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Winchendon elects Donald Trump

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON—President-elect Donald Trump scored an easy victory in Winchendon Tuesday night, far outpolling Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, the former Secretary of State, capturing 2,286 votes to 1,762. The local tally didn't mirror the statewide vote which Clinton, as expected, won by a large margin.

In addition, Winchendon voters turned thumbs down on the

controversial referendum ballot question which would have allowed as many as 12 new charter schools to open across the state every year. While Governor Baker supported the measure, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and superintendents, including Winchendon's Steve Haddad, as well as teachers unions throughout the Commonwealth strongly opposed it.

Local voters also rejected Question 1 which would have

expanded casino options across Massachusetts but voted yes on 3 and 4. Question 3 will give farm animals more room to roam, which will, proponents say, make for healthier food. Question 4 okayed the use of marijuana for recreational purposes.

Some 2,000 local voters cast their ballots during the first-ever edition of early voting. Town clerk Judy LaJoie said last week she was "amazed" by the turnout.



Donald Trump

Four years ago, President Obama defeated former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, 2,142-1,928. Almost



Morgan St. Pierre photo

It was a good turn out for voting in Winchendon, and the town was solidly behind the winner.

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Revolution era veteran remembered

BY MARY BULGER
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

WINCHENDON — In light of Veteran's Day, I want to familiarize you with Edom (Eden) London, an African American who served in the Revolutionary War for a total of three years and eight months.

At first, the Continental Congress prohibited slaves from participating in the War. However, when Gen. George Washington learned the British were trying to recruit negroes by offering their freedom, he then changed the policy.

Edom (the name is written both ways in historical references, particularly in Marvin's History of 1868. Often the state's version of the name is Edom, while the popular name is Eden. The name Eden was chosen for his grave.) was a slave who'd been sold nine times before he was 18 years old. He was the "proper estate" of Samuel Bond of Hatfield in 1757 then sold to William Williams of Weston; then back to Hatfield to the wife of Oliver Partridge

as bequeathed (she was the daughter of Williams). Again sold, he went to John Ingersoll of Westfield; to John M'Cluster for just a few weeks and sold to Joshua Holcomb of Connecticut; then to William Bond of Lincoln and then to Thomas Cowdin, Fitchburg. Finally he came to Winchendon where he had three owners: Jonathan Stimson, who sold him to Thomas Sawyer, and finally to Daniel Goodridge.

When he was sold to Mr. Stimson, Edom absconded to fight in the Revolution, leaving from Fitchburg, and is reported to have served at Bunker Hill under Col. Asa Whitcom's Regiment, Capt. James Co. Apparently after having fought for eight months, Edom was retrieved, because he was sold to Sawyer in 1775 and then to Goodridge as previously stated.

However, Edom returned to service in Goodridge's place. Edom served three more years. He is reported to have served at Saratoga under Col. Thomas

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Courtesy photos

Workers and guards share the road outside the Aubuchon facilities.

Labor, management at odds at Aubuchon



A worker's daughter holds a sign.

REGION — Members of Teamsters Local #170 have been picketing outside the main entrance to the headquarters of Aubuchon Hardware Co. in Westminster since Monday morning. Union representative Shannon George says the warehouse workers and drivers were locked out. Company President and CEO Will Aubuchon showed up

ready to strike.

Whatever the case, workers and company officials are at odds over management's plans to outsource some of the company's supply and distribution system to Orgill Inc. of Inwood, WV.

Talks on a new contract have ground to a halt as a result.

According to George, the union's last contract expired in June. Union members have reportedly agreed to a wage freeze in exchange for the company continuing its contribution to workers' pensions, but the issue of outsourcing to Orgill is — for workers — a non-starter.

"They (Orgill) carry some 85,000 items in their warehouse," says Aubuchon. "We can only stock about 12,000 here in Westminster. We need to be able to keep our stores stocked with items that customers are looking for. Initially, we just wanted to try it with three of our

stores but the union won't even agree to that."

"They want to outsource good Massachusetts jobs," said George. "Our people live and work here and they spend their money here. Even if they use Orgill for just three stores, that could cost 10 people their jobs. And if they start with three, I doubt they'll want to stop there."

According to George, about 60 teamsters work in the warehouse and the union also claims about 20 truck drivers as members.

"We need to look at all options to stay competitive," says Aubuchon. "With competition from the big box stores and websites like Amazon, we have to do what's best for the company and all our other workers."

While both sides have expressed a willingness to return to the negotiating table, as of press time no talks have been scheduled.

New science center to be named for Asquino

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College students, faculty and staff; Massachusetts leaders; and the greater community will dedicate the new Dr. Daniel M. Asquino Science Center in recognition of Asquino's 30 years of leadership at a ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 2 pm.

The public opening of the new building, a state-of-the-art addition to the Gardner campus, will be commemorated with a speaking program including Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Commissioner Carol Gladstone, as well as a ceremonial ribbon cutting, unveiling of the naming of the

building, and tours of the new facilities.

Along with honored guests, college staff, faculty, students, trustees, alumni, and community members will be in attendance.

"This new science center offers real opportunity for our students," said Mount Wachusett Community College Board of Trustees Chair Tina Sbraga. "Opportunity is something President Asquino has relentlessly pursued throughout his 30 years at the helm of this great college. Our students will be better prepared to be tomorrow's leaders. We are all so proud to recognize President Asquino's commitment to students and our college by naming this building in

his honor."

Following more than a year of construction and extensive renovations, the new science center replaces existing laboratories nearly a half-century old and will enhance the learning environment for all students, particularly those seeking careers in STEM fields.

The Dr. Daniel M. Asquino Science Center includes LEED gold rated labs, classrooms, and student study space for the college's continued pursuit of academic excellence.

The \$41 million project includes the 44,000 square-foot science center, a new 2,300 square-foot greenhouse and renovations throughout

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WEEKLY QUOTE

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Edmund Burke

Coleman settling in with his love of history

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Among the new faculty at Murdock Middle school is history teacher Andrew Coleman and as the Fitchburg native settles in to his first permanent job, he makes no effort to hide his love of the subject.

"I've always liked, really liked history," reflected Coleman who said the colonial period of American history interests him the most.

"Take John Adams," he said of the second President. "He was a curmudgeon who didn't like dealing with the b.s. of politics so when the battle started between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, Adams, because he was self-doubting and not all that personable, had a hard time dealing with people."

"It's important for kids to know these figures as people, not just names in a book," Coleman noted, adding he thinks

Adams has probably been somewhat unappreciated by historians.

Coleman has found a path to bring this year's divisive campaign into the classroom in a unique way. "One girl said to me she couldn't understand why people were saying the last debate was Trump's best because she said, 'they were all terrible'. So I said, 'let's say you take three selfies and you might not like any of them, but one is the best, right?' She said she'd never seen it that way and someone else said, 'that was the best analogy I've ever heard'. This is how you connect kids to history," Coleman remarked.

Coleman had been working as a full-time, "permanent" substitute teacher in Fitchburg when the opportunity arose to have his own classroom.

"I was one of those kids who knew what I liked," he noted. "I was a counselor at a summer camp and I liked leading and getting campers involved so teaching was a natural thing for me to wind up doing."

"One thing we work on, all of us in the history department, is getting students to be able to defend their answers. Asking them to memorize dates of battles doesn't prove anything, they can always Google those, but we encourage them to have opinions and we want them to learn how to support those opinions," he stressed.

Coleman said he thinks American history is "more tangible" for students. As is the case with any subject, there are students who like history a lot and others who aren't as enthused but Coleman believes they can all find someone or something in US history with which



Andrew Coleman loves history with a passion

they can relate.

"That's why we try to point out historical figures were people," he reiterated.

It's not that world history is entirely vague because "they're learning about the tug-of-war between the church, religion, and secular society and that's going on today too," he noted, adding students also watch the 10-minute CNN Student News program which frequently focuses on international stories, but that said, "most of them seem to relate to US history more," said Coleman.

Coleman said he's been received well at Murdock.

"Everyone here has been very welcoming. You felt like you belonged right away," he added.

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Friday's Child



Andrea is an energetic 8-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. She is small for her age but is making great gains with her height and weight. Andrea has enjoyed taking gymnastics classes. She also enjoys music and loves to have her hair and nails done. Andrea is in the 3rd grade at a public elementary school where she benefits from having an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) to assist with her academic delays, as well as social/emotional supports. Andrea currently resides in a small, structured residential program. Her social worker is seeking a family that would be able to visit with her at her program consistently to build a relationship.

Andrea would thrive in a home where she is the only child or the youngest by many years. She does require a lot of extra attention and patience. Andrea shares a close relationship with her older sister and they hope to be able to continue to see each other monthly. The best family for Andrea would be a local family that is able to visit with her at her current program placement as a visiting resource initially.

November is National Adoption Month!

Celebrate Adoption! Over 100,000 children and teens are in foster care in the US, waiting to be adopted. On National Adoption Day, the Friday before Thanksgiving in Massachusetts, close to 100 children who have been in foster care will be adopted into loving families in three courthouses across the state.

National Adoption Day is a national day of celebration of adoptive families and an opportunity for courts to open their doors and finalize the adoptions of children from foster care. Since 2000, nearly 58,500 children across the country have had their adoptions finalized on National Adoption Day. Policymakers, judges, staff, families, and volunteers come together to celebrate adoption in communities large and small all across the nation.

To learn more about National Adoption Day, and about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.MAREinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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Clark holds 10th successful fundraiser

WINCHENDON — Raising funds to help with scholarships for families to become members and utilize the facilities at the Clark Memorial YMCA, one of the biggest events each year is the wine and beer tasting with the additional auctions, raffles and entertainment.

This year was a great one. Held at the American Legion, the attendance was superb and those who did attend were welcomed with wine from the Westminster Pharmacy and Wine

Emporium; beer from Wachusett Brewery; snacks by Hagemeyer Catering and cheese plates by Smith's Country Cheese.

The silent auction had a great array of items, everything from a sleigh ride to wine rack; and the bids were generous.

Then the Beatles for Sale tribute band wound the crowd up and had them dancing.

Morgan St. Pierre photos



If you couldn't find something interesting to bid on here, you weren't trying hard enough.

From slow and dreamy to the old Beatles favorites, the Beatles tribute band had them out on the dance floor.



Clark Director Mike Quinn and the grand organizer of the event Kelli Pixa read off the winners of the various auction items.

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CLYDE'S CORNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

TODDLER TIME: at Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. is 10:15 a.m. A story time and play for the younger members of the family. Must be accompanied by an adult.

VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM: on Friday Nov. 11 the annual Veterans Day Ceremony is scheduled at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. All participants should arrive at 10:30 a.m. All guests should arrive at 10:45 a.m. Ceremony will commence at 11 a.m. sharp. Weather permitting, the Boy Scouts will place the flags out on Central Street. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

FALL FESTIVAL: the Immaculate Heart of Mary fall festival begins tonight and includes the Country Kitchen, Christmas novelties, Theme Baskets, silent auction, ticket auction games, surprises and more. In the church basement, 52 Spruce St., 6-9 p.m. and continues tomorrow 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

PRETTY IN PASTELS: a workshop in working with pastels will be presented by artist Alicia Drakiotes at the Gardner Area League of Artists gallery, 135 Front St. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pre-registration is required to plan materials, \$50 for GALA members, \$55 for non-members. Visit galagardner.org for more information.

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SKATE CLUB

Winchendon Skate Club invites all ice skaters to join our club. We skate from 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at the Winchendon School on Ash Street. The 2016-17 season is right around the corner. The Winchendon Skate Club provides educational lessons that teach proper techniques. We offer learn to skate programs for beginners of ice skating and hockey. Find us on Facebook-Winchendon Skate Club or Winchendon skateclub@yahoo.com.

RICK PAUL MEMORIAL MEAT RAFFLE: presented by the Hawg Haulers the annual fall event kicks off at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Funds raised help with holiday charitable causes and the scholarship fund.

VETERANS FLAG REMOVAL: Saturday Nov. 12 beginning at 9 a.m., veterans and Scouts will remove flags on veterans; graves before winter starting at Calvary Cemetery then onto Riverside.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

FALL TOWN MEETING: is scheduled at 7 p.m. at Murdock High School auditorium.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

CRAFT FOR ADULTS: On Tuesday nights at 6:30 Beals Memorial Library has an adult craft hour providing a place to meet and do crafts. People bring in things they are working on, and can get help on knitting, crocheting, quilting and discuss different ideas.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

BOOK DISCUSSION: Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting Thursday Nov. 10 and the book is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann

Shaffer. Books are available at the library.

GARDEN CLUB: The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from April to December at the Ipswich Drive community building. New members are always welcome. For more info please call Lorraine 978-297-1760.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

HARVEST MOON JAM: the American Legion Post 193 presents Northern Company in an evening of dance and friendship 8 p.m.-midnight. Proceeds benefit the programs of the American Legion. Advance tickets \$10 available at the Legion, 295 School St., or \$15 at the door.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

PLAN AHEAD: Breakfast with Santa will be held at Carriage House restaurant 8-11 a.m. Hosted by the Kiwanis of Winchendon, the jolly elf and his Key Club helpers make this annual visit and gift every child with toy. Breakfast buffet at a nominal price; gifts donated by Kiwanis.

WINTERFEST: the annual table setting displays and wreath auction by the Friends of Old Murdock Senior Center will take place. This free of charge event is not to be missed as the tables dressed in holiday finery are amazing. Basket auction as well as a bake sale and lunch available. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor's Kitchen, Winchendon's Community Supper, is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door, contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations, and many hard-working volunteers.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

TEA AT THE MURDOCK-WHITNEY HOUSE: take a break from the scurry of shopping for a bit of tea and nosh at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center's two museums from 1-4 p.m. The first floor of each house will be decorated, and tea will be served buffet style at the Murdock-Whitney House while the best of the best table settings from last weekend's Winterfest will be on display at the Isaac Morse House. Enjoy both, visit the gift shop and stop for a few moments of music by the Monadnock Flutes.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

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Hawg Haulers

Rick Paul Memorial Thanksgiving meat social is scheduled this Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295

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Lots of Prizes! Raffles! Surprises too!
A portion of the donations support a scholarship fund in Rick Paul's name.

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the existing Arthur F. Haley Academic Center. MWCC received \$37.9 million in state capital funds for the project, as well as a \$500,000 grant from Massachusetts Life Sciences for laboratory equipment.

From an economic standpoint, this is the largest construction project in north central Massachusetts, which in itself helps boost the region's economy by providing work for Massachusetts businesses and bringing more traffic to local businesses and service providers. Additionally, the project was completed on-time and on-budget.

