prohibit

56. Wrongly

57. Yves Rocher

58. Weakens

63. An evening party

65. Containing salt

66. Semitic gods

67. Grand in scale

CLUES DOWN

1. Very long period of time

2. Boston-based Celtic punk band (abbr.)

3. Final month (abbr.)

4. Scottish island

5. Merchandiser

6. Elected leader (abbr.)

7. Brews

8. Linear accelerator (abbr.)

9. Lawrence Taylor

10. Upstate NY college

11. Schemer

13. Even more shaggy

15. Electronic funds transfer

17. Currently popular

18. Indicates where you are

21. Female peace officers

23. Opposite of woman

24. Drain

27. Studied
29. Performs mischievous deeds

32. Political action committee

34. Rocker Nugent

35. American jazz rockers “__ Dan”

36. They remove things

39. Standardized test

40. Dishonorable man

43. Infants

44. Actress Richards

46. International monetary units

47. Married woman

49. Lecterns

51. Buddy

54. Spanish river

59. “Fresh Prince of __ Air”

60. Strike lightly

61. Boxing legend

62. Muscle contraction

64. Siberian river





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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, AUGUST 29
1:47-2:03 a.m.: building checks, secure;
2:09 a.m.: suspicious MV (Happy Hollow Road) assisted; 2:59 a.m.: lift assist (Goodrich Street) removed to hospital;
4:39 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Old Turnpike Road) assisted; 7 a.m.: DPW call (Lincoln Avenue Extension) referred; 7:21 a.m.: burglar alarm (Teel Road) secure; 10:54 a.m.: assist citizen (River Street) assisted; 11:43 a.m.: investigation (bike path) report taken; 11:52 a.m.: property found (Royalston Road North) info taken; 12:07 p.m.: ambulance (Morse Avenue) transport; 12:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Chestnut Street) report taken; 12:15 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) false alarm; 12:30 p.m.: general info (North Ashburnham Road) info taken; 1:38 p.m.: general info (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 1:38 p.m.: general info (Mill Glen Road) info taken; 3:40 p.m.: tree down on wires (Alger Street) refer to other agency; 4:15 p.m. investigation (Hapgood Road) no PD service required; 6:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street) refer to ACO; 6:26 p.m.: MV stop (Grove Street) verbal warning; 6:37 p.m.: assist other PD (Pearl Street) unable to locate; 6:55 p.m.: warrant check (Front Street) unable to locate; 7 p.m.: suspicious person (Elm Street) info taken; 7:18 p.m.: property found (Ash Street) info taken; 7:36 p.m.: registration check (Central Street) info taken; 8:40 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 8:49 p.m.: investigation (Central Street) spoken to; 8:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Irving Station) gone on arrival; 8:58 p.m.: threats (William's Package Store) report taken; 9:27 p.m.: child abuse (Pond Street) report taken; 9:33 p.m.: accident (Brown Street) summons: Alexa Marie Steinbring, age 22, 662 Brown St., Winchendon: negligent operation of MV.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30
12:45-3:08 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:02 a.m.: alarm, type unknown (Elmwood Road) call canceled; 5:38 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 5:42 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Cathedral of the Pines) services rendered; 5:50 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 8:25 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street) transport; 8:40 a.m.: fire alarm (Chestnut Street) false alarm; 9:27 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 9:44 a.m.: warrant (Baldwinville Road) arrest, no further info provided; 9:48 a.m.: larceny (Baldwinville Road) report taken; 9:53 a.m.: burglar alarm (High Street) secured building; 10:50 a.m.: MV stop (River Street) verbal warning; 12:03 p.m.: wires down (River Street) refer to other agency; 1:31 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 2:33 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street) refer to ACO; 2:51 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) removed to hospital; 3:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road) refer to ACO; 4:06 p.m.: assist motorist (Mr. Mikes) refer to other agency; 4:10 p.m.: keep the peace (walk in) assisted; 4:38 p.m.: property damage (Rite Aid) report taken; 4:40 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville Road) info taken; 4:56 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) refer to other PD; 5:07 p.m.: investigation (Lakeshore Drive) info taken; 6:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Converse Drive) advised officer; 6:57 p.m.: officer wanted (Lake Denison) gone on arrival; 7:18 p.m.: disturbance (Mill Street) spoken to; 7:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Hill Street) refer to ACO.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
1:06-1:55 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 1:16 a.m.: transport (Main Street); 6:17 a.m.: MV stop (Elmwood Road) verbal warning; 8:05 a.m.: assist other PD (High Street) message delivered; 8:40 a.m.: investigation (Murdock High School) report taken; 8:58 a.m.: keep the peace (School Street) assisted; 11:17 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11:25 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) unable to locate; 11:30 a.m.: general info (Chase Lane) assisted; 11:38 a.m.: arrest (walk in) Paul J. Lafrennie, age 37 of 36 Sibley Road, Winchendon: based on warrant; 12:05 p.m.: general info (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 12:13 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Green Street – Gardner) info given; 12:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Carriage Lane) refer to ACO; 12:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Park Drive) spoken to; 1:12 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (River Street) false alarm; 2:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Metcalfe Street) refer to ACO; 3:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive) info taken; 3:17 p.m.: officer wanted (Pine Street) info given; 3:26 p.m.: ambulance (West Street) transport; 4:05 p.m.: suspicious person (Old Centre) info taken; 4:44 p.m.: extra patrols (Juniper Street) services rendered; 5:18 p.m.: threats (Cedar Street) report taken; 5:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Cardinal Lane) refer to ACO; 6 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) refer to other PD; 6:08 p.m.: animal complaint



Mat Plamondon photo

Stretches of the North Central Pathway wind through woods. People are cautioned to be aware of their surroundings.

Police share safety tips after Shirley scare

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — In light of the Shirley running false alarm that occurred last Tuesday, Police Lt. Kevin Wolski shared a few words regarding safety at Lake Denison and on the North Central Pathway bike path.

A jogger made a complaint to Shirley Police when an older man, who asked her if she needed water on a hot day, approached her. She reported it as suspicious activity, but he was just being a good Samaritan. He was also driving a veteran to his doctor's appointment.

Shirley Police said on Monday they aren't releasing their names.

Wolski said the bike path does not have set hours, but Lake Denison does, which closes around 9 p.m. Lake Denison is at 86 Winchendon Road, Baldwinville. North Central Pathway runs through Winchendon and into Gardner.

"Most people are cautious enough not to go to Lake Denison late at night unless they're trying to cause mischief," Wolski said. "I see most people during my day shift doing a morning jog or before sunset. Some are in groups."

Police put a presence out there around midnight, but they rarely report anything.

"They can only walk so far, because they have to be available to respond to incoming calls," Wolski said.

Police find suspicious behavior on the bike path occasionally.

"We'll find a dog being aggressive," Wolski said. "Walkers not getting out of each other's way, or teenagers doing suspicious things on Black Bridge."

The last incident was in June with an assault, involving people that previously knew each other. Winchendon residents Joshua S. Lemire and Jacob M. Blacquiere have been charged in the attack.

As for Lake Denison, police have found over the years drug activity, couples having intercourse in a car, and homeless people sleeping in their car.

But he assures people that Winchendon Police has an eye on it.

"We regularly cruise through there from 3 to 11 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.," Wolski said.

Wolski gave some safety tips for runners.

