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The town of Winchendon is seeking a \$500,000 state grant to help pay for the reconstruction of this bridge on Robbins Road. The bridge spanning Robbins Brook is approximately 150 years old. The entire cost of reconstruction is pegged at around \$800,000.

## BOS wants state to 'own' 140

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

State Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) met with Winchendon selectmen at the meeting Monday night to discuss a couple of issues, including the removal of a section of Route 140 from town ownership and a grant to help cover the cost of replacing the Robbins Road bridge.

"You may recall last fall," said Zlotnik, "I brought this idea to you about the townowned section of Route 140 and requesting that the Department of Transportation look at that section regarding the state taking over responsibility for that section of the road. The city of Gardner also has a similarly-sized portion of Route 140 that they currently own, and they're of the mind to have the state take it over. My thought is, where both municipali-

ties are in the same spot, and knowing the criteria the DOT uses to evaluate these requests, it makes sense and, I think, actually gives the request a better chance if both municipalities feel the same and make the same request in a coordinated effort."

Zlotnik said it's the department's policy that city councils and boards of selectmen must formally vote to approve such a transfer. The Chair City Democrat said Gardner's city council voted last fall to request the transfer.

"The process is going to take a couple of years before they make a determination," said Zlotnik.

The section of Route 140 in question is a 1.1-mile stretch from the intersection of Route 12 to Teel Road

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## Coach moving on with his life

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

When the curtain falls on the 2017-18 basketball season tonight (the Lady Devils hosting Gardner), that same curtain will bring to a close Jim Abare's tenure as the girls varsity coach at his alma mater of Murdock High School.

"It's time," said Abare, citing the fact that a several decade career on the bench at Gardner and Murdock meant he missed a lot of games in which his own family competed through the years and while he's loved coaching, "it's time to go see what else is out there in the world. As you get older, you want to take a deep breath and go out and do things while you still have your health,", he reflected

reflected.
That includes watching grandchildren, one a freshman, one a senior, play at Gardner, watching another play a little football at Assumption College and, he said, maybe even

keeping his hand in hoops. Granddaughter Chesley, who worked with Abare his first year at MHS, is coaching at

Guilford.
"You know, maybe I'll go up sometimes and keep the stat sheet," Abare mused.

"I sometimes just go to games just to go. I sit away from the crowds. I just love the game, on all levels," he remarked.

Abare exits with at least 295 career varsity victories includ-

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## Zlotnik declares for fourth term



Ruth DeAmicis photo

Last fall, before he had announced his candidacy, Jon Zlotnik began his campaign quietly with a dinner at Gardner American Legion. Winchendon resident Peg Corbosiero is with him.

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Citing his continuing commitment to bipartisanship, state Representative Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) made it official last week - he's running for a fourth term. Zlotnik's district includes Winchendon.

"I first ran on a platform of bipartisanship and cooperative problem-solving and it will continue to be the core of how I legislate," said Zlotnik, who was recently cited by *Beacon Hill Roll Call* as the most independent Democrat in the House.

Zlotnik pointed to the work he did in helping securing funding for Cathy's House in Winchendon, the state's first housing for previously homeless female veterans.

"I'm proud of that," he said. Zlotnik has been critical of

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## New shelter and store open to all this weekend

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue is inviting the public to an open house at its two new locations this weekend. Rescued Treasures Second Hand Shoppe and Ahimsa Haven Winchendon, a cat rescue operation, are now open at 200 and 202 Central St., respectively. Both operations will be open this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ahimsa President Nicole Roberts said the cat adoption center was opened in order to fill the void left by last fall's closure of the A Better Tomorrow

cat shelter.

"There are so many animals in need in our area," said Roberts. "By having the opportunity to open yet another location in Winchendon we can continue to help even more cats find homes. Out cats come as owner surrenders and strays. Last year our rescue adopted 270 cats to their forever homes. This year we are anticipating about 350."



Greg Vine photo

One of the current residents of Ahimsa Haven Winchendon peeks through the door of the group's new cat rescue operation at 202 Central Street. The operation fills the void left by the closure of the A Better Tomorrow cat rescue several months ago.

The group also runs a shelter, for dogs and cats, behind the Templeton DPW building on Baldwinville Road, a short

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## Engineering grant first step for White's Mill?

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Could the awarding of a state grant to engineer the breaching of the White's Mill Pond Dam possibly provide the engine needed for lifting long-stalled plans for development of the vacant property at Mill Circle off the launch pad?

While a letter from Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito to John and Amelia Giovanoni, the owners of the old mill complex, congratulates the couple for landing a grant of "\$250,000 for the removal of the White's Mill

Pond Dam," a check with the office of state Sen. Ann Gobi confirms the money is to be used solely for the purpose of undertaking an engineering study to determine the most feasible way to affect the dam's removal.

In response to an email inquiry, Gobi spokesman Brian Ferrarese said, "All designs must be completed and all permits must be obtained before any (demolition) work may begin."

The grant was awarded through the Dam and Seawall

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## Zlotnik speaks with MassDOT about Route 140

BY KEITH KENT COURIER CORRESPONDENT

State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik reported he has spoken with MassDOT regarding the ongoing issues with Rte. 140, of damaged and missing stanchions, and how to proceed.

proceed.

The stanchions, which began missing after the first winter plowing operations all the way to Betty Springs Road, now have long stretches missing; allowing illegal passing, which is what they were designed to prevent

At the project's completion last November, there were some 150 highly reflective stanchions fastened to the ground along Gardner Road in Winchendon, excluding its intersections, and a three-tenths mile passing zone shortly the border Winchendon and Gardner.

MassDOT had been informed of 20 stanchions missing as of late December. As many more are missing since several snow events, a new stanchion count was taken.

If traveling northbound, there are no stanchions

remaining all the way to the Cornerstone Church, creating a 0.8 mile stretch of road with no dividers in an area where once only a 0.3 mile passing zone existed after the improvements were finished.