Designed by Boston-based Architerra, Inc. to meet LEED gold certification for efficiency and sustainability, the new

building will contain energy-efficient features to tie in with the college's commitment to sustainability. Construction began in spring 2015. Shawmut Design & Construction, also based in Boston, oversaw the 18-month project as construction manager.

Over the past 15 years, MWCC has been the recipient of top state and national sustainability awards, including the American Association of College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Wildlife Federation.

Amenities in the new building include eight new classrooms and laboratories, four lab prep rooms, 24 new faculty offices, student study space and interior glass walls to highlight STEM

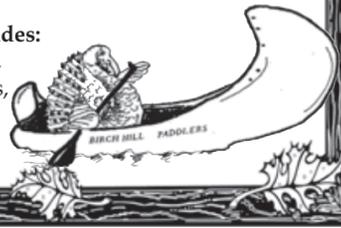
student innovation. Renovations to the Haley Academic Center include a new visitor entrance, a multi-purpose room, an academic advising suite, a refurbished student-centered campus commons and increased accessibility to the Raymond M. LaFontaine Fine Arts Center.

Immediately following the dedication, Mount Wachusett Community College is hosting an open house from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The public, past MWCC staff and faculty, and all community partners are encouraged and invited to attend. For more information, please contact Lois Cox at (978) 630-9101.

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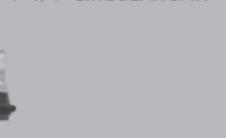


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EDITORIAL

Take a deep breath

Finally. A decision has been made. We have a President-elect. Whether it was your candidate or not; Mr. Trump is now the one who will be our 45th president. At last the ads will end. The strange attacks will end. Or not, as far as that goes. Because some of the vitriol will continue between Democrats and Republicans no matter who is in office. But here's the thing. The breath of fresh air parts of having someone who is not a politician in the usual sense has good and bad attached to it. Good, because he is going to ask "why" and "why not" a lot. He isn't going to assume much. His background in business is going to let him look at bureaucracy for bureaucracy's sake a little differently. He will be more willing to cut out "fat" than some people. But, then he may have some difficulty with just how the government and its checks and balances actually work. In business, he had a lot of people who would do as he said without question. They would carry out his "commands" and find ways to get it done without much interference from him once he made a demand. Government doesn't work the same way. It isn't supposed to; on purpose. Congress is purposely set up to require a lot of committees, and hearings, and joint committees and then voting in one house and then the other house and then tweaking it to suit both houses and then re-voting and finally putting something on the president's desk that may...or may not...be something like what he had in mind. The wheels of government grind

slowly. It holds things up in committees, with hearings, with amendments, with re-wording... There isn't a lot the president can do without Congress either. That's how it is intended to be. See, the founding fathers didn't trust anyone very much, especially not each other. They wrote up the Constitution deliberately making it a three way cluster of eyes watching and stop signs. The president doesn't have the power many think he has. Nor does Congress, though they do have the power to stall forever. And they have used that power very effectively for the last eight years; keeping the 44th president very powerless. President Trump will have a slightly easier time of it with his Congress, being of the same political party as the majority. But, and this is a big BUT, he is not well liked by that political party; and he is not trusted by career politicians; and he may very well find himself just as stymied by Congress as the current president has been. He needs to surround himself with good advisors, something he is known to do in his private dealings as well, he needs to take some time with his political appointments, and he needs to find a way to heal some of the rifts created by this campaign. He said in his speech to celebrate the win at 3 a.m. that he intends to be a president for all people. It's a good start; he needs to walk his talk and prove his ability. Be able to convert his skills to the government arena. We'll just have to wait and see, like everyone else.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

King: why we need this

To the Editor:
I have been the director of the Beals Memorial Library for two months now and I can truly say that I have enjoyed the experience immensely. The townspeople I have met are both friendly and welcoming. The Library Trustees are the most involved and engaged group with whom I have ever had the pleasure to work. They care deeply about the library and the town. One of the reasons I sought this position was the beauty and charm of the library building. The only drawback to the beauty of the structure was its lack of accessibility. Imagine my delight then when I found out an accessibility project for the library was about to begin. Unfortunately, soon after I started as director, the Trustees were informed the lowest bid for the work was \$230,000 over the estimated construction costs. Undeterred and fully recognizing the importance of accessibility and ADA compliance, the Trustees voted to raise that sum by expending all remaining library trust funds not otherwise restricted. The Trustees, the architect and the project manager all believed this would be sufficient to cover the two remaining sub-bids for the steel and its installation. On Oct. 3 they learned this was not the case, another \$140,000 would be needed to complete the project. With no other recourse and all trust funds for the purpose exhausted, the Trustees voted to place an article on the

special town meeting warrant asking the community to support the completion of the accessibility project. Thus far, the Trustees have committed \$595,000 of library trust funds in the firm belief that the completion of this project is critically important to making the library accessible to ALL the residents of Winchendon. The Trustees also feel strongly that finishing the project is the prudent, proactive and financially responsible thing to do should ADA compliance issues arise in the future. In addition, the construction costs for the project will only continue to rise, so waiting is not an option, we must act now. On Monday, Nov. 14, the Trustees, the staff, the Friends and other advocates of the Beals Memorial Library will ask you to vote yes on Article 10 of the special town meeting warrant. Imagine the difference it will make to all the residents of town who have been unable to take full advantage of the library because of its inaccessibility. Please come to the Murdock High School auditorium on Monday at 7 p.m. and be part of finally making the library a resource for the entire community. If you have any questions about the project please contact me at (978) 297-0300. I will be happy to answer any concerns you may have.

MANUEL KING, LIBRARY DIRECTOR
BEALS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Weathering it all from my perspective.

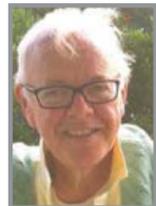
This past Monday I received some change in the form of one dollar bills. I later noticed to my surprise, one of them was a 1957 silver certificate. It was severely wrinkled, a few torn corners, and while the term "well weathered" was somehow just not quite fitting enough, it was a very welcomed surprise. As I looked at this dear old bill from and being a lover of history, I thought to myself, "Oh the historical and political stories old George Washington here could tell, if this bill could only talk, and what would he say of the ones he has missed?" Virtually every generation has claimed it's better than the one proceeding it. While history may prove that to be correct in some ways, advancements in med-



ANYTHING ical science, and the ever slowly advancing battle for the equality of all people seems to be a positive counterweight balancing the scales of the future. Yes, call me old fashion but I believe the glass is almost always somehow half full, if one truly takes the time to examine its contents. We all come with our pros & cons. This recent presidential election has greatly weathered many of its citizens, much like the bill I received in my change. While the election is at least a year and a half between the emergence of candidates, this elimination process, the final debates and finally the election, tested all this time in ways like none other before.

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And now the next steps...



NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

It was, of course, a triumph of anger, resentment and intellectual laziness. It was the suspension of reasoned thought, of voters seeking bumper sticker solutions to complex problems. Like many others, I was, and am, horrified by the outcome. But it is what it is — in a free society, the people decide. I freely admit I didn't think this would happen. I understood that President-elect Trump and Bernie Sanders had tapped into "something."

I knew many of those who supported Trump because of economics as opposed to bigoted racist homophobic xenophobia had legitimate grievances. Their anger was and is completely justified. They have been screwed. But there were too many people who used the Trump insurgency as a platform to put on full display the ugliness of their thoughts and beliefs and to his great dis-credit, the President-elect did absolutely nothing to calm the waters. These people have now been legitimized as a political force in this country and it's they more than he who are terrifying. The same goes for the people he might surround himself with — like the former mayor of New York and the former Speaker of the House, though I will say in Newt's defense that on the

days when he's rational, he's keenly intellectual and occasionally offers up thought-provoking ideas. But Gingrich is a pol, a DC insider. All those beyond-furious white people who rallied to Trump and no doubt feel emboldened now? It's Trump's responsibility to try and rein them in, if that's possible because we cannot function as a civil society without civil discourse. It's those people who represent the real threat. Like every President, Trump will likely find himself entangled in the Washington briar patch, but those emotional and shoot-from-the-hip fringe supporters? Who the hell knows what will happen next with them? Those are the ones to really worry about. We have to worry primarily about them, I think, because they don't play by the rules

most of us do. After all, when it comes to policy, I don't know what Trump truly believes. I'm not sure whether or not he does either. I never quite figured out whether he believed the nonsense he was spouting about a wall and mass deportation or if he was just playing to the crowd, though we'll find out soon enough. Those ridiculous promises about the wall and immigration and tearing up treaties? They're never going to happen if for no other reason than a Republican Congress won't pay for them. The pledge to restore American jobs sounds great — after all — who can be against that? But he never quite got around to explaining just how that will happen so presuming it doesn't how betrayed do you think his supporters will be then?

I thought Hillary Clinton would win because of the superior Democratic ground game which did pretty much do its job. There were just too many first-time voters giving "the system" the proverbial middle finger. As I said, they were hearing the simple solutions they wanted to hear. Reality might well be a shock to them. Obviously, I am deeply worried about nominations to the Supreme Court and the rest of the federal judiciary. That said, you never know. Many a President has been chagrined by a nominee who turned out to be very different than what the President hoped and anticipated. Ask Ike about Earl Warren. We go through periods like this. That's the natural ebb and flow of history. We tend to sur-

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Onward!

This column is being written on the day before the election. But it will be different from previous columns which I typically write on Monday and submit to my editor on Wednesday for publication on Friday. Today I am filled with anxiety about the election. I am glued to the television and listening to all the last minute campaigning. Most of the polls fall within the margin of error so it is not obvious to me who will win tomorrow I do know this will be an historical election. Partisanship is high. People are angry. Each candidate has been so



JOURNEY OF THE HEART

JERRY CARTON

demonized it will be difficult for the winner to have what we used to call a honeymoon period as the nation tries to build goodwill for the winner. I don't anticipate a gracious concession from either candidate nor do I see the loser encouraging supporters to work for a peaceful transition. I am reminded of how angry friends of mine were when Barack Obama was elected and the leader of the minority in the Senate, Mitch McConnell said his goal was to make Obama a one termer. At the time Obama controlled both houses of congress but very little

was accomplished without blood on the floor. So I would have to be naive to assume after a much tougher presidential election either party, finding themselves in the minority, are going to play nice in the Congressional sandbox. So here is where I stop writing. Monday, Nov. 7th. The column will be finished by Wednesday providing me an opportunity to comment on actual results. It is Wednesday. The newspaper endorsements didn't matter. The polls didn't matter. All the movie stars are packing to leave the country. Donald Trump is president and he owes nothing

to anybody. The man nominated to the Supreme Court will be a small note in history. We are at a point we have never seen. The Republican nominee didn't like the Republicans or the Democrats. It is his job now to build a government of competence without political tags. None of us know if he can accomplish it but we must be hopeful. If he does accomplish it we then will be witnesses to a huge chapter of American history. Voters gave Trump the Presidency, the Senate and the House and the chance to keep the U.S. Supreme Court balanced. If he brings into his service people of competence and, as he says, he drains the swamp, we will be forever grateful.



Taking the mystery out of social media

FITCHBURG — Thanks to a group of Monty Tech information technology students, senior citizens from the area may not have to rely on their grandchildren to help them navigate social media.

And, who knows the in's and out's of social media better than teen-agers, particularly those majoring in IT.

Seniors Jeffrey Largent, Nicholas Sullivan and Jonathan Carlson, all of Fitchburg, and junior Kyle Woodward of Winchendon spent three Wednesdays after school recently showing senior citizens how to keep in touch with family and friends through the proper use of e-mail, Facebook and other forms of social media.

Nicholas, who helped teach computer technology and cyber security to middle school students at last summer's JROTC STEM camp, said he loved teaching the class and enjoyed interacting with the older adults.

"I really love the class. The dynamic is great. It's fun to be able to mentor and teach seniors about this wonderful tool that is social media. It's great to teach technology and social media because taught right, they can open doors to endless possibilities," he said.

Ryan said although this is his first time teaching, he has



Courtesy photo

Senior Jeff Largent of Fitchburg watches while Joseph LeBlanc of Fitchburg works on his Facebook page. Also in class are from left, John Mercier of Westminister, Pat Dandini of Fitchburg and Fadilah Muhammad of Athol.

helped his grandparents with their computer issues, both repair and instruction.

"I love it. I love to help people," he said. The students were given a curriculum to follow, which they revised to better suit the seniors' needs, he noted.

"I like participating in this program mainly because I wanted to help and the seniors were so nice," said Jeffrey.

When asked what she want-

ed to learn during the class, Fadilah Muhammad of Athol, said she was fairly confident with e-mail, and next she wanted to learn how to store them in folders.

"I am loving this course, and I think it is wonderful that it is focusing on senior citizens. The Internet generation left us behind and it's great to be able to catch up. Please keep running this course; we love it and appreciate it," she said.

Joseph LeBlanc of Fitchburg, who seemed quite confident navigating through his Facebook page, said he took the basic computer class for seniors last year and is back this year to learn more.

"I learned a lot last year, and I'm back to build on what I learned. I love having the students do the teaching, they are great."

Pat Dandini, also of Fitchburg, who said she usu-

ally relies on her granddaughter to help her, said she hopes there will be more classes. "I want to learn to do more on my own," she said.

"Hats off to the students. They are doing a great job," said John Mercier of Westminister. He said he particularly liked that the class is small, and the ratio of teacher to students is ideal. "They can come over and give us individual help when we need it," he explained.

61 students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

REGION — The MWCC Phi Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society inducted 61 new members and presented donations to community organizations from funds raised through a variety of events this academic year.

During the induction ceremony last spring, the chapter presented checks of \$500 each to the Gardner Community Action Council, the Winchendon Community Action Council, and the student-run Students Serving Our Students mentor program at MWCC. PTK officers also recognized MWCC staff member Gardner Wood for his volunteer support building creative, fanciful props for the PTK annual Character Breakfast.

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke, an MWCC alumnus and honorary PTK member, was the keynote speaker.

"Coming to the Mount was truly the best decision I ever made," he said after confessing to being a 'straight C' student in high school. "It gave me the direction I needed and showed me what hard work would help me achieve. My professors gave me encouragement and inspiration to carry on."

After graduating from MWCC in 1994, Mayor Hawke went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science from UMass Amherst, and an MBA from Anna Maria College.

"If Mount Wachusett Community College had not been here, if Mount Wachusett Community College had not had the caring and professional professors and staff, I wouldn't be here. And if I'm not here, just

imagine what condition the city of Gardner would be in," the five-term mayor quipped.