"It's always a good idea to run with a cell phone or in groups, and let people know when you're coming back," Wolski said. "Be aware of your surroundings – maybe run with one ear bud in so you can hear an emergency vehicle or car coming from behind. Use common sense."

However, America is a free country, and he hates to tell people to live in fear. Still, anything can happen.

"There is always the potential for something," Wolski said. "Runners could bust their ankle, and if no one is around late at night, there's not much that anyone can do. It could be a couple of hours before someone finds them."

He does not blame people for being leery or cautious.

Wolski strongly encourages people to take advantage of Lake Denison, which features running trails.

"It's a beautiful place," Wolski said. "If you explore the whole area, there is great fishing, hunting, camping and a lot to offer. I don't want to make this a run-and-hide story."

For the most part, there is not continual, suspicious behavior that would set off an alarm.

He does not have a head count of how many people utilize the grounds, but he encouraged everyone to go.

(Baldwinville Road) refer to ACO; 6:11 p.m.: suspicious MV (Benjamin Street) unable to locate; 6:56 p.m.: harassment (Laurel Street) report taken; 7:08 p.m.: illegal burn (High Street) spoken to; 7:14 p.m.: unknown alarm (Glenallan Street) no PD service required; 7:32 p.m.: investigation (Lakeshore Drive) info taken; 7:56 p.m.: extra patrols (cemeteries) services rendered; 8:15 p.m.: MV stop (Ash Street) written warning; 8:25 p.m.: disturbance (Mill Street) spoken to; 9:42 p.m.: extra patrols (Lincoln Avenue Extension) services rendered; 10:26 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash Street) spoken to.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
12:54-5:29 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 6:01 a.m.: general info

(Crescent Road) spoken to; 7:58 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Murdock High School) unable to locate; 9:05 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) no PD service required; 11:37 a.m.: assault (Ash Street) advised civil action; 1:20 p.m.: tree down (West Street) refer to DPW; 2:14 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 2:21 p.m.: mental health issue (Gardner Road) removed to hospital; 5:01 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 5:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pearl Drive) no PD service required; 5:16 p.m.: property found (Kwikstop) returned to owner; 6:47 p.m.: unwanted party (Central Street) spoken to; 9:30 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 9:44 p.m.: fight (Clark YMCA) report taken; 11:41-11:58 p.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
12:01-2:35 a.m.: building checks, secure; 7:03 a.m.: ambulance (Windsor Road) transport; 7:39 a.m.: fire, unknown type (River Street) no PD service required; 8:21 a.m.: stolen MV (Brooks Automotive) report taken; 8:40 a.m.: fraud (Town Farm Road) report taken; 9:19 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) spoken to; 11:45 a.m.: larceny (Teel Road) report taken; 12:34 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Street) info taken; 12:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Front Street) refer to ACO; 2:04 p.m.: investigation (Mill Street) summons: Justin Gordon Taft, age 26 of 65 Mill St., Winchendon: receive stolen property over \$250; 2:06 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road) report taken; 2:27 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street) refer to ACO; 2:30 p.m.: general info (Gardner Road) advised officer; 3:48 p.m.: investigation (Mill Street) services rendered; 4:11 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) services rendered; 4:42 p.m.: burglar alarm (School Street) secure; 5:01 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) removed to hospital; 6:02 p.m.: harassment (Front Street) spoken to; 6:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 6:56 p.m.: illegal burn (Spruce Street) fire extinguished; 7:04 p.m.: disturbance (Clark YMCA) unfounded; 7:36 p.m.: summons service (Baldwinville Road) unable to serve; 8:05 p.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) advised officer; 9:10 p.m.: assist other PD (Woodlawn Street) info taken; 9:38 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive) unable to locate; 9:43 p.m.: investigation (Woodlawn Street) unable to locate; 9:52 p.m.: MV stop (Spruce Street) verbal warning; 9:58 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 10:01 p.m.: investigation (walk in) info taken; 10:06 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 11:24-11:25 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:34 p.m.: noise complaint (West Street) spoken to.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
12:28 a.m.: noise complaint (Alger Street) spoken to; 1:09 a.m.: burglary B&E (Front Street) report taken; 1:42 a.m.: accident (High Street) summons: Kevin Pfeifle, age 20 of 18 Cedar St., Winchendon: OUI-liquor and negligent operation of MV; 8:29 a.m.: animal complaint (Franklin Street) returned to home; 9:14 a.m.: general info (Front Street) assisted; 9:18 a.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock High School) false alarm; 9:37 a.m.: intoxicated person (Beachview Drive) spoken to; 9:49 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Webster Street) no PD service required; 10 a.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street) spoken to; 11:50 a.m.: assist citizen (walk in) report taken; 11:54 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Webster Street) spoken to; 12:29 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) spoken to; 12:45 p.m.: MV violations (phone) info taken; 12:55 p.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street) transport; 2:06 p.m.: assist other agency (Baldwinville State Road) services rendered; 2:22 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 3:44 p.m.: harassment (Woodlawn Street) report taken; 4:07 p.m.: registration check (Spring Street) no PD service required; 4:25 p.m.: ambulance (Oakland Street) transport; 5:17 p.m.: unwanted party (West Street) spoken to; 5:37 p.m.: traffic hazard (Beech Street) no PD service required; 5:38 p.m.: burglar alarm (Elmwood Road) secured building; 7:09 p.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road) false alarm; 8:02 p.m.: disturbance (Hyde Street) report taken; 9:40 p.m.: suspicious MV (High Street) spoken to; 9:51 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) traffic citation; 10:59 p.m.: fire mutual aid (High Street, Athol) call canceled; 11:28 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) services rendered; 11:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Street) info given.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
12:42-1:13 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:16 a.m.: larceny (Chick's Tavern) report taken; 2:21 a.m.: mental health issue (Lincoln Avenue) removed to hospital; 7:23 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 7:30 a.m.: animal abuse (Maynard Street) refer to ACO; 7:40 a.m.: sex offender registration (Glenallan Street) info taken; 11:42 a.m.: keep the peace (Hyde Street) assisted; 12:36 p.m.: general info (Maple Street) info taken; 1:51 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mill Circle) removed to hospital; 4:37 p.m.: suicide attempts (Oak Street) removed to hospital; 6:08 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street) advised officer; 6:13 p.m.: officer wanted (walk in) refer to other PD; 6:43 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) transport; 6:55 p.m.: larceny (Laurel Street) report taken; 7:14 p.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street) transport; 8:18 p.m.: suspicious MV (Harrisville Circle) gone on arrival; 9:25 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Street) transport; 10:06 p.m.: noise complaint (Lakeview Drive) area search negative; 10:45 p.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Road) transport; 11:05 p.m.: general info (Orange Memorial Drive) refer to other PD; 11:08 p.m.: ambulance (Oak Street) transport; 11:45-11:58 p.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure.



CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

FAMILY SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St.: movie night under the stars! Make your own sundaes, munch popcorn, swill soda and have a great time watching a movie about zoo animals in a utopian society without humans. We can't say the title, but you'll have a great time! Tons of family fun for all ages begins at 7 p.m. with the movie starting at 7:30. Bring a blanket and friends. Raindate: Saturday, Sept. 10.