From the church to the intersection of Commercial Drive, only about a dozen stanchions now remain.

Continuing north from Commercial Drive a gap of an additional 0.5 mile stretch of road now exists without dividers before encountering a stan-

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### **WEEKLY QUOTE**

Dreams are true while they last, and do we not live in dreams?

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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## Beals plans full week of activities

The Beals Memorial Library in Winchendon will be hosting a variety of programs for people of all ages and interests during School Vacation Week, Wednesday, February 21 through Friday, February 23.

The fun begins at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon when the Springfield Museum's, StarLab portable planetarium, visits the library. Learn about the stars, planets and other

celestial bodies that occupy our solar system. This interactive program will be hosted by a trained astronomer and

is open to kids of all ages.

On Thursday at 7:00 pm, the library hosts a conversation with Charlie Bevis, author of Red Sox vs. Braves in Boston: The Battle for Fans' Hearts, 1901-1952. Few people remember that Boston was once home to two major league baseball teams: the Red Sox and the Braves. Looking at trends in transportation, communication, geography, population and employment, histori-

an Charlie Bevis explains the factors that ultimately led the Brayes to leave Boston for Milwaukee after the 1952 season. This event is in partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College's Humanity Project and will be held in the Library auditorium.

Join us on Friday at 7:00 pm for an intriguing evening of conversation with psychic Lucky Belcamino as she talks about her encounters with the paranormal, her experiences as a psychic medium, and her family ties to the Salem Witch Trials. This event is for older teens and adults and will be held in the Library auditorium.

The Beals Memorial Library is located at 50 Pleasant Street in Winchendon. For more information, please call the Library at 978-297-0300. These programs are funded by the Friends of the Beals Memorial Library, the Winchendon Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.



The Beals Memorial Library in Winchendon will be hosting a variety of fun and interesting programs for people of all ages, including the Springfield Museum's StarLab Portable Planetarium on Wednesday, February 21 at 2:00 pm in the Winchendon Town Hall auditorium.

## Murdock Middle School announces honor roll

WINCHENDON — The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the second quarter at Murdock Middle School

GRADE 6

High Honors: Madisson Alden, Maia Drake, Jaden Lane, Alexander LeBlanc, Evanjelo Lopez, Elaine Maloney, Maibel Marion, Kyleigh McConnell, Aidan McGuirk, Emily Michaud, Reese Minckler, Ashlyn Musgrove, Ava Newton, Evelyn O'Dea, Mark Quinn, Alexandra Robichaud, Drew St. Peter, and Emily Wightman.

Honors: Emma Adams, Jeffrey Alisauskas, Kaleb Beasley, Felisha Belanger, Joshua Benda, Makavla Bilodeau, Emma Bourque, Abigail Nathan Brown, Zakk Bradley, Capitao, Evan Caron, Caleb Cartagena Marcano, Carly Coffin, Mayra Correa, Arriane Daigle, Aliyah Emerald, Jayden Gagnon, Brianna Gerrard, Joshua Harris, Olivia Hastings, Nevaeh Hickey, Andrew Islam, Kaden LaPointe, Lauren Laprise, Cassidy Lauziere, Abbigale McKenzie, Mason Mello, Brady Niles, Emma Oakley,

Alexa Ofosuhene, Benjamin Patriquin, Kyle Safford, Kaitlyn Tamulen, Tyler Thompson, Breylyn Wightman, and Casey Wood.

**GRADE 7** 

Highest Honors: Angelina Dellasanta, Damon Legault, Camille Hart, Lillian Skawinski, Matthew Spivey, and Dominic LeBlanc.

Honors: Kaleb Bushay, Kaitlyn Cormier, Rickelle Divoll-Tieu, Tiana Graessle, Abigail Guerra, Aleksander Gusakov, Sarah Holt, Nickalas Laplaca, Tucker Smith, Danielle Sroczynski, Calvin Tenney, and Brooke Zabik. GRADE 8

Highest Honors: Olivia Beauvais, Hailey Lunn, Jillian LaBarge, and

Nicholas Gahagen.

Honors: Arielle Benedict, Nicholas Bond, Lilly Digman, Brady Dufour, Morgan Eldredge, Daniel Fuller, Evelyn Haley, Chloe Higgins, Domenic Iannacone, Nobaleigh Laraba, Tiffany Lin. Matthew Marshall, Connor McGuirk, Kevin Pesce, Ashley Sevigny, Emma Silvia, Chloe St. Peter, and Melissa Tousignant.

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## MHS announces bonor roll

Murdock High School has announced its list of honors students for the second term of the 2017-2018 school year. Students receiving recognition include:

GRADE 12 Highest Honors: Michaela Benedict.

High Honors: Ariana Berman, Jacob Carter, Alexander

Marshall, and Shyla Palmer. Honors: Brandon LaFreniere, Marisa Losurdo, Jacob Woodard, and Jared Woodard.

**GRADE 11** Highest Honors: Sirena

Caputi, Kipper Prouty, and Lindsey Smith.

High Honors: Kaileen Dibble and Emily Smith.

Honors: Izaria Alcantara, Elissa Boucher, Matthew Casavant, Yang Yi Chen, Britney Jackson, Chloe Lawrence, Maria Polcari, Timmy Quinn, Ani-Jah Rodriguez, Phebe Shippy, and Ashley Signa.

**GRADE 10** 

Highest Honors: Hanna Demanche, Timothy Jinn, Mikayla Rueda, and Cassandra Wightman. High Honors: Julian Nolan and Riya Patel.

Honors: Owen Benedict, Rylee Brooks, Patrick Cortis, Paige Demanche, Lamont Hicks, Logan

Huff, Erica Lashua, Morgan Pace, Cassidy Stadtfeld, Hollie Stone, and Grace Sutherland. **GRADE 9** 

Highest Honors: Abigail Leahey and Jonathan Polcari.