Chapter officers during the 2015-16 academic year were recognized for their service: President Jana Murphy; Vice President Thomas Berger; Secretary Stevie LaBelle; and Treasurer Lindsay Jamison. Officers installed for the upcoming academic year include Jana Murphy, for her second year as president; Lisa Barry, vice president; Kimberly Cook, secretary; and John Blombach, treasurer.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of two-year college students and provides opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

The new inductees are: Donovan Aboal-Caceres, Kwadwo Acheampong, Terri Alden, Rebekah Amburgey, Linda Anderson, Sophia Andrews, Lisa Barry, Alexander Batutis, Sheila Boria, Amanda Boudreau, Romina Cabrera, Micaela Canessa, Giorello, Matthew Casaubon, Karen Chapalonis, Sarah Chatigny, Kimberly Cook, Melanie Cranfill, Rhonda Cutler, Colleen Demboske, Simon Dufresne, Tara Dugan, Jaclyn Esparza, Amanda Favreau, Michelle Francisco, Pimentel, Gregory Germagian,

Samantha Goodale, Kristin Grantz, Zoe Hammond, Antonina Herbst, Michele Higginson, Nhat Hoang, Inna Kalfayan, Francis Koina, Rose LaFargue, Joseph Leblanc, Christopher Lerew, Valerie Maloney, Yemmi Mendez, Anne Nash, Matthew Niles, Hillary Nna, Cassandra Pateneau, Lindsey Paul, Shannen Pimental, Marissa Pitisci, Dawn Marie Placentino-Olen, Crystal Pratt, Melissa Raggi, Kelsey Rayner, Brian Richard, Katelyn Schreiber, Rhonda Scoville, Benjamin Smith, Silvana Sosa, Michael Soto, Sarah Soto, Grace Stafford, Hollace Stevens, Casey Thael, Rachel Vargeletis and Elizabeth Walsh.

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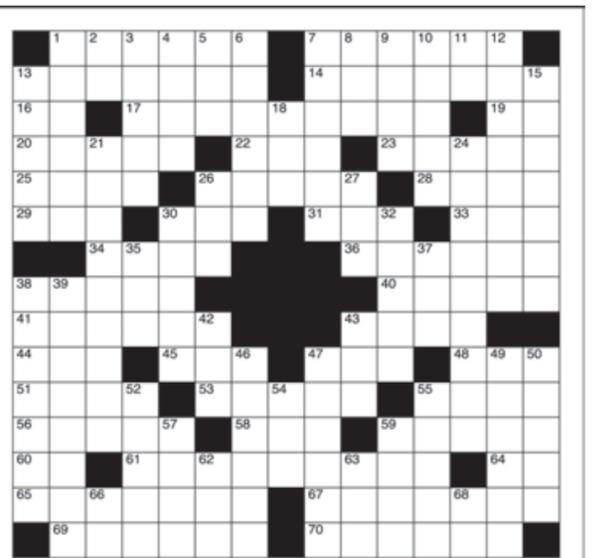
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- 7. Replaced
- 13. Day of remembrance
- 14. Molecular process
- 16. Indicates position
- 17. Paper-and-pencil game
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Nests of pheasants
- 22. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 23. Seat
- 25. Functions
- 26. Sheets of glass
- 28. Minute arachnid
- 29. Separately managed account
- 30. A bachelor's place
- 31. Dodge truck
- 33. ___ Farrow, actress
- 34. Discussion
- 36. Delayed
- 38. Liaison
- 40. Sediment deposit
- 41. Leased
- 43. Without
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. Folk-pop artist Williams
- 47. Congressman (abbr.)
- 48. Resembles a pouch
- 51. Superior
- 53. Stalin's police chief
- 55. Razorbill is of this genus
- 56. Criminal act of setting fire
- 58. Department of Labor
- 59. William Jennings ___, The Great Commoner
- 60. Nickel
- 61. Ordered by canon law
- 64. Where Denver is (abbr.)
- 65. Has 10 straight sides and angles
- 67. Small group with shared interests
- 69. A famous street for kids
- 70. Underlying intentions

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mental condition
- 2. Senate Bill
- 3. Where constructions take place
- 4. Ancient Olympic Site
- 5. Not just "play"
- 6. Set of four
- 7. "The beautiful game"
- 8. American time
- 9. Big man on campus
- 10. Syndrome of the eye
- 11. Spanish be
- 12. Cotton cloths
- 13. Roman guardian of gates
- 15. Displays of food
- 18. Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations
- 21. Female deacon
- 24. Adrift
- 26. Hit lightly
- 27. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Whittled
- 32. River in western India
- 35. Small crude dwelling
- 37. One-time AC/DC singer Scott
- 38. Holds up a shirtsleeve
- 39. Mental faculties
- 42. Blot
- 43. A very large body of water
- 46. Redecorated
- 47. Mineral
- 49. Tree that bears spikes
- 50. Type of boat
- 52. Calypso music
- 54. Director Howard
- 55. Longtime U.S. Senator Specter
- 57. Buddhist serpent deities
- 59. Attempt to fly in falconry
- 62. ___ de plume
- 63. Wheel
- 66. Cerium
- 68. Rural delivery

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OBITUARIES

Ramona M. (Lopez) Campbell-Gilbert, 70

WINCHENDON — Ramona M. (Lopez) Campbell-Gilbert, age 70, of 199 Mill St. died peacefully Thursday morning, Nov. 3, 2016 in UMass Memorial Hospital, Memorial Campus, Worcester.



She was born in Manhattan, NY on Sept. 26, 1946, daughter of the late Pedro and Violette (Robert) Lopez and lived in New York for many years. For the last

20 years she had been a resident of Winchendon.

Ramona had worked as a placement aide, assisting people finding jobs, for Catholic Charities. In earlier years, while living in New York, she worked as a legal secretary. She was a member

of People's Congregational Church in Ashburnham and was a former secretary and member of the Church of the Nazarene in Fitchburg. Ramona loved cats and dogs, doing arts and crafts and watching old movies.

Her husband, Keith P. Gilbert, died in 2009. She leaves three sons, Alan Dini of Hallandale Beach, FL, Craig Dini; two grandchildren, Alexander Campbell of Winchendon and Destiny Alora Gauthier of Deerfield, and a sister, Dolores Caruso of Flushing, NY. A daughter, Colleen Johnson, died in 2014.

Calling hours will be held Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 from 5 to 6 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. A funeral service in the funeral home will follow at 6 p.m. Friday.

WORCESTER — Sadie Jane LaVigne, formerly of Winchendon, died on Oct. 21, 2016 at the age of 35.



She leaves behind a three year old daughter, Ruby, mother Gay Simmons, sisters Nicole Carlsburg and Amanda Basso, "sister" Brandi Gauthier-Sweeney, and many loving friends and extended family members.

She was predeceased by her husband Adam LaVigne, her father Mike Hodgman and her step-father Frank Simmons.

Sadie was a generous and loving woman who never ended a phone call without saying "I love you." If you live

in the Worcester area, chances are very good that Sadie has wished you good morning or held a door for you. There were many things she wanted to do, but she will never have the chance because her life was cut tragically short by a heroin overdose. Our family is heartbroken, and we wish for more awareness and better treatment options so that no other families have to go through the pain we are experiencing.

A memorial to honor Sadie's life will take place at the First Unitarian Church, 90 Main St. in Worcester, on Saturday Nov. 5.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Faith House/Community Healthlink Inc., 142 Burncoat St. Worcester, MA 01606.

MWCC among Best for Vets

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College ranked number four across the country in the Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 rankings for 2-year colleges conducted by Military Times, an independent news and information source for service members and their families. MWCC, continuing its long-held commitment to veterans and their families, moved up two spots from its 2016 rank.

The eighth annual rankings factor in the results of Military Times' comprehensive school-by-school survey of veteran and military student offerings and rates of academic achievement. More than 500 colleges took part in this year's detailed survey.

MWCC launched its Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success in 2010 to address the unique academic, financial, social and physical needs of veterans, military personnel and military

families transitioning to college life. The dedicated veteran center offers computer access, free printing, student meeting and study space, and opportunities for veteran students to talk and connect with other like-minded individuals. Textbooks and laptops are loaned at no charge.

The director of Veteran Services is a full-time advocate for veteran students. He educates the college staff and faculty on veteran challenges, counsels students and arranges for clinical meetings if necessary.

"We are thrilled to be recognized as a top military-friendly school. This reflects the positive, helpful attitude that students can expect from all departments of the college. We pride ourselves on being student friendly, so it is a natural extension for us to be military friendly as well," said Robert B. Mayer, director of Veterans Services at Mount Wachusett

Community College.

Student veterans are active members of the campus community, participating in such clubs and organizations as the Veterans Group and Student Government Association.

"As a veteran myself, I am proud that Mount Wachusett Community College receives continuing recognition as one of the top colleges for veteran students," said President Daniel M. Asquino. "MWCC has served our region's veterans for decades and will continue to do so into the future by providing them with a robust network of support both on campus and with key partner organizations."

MWCC maintains community partnerships with the Montachusett Veteran Outreach Center, the Northeast Veteran Training & Rehabilitation Center operated by Veteran Homestead, Inc., the Massachusetts Department of Veterans

Services' SAVE program, and local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Military Times' annual Best for Vets: Colleges survey asks colleges and universities to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties; and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus. These institutions were evaluated in several categories, with university culture and academic outcomes bearing the most weight.

"We limit our list to encourage competition, and we genuinely hope this helps raise the bar for veterans on campus," said Amanda Miller, editor of Best for Vets.

Military Times also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense Department sources:

the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

The rankings appear online at MilitaryTimes.com, as well as ArmyTimes.com, NavyTimes.com, AirForceTimes.com and MarineCorpsTimes.com and in a special magazine issue of Military Times in mid-November. The release of this year's list also marks Military Times' inaugural declaration of the month of November as Veterans Month.

For more information about MWCC's Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success, please visit: mwcc.edu/veteran.

To view the full Best for Vets: Colleges 2017 rankings and survey methodology go to: www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2017.

ASB recognized for its youth programming

REGION — Athol Savings Bank was recognized by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the "Learning to Save - Saving to Learn" symposium in October in Alexandria, VA.

The symposium brought together representatives from nearly twenty banks, as well as non-profit and school partners, who participate in the FDIC's Youth Savings Pilot Program. Participants highlighted promising approaches to combining financial education with the principles of safe,

low-cost savings accounts for school-age children.

Athol Savings Bank employees Cheryl D'Ambra, Kim Drudi, Lisa Osborne and Baldwinville Elementary School teacher and coordinator Jodi Kirby worked together to present the attributes of the bank's nationally recognized Save\$um school banking program before the FDIC Chairman of the Board Martin J. Gruenberg.

The Save\$um program, which was developed over 16 years ago, was one of 21 bank programs selected to partici-

pate in the FDIC's Youth Savings Pilot Program.

"We believe that healthy financial fitness is a result of learned behavior that starts at a young age" said D'Ambra, senior vice president of the retail division. "To be invited to participate in this nation-wide FDIC program further inspires us to continue our focus on providing the tools necessary that will lead our youth to their financial well-being in the future."

"To be one of five educators invited nationwide to attend was quite an honor," said Kirby. "My goal is to be able to share and incorporate the knowledge I've gained on financial literacy.

Statistically, students who have up to \$500 in their savings accounts by their high school senior year are three times more likely to attend college and four times more likely to graduate. By offering the Save\$um Program, students are able to learn the fundamentals of financial literacy first hand, as well as integrate lifelong habits needed for future financial choices."

The Save\$um Program is an interactive, hands-on educational program designed to educate children of all ages on the importance of saving money. It offers students the opportunity to develop money management skills and learn how to reach financial goals. The FDIC took great interest in the unique, real-life scenarios taught through Save\$um, such as

filling out job applications and conducting mock job interviews. The students not only learn to save but are also encouraged through various incentives and fun events that reward and recognize their savings achievements.

"We are truly honored to be recognized by the FDIC and present at their Youth Savings Symposium," said Athol Savings Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Daniel Zona. "Our commitment to financial education and the young people in our communities is what makes the Save\$um Program the success it is today. This is yet another way we continue to demonstrate our mission, vision and values as the community bank in our marketplace."

The bank currently has 2,329 Save\$um savings accounts and 514 Save\$um CDs, totaling \$3.1 million in deposits and demonstrating the success of the program's saving lessons for youth. The program is currently available at four elementary schools, including Baldwinville Elementary School in Baldwinville, JR Briggs Elementary School in Ashburnham, Phillipston Memorial School in Phillipston, and Toy Town Elementary School in Winchendon.

"We are so grateful to our community partner, Athol Savings Bank, for bringing Save\$um to Baldwinville Elementary School," said Baldwinville Elementary School Principal John Graziano. "For many years, Templeton students have fostered savings accounts and gained life-long experience and lessons, especially as bank tellers. Providing students with real life experiences enhances their learning at so many levels."

Athol Savings Bank is a 149 year-old, full-service mutual savings bank with its headquarters located in Athol.. The bank maintains an online presence at www.athol.com and through its mobile app. The bank has eight offices located in the communities of Ashburnham, Athol, Baldwinville, Barre, Gardner, and Winchendon.

Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. The FDIC insures deposits at the nation's banks and savings associations, 6,058 as of June 30, 2016. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars - insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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OBITUARIES

Denise Adele (Tanguay) Agnelli, 82

GARDNER — Denise Adele (Tanguay) Agnelli, age 82, of Gardner, died peacefully on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, surrounded by her family.



Born in Gardner on Sept. 16, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Arthur T. and Yvonne A. (Brunette) Tanguay.

Denise was a member of Annunciation Parish/Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church of Gardner. She was a member of the Gardner High School graduating class of 1952.

She leaves her sons, Joseph Jr., Steve, Alan, Anthony and Philip; her daughters-in-law, Lee, Jane, Kelly and Lisa; her son-in-law David; her grandchildren, Joseph III (Maura), Catherine (John), April, Thomas, Anthony Jr., and Emily; and, her great grandchildren Dylan, Joseph IV, Patrick, and Elianna.

Denise also leaves her brothers, Leo, Emil (Barbara), George (Helene), Norbert (Sherrie) and Herve (Seranne) Tanguay; her sister Sr. Cecile Tanguay,

PM; many cousins, nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces. She also leaves her longtime caregivers, BetteLou Dower, Margaret LeBlanc, Dian Chaisson and Maxine Kittle and the wonderful ladies of "The French Connection", Christine, Donna, Patti and Polly.