STORY HOURS: Toddler Time takes place every Friday morning at 9:15 a.m. throughout the year, with Rhymes, Playtime, and Story time. Immediately following is story hour from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
CASINO ROYALE: annual fundraising gala for the Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center is scheduled at the Orange Whitney House, 122 Pleasant

St. Tickets are already on sale and going fast; contact Peggy Corbosiero at (978) 297-2415 or (561) 459-9484 to reserve.

THROUGH THE DOORS! New England's ultimate tribute band to the Doors at the American Legion Post 193 beginning at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Winchendon Lions Club. Tickets in advance \$15 available from members or \$20 at the door.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: A vintage car show, open house and cook out are all scheduled at Broadview to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the facility. \$8 is the suggested donation for the cookout, and proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. For information contact Broadview at (978) 297-2333.

CHICKEN BARBECUE: Tickets at \$10 each will be available at the door for a chicken barbecue at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club, 169 Winchendon Road. Take outs available. Non-Smoking event and open to the public. For information call (978) 297-3955.

CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE: to benefit the class of 2018 in the parking lot at Murdock High School. Gather all those returnables in the basement and the garage and help us out! Look for the

truck parked in the parking lot 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
WINCHENDON SCOUT DAY: What do Scouts Do? Come find out! Free for everyone! At the Clark Memorial YMCA, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn about Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Venturing all in one place. We will have many different activities open to the public! Just confirmed for Scout Day.

RC Excitement's portable track and cars; Gone Cachin' Mobile Geocache Event.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:15 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.



OBITUARIES

Karl H. Anderson Jr., 70



FITZWILLIAM — Karl H. Anderson Jr., age 70, of 40 Keene Avenue, died peacefully Monday evening, Aug. 29, 2016 in Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

He was born in Worcester on April 25, 1946, son of the late Karl H. and Katherine (Savage) Anderson and had lived in Fitzwilliam for many years. He was a former resident of Shrewsbury. Karl was a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College and Coyne Electrical College.

Karl proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the National Defense Service medal and Vietnam Service medal. Following his military service, Karl worked for National Grid as a supervisor of overhead lines until his retirement. His hobbies were fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. He was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post #193 American Legion in Winchendon.

He leaves his wife, Rosalie A. (Webster) Anderson; his children,

Nichole Anderson of Blackstone, and Eric Anderson of Worcester; three grandchildren, Kayla Anderson, Jake Anderson and Dylan Anderson; three sisters, Patricia Allen of Templeton, Janice Morgan of Gardner and Barbara Gross of Justin, TX; a brother, Kevin Anderson of Worcester; three stepchildren, Garth P. Thompson of Plymouth, NH, Bridgette M. Thompson of Lowell and Gwendolyn M. Thompson of Worcester; one step grandson, Brendon Thompson and several nieces and nephews. A brother, James Anderson, preceded him in death.

Military funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 in Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon. The Rev. Francis A. Roberge officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is assisting with arrangements.



VENICE FL — Arnold Russell Carlson of Venice, FL and formerly of Stoneham, passed away August 17, 2016 at the Tidewell Englewood Hospice House.

The son of Carl Johan and Tekla Sandberg Carlson, Arnold was born Aug. 7, 1928 in Medford. After graduating from Medford High School in 1946, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Korea as part of the World War II occupying forces. He attended Upsala University in East Orange, NJ, studying engineering before he was again called to serve with the Army in Panama during the Korean War. Arnold met the love of his life, Marie Murray, on a church trip to Mount Monadnock. They married Sept. 4, 1954 at the historic Mary Martha Chapel in Sudbury, and settled in Stoneham.

Arnold attended Redeemer Lutheran Church in Woburn, chaired Stoneham's Finance and Advisory Board, was a Shriner, a 33 degree Mason, and Past Master of Samuel Crocker Lawrence Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed gardening, sailing, vacationing on Lake Winnepesaukee, and winter sports with his children.

On Nov. 22, 1973, tragically, Marie died and Arnold began the challenge of raising four children on his own. It was not easy and he often said he was lucky to have the support of family and friends. Arnold invested his money carefully and regularly. As a result, he was proud to be able to retire at age 56. He moved to his paradise, Venice, FL where he enjoyed collecting sharks' teeth on the beach,

sharing potluck dinners with his Swede-Finn community, playing horseshoes and cribbage with friends and watching beautiful sunsets. Arnold was proud of his Scandinavian heritage. With the help of his dear friend, Jean Heuman, Arnold researched his genealogy. He traveled to Sweden and Finland in 1995 to meet first cousins. Then, in 1997, Arnold was thrilled to find lost relatives in Australia. After his visit to meet them, he wrote a piece called, "Finding Relatives Down Under." The story was published and he traveled again to Finland in 2005 to present the story at a meeting of the Aland Islands' Emigrant Institute.

Arnold is survived by his children: Alisa Carlson, of Venice, FL and Norwich, CT, Nancy Carlson Badger, of Sedona, AZ, David Carlson, of North Reading, and Kristin Kaye (husband Michael), of Winchendon. He is also survived by nine grandchildren: Lauren Carlson Burhans (husband Ryan), Zachary Carlson Kuzel, Dylan Badger, Emily Badger, Bianca Carlson, Tyler Carlson, Travis Tenney, Lindsey Tenney, and Justyn Kuzel (husband Ryan Cassell). He was pre-deceased by his siblings, Enar Carlson, Lillian Sandberg, and Carl Sandberg, and by a grandson, Nicholas Kuzel.

Arnold will be buried with Marie at Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody. Private services will be held later.

Anderson Bryant Funeral Home in Stoneham is helping with arrangements.



Dennis George Kelley, 72



HOUMA LA — Dennis George Kelley PE, age 72, a native of Pittsfield and a resident of Houma, LA, passed away on August 18, 2016.

A memorial service was held Thursday, September 8, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Rosa Kelley of Houston, TX; and friend, Milton Roussel.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynda Mays Kelley of Tulsa, OK and

a native of Houma; father, George H. Kelley of Winchendon, and resident of Pittsfield; and mother, Florence Dussault Kelley of Three Rivers, Canada and resident of Pittsfield.

Dennis was an elder at Grace Lutheran Church.

He was a member of the Louisiana Society of Professional Engineers, licensed in Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma, and practiced civil engineering for 50 years. He had worked on the Alaskan Pipeline.

Samart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Marie E. Rene, 89

JAFFREY — Marie E. Rene, age 89, of Jaffrey died peacefully on Aug. 29, 2016 at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough after a brief illness.

She was born on April 5, 1927, in Jaffrey and had been a lifelong resident. Marie was the daughter of the late Alfred and Yvonne (Gauthier) Pelkey. Educated in Jaffrey, Marie became a dedicated and hard worker in town. She had worked for D. D. Bean & Sons for many years before working for Millipore and retiring in 1992.

She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading Danielle Steele romance novels.

Most recently, Marie had learned how to use her computer to stay connected to her family and friends around the world. Her passion was traveling. She had taken numerous cruises and also enjoyed flying to her many vacation destinations.

In addition to her parents, Marie was predeceased by her husband, Joseph L. Rene on Nov. 23, 1994, and by many of

her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her brother, Andrew Pelkey, of Winchendon; her sister, Felice Johnson, of Greenfield, and by her very large extended family of nieces and nephews, including her niece, Denise Sheldon and her family of Jaffrey, who cared for her for many years.