High Honors: Allison Cobiski, Ariana Dibble, John Maloney, and Justin Thira.

Honors: Vivian Beauvais-Michaud, Nicole Becotte, Briahna Bouchard, Shaelyn Dupuis, Tyler Goodwin, Meagan Knight, Paige Lafrennie, Rachael Legault, Joseph Marobella, Philip Quinn, Lauren Serratore, and Logan Wilson.

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Survey also available at: www.mrpc.org"news"

## Winchendon Dems to meet

Registered Democrats in Winchendon will be holding a caucus at 108 Ipswich Drive on Saturday February 24, at 10:00 am, to elect 4 delegates and 2 alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

The Convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester, where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to endorse Democratic Candidates for statewide office, including Constitutional Officers and gubernatorial candidates.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Winchendon, and the Democratic Committee welcomes participants. Preregistered Democrats who will be age 18 by Sept 18, 2018, will be able to participate in caucuses and run for delegate or alternate.

Delegates will be divided equally between men and women, and all ballots will be written and secret. In the spirit of inclusion, youth, minorities, people with disabilities, LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as delegates or alternates may apply to be add-on delegates, either at their caucus or online at

www.massdems.org

For more information on the caucus or the committee please contact: Michael D'Intinosanto, Chair, Winchendon Democratic Town Committee (978)297-4086 winchdemcomm@yahoo.com.





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### Friday, February 9

2018 CAKE AUCTION: at noon at Old Murdock Senior Center! Always a sell out! The best bakers make the best cakes, what a variety! Come bid on something sweet for your sweetheart, just in time for Valentine's Day.

#### Saturday, February 10

OWC IN FEBRUARY: "Offer a Little Love to Our Troops" will be the next drive for Operation Winchendon Cares. 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. at the American Legion Post 193 on School St. Saturday, February 10. Visit our Facebook page or www.winchendoncares.com for an updated list of items that are needed or we will gladly accept monetary donations to help cover the cost of postage and/or items to be shipped. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, contact us to add him/her.

Please make sure that your loved one's address is updated prior to the 3rd, so that we can get him/her a package. We are always looking for volunteers to help separate and pack donations, the day of the drive. Let us know if you can help out. Contact us via Facebook or the webpage.

### Sunday, February 11

VALENTINE BREAKFAST: Fire & Iron MC Station 857 hosts a breakfast at Winchendon Rod & Gun Club, 8-11 a.m. \$5 per person. Enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, coffee and orange juice prepared by and to benefit the Fire & Iron fellows!

### Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3

FOOTLOOSE! Murdock High School presents its annual musical, this year the coming of age and bittersweet Footloose. When a California teen moves to small town USA and finds it too strict for his taste, he finds ways to give a bit of freedom to his fellow students. 7 p.m. both nights, tickets available at the door or in advance by calling Murdock High School.

#### Saturday, March 10

MYCHAEL DAVID PROJECT: here it is! If you enjoyed the music at the annual Massachusetts chili cook off, then this evening is for you. Kiwanis of Winchendon have brought the Mychael David Project indoors for an evening at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Only \$10 per person. Tickets available at the door beginning at 8 p.m.

### Saturday, March 24

DAZED TILL DAWN! At the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club beginning at 9 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

**SUNDAYS** 

INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump adminis-

tration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partihttps://www.facebook.com/ groups/381174492262359/

**MONDAY** 

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

TUESDAY

WINCHENDON NA MEETING: Hosted by UUCW and led by Winchendon residents, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts area/New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an open meeting with general discussion and support, for anyone who is in recovery or wants to be. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in, or benefit from, a meeting. We're working hard to get the word out! At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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

WEDNESDAY

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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  $5\phi$ , and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

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

**FRIDAY** 

FREE MOVIES: Throughout the summer, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church holds family movie nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket, a chair, pillows and a few snacks for a free movie under the stars. Every movie will be a family rated G or PG bundle of fun. In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown the following day, Saturday. Check the Facebook page for the name of each week's movie.

## Reading to a new friend delights students

BY KEITH KENT

Sometimes the life of a young

student can involve multiple complications at no fault of their own. As situations can strongly affect both classroom performance and social skills, Memorial Elementary School has taken steps to help these students who now have the benefit of a certified therapy dog provided by a dedicated volunteer who will tell you she wouldn't trade it for anything in the world.

Jacque Renwick and her dog Aza, who are both certified with Therapy Dogs International, have been assisting five students at Memorial School since October and others at different locations since November 2015, when both became certified.

The TDI program known as Tail Waggin Tutors is quickly growing in popularity among educational settings as it allows children who deal with various complications an avenue to not only relax, but become more receptive to all aspects of an educational environment combining dogs and books with children fostering a love for reading.

Renwick and Aza, who completed three years of training to become certified, took their final exam at Dog Star Activity Center in Acton.

"They are just awesome there. We both had to pass a final exam, and it is a pretty rigorous test of subjects which included extensive obedience training and much more," said Renwick.

Aza a mixed breed, with her father a Labrador and her mother a mix of Rhodesian ridgeback and Schnauzer, is both an extraordinarily patient and very loving dog. Aza's mother also

lives in the Renwick home. "On Friday mornings when

I tell Aza we are going to see the kids, she sprouts right up, she really knows!" emphasized Renwick

In addition to Memorial School, Aza also gained experience in many different settings visiting senior citizens locally at the Heywood Wakefield Commons Assisted Living Center in Gardner, along with a few convalescent homes and even some private individuals.

"Aza can be a great option for those who love pets, but may not be allowed to have them where they live, or may even be home bound," explained Renwick.

The volunteer services of Renwick and Aza were brought to the attention of Principal Michelle Atter by Memorial School teacher Yolanda Duprey, a friend of Renwick's. Duprey explaining what the Renwick/Aza team provided was a key messenger to the programs offerings.