She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Joseph F. Agnelli who died July 31, 2012; by her daughter, Linda who died May 28, 2016; by her brothers Armand Tanguay and the Rev. Andre Tanguay, OMI; and by her sisters, Fernande Goguen and Sr. Gilberte Tanguay, PM.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Nov. 1 from the Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols St., Gardner with a Mass in Annunciation Parish/Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St., Gardner. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery, Gardner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gardner Community Action Committee, 294 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA 01440.

Joseph E. Daly, 90

GARDNER — Joseph Edward Daly, age 90, formerly of Rouville Avenue, Gardner, died on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, in Concord following a long illness.



Born in Gardner on April 10, 1926, Joseph was the third of seven children born to Daniel E. and Mary (Murphy) Daly.

A certified public accountant, Joe established his own accounting firm in downtown Gardner which he successfully ran for over 30 years side-by-side with his wife Jeanette (Dmoch) Daly. Previously, he worked as a senior

accountant with Peat, Marwick and Mitchell on State Street in Boston before returning to Gardner where he worked for Begun Accounting prior to opening his own firm.

Joe graduated from Bentley College with a degree in accounting and Northeastern University with a degree in business administration. He was a graduate of the Sacred Heart School and a member of the Gardner High School graduating class of 1943.

Joe entered the U.S. Marine Corps in August 1943 where he served as Corporal during World War II. He received boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He was deployed to the Pacific Theatre in December 1944 where he served in Okinawa and as a member of Japan Occupational Forces. Joe served in the Headquarters and Service Company with the 8th Marines, Second

Marine Division. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon with one battle star, the American Theater ribbon and the Victory medal. Joe and all four of his brothers served in the Marine Corps.

Joe enjoyed skating and playing tennis. He skated into his 70s and was a member of the local hockey league for many years. He could often be found at local tennis courts on Sunday mornings along with a lively assortment of family and friends including the late Bobby Walsh, Dino Colombo, and Charlie Langlois.

He leaves his beloved brother Paul F. Daly and sister-in-law Lucille of Raleigh NC, two sister-in-laws, Ellen Daly of Gardner and Irja Daly of Winchendon, and friend Eleanor Gilmartin of Fitchburg. He was "Uncle Joe" to his 23 nieces and nephews — who were often recipients of his wit and wisdom, along with many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Jeanette (Dmoch) Daly who passed away in 1988, three brothers - Daniel R. Daly, Robert P. Daly and John W. Daly - and two sisters Mary (Daly) Kowlzan and Lois (Daly) Johnson.

Joe will be laid to rest at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Gardner. Burial will be private.

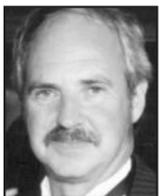
Memorial contributions can be made to Holy Family Academy, 99 Nichols St., Gardner, MA 01440.

To send an online condolence please visit www.mackfamilyfh.com.

Lamoureux-Fletcher & Smith Funeral Home - A Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner is directing arrangements.

William J. Keevan Sr., 75

RINDGE — William J. Keevan Sr., age 75, of Rindge died Friday, Oct. 28 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer.



William was born in Worcester on April 27, 1941, a son of the late John and Alice (Haskell) Keevan. He graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester. In 1969, William began working for Pan Am,

the former Boston and Maine Railroad. While his children were young, he was very active in the Boy Scouts. William enjoyed fishing with his brothers in his spare time. While he really loved working for the railroad, his other passion was his many dogs.

He leaves his wife, Bonnie (Hartley) Keevan; children, William Keevan Jr. of Oviedo, FL, James Keevan and

wife Kelly of Holden, Lynn Dupuis of Fitchburg, Scott Keevan and wife Jennifer of Rutland, Mark Keevan of Fitchburg, David Keevan of Winter Garden, FL, and Nicholas Dillon and wife Patricia of Winchendon; 14 grandchildren; brother, John Keevan and wife Diane of Worcester; sister-in-law Elaine Keevan of FL, former wife Carol-Ann Hall of FL and many nieces and nephews.

William was predeceased by his brother Thomas Keevan and his sister Alma Kachnowicz.

The funeral will be held in Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg on Friday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Autism Resource Central, 71 Sterling Street, West Boylston, MA 01583.

Thomas P. Lederle, 70

PELHAM NH — Thomas P. Lederle, 70, of Pelham, passed away July 30, 2016, at Cooley Dickinson Hospital of degenerative heart disease.

He is survived by his sister Pamela J. Marro and by his nephew John Lederle Marro, both of Florida.

The adopted son of the late John and Angie Lederle, Tom moved with his family from Michigan to Amherst in 1960 when his father was named president of the University of Massachusetts. On his father's retirement in 1970, he moved to North Valley Road in Pelham with the family.

Tom graduated from the Winchendon School in Winchendon. He was employed in several different occupations in the Valley and was interested in social issues. He also loved horses and helped his mother with them at home and at the yearly Morgan Horse Show.

He was an active area citizen over the years working on election campaigns of local political figures. He was a fixture in Pelham town meetings, always seated in the front row, making, speaking to, and seconding motions on warrant articles. He always advocated for school, public works, fire, and police appropriations. He could be counted on

to make the final motion of the meeting, one that called for a moment of silence to honor all people, military and civilian alike, who lost their lives in war. He frequently urged the town to add monuments in Pelham's historic district to honor the veterans of wars since World War II.

When his parents moved to Florida, he acquired the ownership and management of the former Daniel Allen trailer park at the junction of Amherst and North Valley Roads in West Pelham. He defended the trailer park against critics as being an important source of affordable housing in the town, and worked to maintain the costs to residents accordingly. In recent years, in honor of his parents' support of higher education, he publicly awarded scholarship checks during the mid-way recess of Pelham's annual town meeting, to academically top Pelham male and female seniors graduating from the Amherst-Pelham Regional High School. He will be remembered by many as a person who was very generous, sometimes to a fault, to many people in need.

A memorial gathering will be held at Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. at Community Hall, 40 Amherst Road, Pelham.

Johnathan T. Teck, 21

WINCHENDON — Johnathan T. Teck, age 21, of 451 Teel Road, died Monday, Oct. 31, 2016.



He was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on May 30, 1995 and lived in Winchendon for several years. John was a 2013 graduate of Murdock High School and worked doing carpentry for Paul Bicchieri, with whose family he lived. John's hobbies were skateboarding and skiing. he loved ani-

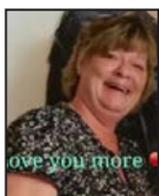
mals and going camping and hiking with his friends.

He leaves his father Robert E. Teck of Torrington, CT; his mother Becky Kim (Graessle) Teck; his paternal grandparents, Roger and Laurie J. Teck of Mayfield, NY; his maternal grandparents, Thomas J. and Gina Graessle of Winchendon; close friends, Paul Bicchieri and his wife Deirdre Hill of Winchendon; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon was entrusted with arrangements.

Mary A. Young, 51

WINCHENDON — Mary A. (Davis) Young, age 51, of Winchendon, died Oct. 16, after an illness.



She was born Aug. 21, 1965, in Gardner, daughter of the late Clifford and Phyllis (Mailloux) Davis.

Mary touched everyone's heart that she met in so many ways. She had faced so many battles in her life that she had overcome and showed just how strong she really was. She was an inspiration to so many people and was the most caring, kind, and selfless person you could ever meet. She was always doing for others and helping in any way she could. She loved her grand babies more than anything and would spend most of her time with them. Her kids, including her dog, Willow were her life and to Mary, family meant everything.

She was an amazing nurse who had nothing but love and compassion for her patients. All her life she took care

of others; it's who she was. She loved fishing, camping, Patriot games, Bruins games, but most of all she loved spending time with her family and friends.

She leaves one son, Jason Girard and his wife, Shelby of Jaffrey; two daughters, Crystal Girard and her fiancé, Ryan Tenney of Winchendon, and Kelly Shaw and her husband, Kevin, of West Roxbury; five grandchildren, Brook and Sierra Tenney, Liam and Tess Shaw, and Jemma Girard; two brothers, Gerald Davis of Winchendon, and Charles Quartermouse and his wife, Sandy of New Ipswich, NH; one sister, Linda Davis-Rhodes of Pennsylvania; and her former husband, Kerry Girard of Jaffrey.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Young, her daughter, Cassandra Girard, and her father, Charles E. Quartermouse who passed away when she was very young.

The funeral was held Oct. 21 in Lamoureux-Fletcher & Smith Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner. Burial will be private.

Kathy A. Vincent, 47

GARDNER — Kathy A. Vincent of Pleasant St., Gardner passed from life to be with the Lord on Sept. 2, 2016 at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester.

She was born on April 5, 1969 in Fitchburg to Victor and Jeanette (Goulet) Vincent of Winchendon. She resided all her life in Winchendon and Gardner.

She loved her cats, Lucky, Gaby and Shole and all animals. She loved to bowl, dance and travel. She was always ready for travel and adventure. If a trip was planned, Kathy was going. In her life time she traveled twice to Hawaii, Disney Land and Disney World, Bermuda, Cape Cod, Plimouth Plantation, Red Sox games and many more local outings. She was also a frequent camper at Groton Wood Camp and Ocean Wood Camp in Ocean Park, ME.

She is predeceased by her parents and leaves a brother Calvin of Shrewsbury. She also leaves two families chosen by God to care for her during her lifetime. Life long family friend, neighbor and guardian Shelley Wood-Brennan and her children Derek Engel of Sumter, SC,

Johanna More of Fayetteville, NC, and Sarah Malloy of Lewisville TX; loving care giver Anne Marie Dubey and her family: mother Theresa Dubey, sister Lisa Cacchion, John Dubey and his family of Gardner.

She leaves aunts and cousins of the Vincent and St. Pierre families: aunts Roseanne (Vincent) Rousseau of Greenville NH, Jean Vincent of Wilton, NH, cousins: David Vincent of Wilton, NH, Shirley (Vincent) Curtis of Wilton, NH, Paula (Leah Vincent) Kolapakka of Gallup, NM, Theresa St. Pierre, Susan (St. Pierre) Coumoux, Jean St. Pierre, Albert St. Pierre all of Greenville, NH and Ann (St. Pierre) Smith of New Ipswich, NH.

The Vincent and St. Pierre families express deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Shelley Wood-Brennan for her years of devotion to Kathy's parent's and Kathy and to Anne Marie Dubey for her care and creating a loving, stable fun filled home for Kathy.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Kathy's memory to a charity of one's choice.

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We also invite funeral directors and families to e-mail us a JPEG photograph to print, at no cost, alongside the obituary.



New officers

The new officers for the Kiwanis Club of Winchendon are: George Bousquet, assistant treasurer; Dick Ladeau, treasurer; Bruce Cloutier, president; Jess Plante, secretary; and Jennifer Haddad, vice president.

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SPORTS

Grant helps create hiking trail

REGION — A \$10,000 grant has been awarded to the North Quabbin Trails Association toward completion of the Quabbin to Monadnock (Q+M) Trail. The funds will come from the Quabbin to Cardigan initiative via the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, a non-profit based in Concord, NH. The trail includes portions of protected property in Winchendon as well.

NQTA will receive the funds once a prototype trail map and guidebook are completed. NQTA president Bobby Curley of Athol is currently hiking in order to create a tracking route, while NQTA's director of computer resources Amy Richard of Winchendon creates the map. Author and photographer John Burk of Petersham is drafting the text of the guide book covering the route's numerous scenic and historic features.

The Q+M, as conceived by NQTA and once completed with full authorization of land owners (private and public), will be a 200-mile trail, an oval of sorts with its longest segments on the eastern and western sides of the loop. The Q+M route has been organized featuring seven geographic regions: six in Massachusetts plus the Monadnocks in New Hampshire (Little Monadnock in Fitzwilliam and Grand Monadnock in Jaffrey). The six in Massachusetts are the Tully River basin, Millers River basin, Swift River basin, Quabbin Reservoir and Reservation, state forests, southern end, including Wendell and Erving; and state forests, northern end, including Northfield, Mount Grace and Warwick.

Q+M will be unique because certain segments will be designed as appropriate for

rated wheelchair use, equestrian and mountain bikes, with the majority of the trail as a narrow foot path. In many ways, Q+M is not a new trail, but a linking together of existing trails.

Curley explains there are already 14 overnight facilities in place. The Q+M Trail can thus be used by day hikers, by those who seek one- or two-night adventures, and by so-called thru-hikers seeking to hike the entire trail, which could take two weeks or more.

According to Curley, "The recommended Q+M route of travel is starting at Mount Monadnock down the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail to the Fall Brooks shelter in Royalston on the Tully Trail and New England Scenic Trail. A thru-hiker has the ability at this point to go either east or west down to the Quabbin and back up the other side."



John Burk photo

He noted that, "a thru-hiker system creates a bond on a trail system that is for perpetuity and truly creates lifelong relationships of kindred spirits."

NQTA is headquartered at

the Orange Innovation Center, 131 West Main St., Orange MA 01364. The web site is www.nqta.org.

Accessibility a goal for this veteran

ATHOL — As a veteran himself, Bobby Curley has one goal for the North Quabbin Trails Association "Accessibility and sociability for all." This has been his purpose since founding NQTA in 2012, inspired by his background as a veteran, but also with the invention of the GRIT Freedom Chair, Curley has been able to begin making these trails available to all.

Curley served with the U.S. Army Green Berets from 1974 to 1977. He says that the recent wars are much different than his experience; namely, the survival rate is much higher in the recent wars, but there are vets left without limbs or they bear emotional trauma. "I've seen firsthand what happens to these veterans," says Curley. "What these veterans really need is continued community involvement in their healing in order to get some normalcy back in their lives."

That's where the NQTA comes in. Headquartered in Orange, the North

Quabbin Trails Association creates and maintains trails in the North Quabbin region and beyond. The NQTA has been working over the past year to make their trails as accessible as possible. This includes rating the trails from one to four based on accessibility level and difficulty, and building accessible fitness stations to encourage other types of physical fitness. As part of its accessibility program, the NQTA recently purchased a GRIT freedom chair for community members to use on these trails. With its hand lever drive, the chair is easier to propel than a regular wheelchair and more powerful. Similar to shifting gears on a bike, the hand levers give the rider more power to climb over hills and roll through grass, dirt and rocks with ease.

"We found out about the GRIT Freedom Chair, and it seemed like a perfect fit," says Curley. "The chair was made locally at MIT, was in our price range, and has allowed us to include

accessibility and sociability for all." Curley uses the chair as a guide to rate the trails. He tests if the GRIT chair can go over roots and through narrower sections of trails. A recent grant has allowed NQTA to finish its original founding vision of the completion of the Quabbin to Monadnock trail map, a 200-mile connected trail system with 15 overnight facilities already in place. This will allow for many new trail opportunities for chair usage.