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend calling hours on Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Cournoyer Funeral Home, 33 River Street (Rte. 202) Jaffrey, N.H. 03452.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., immediately following calling hours on Saturday in the funeral home chapel. Rev. Wilfred Deschamps, Pastor of St. Patrick Church in Jaffrey will officiate the service. Burial will follow in Saint Patrick Cemetery in Jaffrey.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends are encouraged to make memorial contributions in Mrs. Rene's name to the Jaffrey-Rindge Memorial Ambulance, PO Box 107, Jaffrey, N.H. 03452.

Zofia Lach Doroz, 92



WORCESTER — Zofia (Lach) Doroz, age 92 and born in Palecznica, Kielce, Poland, died on Aug. 29, 2016, after a brief illness. She leaves her daughter Elizabeth Tarasiak, with Robin

White; a grandson Mark Tarasiak: great-grandchildren, Desiree Tarasiak of Rutland and Joshua Dussault of Winchendon; two sisters, Maria (Lach) Sobieraj and Genowefa (Lach) Wscislo in Poland; many nieces, nephews with extended families in United States and in Poland. She is predeceased by her husband, Jan Doroz who died 2013 and her son, Wojciech Doroz who died in 1981 and many siblings. She was one of 11 children born to Wojciech and Maria (Bucka) Lach.

In 1942, she married her husband, who at that time was a Polish Army

soldier, active in the Polish underground. In December 1965, she and her family left Poland on the MS Batory arriving in Boston Harbor to settle in Worcester. She was very loyal, loving and family oriented. Zofia was a good mother, very talented cook, avid gardener, crafts worker and good friend. She was instrumental in bringing many of her family to United States, including siblings, nieces and nephews. Her hospitality and help made a difference in many people's lives. She especially was attached to her grandson, Mark Tarasiak, whom she mostly raised since birth. She was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. The world is a better place because of her.

The funeral was held on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016 from Henry-Dirsa Funeral Home, 33 Ward St., with a Mass in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 34 Ward St. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery.

sang in its choir and at funerals. Her hobbies were knitting and crocheting. She was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with family.

She was the wife of the late Paul Dufault. She leaves two daughters, Laureen E. Antonioni and her husband Genetto of Claremont, NH and Sandra I. Williams of Peterborough, NH; a brother Philson K. Freeman of San Antonio, TX; three grandchildren, Derek Antonioni, Alec Antonioni and Brent Williams, and her cat Mitzi.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. The Rev. Francis A. Roberge will officiate.

Calling hours in the funeral home are Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. preceding the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Monadnock Humane Society, 101 W Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH 03446.

Marcia A. (Freeman) Dufault, 78



WINCHENDON — Marcia A. (Freeman) Dufault, age 78, of 104 West St. died peacefully Sunday morning, Sept. 4, 2016 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, Gardner.

She was born in Leominster on July 21, 1938, daughter of the late Philson and Irene (Paige) Freeman and was a graduate of Leominster High School. During high school she played the trumpet in its band and marched at football games. Marcia was a resident of Winchendon since 1968.

Marcia worked as a secretary for Dr. Thomas Baine DDS and had worked previously at the former Level Furniture Company. At one time she was the choir director of the former North Congregational Church in Winchendon.

Marcia was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville and

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ANYTHING

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ing their hearts and souls in to training students to pass the MCAS tests, the Massachusetts Department of Public Education has decided to tell schools it's time to transition to the new MCAS 2.0, a hybrid of MCAS and the PARCC test, (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers.) Oh yes, what a great time to tell our public schools you may lose another \$400 million, or is it more?

If the number of charter schools triples, keeping in mind we currently have 80 and want 12 more per year to be allowed to be constructed, it is now estimated \$1 billion" could be drained from the Massachusetts public schools in just 10 years. Could somebody please explain the logic in that, and how it is supposed to help our public schools?

In summary, we allowed school choice, and many districts lose a million a year or more. Now many want to gut more of their funding and hand it to more charter schools, which will drain more money out of school budgets, while transitioning

to a new form of standardized testing, while there is less and less money coming in back from the state all the while they increase standards and requirements without helping to foot the bill for it. Forgive me, but this makes about as much sense to me as the new Common Core math.

In the end you're not solving an educational problem by trying to create new educational opportunities in areas where students may be poorly performing, you're just creating new areas where they'll be financially driven to eventually not meeting standards and requirements by stealing from Peter to pay Paul, by taking money from public schools and students and shuffling it to other charter schools and their students.

Studies have already established public schools are already underfunded by a billion dollars for the current mandates handed down by the state. Does anybody really think the situation will get any better in the next ten years if we zap them for another billion dollars out of their budgets? I truly hope common sense will prevail at the ballot box this coming November. Let's protect our schools.

yes there are some? They have been cowed by the extremists back home who threaten to primary them. Every politician worries about career survival but, and I know this might sound pie-in-the-sky idealistic, but maybe there's a chance these people will put country before party and mean it? If they do, maybe things can start to get done. Who knows — maybe the Supreme Court can get that vacancy filled. Maybe there can be some movement on infrastructure. One way or another, the responsibility for breaking the legislative grid-

lock falls squarely on the congressional Republicans. It's that simple. It really is. 59 days from now Hillary Clinton's going to be elected President. The few reasonable Republicans who will join her in January need to show some profiles in courage. Stonewalling another President would be a profile in cowardice and what will having done it the last eight years gotten them? That's right — The Clintons redux. Maybe compromising and trying to, you know, solve problems would be a better approach? Maybe? See you next week.

JOURNEY

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guts to stand up to people in his caucus whom he knew were whacked out. And so it was their side which brought Washington to a standstill by insisting if President Obama says today's Friday, they'll rush to every available TV camera to swear it's Monday. Everyone knows this is true and Boehner finally said the hell with this and got out. Those moderate Republicans still around, and



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SPORTS

Football's heavy cloud

You've likely never heard of Kimberly Archie and Jo Cornell. Neither had I until the other day when I read they're the California moms who sued Pop Warner, the nation's largest youth football organization, after it was discovered their late sons had suffered from CTE. Their suit, hardly the first against Pop Warner, alleges the organization failed to acknowledge "the long-term risks associated with brain injuries, including repetitive sub-concussive hits" and it "acted with callous indifference" for the last several decades. USA Football, which has received millions from the NFL has, according to a New York Times study, relied on flawed research regarding concussions. Pop Warner has settled several lawsuits this year alone.

All this paints a grim picture for youth football and Pop Warner has in fact seen dramatic declines in participation the last few years. This should come as no surprise. What responsible parent, given the scientific information out there, would in good conscience let their 9-10-11 year-old play tackle football? At the very least that seems like negligence and at the worst child abuse. The evidence is irrefutable. As for high school football — how long will it be before school systems begin getting sued and eventually decide the insurance costs are too high? You know that's coming. It's inevitable. And how can you go support high school football when you know those kids' brains are still developing? Granted, football is the largest source of income at most high schools across the

country, but at what cost? Seriously? We've learned a lot in recent years and I've been a big-time football fan my entire life, but I'm at the point where I simply don't understand how the people who run high school and youth football leagues can look themselves in the mirror. Once you're 18 and you have the right to legally decide for yourself whether to play football, that's up to you, and yes, of course I know concussions can happen in soccer and softball and baseball and other sports, but they don't have those repetitive hits which seem to be the primary cause of CTE. So tell me, how can you think youth football is okay?