Atter said, "This has been quite a positive success for these students. The children are extremely receptive to their time with Aza. Students have seen results such as an improvement reading, confidence, behaviorally, and

Renwick when asked how she has viewed the experience of helping young students said, "It has been just unbelievable. To see and hear what a difference this opportunity creates for the children and the feedback from their teachers is just incredible. Too bad I have to work to make this time to volunteer possible because I would do this full time in a heartbeat.'

Together in a separate room next to Atter's office, Renwick, Aza, and students enjoy a mixture play time with Aza, the student reading to Aza, and then various activities such as a scenario like setting up a class where the student becomes the teacher and is able to teach something to both Renwick and Aza.

"Dogs are being trained around the country to be schools. Connecticut, California, and others are having trained dogs put in their schools who are there for the day," added Renwick.

Both Atter and Renwick speaking separately each said the results so far have been very positive. Another benefit of the program is TDI also provides any required liability insurance, again reassurboth the school trict accumulate no financial expenses through the free volunteer program.

Students were seen reading the book *Barkus* by Patricia Maclachlan with illustrations by Marc Boutavant. Other instruction was also on site such as the book *Play Therapy* with Kids and Canines-Benefits for Children's Developmental and Psychosocial Health by Rise VanFleet. Each student will over time also participate in teaching Aza a trick taken from the book 101 Dog Tricks by Kyra Sundance and Chalcy.

In closing Renwick was asked what she would like to say to other school districts about how positive the program can be for children. Renwick replied, "You can't go wrong with bringing a therapy dog in to the school. There are so many positives. Emotionally, physically, read-

ing, and more. There is plenty of documentation that all these things really

help the children. It is also important for schools to make sure that the services are provided by 'Certified' dogs and handlers, because one of the challenges are that all kinds of therapy dog things are popping up. Again, the benefits to the children at school are wonderful, and the results are very positive."

Atter closed with, "I know the students who are coming down to see Aza, are seeing the benefits as well as their teachers. It has boosted the children's colf-octoom and it next year."



Photo by Keith Kent

Memorial School student Jack Meaney of -confidence. I want to Mrs. Duprey's 2nd grade class who is reading do more with this pro- from the book Barkus to his friend Aza, a gram and expand upon trained certified therapy dog.



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Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

## **EDITORIAL**

## All you need is...

It's two days after Valentine's Day, and the week of Presidents' Day. We honor both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in a single holiday; keeping it to a Monday holiday for the sake of workers and school children, but at least we do still remember two of the presidents who made huge marks on American history.

Washington was the first duly elected president, he didn't really want it, but felt he was honor bound to take the office because someone needed to guide the fledgling country into being. He had helped create the atmosphere for the Revolution, he had helped draft the new laws taking shape to create the country, the baby constitution was still barely taking steps and a lot of people were already trying to dismantle it, saying the whole idea just wasn't going to work.

He had a lot of support, he had been a war hero in several wars, not just the revolution but the earlier scrimmages with the French too. And he was well liked by politicians, military people, and even the not so well known but able to vote bourgeois. He helped keep the country going those first few years, and the grand experiment was held together to take a few more steps under a new regime, changing hands without revolution or rancor just as it was meant to.

Lincoln stepped into a minefield not of his making. Nor was he comfortable with much of his own presidency. There are multiple biographies of the man, who describe him as "conflicted" and "ambiguous" about the questions that ultimately took the country into its civil war. He wasn't necessarily anti-slavery; nor was he pro-slavery. He was hoping for some sort of compromise. But when that didn't look promising, he chose. And he backed it up. Then he made every effort to reunite the country in some manner.

He didn't want the war; but he supported his troops and his men. He quietly wrote about the losses, to both sides in the conflict, and reminded others that they were fighting "ourselves."

His work, though unfinished, kept a presidency alive through a difficult time, and moved it thorough what could have been the end of the entire country as we now know it. We could have been two countries, perhaps even more, had the fight among ourselves gone much differently or the pieces reunited been done so in a different manner.

Then of course, we have Martin Luther King Day and the entire month paying homage to a people who for many years were less important in our history. Not because they didn't do valuable work, but because their work wasn't valued. That has changed, or is changing rather, because it isn't finished. And while we might choose to honor Black History Month, what about Asian History Month? Or Scandinavian History Month? Or Indian History Month? Or Icelandic History Month? Or Australian History Month? Or Uruguayan History Month?

See, we have a habit of over reaching. We bend over too far in attempting to right wrongs sometimes. Yes, people were ignored when they shouldn't have been; text books and histories and television shows were way too narrow in showing diversity for way too long, and still are. But we can't fix that with a single fix. We can't say, 'here, we'll celebrate everybody's everything for one week this week and another next week and there, everybody's recognized.

Let's celebrate real accomplishments by real people no matter who they are. When someone does something...good! Hurray! We don't care if you are purple!

Let's not rewrite all the books, some of them very good books; or put movies out of circulation, very good movies; because someone somewhere isn't well represented. That isn't real life.

It isn't always going to be entirely fair; or righteous. But we can celebrate the goodness. And admire the ones who we missed when we weren't aware.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 2018 An Amazing Bon Fire

To the Editor:

On January 27, our community welcomed 2018 with fireworks and an amazing bon fire. It was an awesome winter evening which brought out hundreds of spectators. This event has become an annual community gathering since our town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lots of preparation go into the planning, organization and execution to make this event a success. So I want to personally thank all those folks that worked very hard and volunteered their time.

This event was put on by the American Legion Family members of Post 193. These members include our Legionnaires, the Sons of the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary. The team work and comradery of these groups were instrumental in the outstanding event that our community witnessed that evening.