Through various fundraisers, NQTA rallied their community to raise the money needed to purchase the chair and now it is free for community members with mobility issues to use. The chair is available for use at the Orange Innovation Center, 131 West Main St. but must be reserved in advance through the NQTA website.

Using the technology from GRIT and the trails from NQTA is the best way for veterans to rehabilitate, according to Curley. He believes that getting out-

side and staying active are healthier alternatives than prescription drugs. He has seen the effects not only of veterans suffering from physical ailments, but of mental health problems, such as PTSD and depression. After leaving the Army, Curley spent his first year home hiking the mountains from Maine to North Carolina to help heal his emotional wounds.

"We are blown away by NQTA's commitment to accessibility," says Tish Skolink, CEO of GRIT. "It's been amazing to see them grow, and even more rewarding that the growth is right here in Massachusetts."

GRIT is proud to support our troops and has recently secured a contract with the VA to provide chairs to veterans. Veterans can work directly with their VA providers to determine if they qualify and to learn more about obtaining one. For qualified veterans, the VA will cover the entire cost of the chair. Our contract number is V787D-60697.

Lady Devils give Sutton a game at Districts



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — When you're seeded 20th in a 20-team tournament and squeaked in with a .500 record, it's not exactly a shock when you tend to be taken somewhat lightly by outside observers.

Maybe that was the case and maybe it wasn't when the Murdock Lady Devils field hockey team showed up in Sutton for the program's first playoff game in 11 years, but by the time the 13th seeded Lady Suzies (12-4-4) had completed their 2-0 victory to advance to the quarter-finals of the Central Mass Division 2 tourney, the local team had earned a lot of respect.

"Murdock really made us work for it," said Sutton Coach Sarah Knowlton, who pointed to Lady Devil senior goalie Alyssa LaBrack as the player who kept the game close.

"Their goalie made some great saves," Knowlton noted and MHS Coach Amanda Lawler agreed. "She was phenomenal. She really stepped up this year. We're really going to miss her next year but what a heck of a way to go out," admired Lawler.

The game was scoreless until there were just over six and a half minutes remaining in the first half when Sutton broke out on top.

Murdock was unable to get the equalizer, though and Sutton tallied again in the 21st minute of the second stanza, converting on a penalty corner.

"We just couldn't get the ball to the net," Lawler lamented after her team managed just two shots on goal.

"We played hard but we struggled to get the ball up the field and that's not normal for us. Our defense improved dramatically over the last three games and the girls have played great," said Lawler, adding, "all around we played really well."

Simply reaching the post-season was a significant accomplishment for a program which has struggled mightily for a number of years where goals were scarce and wins even

scarcer. "We have made a lot of progress," Lawler said before the playoff game. "We've come a long way in a pretty short time because the girls have done the work. This team, this season, has really taken a step forward and said 'hey, we're not this hobunk school that people think doesn't exist.' We're a force to be reckoned with, next year people better be ready," she maintained.

The Lady Devils finished with a 7-8-4 mark. Sutton moved on to face Auburn.

Murdock suffers shutout

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Last Friday the Murdock Blue Devils took on the Monty Tech Bulldogs at home, looking to pick up their second win of the season. The Devils lost a nail biter in the final minutes the week before to the Lunenburg Blue Knights; and would try to bring some of that momentum to this game against the Bulldogs.

But the tough Bulldogs would shutout the Blue Devils 34-0.

Murdock moved the football well but was unable to find the end zone against the stingy Bulldog defense. The first quarter was scoreless as both defenses wouldn't let anything into the endzone; but 20 seconds into the second quarter the Bulldogs grabbed the first touchdown of the game to take a 6-0 lead.

Monty Tech would score two more touchdowns in the second quarter, one with just a minute to play before the break. The Blue Devils would go into the locker room trailing 20-0, looking to regroup.

The second half was no different,

as the Bulldogs would continue their tough offense, running and passing attack, and their tough defense. They would grab two two more touchdowns in the second half, one coming late in the third quarter and the final with just under four minutes to go in the game; ending with the shutout at 34-0.

Coach Andy Dupuis said it was "turnovers. Turnovers and penalties. Other than that, I thought we did well; we moved the ball well and we played pretty well on defense, a couple of trick plays got us, but we moved the ball very well."

Murdock travels to Nashoba Valley tonight.

Going forward, Dupuis said, "We look good, we're fairly healthy and I think we got a couple of bumps and bruises but we're healthy and we'll be ready to go."

Narragansett will be at Murdock for the annual Thanksgiving game and to get prepared for that Dupuis said, "A lot of practice between now and then, to get ready for Coach Mizhir's team; a lot of practice!"

Mini-Devils victorious at Millbury



MILLBURY — The Mini-Devils continued their winning ways as they traveled south of the Mass Pike to Millbury on Nov. 3 to take on the Woolies. For the first time in seven games, the Devils started on offense and it did not take long for the offense to get into high gear.

Quentin Pridgen ripped off a 21 yard gain on the first play from scrimmage. Jack Polcari raced 49 yards on the

next play for a touchdown run and Corey Fasulo kicked the extra point to put the Mini-Devils ahead 7-0. The Devils defense was equally up to the task and quickly forced the Woolies into a punting situation on a fourth and 20 resulting in the Devils starting their second possession at their own 40 yard line. Polcari would again quickly find the end-zone running 60 yards on

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POLICE LOG

Winchendon Police Department

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:13 a.m.: suspicious MV (Cumberland Farms) spoken to; 12:24 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 12:28-12:45 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:46 a.m.: disturbance (Goodrich Drive) unfounded; 10:331 a.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) secure; 10:44 a.m.: ambulance (Highland Street) transport; 10:54 a.m.: general info (Whitney Street) info taken; 11:55 a.m.: FD call (Central Street) services rendered; 12:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) refer to ACO; 12:30 p.m.: traffic hazard (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 1:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Alger Street) report taken; 1:48 p.m.: MV operating erratically (IGA parking lot) unable to locate; 3:07 p.m.: suspicious other (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 4:11 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road) info taken; 4:29 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road) property seized; 4:42 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street) unable to locate; 4:48 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 5:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street) returned to home; 5:42 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 5:48 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street) accidental; 6:26 p.m.: burglar alarm (Hale Street) secure; 7:55 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street) transport; 8:03 p.m.: DPW call (Elmwood Road) referred; 8:05 p.m.: unwanted party (Juniper Street) spoken to; 8:18 p.m.: threats (West Street) report taken; 8:54 p.m.: suspicious MV (bike path) spoken to; 11:31-11:45 p.m.: building checks, secure.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

12 a.m.: building check, secure; 12:15 a.m.: suspicious person (Central Street) unable to locate; 12:22 a.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock Avenue) secure; 1:23 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Glenallan Street) unable to locate; 1:54 a.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville Road) call canceled; 3:24 a.m.: general info (Main Street) advised officer; 3:31 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street) transport; 4:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street) report taken; 4:43 a.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock Avenue) secure; 9:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) unable to locate; 9:45 a.m.: animal complaint (Elmwood Road) refer to ACO; 11 a.m.: keep the peace (Happy Hollow Road) assisted; 12:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street) removed hazardous matter; 12:36 p.m.: ambulance (Winchendon School) transport; 12:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to ACO; 1:05 p.m.: DPW call (Fairbank Street) referred; 2:04 p.m.: suspicious person (Juniper Street) no PD service required; 2:59 p.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Goodrich Street) no PD service required; 3:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Island Road) assisted; 5:11 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 5:40 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 6:36 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) removed to hospital, report taken; 8:21 p.m.: investigation (Lake Denison) spoken to; 8:36 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) services rendered; 8:54 p.m.: suspicious MV (Bayberry Circle) spoken to; 9:03 p.m.: automatic fire alarm (Ready Drive) services rendered; 9:30 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Elmwood Road) no PD service required; 9:57 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) transport; 11:19-11:50 p.m.: building checks, secure.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:18-1:46 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:05 a.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) services rendered; 4:17 a.m.: accident (Monomac Road East) services rendered; 8:46 a.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) assisted; 8:56 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 9:47 a.m.: license plate missing (Harrisville Circle) call canceled; 11:24 a.m.: attempt to locate (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 11:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Drive) report taken; 11:45 a.m.: officer wanted (town hall) spoken to; 12:16 p.m.: suspicious other (Hyde Park Drive) gone on arrival; 12:25 p.m.: investigation (Front Street) info taken; 12:35 p.m.: general info (Spring Street) spoken to; 12:57 p.m.: property damage (Dugan's) report taken; 1:55 p.m.: fraud (Liberty Drive) report taken; 2:30 p.m.: suspicious MV (Goodrich Street) assisted; 3:39 p.m.: disturbance (Sibley Road) spoken to; 3:57 p.m.: fraud (Baldwinville State Road) report taken; 4:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Morse Avenue) refer to other agency; 4:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to ACO;

New address listed

WINCHENDON — David Dudley, age 32, is listed as a Level III sex offender and has changed his place of residence within the town. He now resides at 162 Main St.

Dudley is not wanted for any current crimes; this is a public safety announcement as required by the Sex Offender Registry Board and the Winchendon Police Department.

Dudley's convictions date from January 2009 when he was charged and convicted of dissemination of matter harmful to minors; two counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years of age, purchase or possession of child pornography and three counts of child with force.



Accident results in life flight

WINCHENDON — Police Lt. Kevin Wolski has reported on an accident Sunday night that resulted in the driver requiring a life flight trip to UMass Worcester.

On Nov. 6 at approx. 12:41 a.m. Winchendon Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a motor vehicle crash in the area of 102 Baldwinville Road. Winchendon Police, Fire, and Ambulance responded to the scene where a 2003 Ford Explorer had gone off the road at a sharp corner. The vehicle had crashed into and snapped a telephone pole before hitting a tree.

The operator and sole occupant of the vehicle identified as 24 year old Zachary Fleming was located in the vehicle and had to be extricated by mechanical means. Responding officers describe Fleming as being semi-conscious.

Fleming was transported by ambulance to the Clark YMCA athletic field where he was air lifted by Boston Med Flight to UMass Hospital in Worcester with unspecified injuries.

Preliminary investigation suggests that Fleming was traveling southbound on Baldwinville Road at a high rate of speed and was unable to negotiate the sharp corner in the area of 102 Baldwinville Road, causing him to crash. This is still an active investigation and criminal charges may be forthcoming.

Investigating officers are Sgt. Daniel Wolski, and Officer James Wironen.

4:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Teel Road) refer to other agency; 4:15 p.m.: ambulance (Brooks Road) transport; 5:06 p.m.: burglar alarm (Veterans Cemetery) secure; 5:51 p.m.: accident (Central Street) services rendered; 6:10 p.m.: death notification (Mill Glen Road) spoken to; 6:32 p.m.: ambulance (Teel Road) services rendered; 6:37 p.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road) transport; 6:38 p.m.: fight (Central Street) no PD service required; 7:06 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 8:12 p.m.: harassment (Monadnock Avenue) spoken to; 11:30 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) spoken to; 11:46 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) no PD service required; 11:51 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:12 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) written warning; 12:45-3:43 a.m.: building checks, secure; 6:05 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:18 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 7:09 a.m.: automatic fire alarm (School Street) false alarm; 10:54 a.m.: investigation (Alger Street) no PD service required; 11:35 a.m.: trespass notice (Gardner Road) info taken; 11:45 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 12:47 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) services rendered; 1:05 p.m.: fraud (Spruce Street) spoken to; 1:08 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport; 1:37 p.m.: illegal dumping (Lake Street) spoken to; 1:56 p.m.: suspicious MV (West Street) spoken to; 2 p.m.: suspicious other (Mason Street) spoken to; 2:48 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) spoken to; 3:05 p.m.: investigation (Ready Drive) report taken; 4:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Stoddard Road) spoken to; 4:57 p.m.: illegal burn (Whitney Street) extinguished; 8:41 p.m.: threats (Main Street) referred to other agency; 11:43-11:57 p.m.: building checks, secure.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:04-1:13 a.m.: building checks, secure; 5:24 a.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street) assisted; 5:38 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 5:52 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:02 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:16 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:27 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 8:11 a.m.: suspicious MV (Old Gardner Road) unable to locate; 10:36 a.m.: officer wanted (Old

Gardner Road) spoken to; 10:41 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Road) transport; 10:42 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Street) transport; 11:05 a.m.: DPW call (Lakeshore Drive) referred; 11:19 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 11:37 a.m.: MV violation (Webster Street) advised officer; 12:47 p.m.: investigation (Murdock High School) spoken to; 3:16 p.m.: summons service (Beech Street) served; 3:33 p.m.: general juvenile (Central Supermarket) gone on arrival; 3:44 p.m.: general info (Highland Street) assisted; 3:49 p.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street) served; 3:50 p.m.: summons service (Madison Avenue) served; 3:51 p.m.: harassment order service (Spring Street) served; 4:43 p.m.: general info (Joslin Road) unable to serve; 5:15 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 5:21 p.m.: summons service (Spruce Street) unable to serve; 5:27 p.m.: summons service (Mill Street) served; 5:45 p.m.: summons service (Mill Glen Road) unable to serve; 6:01 p.m.: custody dispute (Front Street) report taken; 7:33 p.m.: investigation (Front Street) message delivered; 9:47 p.m.: officer wanted (Juniper Street) report taken; 10:46 p.m.: MV stop (Banner Road) verbal warning.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:15-5:10 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 5:45 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:02 a.m.: ambulance (Town Farm Road) transport; 11:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive) refer to ACO; 11:41 a.m.: fraud (West Street) report taken; 11:50 a.m.: MV stop (High Street) spoken to; 12:09 p.m.: MV stop (Ash Street) spoken to; 12:29 p.m.: MV stop (Beachview Drive) spoken to; 12:50 p.m.: arrest (walk in) Terry L. Knight, age 53 of 30 Glenallan St. second-floor, Winchendon: based on warrant; 1:11 p.m.: illegal burn (Hapgood Road) extinguished; 1:25 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 3:29 p.m.: summons service (Gardner Road) served; 3:30 p.m.: summons service (Spruce Street) unable to serve; 3:31 p.m.: general info (Joslin Road) unable to serve; 4:12 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 4:17 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 4:27 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 4:34 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 4:47 p.m.: MV

stop (Central Street) traffic citation; 4:55 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 5:09 p.m.: assist other agency (School Street) assisted; 9:27 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 9:49 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