It's against this general backdrop the NFL season began last night when the defending Super Bowl champion Broncos faced the



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

Panthers in the traditional championship game rematch. The nation's premier sports league is awash in a slew of problems. "Deflategate" was nothing compared to the ongoing legal battles surrounding those long-term health issues. Roger Goodell, supported by his billionaire employers, bullied several star players into talking to him about PEDs. The NFLPA detests Goodell yet voluntarily gave him essentially dictatorial powers. On the other hand, the TV contracts are enormous. At least nine teams are reported to be worth a minimum of \$2 billion. The league is expected

to surpass \$13 billion in revenue this year so whatever the growing concerns about football on a lower level, the NFL for all its woes, is in superb financial health at the moment.

That's the key phrase, "at the moment." It's my guess the number of kids playing football will not only continue to decline, abandonment will accelerate as more parents, especially mothers, say no way. By no means am I suggesting football as we know it will disappear in the next 20-30 or whatever years but I'm sure there will be fewer people playing and who knows — we might well see a whole different version of the sport emerge from the increased medical knowledge.

Anyway, predictions. The AFC division winners will be New England, Houston, Pittsburgh and Oakland

(yes, the Raaayy-duhs) with the wild cards going to Cincinnati and Kansas City. NFC divisions will go to Philadelphia, Carolina, Green Bay and Seattle. Wild card qualifiers will be Arizona and New Orleans. Who knows? The better question, for me at least is, do I really even care anymore? Not sure I do. I'll still watch some games here and there but for me the real passion is gone. It's hard to watch the hits, you know? That said though, if you're still a huge fan, have at it.

For me the arrival of September means it's almost time for Maryland hoops and racing's Breeders Cup championship weekend. And maybe even a pennant race if the O's are somehow hanging in there with no starting rotation. Now those - those I can really get excited about. See you next week.

Second year for middle school football *Stability the key for Lady Devils*

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Coach Matt Londo is looking forward to revving up his young squad for the coming year.

"Last season went well, we ended up with a 5-3 record and that with starting up a middle school program that did not exist for the past five or seven years or so. I think its really good for the kids to get involved with the school; and overall I am looking forward to competing this year."

The possibilities are very real this year for a good season.

"We're excited about new team enrollment and now that the football program is up, a lot of new faces are on the team so yeah, I'm excited!"

Leadership is on his mind as he enters into the new planning.

"Leadership is a big part of our program, we really train the players to step up, set an example on and off the field and do their part in school."

And he has goals for the year.

"Yes, well main goals for this year are obviously no injuries, every play: stick with it and finish up the year with the team, injury free, doing well in school

and have the eighth graders step up for next year when they play for the varsity. Build up the school football program and start winning some games!"

He's been pleased to be part of the Murdock program; seeing good things in the school and its future.

"I think its been going great! There's a lot more kids from the sixth grade through the twelfth than last year. We've got a lot of parent volunteers willing to help out; we have support from the school district and we're really excited to see where this season takes us."

The 2016 roster for the Mini Devils includes: Cam Monette, Corey Fasulo, Eric Hogan, Jack Polcari, Joey Marobella, Justin Thira, Nick Donahue, Peyton Smith, Richard Anderson, Riley Kimbell, Ross O'Toole, Decelan Marmanidis, Dom Iannacone, Ethan Girouard, Izayah Alcantara, Kevin Pesce, Nick Bond, Quentin Prindgen, Calvin Tenney, Donovan Campbell, James Nicholson, Jayden Pridgen, J-Jay Boulet, John Dansin, Nick MacKenzie, and Willie Pridgen.

The schedule starts Sept. 13 at home against Mahar at 6 p.m.

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Stability matters in sports. It doesn't matter what level you're talking about but while stable organization can't alone guarantee victories, it can impact whether athletes want to be on that team.

When the Murdock Lady Devils opened the 2016 soccer season Wednesday at Tahanto, (the home opener is Monday at 6 p.m. vs Maynard), it was the third lid-lifter for head coach Jason Marshall and assistant Alex Burke. That's stability and they were rewarded when some two dozen girls showed up when practice officially began last week.

"That's more than we've ever had," Marshall pointed out. "A lot of games, we'd be right there at half-time but got tired in the second half because we didn't have enough subs. That's not going to be the case this year."

"We started out and when I saw what time it was and we had 15 minutes before practice started and there were nine girls there and by the time practice began, we had 18. I don't think we've ever had 18 in the three years I've been here. We can scrimmage against ourselves now."

"There were times when people had to play hurt. Not anymore," said Marshall.

"Some of these players have been with us all three years," he added, noting, "that makes a big difference. They know what to do, they know what to expect. These numbers create stability for us."

Not everything within the program is stable. The coaches (Marshall, Burke

and goalie coach Brian Pfeifle) have been searching for a new net-minder this season.

"We've been trying a number of possibilities," said Marshall, who indicated Yolanda Lafrennie, Brooke Harris, and Emily Kiber-Pervier were likely options. "That's not etched in stone."

In front of whomever winds up in goal will likely be a new alignment. "We're going to go 2-3 and 2-3. We think that will be better for us," said Marshall.

He and Burke have been working together for years, having known one another for about a quarter century. "We're both engineers so we have a way of thinking," laughed Burke. "And our drives to practice, we're constantly bouncing ideas, figuring out how to get better as a program."

Marshall said he's excited about the numbers and the potential of several players. "Having Hanna (senior captain Seghir) healthy makes a big difference for us."

Seghir remarked, "this is as good as I've ever felt."

"We're probably going to move Michaela (Benedict) up to offense and we're going to be relying on Maria (Polcari)'s speed." Marshall was also enthused about the potential of Kaileen Dibble and Marissa Losurdo ("especially if she stays healthy") as well as Vicky Lemire. He pointed out Gabby Cote and Lexi Pare came up from the middle school team last fall to get some experience.

"That will help them a lot," he said, adding, "Nicole Lemire came to our skills-and-drills. She never backed down. That's

what you want to see," said Marshall.

New to soccer is senior Sydnie St. Pierre. "She'll be fine. She's an athlete."

Said St. Pierre, "I want to try different things this year."

"We obviously want to win more than last year," Marshall said dryly, noting the Lady Devils swept Sizer for their only victories in 2015. "But if everything breaks right, we can see 9-9 and making the playoffs. Maybe it's a pipe dream but that's what we're hoping for at least," he laughed.

"Every year we have a team slogan. This year it's 'commit'. Commit to doing it right. That's what we want. That's what it feels like they want. The energy is real."

Marshall acknowledged there were times a year ago when some players seemed to be focused primarily on then-senior Mackenzie Rushia's ultimately successful pursuit of the school's all-time goal scoring mark.

"They're kids. We understood, but that was last year. This year we're looking around at the effort we've seen in practice and we like it."

At press time, the roster included Izzy Alcantara ("she's very quick," said Marshall), Benedict, Cote, Dibble, Harris, Katelyn Hutton, Brittany Jackson, Kiber-Pervier, Lafrennie, the Lemires, Losurdo, Mackenzie Lundin ("we like her development"), Pare, Polcari, Seghir, Phoebe Shippy, Breanna St. Pierre, Sydnie St. Pierre, Cassidy Stadfeld, Victoria Swanson, Hannah and Summer Turner, Robyn Ufema, Kara Vongchairsveng and Katrina Yang.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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FITCHBURG — Monty Tech's 22nd

annual scholarship Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 26, at Oak Hill Country Club.