I want to thank every individual, organization or corporation who donated money or items to the event. The fireworks alone cost \$2,600 and we couldn't have them without your generous monetary donations. I want to thank the following: the Winchendon School who gave us a generous donation which we purchased various "glow stick" items for the children who attended. Ed Bond who donated his front end loader which we used to stack pallets, hang banners and clear the aftermath of the fire the next morning. The Dufault family who graciously allowed us to use their lot for additional parking. New England Wood Recyclers who donated the majority of pallets. Mid Town Beef who gave us good savings on the meat products purchased. Jeremy Veilleux for his generous donation of the bread products. The MMHS Sports Booster who let us

use the hot chocolate dispensers. The Winchendon Lions Club who served hot chocolate and coffee. All who brought their old Christmas tree to burn. The 2400 wreaths from the Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery to burn. The Winchendon Courier who helped advertise the event. Franco O'Malley who provided music inside our hall. The Winchendon Fire Department who ensured the safety of the crowd and kept the fire under control. The Winchendon Police Department who ensured traffic kept moving. And most important of all, everyone who attended this year's event. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. We will make some changes next year, with our goal of making the evening even better!

Because of time restraints we couldn't get our donations request letters out to the community before the event. So don't be surprised to receive an outdated letter in the mail. The most important item in it, is a request for your donations for 2019 Bon Fire. Keep in mind the more we raise for fireworks, the larger and longer display we will have!

If you are interested in making a donation or even better becoming a sponsor of this event, please let us know. Make your check or money order out to: The American Legion Post 193 Bon Fire Fund, 295 School St., Winchendon, MA 01475. 100% of your donation will go to the event.

So many people to thank, if I mistakenly overlooked anyone, I promise you it was unintentional. Hope to see you all back next January. Have a safe new vear!

> MARK DESMARAIS 2019 Bon Fire Committee Chair

## O'Connell: Hall is running

To the Editor:

With the Massachusetts State Senate election coming around this year, I would like to introduce you to Republican candidate, Steven Hall.

Steven's experience as a nursing home administrator has given him knowledge of the flaws in the healthcare and insurance industries and feels it's time that Beacon Hill stops looking at us in Central and Western Massachusetts as "cash cows" through taxation.

Mr. Hall Is for legal immigration, but strongly opposes sanctuary cities, unlike our current State Senator.

Steven is a family man, entrepreneur, inventor, and businessman. These successes have led him to this next goal of looking out for the people of the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and district, which includes Ashburnham, Athol, Barre, Brimfield, Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Hubbardston, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Palmer, Paxton, Petersham, Phillipston, Rutland. Spencer, Sturbridge, Templeton, Wales, Ware, Warren, West Brookfield and Winchendon.

Steven Hall and his family are personal friends of mine. I met them when they were participating in competition at the Wachusett Valley Riders Club in Winchendon. Steve, his wife, sonin-law, and grandkids are always great to be around at the track. He is also an avid street bike enthusiast and loves outdoor adventures with his family.

As a father of a wounded veteran, Steven is concerned about veteran's affairs after witnessing the experience his son had as a returning wounded combat veteran. He understands that there are flaws and waste in the system,

and that many veterans fall through the cracks. As a gun owner, Steve will be a voice of reason and common sense in preserving 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.

A major problem in this state is over stringent vehicle inspection laws. Something as simple as a cracked taillight lens is reason for a rejection! Safety is important, but I feel things are spiraling out of control. The working poor, who are trying to squeeze every bit of use out of their older vehicles, are being negatively affected. Now the legislature is considering taxing your vehicle through increased tolls on every major road! Steve opposes this and wants you to keep more of your hard-earned money.

Did you know that you need to register your ATV or other recreation vehicle, even if you use it strictly on your own property? You can get a ticket from the Environmental Police for plowing your own driveway with an unregistered ATV! What's next, registering your lawn tractor?

If you are concerned about government overreach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment infringements, veterans' affairs, overly stringent regulations, and excessive taxation in Massachusetts, I highly encourage you to support Steven Hall for the Massachusetts State Senate. I invite vou to a dinner buffet at the American Legion Post in Winchendon on Feb 17 at 6 p.m., where you can meet and discuss your concerns with Steven Hall (suggested donation is \$25). For more info: Steven Hall for MA State Senate on Facebook, http://www.electsteve.org, or Steven4u@yahoo.com. You will be glad you did.

> JOHN O'CONNELL WINCHENDON

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## **SOUND OFF POLICY**

be guaranteed. The rules of good taste and libel will, of course, apply to all submissions.

Personal attacks will not be published. The editor retains the right to edit all letters.

In addition to the Letters to the Editor section, the Winchendon Courier offers an anon-

## So Long, Mort... and Thanks

"A comic strip that your parents read when they were young is a curious thing: it's an heirloom, and it's also intimate. You peer through windows and look at the things that made your elders laugh, and then you wonder whether the laugh really belongs to you." - Elizabeth McCracken, American author

When I was a kid I would anxiously await the delivery of the Sunday papers. We used to get the Worcester Telegram (it had not yet merged with the Gazette) and the Boston Record-American. Even as a youngster I was kind of a news junkie, but it wasn't the front page I was impatient to read – it was the comic section.

There was magic among

those folded pages. Opening the creased insert was a full sensory experience. The ears perked up at the crinkle of the newsprint, the (mostly) vibrant colors awakened sleepy eyes on a Sunday morning, the intoxicating aroma of the ink wafted into one's nostrils and, of course, there was the comics' appeal to a pre-adolescent intel-

It was a long-ago time that, as of January 27, now seems even farther away. On that date Mort Walker, creator of Beetle Bailey, went to that great drawing board in the sky.

As a youngster, Peanuts was by far my favorite comic strip, but Beetle Bailey was up there among my top ten. Walker created the strip in 1950 and it



...AND ONE MORE THING... **GREG** VINE

continues to this day under the auspices of the creator's son, Greg. For nearly seven decades, the strip has taken a good natured poke at life in the U.S. Army.