12:15-2:36 a.m.: extra patrols and building checks, secure; 2:40 a.m.: noise complaint (Old Gardner Road) spoken to; 4:38 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) accidental; 5:49 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 6:09 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 8 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street) served; 8:05 a.m.: burglar alarm (The Harbour) false alarm; 8:15 a.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 9:30 a.m.: suspicious MV (Hall Road) info taken; 9:37 a.m.: suspicious person (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 2 p.m.: missing person (School Square) refer to other PD; 2:27 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) verbal warning; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street) refer to ACO; 3:41 p.m.: general info (River Street) info taken; 3:53 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) traffic citation; 4:07 p.m.: assist citizen (Hale Street) assisted; 4:23 p.m.: summons service (Woodlawn Street) unable to serve; 4:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Maple Street) assisted; 4:54 p.m.: ambulance (Highland Street) transport; 5:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Joslin Road) assisted; 5:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Woodlawn Street) assisted; 5:44 p.m.: harassment (Linden Street) report taken; 6:36 p.m.: suspicious other (Glenallan Street) unable to locate; 7:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Road) returned to home; 8:23 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 8:49 p.m.: suspicious MV (bike path) spoken to; 9:06 p.m.: ambulance (Mellen Road) assisted; 9:32 p.m.: registration check (Mill Glen Road) info given; 9:40 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville Road) spoken to; 9:41 p.m.: property damage (Forristall Road) report taken; 11:19 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 11:52 p.m.: building check, secure.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:1-1:17 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Road) services rendered; 1:11 a.m.: investigation (Belmont Avenue) spoken to; 1:59 a.m.: accident (River Street) summons: Xavier J. Cepeda, age 18 of 1135 Alger St., Winchendon: leave scene of property damage and unlicensed operation of MV; 2:35 a.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) advised officer; 6:01 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central IGA) secure; 7:56 a.m.: property found (Maple Street) returned to owner; 8:28 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 9:07 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 10:59 a.m.: FD call (Oakland Street) services rendered; 11:41 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (Goodrich Street) false alarm; 1:15 p.m.: property found (Central Street) returned to owner; 1:35 p.m.: fraud (Alger Street) report taken; 2:16 p.m.: smoke (Glenallan Street) fire extinguished; 3:22 p.m.: traffic hazard (Prospect Street) unable to locate; 3:26 p.m.: general info (Murdock High School) advised officer; 4:34 p.m.: general info (Hale Street) services rendered; 5:24 p.m.: ambulance (Washington Avenue) assisted; 5:48 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) unable to locate; 7:45 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 8:26 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 8:45 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 8:55 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 8:59 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 9:53 p.m.: traffic enforcement (Blair Square) services rendered; 10:03 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) secure; 11:16 p.m.: investigation (Alger Street) spoken to; 11:24 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:58 p.m.: suspicious MV (Lincoln Avenue Extension) secure.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

12:15-12:31 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:41 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville Road) removed to hospital; 7:39 p.m.: property damage (Mellen Road) report taken; 9:18 p.m.: summons service (Mill Glen Road) served; 11:38 a.m.: accident (Pleasant Street) no PD service required; 11:59 a.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock High School) false alarm; 12:15 p.m.: disturbance (Front Street) unfounded; 2:02 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 2:15 p.m.: suspicious other (Lakeshore Drive) report taken; 3:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to ACO; 6:42 p.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) unable to locate; 7:51 p.m.: suspicious MV (Brown Street) gone on arrival; 8:26 p.m.: ambulance (Gardner Road) transport.

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the first play to put the Mini-Devils up by 13.

The Mini-Devil defense again stymied the Woolies on their second offensive series resulting in the Devils taking over at Woolie 35 yard line. Four plays later, the Devils were in the end-zone to increase the lead to 19-0. Justin Thira capped off the drive with an 8-yard touchdown run. On the next Woolie possession, the Mini-Devils D forced

a turn-over on downs after a short four play series and took over at the Millbury 30 yard line. Richard Anderson and Kevin Pesce runs highlighted the drive, with Pesce taking it the final 20 yards to increase the Murdock lead to 25-0 at the half.

In the second half the Woolie offense sprung to life and scored on their first possession to cut the Mini-Devil lead to 25-6. However, the Devils would strike right back on the ensuing possession taking the ball 70 yards on seven plays.

Polcari connected with Thira on a 28 yard pass that put the ball at the Woolie 2-yard line and Pesce then capped the drive off and the scoring for the game on a two yard QB sneak for a touchdown to push the Mini-Devil lead to 31-6.

With the victory the Mini-Devils are now 7 and 0 for the season with two games remaining. The Mini-Devils remaining schedule was home on Wednesday against Uxbridge and away on Thursday, Nov. 17 versus Narragansett.



In case someone needs them

Faith Khouri, age six, is part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Social Club and helped in making care packages for other kids to give to the Lions Club during the coat drive. Faith and her friends included hats and mittens and also packages of crayons. There were four big bags of the packages donated.

Ruth DeAmicis photo



Continuation of grant helps transitioning students

GARDNER — The North Central Educational Opportunity Center at Mount Wachusett Community College has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to continue providing adults in the region with comprehensive services to successfully transition to college or other postsecondary education.

MWCC was awarded \$236,900 for the first year of a five-year grant totaling \$1.18 million. The NCEOC, housed within MWCC's Division of Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development, was created in 2002 through federal funding, with additional financial and in-kind support from the college.

Designed to provide support for first generation college students and those with income challenges, Educational Opportunity Center programs are one of the nationwide TRIO programs created through federal legislation more than 40 years ago.

The NCEOC program serves 1,000 adults from throughout north central Massachusetts at MWCC's Gardner and Leominster campuses. Two-thirds

of the participants are low-income, first-generation college students.

"Using federal funds to partner with local institutions to address the needs of the region is a key tool in ensuring all people have the opportunity to pursue higher education," said Congresswoman Niki Tsongas (MA-3).

"The significant return on these investments will have ongoing reverberations for many years to come, as more students are encouraged and able to complete their college careers and enter the workforce with the skills necessary to succeed. Mount Wachusett received these funds after a rigorous grant process, which speaks to both the quality of their application and the school in general. They exemplify the growing trend of Third District institutions becoming academic leaders in the Commonwealth. I look forward to seeing the far-reaching benefits take hold," she said.

"A college education should be within reach for all who seek it. We must ensure that this applies to everyone regardless of age, income, or where

they live. Whether it's the hardworking parent who put off a college education in order to provide for their kids or someone who just never thought college was in the cards for them, it's never too late," Congressman Jim McGovern (MA-02) said. "With this grant, Mount Wachusett Community College will be able to continue the incredible work they're doing to support lifelong learners and put a college education within reach for all Massachusetts residents. This is a smart investment that will help to lift families up and grow our whole economy."

"We are grateful for the continued support of our Congressional delegation for this outstanding program, which has helped thousands of students over the past 15 years and, with this renewed funding, will continue to do so in the years ahead," said MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino. "We also appreciate the many community agencies and organizations that partner with us on this initiative. We are all committed to student success."

The North Central Educational

Opportunity Center actively assists participants in the planning and implementation of a student learning plan, which may include high school equivalency preparation, English as a Second Language courses, technical or professional training and college courses.

The center provides free and confidential client-centered services in English and Spanish that are tailored to the learning needs of each participant, including assistance with applying to the public or private college, university or vocational school of their choice, applying for financial aid, and academic and career counseling.

As a federally funded program, the NCEOC assists area residents with their academic and career goals no matter where they want to go to school, whether it is Mount Wachusett, one of the state universities or a career training program. The program also provides services specifically designed for veterans and their dependents, as well as current military personnel.

ELECTION

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1,000 more votes were cast for the two major candidates this year than in the last cycle.

The numbers by precinct are as follows:

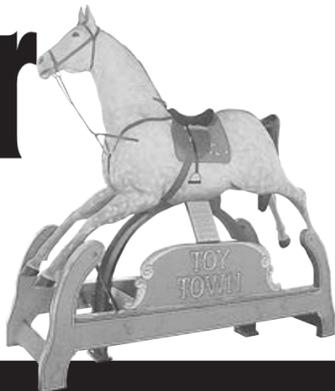
Precinct 1
 President: Clinton & Kaine: 394; Johnson & Weld: 75; Stein & Baraka: 20; Trump & Pence: 595; write ins: 30; no votes: 1,117.
 Congressional Rep. James McGovern: 797; write ins 23; no votes: 367.
 Governor's Councillor: Jennie Caissie: 570; Matthew Vance: 455; write ins 1; no votes: 101.
 State Senator: Anne Gobi: 507; James Erhard: 528; write ins: 2; no votes: 90.
 State Representative: Jon Zlotnik: 773; write in: 2; no vote: 90.
 Sheriff: Lewis Evangelidis: 864; write in: 4; no vote: 259.
 Question 1: Yes: 694; No: 455; no vote: 38.
 Question 2: Yes: 634; No: 1,089; no vote: 17.
 Question 3: Yes: 801; No: 305; no vote: 21.

Question 4: Yes: 672; No: 443; no vote: 12.
 Total voters Precinct 1, including early voters and absentee: 1,127
Precinct 1A
 President: Clinton & Kaine: 158; Johnson & Weld: 18; Stein & Baraka: 8; Trump & Pence: 152; write in: 7; no vote: 2.
 Congressional Rep. Nicola Tsonga: 203; Ann Wofford: 137 write in 0; no vote 5.
 Governor's Councillor: Jennie Caissie: 162; Matthew Vance: 162; write ins 0; no votes: 17.
 State Senator: Anne Gobi: 189; James Erhard: 140; write ins: 1; no votes: 15.
 State Representative: Jon Zlotnik: 280; write in: 3; no vote: 62.
 Sheriff: Lewis Evangelidis: 279; write in: 3; no vote: 63.
 Question 1: Yes: 182; No: 148; no vote: 15.
 Question 2: Yes: 126; No: 215; no vote: 4.
 Question 3: Yes: 272; No: 69; no vote: 4.
 Question 4: Yes: 209; No: 129; no vote: 7.
 Total voters Precinct 1A, including early voters and absentee: 345
Precinct 2
 President: Clinton & Kaine: 609;

Johnson & Weld: 108; Stein & Baraka: 31; Trump & Pence: 779; write in: 16; no vote: 19.
 Congressional Rep. Nicola Tsonga: 807; Ann Wofford: 681; write in 3; no vote 108.
 Governor's Councillor: Jennie Caissie: 814; Matthew Vance: 638; write ins 2; no votes: 108.
 State Senator: Anne Gobi: 754; James Erhard: 697; write ins: 2; no votes: 109.
 State Representative: Jon Zlotnik: 1,142; write in: 17; no vote: 403.
 Sheriff: Lewis Evangelidis: 1,239; write in: 3; no vote: 320.
 Question 1: Yes: 582; No: 700; no vote: 40.
 Question 2: Yes: 582; No: 961; no vote: 19.
 Question 3: Yes: 1,151; No: 399; no vote: 12.
 Question 4: Yes: 924; No: 624; no vote: 14.
 Total voters Precinct 2, including early voters and absentee: 1,562
Precinct 3
 President: Clinton & Kaine: 601; Johnson & Weld: 93; Stein & Baraka: 31; Trump & Pence: 760; write in: 25; no vote: 21.
 Congressional Rep. Nicola Tsonga: 845; Ann Wofford: 605; write in 2; no

vote 79.
 Governor's Councillor: Jennie Caissie: 748; Matthew Vance: 645; write ins 4; no votes: 134.
 State Senator: Anne Gobi: 763; James Erhard: 648; write ins: 3; no votes: 117.
 State Representative: Jon Zlotnik: 1,109; write in: 22; no vote: 400.
 Sheriff: Lewis Evangelidis: 1,172; write in: 16; no vote: 343.
 Question 1: Yes: 780; No: 673; no vote: 78.
 Question 2: Yes: 550; No: 957; no vote: 24.
 Question 3: Yes: 1,114; No: 384; no vote: 33.
 Question 4: Yes: 900; No: 607; no vote: 24.
 Total voters Precinct 3, including early voters and absentee: 1,531.
 As the poll workers were breaking down and finalizing the work registrar John Morris was pleased with the whole process in Winchendon.
 "It went very well, very smooth. I think the early voting helped keep everything moving well today, kept the lines running along well with no back up. That was a good thing," said Morris.

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In the grand finale, our choices were narrowed to two choices virtually with whom nobody was completely happy.

On one side stood Donald Trump. A man who had so much money that many said he could not be bought by political insiders. However had a foul mouth and spoke with little respect for women.

In the other corner was the first woman to ever run for President under the Democratic ticket, Hillary Clinton. A powerful woman constantly followed

by scandals and viewed by many as an elitist.

The mudslinging in this race reached levels not yet seen before in Presidential politics. The fight for the esteemed Oval Office and the most powerful position on the face of the Earth to be the next leader of the free world, left many citizens feeling both emotionally and morally exhausted. The level of name calling, political attack ads, personal attacks, scandals, and far more left us feeling like we were severely short changed in a multitude of ways.

In the end, Donald Trump became the Presidential Elect and clear winner of this election

by the electoral vote leading 274-218 as of Wednesday, Nov. 11 with four states still undecided, and trailing in the popular vote by the slimmest of margins at just 150K.

Trump has inherited a nation and a people extremely divided. Trying to bring citizens back together again united as one should be one of the highest priorities in the new administration. In June 1858 a candidate for the Illinois Senate named Abraham Lincoln during a famous speech said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Those words should never be forgotten, and always observed.

We have all been weathered by what has taken place in our constitutional republic during this election. The majority of our citizens are tired, worn, and showing the serious wear and tear of our current political tolerance. When those who we chose between to become the next leader consist of a billionaire real estate tycoon and reality television show host, and another who has repeatedly violated national security while serving as Secretary of State but never charged or convicted of wrong doing, there seem to be two reasons why they both made it to the big dance in U.S. politics. People are angry because many

feel politics as usual has failed us, and we as a people and nation are slowing splitting apart into two different directions, those who have, and the many that have not.

I say this to you President Elect Trump. Please make it your job to do all you can to bring us back together as unite us a people and in a hurry. It is a lofty task to say the least. We are weathered, and like me now with this old silver certificate, it's part of your job to keep our nation and a people from being torn further apart. I would offer this advice. Work at mending fences, and fast for the good of the republic.

REVOLUTION

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Marshall's Continental Army.

Discharged at age 26, per Marvin's History of Winchendon, Edom became a farmer. Unfortunately, at some point he, as a very elderly man in poor health, he became too indigent to provide for himself.