Sponsored by the Monty Tech Foundation, the event will start at noon with registration, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Social hour, dinner and awards will immediately follow the event.

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Proceeds benefit student scholarships and funding for special programs and events. This year, the Monty Tech Foundation awarded a total of \$50,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

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RIVERS EDGE

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coli alfredo, various salads and numerous other options including appetizers. There will, for example, be loaded french fries with bacon, scallops, and cheddar cheese and loaded potato skins and more. Weekly specials? Count on it.

"Since we opened last October, we've always wanted to give people what they want," stressed Silver, "and we're going to try and do that for dinner like we have for breakfast and lunch, so if people want something special, we'll do what we can for them. We're more than happy to cook for a new generation who have different tastes."

It's been just about a year since the Rivers Edge opened its doors and Silver and floor manager Amber White marveled as they looked back and forward alike.

"We had no idea what to expect," Silver acknowledged. "You go into a new community and although you've tried to do some homework you never know. We've built a solid foundation of regulars (as a disclaimer — the writer included) who are the ones to keep us afloat. That's true for any restaurant and we're always happy to see new faces, too. We're grateful for the fire-fighters group from the VFW who came in as a party of 13 which doubled by the time they all sat down. We had a whole group from Connecticut on their way to vacation in Vermont stop in.

"But mostly, we appreciate the people of Winchendon who have made us a part of their out-to-eat lives. Watching the business grow and has made me happy to come to work every day and cook what I hope is delicious food. I've enjoyed every moment," he stressed.

Added White, "it's been pretty amazing. It's gone by fast. Really. I'm looking forward to this new adventure too," she noted.

Keeping guests, as Silver calls them, happy is about more than just food. "You have to learn to read people. Sometimes people will come in and want to be left alone. Others want conversation. It's a balance and that's just as important as the food you're serving. If people don't like the food they obviously won't be back but if they don't feel like they're comfortable, that's going to be a turn-off just as much. We've always treated people like guests, not just customers, and that's not going to change when we start doing dinners next week."

So the countdown is on. "Check out our Facebook page," urged White.

"We're excited. We're going to go with this dinner thing as long as people show up. We're expecting a lot of years here," said Silver.

The Rivers Edge is located at 302 Spring St. In addition to its Facebook page, the restaurant can be reached at (978) 297-7234. It remains open for breakfast and lunch Wednesday through Monday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be open for dinner beginning next Friday, Sept. 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m..

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A day on the farm

PHILLIPSTON — Red Apple Farm held its annual farm-to-table fall fest last week-end; with games, apple picking, live music and of course animals and a bit of silly fun for everyone who came. Kicking off apple season with this has become the way families begin the fall every year.



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he can't "show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color."

In his first act of protest, Kaepernick sat during the playing of the anthem. Then, before last week's preseason game against the Chargers, the quarterback knelt on one knee during the singing of the national song. He was joined by teammate Eric Reid. It happened to be San Diego's 28th annual Salute to the Military night.

Said Kaepernick after the game: "The media painted this as I'm anti-American. I'm anti-men and women of the military. That's not the case at all...I realize men and women of the military go out and sacrifice their lives, put their selves in harm's way for my freedom of speech and my freedoms in this country, my freedom to take a seat or take a knee."

Speaking out, protesting, dissenting are more than great American traditions. The right to express one's self as one feels so moved is enshrined in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Yet, some people react with a visceral anger when fellow Americans avail themselves of that right.

Most people react with revulsion at the burning

of an American flag as a symbol of protest but, in June 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that flag burning is indeed a Constitutionally protected form of speech.

Writing for the majority, Justice William Brennan said: "We are aware that desecration of the flag is deeply offensive to many...If there is a bedrock principle underlining the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable."

It truly pains me when I hear people proclaim that all the men and women who died in America's wars made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our flag. I prefer to believe they died to protect the constitution that gives their fellow Americans the right to burn that flag, as repulsive as such an action might be. In fact, it would offend me more to see someone burning a copy of the U.S. Constitution than taking a match to an American flag.

Now, back to Kaepernick.

The Santa Clara Police Officer's Association has threatened to boycott Niners games if the team doesn't take some kind of action against Kaepernick who, in addition refusing to stand for

the National Anthem, also wore socks depicting police officers as pigs at several team practices. According to San Jose's KNTV-TV, around 70 Santa Clara police officers work the 49ers eight home games each year.

Of all the uproar over Kaepernick's protest, the action of the Santa Clara police – by far – disturbs me the most.

Police everywhere are sworn to "serve and protect." In this case, however, we have police officers threatening to throw that pledge out the window because they disagree with the opinion of one man. I'm sorry, but the vow they take to "protect" includes protecting protesters, including those with whom they most strongly disagree. They are supposed to protect free speech, not inhibit it.

The threat from the Santa Clara police union was, at best, not well thought out and, at worst, an attempt to silence a legitimate protest.

Still, if nothing else, Colin Kaepernick has at least started America talking once again about racial divisions in our country and the relationship of police departments to the communities they are charged with serving – issues that can not and must not be ignored. If that's the worst result to come from his protest, I'd say Kaepernick has done the country a favor.



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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"I didn't hear 'ANY' declines in there, and yet somehow the state says we didn't hit our targets. I honestly don't know what the rules of the game are anymore. I don't understand what scoring system you meet every target set for you, and you're told you have failed. Essentially the state just said, you have to do all these things and meet these targets, and then we met them, and then we are declined. I don't understand how on earth that happens! If I had a teacher that told a student to do eight things, and the student did those eight things and then that teacher failed that student, I would fire that teacher. I am not sure how the Department of Education can say you met ever individual sub-target, and then be told you didn't meet the target. I don't understand how 'that' math works."

Committee Chair Danielle LaPointe asked Romano, "Is there somebody we can ask about this?"

Romano immediately replied, "I don't know, but I am going to stream out the mountain as much as I can. That 12 percentile means where you rate compared to

everybody else. Even if it's a system where everybody can be awesome, but the least most awesome person failed, I don't understand that. If you graduate from Harvard University, and you are dead last in your class at Harvard University, what did you still get, you get a Harvard University diploma. If you improve in everything on the states accountability system, and you get told you failed, well all I have to say is that any system that works like that to me makes no bloody sense."

Romano expressed to the board, "I don't know how I am supposed to tell my staff, that they did everything they were supposed to do, and they obviously did it well, and tell them that they failed. I don't know how I tell them that and expect them to go back Tuesday and keep going, what is the point?"

LaPointe asked, "Outside of perception, what does that percentile mean to us, and what kind of ramifications are there associated with that?"

Romano replied, "Honestly none when it comes to perception. It means we continue to be a Level 3 school and we continue to receive DSAC support 'District and School Assistance Center' and I was sad we

may hit the 21 percentile and lose them because they are wonderful to work with. But with perception, nobody is going to bother to look into that five page detailed report, they are only going to look in to that front page that says 'Twelfth performing among lowest performing 20 percent of schools and sub groups, needs to focus on high needs'."

"I don't understand that one at all! Our high needs are all in big blue letters, MET TARGET!" replied Romano to the reports own words also again saying, "It makes no sense to me!"

Superintendent Steve Haddad immediately responded, "Why don't we get a team together and we will go meet the Commissioner. We can ask what is the bar, where is the bar, and why does the bar keep moving? We have to do something; I don't think we can just sit back."