Beetle's world is populated by characters like the somewhat clueless Sarge, Killer the seducer, Plato the intellectual, and Cosmo the profiteer. For his part, Beetle just wants to

sleep. The comics of my youth were

drawn by (mostly) men wielding pens dipped in India ink. There were no computers to assist with composition. My friend Don and I would sometimes get together on Sunday afternoons and see which one of us could do the best job copying panels of Beetle printed in the Sunday funnies. But we didn't limit ourselves to trying to mimic Walker's style. There were other great comics to copy: The Little King, BC, The Wizard of

Id, Tumbleweeds. I didn't much bother myself with a comic strip if it's main purpose wasn't to illicit a chuckle or two. I pretty much disdained offerings like Mary Worth, Apartment 3-G, and Brenda Starr. Even adven-

ture strips like Steve Canyon, Prince Valiant, Tarzan, or Terry and the Pirates didn't hold a lot of appeal for me. I wanted to laugh.

As I aged, my tastes naturally changed. My favorites strips became those with the sting of a little satire, or those trafficking in the absurd. I was an immediate fan of Doonesbury.

Later, I would find myself devouring the art and humor of strips such as Bloom County (and its successor, Outland), Calvin and Hobbes, Zippy the Pinhead and, of course, The Far Side. I'll admit I don't rush to read

the "funny pages" anymore. Oh, I'll give 'em a quick perusal if I pick up a paper, but they

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## Love of Country



Notes of Concern **JACK BLAIR** 

Every nation on earth has a history.

Most of them have parts of

that history about which they are not proud. Having said that, for those

citizens, it is their country, their homeland, and most work

every day to make it better. have seen some very despicable

Lately, in our country, we behavior with reference to the

flag that represents America, all of America, the good and the bad. That is our history. We need to acknowledge it. We need to learn from it. We need to improve on it. We can be critical of parts of it, but we do not need to disparage or disre-

spect the flag that represents it. Recently in America, we have seen citizens refuse to honor the national anthem. Our national anthem was written at a time when America was under siege. That song represents all of our history and all of our hopes that we will do better and better in the future. To refuse to stand or to sing it says something about the person, not the song. It brings into question his or her understanding of history in all its many forms, their shape of his or her hope for the future, and whether he or she chooses to honor our country.

Lately the President of the United States chose to honor the winners of the Super Bowl by inviting them to The White House. For some of these players, respect for the "office of the Presidency" was lost in personal dislike of the individual currently holding the office. This is the current national leader wanting to honor Americans who accomplished a notable thing and his attempt being

An equivalent would be if the sitting President took a roster of the players and crossed out the ones he didn't like and did not invite them while the others on the list were welcome. The President wanted to honor the whole team accomplishment on behalf of the American people. How would America react to a President selecting those he liked, or those who supported him, as he conducted his office? It would be outrageous. And citizens refusing to accept an invitation, not from Donald Trump, but from the President of their country, is, in my view, outrageous.

I am reminded that when people loved General MacArthur and did not think much of Harry Truman, MacArthur pulled a number of stunts to belittle the President. Truman's reaction was essentially: You will honor the Office of the President regardless of the occupant, or

you are a disgrace to the military. As you know, he fired MacArthur, arguably one of his best generals; he refused to accept the behavior of a boor. He was widely criticized then, but widely admired now, for the red line he drew about appropriate behavior.

I hope, but do not expect, we can cease the foolishness in which some in our nation are currently engaged. We as a country are better than this sort of behavior.

Turning up at The White House is not demonstrating support for the man who currently holds the top job, but rather having the class to accept recognition from your country for the work you have

## Praise and science



Journey OF THE HEART **JERRY CARTON** 

I come here to praise the Congress of these United States. I come as well to praise a Republican Senator with whom I disagree.

Yes indeed, these are strange

Then again, we have a 'President' who declines to read daily intelligence briefings even though his CIA director confessed to prettying them up with colorful charts, preferring oral reports instead, which I'm certain he's absorbing. Sure. This by the way is the same 'President' who expressed great sympathy for a wife-beater while uttering not a syllable of concern for the victims, two ex-wives. The same 'President' who was crowing two weeks ago about how the markets were soaring under his watch.

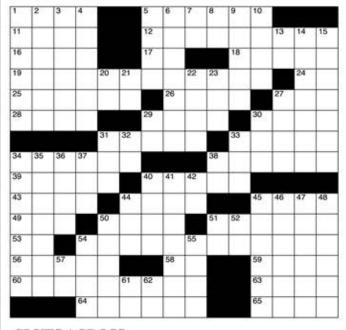
He wasn't quite so ebullient last week.

turned out to be the nothing-burger Nunes memo, which was garbage aside from showing a blatant disregard for our intelligence agencies, the childin-chief blocked release of the Democratic rebuttal. Shocking, right? But he doesn't want anyone blocking his idea for a grand military parade as if it's 1862 and the Union armies are marching down Pennsylvania Avenue. They really did. I promise you Lincoln didn't think it was about him. But Donald has a different perspective. Perhaps you've noticed. Last week? Just another week in the pre-K White House.

digress. Last week, Congress actually passed a bill which mattered. With bi-partisan and ideologically diverse support, the package ended the sequester which had been imposed seven years ago and had capped/restricted funding on a slew of valuable programs. The sequester hurt people in real life. Now we're going to be spending billions on defense, yes, but also on opioid treatment and children's health among other projects. It's the true this bill along with the recent tax cut will further explode the defi-And after releasing what cit but that's the way it goes. Besides, deficits only matter to most Republicans when a Democrat is President anyway. As I said, we live in strange times. Republicans used to be fervently, religiously anti-deficit, anti-Russia and vehemently pro law enforcement in general and the FBI in particular. And of course, very pro-"family values". I'm digressing again. Sorry. Or not. You look at what's going on with those stalwart defenders of principled conservatism and, well, you get it, right?