It is a sad thing that there should be such a debate, even law suits, over who should be responsible for Mr. London's care. Before the town of Winchendon would take on this responsibility, the selectmen decided in 1805 that it should

be determined in which town Edom was "left a citizen according to law." Winchendon felt that Hatfield was responsible and a case was brought against Hatfield before a Justice of the Peace in Worcester County and then to the Court of Common Pleas where it was determined that Winchendon was responsible. However it was appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court in 1808. The final argument was that Mr. London was not a free man in Hatfield, and a slave's residence goes with his master thereby making Mr. London's citizenship, according to law, in Winchendon when he earned

his freedom by service in the war for freedom from England.

The case of London has been used over and over again as an outstanding example of the lives of black people in early New England. Slavery did exist, and the convoluted laws governing both freedom, and rights, of people were the subject of intense controversy.

A newer book on the topic titled Making Slavery History, cites the London case extensively, using his own quotes during the court cases to highlight how his life and its circuitous route came to pass.

As persons and as communi-

ties we sometimes wrong one another woefully, but time heals, clear heads and amends are made.

When Eden London was first buried at Old Centre in 1810, tradition deemed it that he could not be buried within the walls of the stone fences, and he was buried just outside the walls in the far northeastern corner. In the early '70s, it was Charles Grout, then a vice president at the state level with the Sons of the American Revolution, who was informed of the story of London, his historic presence in both the town and the revolution.

Grout began his search, and

found the unmarked grave. With the help of the SAR, London was re-interred within the stone walls in his present grave.

In 1973 a ceremony was announced by the Worcester County Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held Nov. 11, 1973. Mr. London received full military honors including a color guard and a 21 gun salute. The bronze marker was first and a few months later a stone was put in place.

(Editor's Note: editor Ruth DeAmicis and Coral Grout contributed to this story.)

PROPERTY

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someone to help with the paperwork side of things. The clerk in his office is limited in available hours, and Newton requested the board consider increasing that position.

He is available in town on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; but admits he is often in town on other days to attempt to keep up with the workload.

BOS Chair Barbara Anderson said the biggest hurdle was already overcome, because he had "a plan; and that is a step in the right direction."

A long discussion was held about the fee for turn off/turn on of water. The discussion centered around the winterizing of homes of people who leave and then return in the spring; not those who are being terminated for lack of payment.

The same fee has been applied in both cases; and some selectmen felt the fee

may be too high in that case.

DPW Superintendent Al Gallant explained it still takes two men and the amount of time is the same whether the shut off and turn on is done for one reason or the other; but selectmen chose to table the entire discussion, which was begun because a homeowner requested a waiver of the fee under their circumstance.

"You'll be opening up a whole new set of problems, set new precedents for others if you give a waiver," warned Gallant.

In addition, he said, the work for several people had already been accomplished and if a decision to lower the fee or waive the fee is made, refunds would be required.

Hickey also explained the amounts of money estimated for this work were included in the budget process.

The board voted as a preliminary to yet another CDBG improvement project, this time for Walnut Street next year, that Walnut Street be made one

way going toward Beech Street from Central Street; and Chestnut Street be made one way from Beech Street up to Central Street.

Neither change will go into effect until the road work is accomplished; probably next summer. Some discussion was made concerning the condition of Beech Street itself; but planner Tracy Murphy said the length of that street would mean it would probably need to be done in stages.

The CDBG projects usually, and in the case of Walnut will, include complete infrastructure replacement such as sewer and water lines, sidewalks and curbing and the street repavement. In the case of Walnut, the work will narrow the street substantially once sidewalks and curbing are installed; and the choice to make it one way will be prudent. Murphy agreed a marked bike path could be part of the pavement.

And though burying the utility lines might not be part of this infrastructure; it was mentioned the conduit for future

work could be included so when that work was considered the conduit would already be in place.

A committee of veterans including Franco O'Malley who is commander at the American Legion, Scott Gauthier who serves as veterans' agent, and Ken LaBrack and Mark Desmarais who are both very active in veterans affairs, presented a plan to the BOS to install flag brackets on light posts in the downtown area an fly 2x3 foot flags at all times. The cost of the project has been underwritten by Doug Stone of Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home to begin; but the organizers also asked that a gift account be set up so others could donate to this cause. As the project progresses, the intent is to install the flags further out, perhaps all the way to the American Legion, and down to Waterville.

"This is a town that honors its veterans, and we'd like to add one more way to do that," explained Gauthier.

The BOS backed the idea wholeheartedly and approved the gift account.

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Socks rock the communities in area for holidays

LEOMINSTER — As a way of giving back this holiday season, Montachusett Home Care is again sponsoring “Socks for Santa” in cooperation with Fidelity Bank and St. Anna’s School in Leominster. It is a way to give not only to our clients, but to many other low-income elders in our community. Montachusett Home Care provides in-home services for elders and disabled adults and provides support for their caregivers.

For many elders on fixed incomes, the last thing they think about is buying new socks for themselves. They are more concerned about paying

their monthly bills, or trying to help out their families, or saving a little money so that they can buy Christmas gifts for their grandchildren. They figure no one is going to look at their feet, so new socks do not matter.

New socks do matter! Wearing socks helps promote healthy feet and better health overall. Socks help with balance, decrease fall risk, and keep the feet in better condition for those suffering from diabetes, arthritis, circulation problems or nerve damage.

Let’s help those seniors who would benefit most from a new pair of socks. Donation

boxes will be in the lobby at Montachusett Home Care located at Crossroads Office Park, 680 Mechanic St. Leominster and also at Fidelity Bank in Leominster, at 9 Leominster Connector Road. Donation boxes can also be found at St. Anna’s School in Leominster. If you would like to bring in a pair of brand new socks for a man or a woman, we would appreciate your donation. Cash donations are also accepted.

During and after the holiday season, Montachusett Home Care case managers will be distributing socks to seniors in the 21 cities and towns in north central Massachusetts served

by our agency.

Please contact Sonya Ellis at Montachusett Home Care for more information. Sonya can be reached at (978) 537-7411 x 346.

Montachusett Home Care is a not for profit organization whose mission is to help elders and disabled adults remain independent in their homes in safety, comfort, and dignity for as long as possible.



Courtesy photo

Sonya Ellis is helping raise the bar for collecting the Socks for Santa this year.

LEGALS

TOWN OF WINCHENDON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 14, 2016

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016
AT 7 P.M.

then and there to act on the following articles:

REPORTS AND COMMITTEES (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 1 - Committee Reports

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the Finance Committee, or and any other Board or Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

TOWN CHARTER ARTICLE (two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.43B, §10(a) to amend the Town Charter as recommended by the Charter Review Committee in a document entitled, “2016 Proposed Charter Revisions”, on file in the office of the town clerk and available on the town’s website at www.townofwinchendon.com, with text to be inserted underlined and text to be deleted shown in the margins; revisions include but are not limited to: ministerial and clerical amendments such as grammar, capitalization, gender neutrality, internal consistency, and references to and updates based upon state law; as well as certain substantive revisions, such as establishing terms for elected officials beginning on July 1, clarifying the recall process, clarifying authority of Town Manager as Chief Procurement Officer, clarifying appointing and removal authority of Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, authorizing the Town Manager to sign warrants for payment, addressing the term of appointment of a temporary Town Manager, requiring published written notice of the availability of school and town budget and budget summaries and posting of such documents on website, requiring periodic review of charter and by-laws in alternating five-year intervals, and other matters; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by Charter Bylaw Review Committee)

(Two-thirds vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

GENERAL BUSINESS ARTICLES (majority and/or two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 3 - Royalston Road North Bridge Project

(anticipated use of Chapter 90 funds)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way a portion of Royalston Road North, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Road at Bridge No. W-39-015 Royalston Road North in the Town of Winchendon, Massachusetts,” dated June 14, 2016, prepared by BSC Group, Inc., said plan on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Winchendon the fee to or easements in the portion of Royalston Road North as shown on the aforesaid plan, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other related easements; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

(Two-thirds vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 4 - Royalston Road North Bridge Project

(anticipated use of Chapter 90 funds)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easements located in the Town of Winchendon in certain parcels of land adjacent to and/or contiguous to Royalston Road North, as depicted on certain plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of North Royalston Road Over Tarbell Brook (Bridge No. W-39-015),” revised through September 9, 2016, on file with the Town Clerk, and the permanent and temporary easements in parcels of land located within 200 feet of said parcels, as such additional areas may be shown on said plans, and as said plans may hereinafter be amended, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, permanent highway easements and permanent and temporary easements for the construction of improvements and structures, and other related purposes, all to facilitate the North Royalston Road Over Tarbell Brook Bridge reconstruction project; and, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, or any combination thereof, a sum of money as funding for such acquisitions and

related costs and expenses; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

(Two-thirds vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 5 – Acceptance of Portion of Toy Town Lane as a Public Way

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way a portion of Toy Town Lane as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “AS Built Plan Toy Town Heights Definitive Subdivision Winchendon MA,” dated September 6, 2016, prepared by Edmund J. Boucher, R.L.S., said plan on file with the Town Clerk and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, the fee to or easements in the portion of Toy Town Lane as shown on the aforesaid plan for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Winchendon, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other related easements, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

(Two-thirds vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

FINANCIAL ARTICLES (9/10th vote required)

ARTICLE 6 – Payment of Bills of a Prior Fiscal Year

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$55,328.76 for the payment of bills of a prior fiscal year for the Winchendon Public Schools as follows:

Name	Year	Invoice Amt
Devereux	2013	150.00
Pearson	2014	4,814.32
National Grid	2010	11,146.40
National Grid	2009	15,592.39
National Grid	2008	3,274.08
National Grid		33.32
MIAA	2014	40.00
MIAA	2014	20.00
MIAA	2014	190.00
Mass Agression Reduction Ctr	2010	300.00
Mass Agression Reduction Ctr	2010	450.00
Education, Inc.	2015	135.00
Central Mass Special Ed Collab	2014	14,702.69
Advanced Electrical	2014	382.56
Follett	2014	3,000.00
Mid-Wach Secondary School	2015	1,100.00
Total Prior Year Bills		55,328.76

or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

(Nine-tenths vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0-1 Recommend

FINANCIAL ARTICLES (simple majority required)

ARTICLE 7 – FY17 Budget Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY17 Operating Budget as voted under Article 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by reducing certain line items and increasing other line items, as follows:

General Fund		
Police Expenses – Electricity	Increase by	\$ 6,000
Town Hall Expenses – Water	Increase by	\$ 1,000
Town Asst Collector/Treasurer	Increase by	\$ 2,628
PT Grant Admin	Increase by	\$ 469
TH Building Supervisor	Increase by	\$ 216
Building Inspector	Increase by	\$ 1,928
COA Van Driver	Increase by	\$ 103
COA Custodian	Increase by	\$ 53
Sr Library Tech	Increase by	\$ 1,463
Library Tech	Increase by	\$ 635
Fleet Mechanics	Increase by	\$ 278
Health Insurance – Employer	Decrease by	\$ (14,773)
Net Budgetary Change		\$ -
Debt Service	Decrease by	\$ (117,000)
Total General Fund Adjustments		\$ (117,000)
Water Fund		
Indirect Costs	Decrease by	\$ (212,854)
Debt Service	Decrease by	\$ (41,400)
Total General Fund Adjustments		\$ (254,254)
Sewer Fund		
Indirect Costs	Decrease by	\$ (230,435)
Transfer Station		
Indirect Costs	Decrease by	\$ (26,740)
Total Adjustments All Funds		\$ (628,429)

or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

ARTICLE 8 - Authorize Use of Water Retained Earnings to Offset Water Rates

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$152,000 to offset FY17 water rates; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

ARTICLE 9 – Authorize the Use of Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000 to offset the FY17 tax rate, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-3 Recommend

ARTICLE 10 – Library Accessibility Project - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds including the Stabilization Fund, or borrow the total sum of \$140,000 for designing and constructing accessibility upgrades to the Beals Memorial Library, including any necessary furnishings and equipment and all incidental and related costs; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by Board of Library Trustees)

(Two-thirds vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-1 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

TOWN PROPERTY ARTICLES

ARTICLE 11 - Transfer Management of Town Forest to the Winchendon Conservation Commission

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of approximately 87.32 acres of Town-owned land located on Town Farm Road, shown as a portion of Lot 39 and Lot 99 on Assessor’s Map 11, and believed to be a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded in Book 2620, Page 295 at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, from such board and for such purpose as said land is presently held to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C, and by such transfer, restrict, designate and dedicate such land for conservation purposes so that the land shall be protected under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution; further, to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend from the Conservation Fund and Open Space Preservation Appraisal and Survey Revolving Fund, in accordance with the authority granted to it under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C, a sum not to exceed \$25,000 for the due diligence and field work necessary to effect said transfer including, but not limited to, title examination, survey and baseline documentation and related costs and expenses; to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Conservation Commission to submit an application for reimbursement of a portion of the costs of due diligence and field work from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Landscape Partnership Grant program, pursuant to Chapter 286 of the Acts of 2014, Sec. 2, 2000-7058, provided, however, that the transfer of said land to the Conservation Commission shall be conditioned upon the Town of Winchendon receiving a Landscape Partnership Grant for a portion of the costs of said due diligence and field work; and further, that it is anticipated that an amount equal to any reimbursement received from said Landscape Partnership Grant shall be appropriated at a future Town Meeting to reimburse expenditures from the Conservation Fund and Open Space Preservation Appraisal and Survey Revolving Fund for such purposes; and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said transfer and accept reimbursement under the Landscape Partnership Grant program, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Conservation Commission)

(Two-thirds vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of October 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Barbara Anderson, Chair

Audrey LaBrie, Vice Chair

Amy Salter

Michael Barbaro

Austin Cyganiewicz

November 11, 2016



Enjoy the chase...with caution

In just a few days, Pokemon GO has become the most downloaded phone app in the US. The app, which uses mapping software to create a virtual reality game, is getting children and adults out and about in their neighborhoods to "catch" the game characters as they pop up on phone screens from various locations.

Although the game can be a blast, BBB is warning players and parents to be aware of some nuances that go with GO.

Expenses: It's possible to play completely cost-free by winning "PokeCoins" (the app's currency) through gameplay, but you can also purchase the coins through an in-app purchase. The longer you play, the more spending money you need to store and "train" your gathered characters. The app also requires constant GPS access, and it uses a lot of data. After

playing for hours every day, consumers with limited data plans may find themselves with a hefty bill at the end of the month.