Member Greg Vine commented to Haddad, "It's incredibly frustrating, and we shouldn't just leave this to Josh to find out, what the heck is going on, what is going on here, and what are you basing this on which is unfair to the teachers, the administrators, and the kids. They wonder why the teachers and people in education in general

get discourage and why might morale be so low, this is a perfect example! I am sorry, this is idiotic."

Romano replied to Vine, "This is as perfect as an example as you can get. Everything says on target, or above target, except for the overall. So apparently one plus one doesn't equal three with the Department of Education. How do I recruit teachers who do their best when we get some garbage piece of paper that says they failed at it, I just don't understand. They say you did everything we told you to do, you did it well, you failed, it just doesn't make sense. If we did that to children, we would be morally bankrupt!"

Member Lawrence Murphy added, "I know it's disappointing Josh, and I know that you are very good at wanting to protect your staff and keep them motivated, on course, and give them credit for the work that they have done which is very admirable. However right now I think there is just confusion about what that report means, and I think the Superintendent is right on when he says we need a group of people to talk to the state and we say look, here is the work we were advised to do, here are the targets

that we met, and we have met all the targets so how we can still be considered not be performing up to task, well the first thing we need to do is get clarification."

Romano interjected, "And to be actually rated lower than the year before, after meeting all the requirements, I don't understand. How do I improve now, where do we go now, if everything is on or above target, then what are we supposed to do?"

Murphy in a show of support to Romano replied, "I don't want you and your staff to get discouraged. We have to remember there are so many other factors that make a good school district other than standardized testing. We excel in many other areas, and I think it is more difficult to quantify for the state, so we don't get the credit for it, such as social climate. I don't feel that standardized test scores alone tell the entire picture, or give you staff the kind of credit your staff and our schools deserve."

Vice Chair Janet Corbosiero then added her feelings by saying, "I agree with everything you said, except we need to find out what we need to do, and do a better job. We need to find out how they 'Department of Education' made this

decision, and I think that is step number one. How do you have everything on target and above target, and then you don't make it."

LaPointe then addressed Romano and said, "Like Larry said this isn't something that you need to tackle on your own. Let us help you. Let us help voice what needs to be voiced."

Vine followed with, "I don't mean to be hyperbolic, but when I hear this report it sounds to me like you and the teachers know exactly what you're doing, and the state has really no idea what it is doing. I am not going to say their opinion is meaningless, but as far as the education you give our children and the amount of love and caring you give the kids in this district, until the state can explain this ridiculousness, you continue to keep doing what you're all doing until they can explain what the problem is."

A clearly saddened Romano closed with, "The kids in this town deserve better than what they are getting from the Department of Education."

Corbosiero replied, "We need to go to the Department of Education, and go there quickly."

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watch TV? That’s not for me.”

The septuagenarian says he stays busy from dawn ‘til dusk.

“I take care of the track, the horses, I cut my own wood, I cut the grass. It takes half a day just to cut the grass around here. I don’t have time to think.”

At the apex of his racing career, LeBlanc owned 45 horses. Today he races only two; a pair of 8-year-old geldings named Shopping With Art and Trigger Finger.

Where he used to race at tracks in Saratoga in upstate New York and Yonkers, a borough of New York City, LeBlanc does all of racing these days at Plainridge Racecourse in Plainville.

“They have a slots casino there now,” he says. “After they put in the slot machines the purses went up.”

For the most part he limits his racing to one event per week.

“Once a week is enough. Once in a great while you can maybe do three or four races a week, but once really is enough. Much more than that and you’re going to kill the horse.”

As he steadily reduced the number of horses he owned he began to stable horses belonging to other owners. Currently he boards 22. As expenses have increased, the price for boarding a horse at LeBlanc Stables has recently increased.

“I just spent \$15,000 putting down stone dust on the track,” he says. “They put it down with a paver. Then they roll it out with a 10-ton roller. I have the same surface here that they have at the racetrack. Anyway, after spending that kind of cash I’ve had to increase boarding fees from \$150 to \$175 (per month).”

Area residents heading to

or from Gardner or Rte. 2 in Westminster can’t miss the stables. The facility is located at 827 Green St. in Gardner, near the intersection where Green Street splits off from Rte. 140. LeBlanc bought the property in 1972.

“I used to have a little help from my wife but she passed away three years ago,” he says.

While none of his four grown children work at the stables, his oldest son, Steven, races out of Dover, DE.

“He started here when he was 18. He’s 54 now. He’s been very successful.”

As the cost of laying down the surface of his track indicates, harness racing is not an inexpensive business. The cost of a jogging cart, which is used to exercise the horses, runs around \$1,600. A new sulky will set you back \$6,000.

“You have to love it to be in,” says LeBlanc. “It’s been a very busy life but, all in all, it’s been a good one.”



Greg Vine photos

Sulky racing is a different breed entirely; think Roman chariots and trotting.

GAR

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Senior Center (old Murdock High School).

While many have enjoyed the concert series at the park gazebo this summer, climbed on the cannons, or gazed up at the soldier atop the monument, how much do we really know about the park? Why is it there?

It starts with the Civil War of 1861-65, a war that touched every village, town and city in America. Some 294 of Winchendon’s young men left their homes and families to support the Union and suppress the rebellion. They were farmers, mechanics, carpenters, and laborers. More importantly, they were the sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers of this small community of 2,600+ inhabitants.

They fought bravely at Gettysburg, Chantilly, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, and many lesser known battles. Fifty-six made the ultimate sacrifice with 17 dying on the battlefield, and 39 dying of disease, or from the hardships of war either in hospitals, as prisoners, or at home. Their names, companies and regiments are inscribed on the Soldiers’ Monument which was erected in 1889 through the efforts of the local Gilman C. Parker Post 153, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), and town of Winchendon.

The monument is 35 feet high and was constructed by E. L. Smith & Company of Barre, VT. The stonework is of Barre granite and stands 27 feet high with a bronze soldier eight feet tall mounted on the top. The



Courtesy photos

The band Shades of Gray interprets period music of the mid-1860s.

Union soldier, sculpted by Melzar Hunt Mosman of the Chicopee Bronze Works, Chicopee, MA is fully equipped with rifle and standing at parade rest.

The monument grounds were improved in the 1890s with the mounting of four 32-pounder naval can-

nons near the monument. The iron cannons had been cast in 1848 at Cyrus Alger’s South Boston Iron Works.

The patriotism and valor of Winchendon’s men in Union blue was summed up at the dedication of the monument on Oct. 16, 1889 by Orlando Mason in his Address



Actor Steve Wood has made a career of his uncanny similarity to Abraham Lincoln, and will be on hand to add to the program.

of Welcome to start the ceremony. He noted that the town’s noble sons had marched down Central Street to the railroad cars which took them to their camps and the seat of war. Then, to a hushed crowd of some 3,000 at the park, he told

how “some returned after long and faithful service with records of which they may truly be proud, and again joined us in the ordinary pursuits of life. Some came back from southern prisons mere skeletons, to linger for a brief time. Some were brought home not to look upon their native hills, but to mingle with their native dust; and some were buried where they fell, and sleep today in unknown graves.”

The restoration committee is asking everyone to take part in this historic Oct. 2 park dedication ceremony, to bring a blanket, chairs and lunch for an 1860s era family picnic. Enjoy the Civil War camp music, talk to and take a photo with President Lincoln, and, more importantly, help remember Winchendon’s Civil War heroes.