Be all that as it may, Congress in this case did the right thing. Sure it took all night to get the package to a vote but that was because of one, yes, one Senator who actually is in fact reasonably principled. Rand Paul can be faulted for a lot of things and when it comes to policy ideas he, like his father, sometimes colors outside the lines, but he was spot on when he lambasted his Republican colleagues for their hypocrisy regarding the whole deficit thing. It was a fight he couldn't win and he acknowledged as much, but give Paul credit for speaking the truth. Bottom line, the process wound up working as the Founders intended and as a country we're better off for that. You take the wins where you can find them.

Then there's this. The Science journal reported last week there is reason to believe that five major psychiatric disorders: autism, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression and alcoholism share some common genetic activity. To boil it down, studies are suggesting there may be, "a sense of alterations in the way neurons are signaling to each other," said Daniel Geschwind, a neurogeneticist at UCLA. All this might change the way some psychiatric illnesses are diagnosed and treated. As someone who copes daily with a bi-polar disorder with a side dish of regular depressive cycles, I found this fascinating and perhaps hopeful. Additionally, some of the research was done at the National Institutes of Health. This is yet one more example of why what sometimes seem to be theoretical budget debates matter. Oft-times they're not theoretical at all. They impact real people's real lives. Keep that in mind. See you next



## View from the Tower

teachers as "Students of the Term" for the 2nd term at Murdock High School:

Michaela Benedict: Spanish 4 Honors (Ms Maskewich), Wesley Ringwood: Environmental Science (Mr. Larson), Austin Barrows: Zoology (Mr. Larson), Alex Marshall: AP Chemistry (Mr. Puishys), Shyla Palmer: Art (Ms. Jacobs), Michaela Benedict: AP Literature (Ms. Moriarity), Michaela Benedict: AP Calculus B/C (Ms. Ricard).

Grade 11: Jaelynn Stetson: Spanish 3 (Ms. Maskewich). Lindsev O'Toole: US History 2 (Ms. Robbins), Izaria Alcantara: Psychology (Ms. Robbins), Timmy Quinn: AP US History (Mr. Birney), Chloe Lawrence: AP Language & Composition (Ms. Beaulieu), Lindsey O'Toole: Chemistry CP (Mr. Puishys), Lindsey Smith: Honors Pre-Calculus (Ms. Ricard).

Grade 10: Patrick Cortis: Chorus (Ms. Galipeau), Juliana Nolin: Spanish 2 (Ms. Maskewich), Maclean Brimhall: US History 1 Honors (Ms. Robbins), Jose Gamez Lucero: Honors English (Mr. Brien), Riya Patel: Honors Chemistry (Mr. Puishys), Mikayla Raeda: Honors Algebra 11 (Ms. Ricard).

Grade 9: Jack Polcari: History (Mr. Birney), Arianna Dibble: Spanish 1 (Ms. Maskewich), Julio Rodriguez: Honors English (Ms. Moriarity), Ani-Laysha Rosado: English CP (Ms. Beaulieu), Abigail Leahey: Honors Geometry (Ms. delaGorgendiere).

Middle school students Cayden Lambert, Hailey Lunn, Lillian Skawinski, Mable Marion, Nevaeh Hickey and Kaitlyn Tamulen were recognized as recipients of the "Above and Beyond" award at the academic assembly on Feb. 2.

Sophomore Patrick Cortis auditioned for and was selected to be a member of the Central District Chorus and will also be representing Murdock at the All-State Chorus Festival in March!

The Indoor Track Team continues to raise the bar in multiple events. Adam Digman, Richard

a kid. Not that there aren't a few

good ones. Non Sequitur, Mutts,

Bizarro, and Sherman's Lagoon

come to mind.

Swanson and Alexia Allard were all select-The following students were selected by their ed as League All-Stars at the Mid-Wach League Championship Meet last Friday.

> The varsity boys' basketball team played hard against rival Naragansett last Friday night, but wound up losing by 2 points (47-49), also ending their chance at District play. However, they came back with a vengeance against Bromfield on Monday night, playing a very physical and defensive game, winning 69-56. Louis Maldonado was the high scorer with 26 points. Also contributing offensively were LJ Hicks (12 points), Ross O'Toole (9), Nick Roy (9), Spencer Pelkey (5), Zach Richards (5) and James Anderson (3). The JV Boys team also had a great offensive evening with a decisive 62-25 win over the Bromfield JV team.

> The Middle School and Varsity cheerleaders participated in a competition last Sunday, held at Holyoke High School. Both squads took 1st place in their respective divisions!! The middle school cheerleaders also competed on Saturday in Chicopee, earning a 3rd place trophy!! Both squads will be participating in the Mid-Wach competition at Leominster High School this Sunday (Feb. 18) beginning at 12:00. Come cheer on your Lady Blue

> Tonight: Final basketball games and senior night for cheering, and girls and boys basketball. Games (vs. Gardner) begin at 3:00 with JV boys, followed by JV girls at 4:30, varsity girls at 6:00 and varsity boys at 7:30. Go Murdock!!

> Tomorrow (Saturday 2/17): Bottle and can drive: Rite Aid Parking Lot, bring you redeemable cans and bottles 8:00-12:00 to help fund the 7th grade Camp Takodah trip

> Ongoing events: The Key Club continues their Thirsty Thirty fundraiser to raise money for clean water for communities who do not have access to clean water. Contact Mr. Birney at pbirney@ winchendonk12.org to make your donation.