Privacy: In order to play the game, users must allow the app to access other applications, such as maps and camera. Many users sign in with a Google account, and that has caused some concerns about privacy. The Android version of the game only accesses limited data (such as the user's email address), but the iOS version for the iPhone can access all Google data. Niantic, the game's maker, says no personal information has been accessed, and it is issuing a bug fix to correct the problem. Users can create an account through the app itself rather than using an email address to access the game.

Malware: So far, the app is only available in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand, which has given cybercrim-

inals an opportunity to capitalize on the demand. A malware version of the game has been found online; although no known infections have been reported. Users should only download the app through official app stores, not third-party sites.

Safety: Players should use the same safety precautions while playing the game that they would in any other outdoor setting, including caution in strange locations. A Missouri police department reported robbers using a secluded "PokeStop" location to rob unsuspecting game players. Players should be cautious as pedestrians and obey all traffic laws, and drivers should be on the lookout for children who may be distracted by the game. The app also drains phone batteries, so users should be careful not to get stranded far from home.

Infringement: PokeStops are sup-

posed to all be on public property (or cooperative private sites), but at least one homeowner has reported that his historic house is mistakenly a PokeStop. Players should be respectful of others' private property. Future commercial opportunities are anticipated, where stores can offer rare or unique characters to add to the game.

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BLAIR

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vive. This electoral catastrophe should spur my side to work that much harder in the upcoming midterms in state and local races. And oh yes, show up to vote, which would be a nice change. As for this cycle, Clinton was a deeply flawed candidate — she certainly wasn't my preference for the nomination (nor was Sanders) not because of the email and ethics scandals but because I felt she'd be too hawkish on foreign policy.

For many other voters though, all that "baggage" certainly played a substantial role in her defeat and who knows how much of an issue gender silently played?

I used the word 'horrifying' early in this essay. I'm horrified because I think this result came about, as I noted, (aside from genuine economic concerns and the outsized rage of the bigots) because of the diminishing of serious thought and the inability or unwillingness of voters to think things through to their rational conclusion. Social media has obviously been a factor in what I see as

the dumbing down of society in general. It's scary to think this is what we've become and that far transcends politics. It's easy for me to write we need to treat one another with more kindness and decency but we're going to have to do that on a one-by-one individual basis because we're sure not doing it in public debate and maybe that's the most frightening thing of all and you see it everywhere.

Bottom line — politicians will do their thing — local and state officials will continue to have more policy impact on our daily lives than will the

new President. He will be grappling with the big issues — we can only hope that he will be a different President than he was a candidate and sometimes that does happen. During the 1932 campaign, FDR was utterly mute about the enormous change he was planning to bring. Lincoln pledged not to interfere with slavery. JFK wasn't at all passionate about Civil Rights in 1960. Maybe I'm just trying to convince myself that Trump will find the realities of the presidency tempering him. God, I hope so. In the meantime, let's see if we can get along one-by-one?

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Lance E. Budka to Town and Country Credit Corp., dated August 9, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37087, Page 381 subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R9, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated October 1, 2005 by Citi Residential Lending Inc., as attorney-in-fact for Town and Country Credit Corp. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 43883, Page 236; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on November 28, 2016 at 23 Brooks Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the Easterly side of Brooks Road, in Winchendon, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner at an iron pin in the Easterly line of Brooks Road at land of Evolution Realty Trust; thence N 45-53'23" E by Evolution land 450.00 feet to an iron pin; thence S 41-43'40" E by Evolution land 200.00 feet to an iron pin at other land of Evolution Realty Trust and being Lot "4" on a plan herein referred to; thence S 45-53'23" W by Lot "4" 450.00 feet to an iron pin in the Easterly line of Brooks Road; thence N 41-43'40" W by the Easterly line of Brooks Road 200.00 feet to an iron pin and the place of beginning. Containing 2.0643 Acres. Being shown as Lot "3" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Prepared for George J. Mizhir, III, Trustee of Evolution Realty Trust, Winchendon, MA Scale 1 inch = 40 feet, July 28, 2000, Edmond J. Boucher, Pls, Jolly Road, South Royalston, MA" to be recorded herewith. Being a portion of land described at Book 22820, Page 372. For title reference, see deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 23701, Page 246. Being the same premises Book 23701, Page 246.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase

price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.** Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

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November 4, 2016
November 11, 2016
November 18, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

250 Mill Glen Road; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 43
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 17th, 2016 at 7:35 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Steve Desreuisseau for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 250 Mill Glen Road; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 43. The project entails the repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requires for a septic system serving an existing 2-bedroom house, including installation of a new 1000-gallon septic tank and 500-gallon pump chamber. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
November 11, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

111-221 Peggi Lane; Assessor's Map 6A-1, Lot 58
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.

Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 17th, 2016 at 7:25 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner S&A Rental Corp. for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 111-221 Peggi Lane; Assessor's Map 6A-1, Lot 58. The project entails the placement of twelve manufactured homes on concrete slabs, associated grading, and landscaping. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
November 11, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

16 Stoddard Road; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 205
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 17th, 2016 at 7:15 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by Shane Lampinen on behalf of property owner Broadvest Real Estate Group for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Isolated Vegetated Wetlands at 16 Stoddard Road; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 205. The project entails the construction of a new single-family house and associated septic system. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.
The Notice of Intent is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
November 11, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

58 Tucker Street; Assessor's Map 2D-4, Lot 35
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 17th, 2016 at 7:10 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Tracy Monette for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 58 Tucker Street; Assessor's Map 2D-4, Lot 35. The project entails the

construction of a 20' x 24' (480 square feet) steel garage on a concrete slab. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
November 11, 2016

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

42 Mill Glen Road; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 122
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, November 17th, 2016 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Jeffrey Hill for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 42 Mill Glen Road; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 122. The project entails the construction of a 18' x 20' (360 square feet) metal pre-fab building on a concrete slab. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
November 11, 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., Dec. 7, 2016 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, to hear the Variance application filed on behalf of Jeffrey T. and Deborah C. Millman for property located at 95 Island Rd, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map M2 Parcel 1 owned by the same. Relief is sought from the front and side setback requirements as outlined in Article 7.2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaws for the construction of a 26' x 30' garage. 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
November 11, 2016
November 18, 2016

Voters to weigh charter changes

WINCHENDON — The town's Charter Review Committee held a public hearing last week to discuss changes to the town charter that have been proposed by the panel. Voters at the Nov. 14 special town meeting will decide whether or not to approve those changes.

Town Moderator Rick Morin had questions regarding that portion of the charger covering recall elections, saying the wording seemed contradictory. Morin said voters considering the removal of an elected official will be given the choice of casting a ballot either "For the Recall" or "Against the Recall" of the official who is the target of the recall. In the same section, it states — if a majority votes in favor of the recall — "ballots for candidates shall...be counted and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected."

Morin wanted to know if the person being recalled, should they collect the required number of nomination signatures, be included in the list of candidates up for election. "That's what it sounds like. If there are three or four people running for the office, including the person being recalled, that person

could, without getting a majority of the vote, end up being elected to the same position they were just recalled from. Was that the intent?"

Town Clerk and committee Chairman Judy LaJoie responded in the affirmative.

"It doesn't seem to make much sense," said Morin.

LaJoie said the wording of the recall section had been worked out by town counsel.

There was also discussion about a proposed change in the date newly elected officials would take office. The committee is recommending that the terms of all elected officials should start on July 1, which is also the start of the fiscal year.

Committee member Bob O'Keefe said elected officials are currently eligible to be sworn in immediately after their election. Town elections are held the first Monday in May, and the annual town meeting takes place on the third Monday of the month.

"This puts newly elected officials in the position of having to attend the town meeting without the benefit of knowing how or why certain articles

have been placed on the warrant, or understanding how the budget was put together."

This circumstance arose in 2015 when the annual town meeting was held with an entirely new board of selectmen and a school committee made up of two new members and one holdover. Two seats on the school committee were vacant due to resignations that came too late for them to be filled at the annual election.

"These people were faced with answering questions they really had no way of answering," said O'Keefe. "This situation probably isn't likely to happen again, but it's still unfair to ask one or two new members to sit before a town meeting without having a familiarity with exactly what was done or why."

"Do we want people who may have been voted out of office taking part in the town meeting?" asked selectboard Chairman Barbara Anderson. "Do we want a long transition like this?"

"Well, look," O'Keefe responded, "on Wednesday we'll have a new president-elect but the incumbent won't leave office until Jan. 20. There's always

been a transition period. The same is true for representatives and senators. I think this will give new people a chance to familiarize themselves with what's going on, to ease into their new position."

Another recommendation from the committee proposes that no one be allowed to serve on "more than one of the following multiple-member bodies: Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Board of Health or the Conservation Commission."

"This isn't a change," said LaJoie. "That's the current wording."

"There are those instances where, for example, sitting on the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals may present a conflict of interest," said O'Keefe.

"I thought this was a change," said one person in attendance, "We do have someone sitting on both the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission already."

The special town meeting at which changes in the charter will be considered takes place Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Murdock High School auditorium.

OWC a success once again

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It always seems chaotic at the start but as the morning wears on, several times a year, Operation Winchendon Cares comes through again.

Such was the case last Saturday morning at the American Legion as 44 boxes were packed to the brim and sent off to local soldiers stationed on various posts around the world.

"It gives us such a good feeling," reflected Larry Sordoni who, with his wife Linda, has been organizing the drives since 2004.

"We're just so grateful to everyone who donates things and to everyone who came out to help us get these boxes ready to go. It really is a community effort," he added.

The Sordonis got involved

after they discovered a similar group in Jaffrey way back in 2003 when their son was on active duty.

"Driving back, this was in November 2003, we asked ourselves why we couldn't do something like that in Winchendon and in January 2004, we had our first drive," he recalled.

"We'd contacted the churches to see if they could help in the beginning. We talked to the Courier. We talked to everyone we could think of. So many people came through," reflected Sordoni.

Among the groups helping last weekend were members of the undefeated middle school football team.

"It's important for them to be part of community activities," said Coach Matt Londo, a nine-year Marine veteran who is a district guidance counselor. "We want to do things we can

to help out in a larger sense."

"You know, it's the little things the kids appreciate so much," Sordoni noted. "Little things like cookies. We had a reply from one soldier that he and his buddies skipped lunch the day they received the package with cookies. Even little things like a fall leaf, things we take for granted. We hear things like 'it feels like home,'" he noted.

Saturday "was a little hectic", said Sordoni. "We had some new people like the football team and the scouts and we were really happy to have them but because it was their first time, it felt a little disorganized in a good way of course, but once we got things under control, it went pretty smoothly. We were glad to have the team and the scouts. It's always nice to see new people come pitch in."

As dedicated as they've



The Murdock Middle School football team took part in the November Operation Winchendon Cares as a service

been, it might be a while before the Sordonis do another drive. They've done one most years in February, but this winter

they'll be in Florida. "Hopefully someone else will pick it up and we'll be back in May," Sordoni assured.

Wreathes Across America

Next Friday is Veterans Day, and Winchendon is most supportive of its veteran community in many ways. It supports and celebrates the important holidays, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day....

And it is especially privileged to be home to a Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

As such, it also participates in the national Wreathes Across America program. The program seeks to place a live evergreen wreath on every vet's grave during the month of December.

The program doesn't distinguish by religion; because the idea is to honor the memory of the veteran in a peaceful manner. The wreath itself is not a religious symbol; it is meant as an

honorable one.

And of course, every year the number of wreathes needed changes as the cemetery grows.

This year there will be a need for 2,200 wreathes in Winchendon.

Bridget Marinelli has spearheaded this drive for a couple of years; originally volunteering to "help" then finding it needed a stronger guiding hand. She and her husband Rick have been there every since.

The fundraising goes on quietly throughout the year of course, but it is really taking off now, just before the season. Because at this point, with a small amount from last year and a bit of early publicity, the funding for this year's campaign stands at just three



percent raised.

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That isn't nearly enough.

D'Ambrosio Eyecare held a favorable fundraiser in late October, raising a couple thousand dollars; a good start. But now the rest of us need to step up and get going.

There is a local committee and it has its own Facebook page and webpage: wreathes.fastport.com. There is a link

to donate directly on line: one wreath is \$15; or you can donate for multiple wreathes; and even do a continuing gift.

The Murdock Middle School is part of the program, other local high schools take part, of course the local veterans groups are involved.

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Collecting the coats



Ruth DeAmicis photo

Deirdre Holt, Joan Laplante and Cindy Allen with some of the 111 coats collected this year by the Winchendon Lions Club. The coats are given to the Winchendon CAC to be distributed to those who need them.



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Horse & Buggy still pulling after 40 years

For four decades, Winchendon's Horse & Buggy Feeds has been meeting the needs of local farmers — large and small — and pet owners alike. The store, owned by Walter and Mary Anair, has been holding a year-long celebration of its longevity. Located at 380 School St. it has managed to survive and thrive in the face of competition from national chains.

Walter Anair says he and his wife are hoping their daughter, Mary, who manages a second store in Keene, will take over the business when the couple are ready to retire.

Horse & Buggy and its inventory have grown in the 40 years since it first began operations.

"We were just feed when we first started," said Anair. "Then someone would come in and say 'can you get me a bucket, can you get me a shovel,' so, instead of ordering just one I'd order three or four. Then sales people started calling on us and it just grew from there."

"We have customers who have been with us from the beginning. We're into our third generation. In fact, we have a worker here whose grandmother was one of our first customers."

And let there be no question; the word "feeds" in Horse & Buggy Feeds means just that: feeds. The store carries well over 100 different kinds of feed for horses, sheep, goats, poultry, small animals, and pets.

"We even have feed for llamas," said Anair.

At the moment, Horse & Buggy is in the midst of its 40th anniversary truckload sale of birdseed. The sale features great deals on thistle seed, sunflower chips, songmaker birdseed, and ultra clean black oil sunflower seeds. In addition, all bird feeders and accessories in stock are available for 40 percent off.

Anair says wild bird seed is one of the business' mainstays, but noted one of his best-selling items last year was chicken swings. Yes, Chicken swings. And a chicken swing is exactly what it says it is. Picture Big Bird standing on a school yard swing.

"We sold out of them last year," he said.

In addition to birdseed, Horse & Buggy is moving into the season when wood pellets, rock salt and tube salt are in demand.

"We're a four-season store," says Anair. "We need a good spring, a nice hot summer, a good fall, and a snowy winter."

Anair followed his former employer to the area in 1972, moving to Winchendon where he began raising rabbits for meat and pets where Horse & Buggy is now located.

"There were no feed stores in the area," he says. "I began ordering for myself, then for other folk. And the rest is history."

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