GLEN CAFFE`

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Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery.

As the new owner, Morin was faced with remodeling the kitchen and updating the bathrooms (she called them “antiquated”).

“And there was no equipment here. We had to buy just about everything new.”

Morin classifies her cuisine as “traditional. We offer a lot of comfort food. For example, we offer meat loaf the first week of the month. It does very well. Pot roast is another best-seller. In the summer, of course, it’s things like lobster rolls. And we also serve a black diamond steak. There aren’t a lot places around that offer that anymore.”

When it comes to fresh food, “I’ve always tried to buy local produce. This year I grew some rosemary, basil, tomatoes and potatoes out back. I want everything to be as fresh as possible.”

Not only are the main dishes fresh, the Glen Caffe’s baked goods are made on the premises.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, the restaurant offers an “all you care to eat” breakfast served buffet style. For \$7.99 (\$5.99 for kids 10 and under) patrons can avail themselves of a variety egg dishes, homefries, bacon, ham, sausage, sausage and gravy, homemade hash, French toast, pancakes, fruit salad, assorted desserts, and the soup of the day. The feast comes with unlimited coffee.

In addition to serving meals on site, Morin also offers catering, and she rents out the restaurant for special events. There’s no minimum required for such events, according to Morin.

The eatery is now gearing up for fall, which Morin says is her busiest season. “Luckily, we had a mild winter last year so we had more business than usual during what can be a slow season.”

Morin says some of her customers

have been inquiring about the possibility of a dinner buffet.

“We’re going to have to look at that. I’m not going to jump right into it, so we may try it a few times first just to see if it works.”

The Glen Caffe` is currently open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

To celebrate a decade in business, Morin is offering a 10 percent discount through the month of September.

“We’re a little off the beaten path,” she says. “People keep saying ‘you need to move downtown.’ But we’re doing pretty well here, so I think this is where we’ll stay.”

Greg Vine photos

Sally Morin and her daughter Allie are ready to greet customers. Morin puts her daughter to work when she is visiting from her home in Boston.



LEGALS

MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nicholas E. Dillon to “MERS”, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for America’s Wholesale Lender, “Lender”; its successors and assigns dated June 16, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 39194, Page 206, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated May 10, 2012 and recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, Book 48980, Page 390, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 12:00 PM, on September 16, 2016**, on the premises known as **32 Pearl Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on and numbered 32 Pearl Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

TRACT I:

Beginning at an iron pipe and stones at a point which is North about 76 degrees 30’ West, 149.5 feet from a stone post in the East line of land formerly of Damon heirs, and is the Southwest bound of Lincoln Place (formerly) now Pearl Street;

THENCE North about 76 degrees 30’

West, by Pearl Street, 100 feet to an iron pipe and stones;

THENCE South about 18 degrees West 75 feet to an iron pipe and stones

THENCE South about 76 degrees 30’ East about 100 feet to an iron pipe and stones;

THENCE North about 18 degrees East 75 feet to the place of beginning.

TRACT II:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Tract I;

THENCE South about 18 degrees West 25 feet;

THENCE North about 76 degrees 30’ West, 100 feet;

THENCE North about 18 degrees East 25 feet to Tract I;

THENCE South about 76 degrees, 30’ East, 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Also conveying the right to pass and repass to and from Mill Street to and from the parcels hereinafter described over a private way laid out by heirs of Jones Damon, insofar as the same may now apply.

Subject to rights, easements, and restrictions of record to the extent in force and applicable.

For my title see deed recorded herewith in Book 39194, Page 204.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws,

statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 212, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

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

Present holder of said mortgage

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWALT, Inc.,

Alternative Loan Trust 2006-23CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-23CB

by its Attorneys

Guaetta and Benson, LLC

Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire

P.O. Box 519

Chelmsford, MA 01824

August 15, 2016

August 26, 2016

September 2, 2016

September 9, 2016

Town of Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wed., September 21, 2016 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on the Variance application of David Romanowski of 261 High St. Winchendon MA 01475 for property located at 261 High St, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 5D3 Parcel 35 owned by the same to hear an application for a Variance for relief from the side setback for construction of a storage shed afforded under Article 7.2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw. Said property is located in the R40 Suburban Residential – Neighborhood District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.

BY: Cynthia Carville, Chair

Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals

September 2, 2016

September 9, 2016



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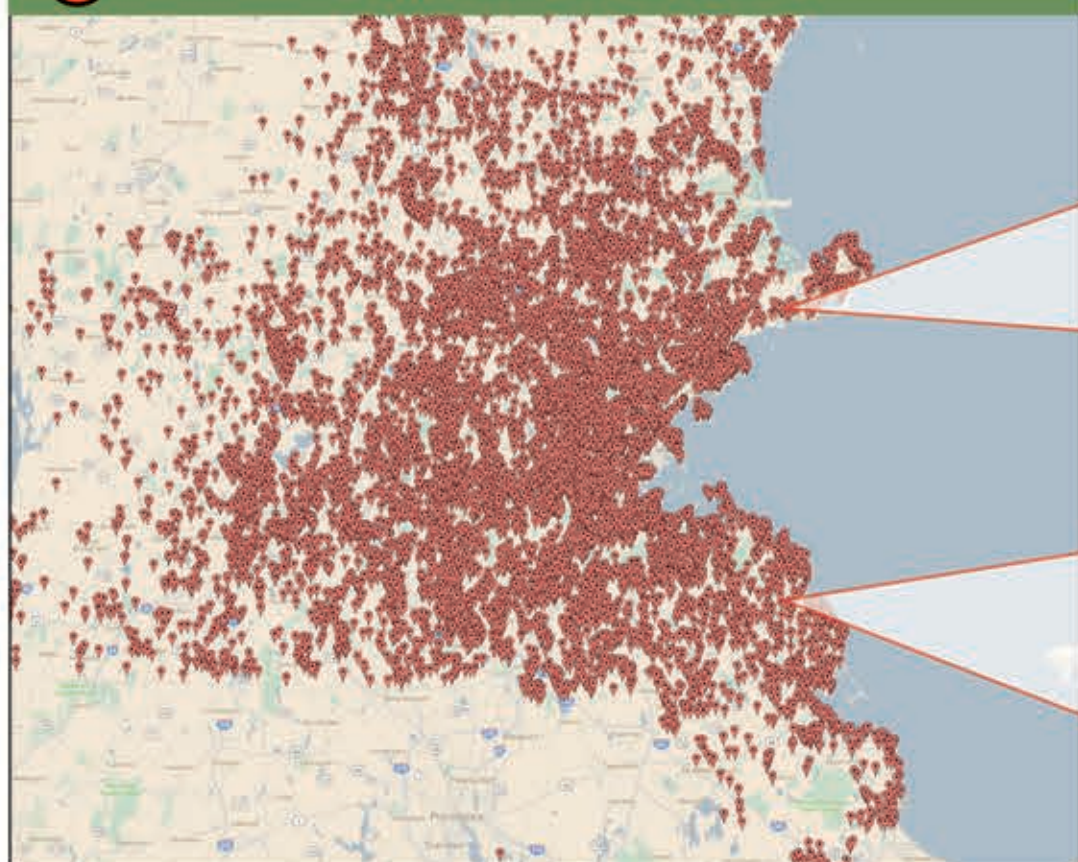
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