#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Elaborate silk garment
- 5. Fleet Egyptian deity
- Hundredth anniversary
- 16. Chew the fat
- 17. Doctor of Medicine 18. Large, edible game fish
- 19. Revitalization Personal computer
- 25. Unfettered
- 26. Clumsy persons 27. Japanese classical theater
- 28. Part of a ship 29. Rate of movement
- 30. How much
- 31. Image taken with a camera
- 33. Sharp mountain ridge
- 34. Czech capital
- 38. One who treats poorly

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bone in the lower back
- 3. Comedic honors
- 4. A way to grasp
- 5. Apex
- 7. Manganese
- Decompressions in scuba
- diving (abbr.)
- Blood type 14. Clever reply
- luxurious boat
- 20. Once more
- 21. Rural delivery
- 23. Nigerian City
- 27. Is not (Span.)
- 31. Monetary unit

- 39. By right 40. Relating to odors
- As soon as possible
- 44. Israeli Olympic swimmer 45. Scored perfectly
- 49. Financial ratio (abbr.)
- 50. Unpleasant emotion
- 51. Sign of the zodiac
- 53. Promotional material 54. Your parents' parents
- 56. Monetary unit
- 58. Farm state 59. One of Hollywood's
- Bridges brothers
- 60. Not the plaintiff 63. "Night Train" novelist
- Martens valued for their fur
- 65. Discount

32. The man

35. Small remains

36. Gelatinous substance

38. Artificial intelligence

40. Algerian coastal city

37. A narrow opening

33. Basics

34. Poster

- 2. Goddess of wisdom
- 6. British soldier
- 8. Indicates position
- 10. Soon
- 15. One who travels by
- 22. Mexican dish
- 29. Italy's longest river

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- 30. Grand \_\_, vintage
- 45. Single-celled animals 46. Movie theater

52. Trauma center

44. Carrot's partner

41. Canned fish

42. Milligram

- 47. Necessitate 48. A state of not being used
- 50. Small folds of tissue 51. Gallium
- 54. Commands to go faster 55. New England's football team
- 57. Pianoforte 61. Unit of loudness 62. Atomic number 13

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VINE I'm sure the comic strip will, in one form or another, survive. continued from page A4 But I must admit to experiencing a twinge of sadness when I heard just don't seem to hold the same of Mort Walker's passing. appeal that they did when I was

I guess it's inevitable that, as we age, we lose more and more pieces of our childhood, of our formative years, if you will. Walker was definitely one of those pieces in my life; a small one, maybe, but a piece nonetheless. By putting pen to paper, he and dozens of other talented artists and writers made my childhood – and that of many of my friends - just that much more magical.

Thanks, Mort.

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## **OBITUARIES**

## Marilyn A. (Fletcher) Pike, 80

WILMOT NH — Marilyn A. (Fletcher) Pike, age 80, of Kearsarge Mountain Road, died unexpectedly but peacefully in her home Sunday evening, February 4, 2018.

Born in Keene, NH on June 16, 1937 to Ernest P. and Hazel



E. (Bemis) Fletcher, Marilyn lived a beautiful life and leaves an indelible mark on so many who knew and loved her. Spending her early days in Winchendon, she graduated from Murdock

High School and completed her registered nursing training from Brigham & Women's Hospital, where she later became assistant head nurse. Marilyn met her lifetime love, William Pike, in Boston while he was in dental school. They married and moved to Hampton, VA. where she was in special nursing for the Commander of the base while Bill served in the U.S. Air Force.

Their family life began when they moved to New London, NH in 1962, where Bill built his own dental practice. Marilyn was a devoted mom who stayed home with their three children, and she continued to share her gift as a caregiver in special nursing at the New London Hospital. Bill and Marilyn made such a good team she joined Bill's dental practice, where she remained until their retirement in 1997. What a team they made in work, life and love. After many years enjoying life by Lake Sunapee, they moved to Wilmot in 2006, where family and friends gathered regularly.

Marilyn was a familiar and comfortable face and name in the community and she was a radiant light in every social setting. She could engage in conversation with anyone at any time and loved every minute of being surrounded by her friends and family. Not only was she cherished by her peers, but also by friends of her

children through their adult years and by friends of her grandchildren. Marilyn's heart was filled with great joy by the people in her life.

She dedicated herself to many organizations, and as a member of the First Baptist Church, Marilyn served in various positions including Deacon, choir member and Baptist Women's Fellowship president. She was a former member and president of the New London Garden Club and also started its antique show. Marilyn had a zest for life, enjoying many travels with Bill before and after retirement, and she loved to sail, swim, downhill ski and cross-country ski. She had a fondness for nature and all animals, especially dogs, and would take great pleasure in bird-watching and keeping track of the horses in the neighborhood.

Marilyn will be deeply missed by all who loved her, including her devoted husband of 57 years, William T. Pike of Wilmot, NH; her three loving children and their spouses, William and Ana Pike Jr. of The Philippines, Peter and Tina Pike of Eliot, ME and Kristen and Dag Lidbeck of Wilmot, NH; seven adoring grandchildren, Thomas, James, Charles, Sophia, Mia, Madison and Devon; a brother, Ernest Fletcher Jr. of Winchendon; niece, Jayne Stacy; nephew, Ernest ""Chip"" Fletcher III; a sister-in-law, Marina Brock of Cape Cod, MA; and a daughter-in-law, Jennifer Pike of New London, NH.

Friends were invited to the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main St., New London, NH, on Saturday, February 10, 2018. A funeral service was held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at The First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London, NH. Burial will be in West Part Cemetery, New London, NH in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The First Baptist Church, PO Box 336, New London, NH

Doris was born in Athol on June 28, 1923, daughter of the late Damien and Germaine (Senay) DeLisle and stepdaughter of the late Mary (Robinson) DeLisle. She was the fourth of nine children. Her early life

GARDNER — Doris Pauline (DeLisle)

Valois, age 94, passed away on Tuesday,

February 6, with loving family by her

Doris Pauline (DeLisle) Valois, 94

was marked by loss and upheaval. After her mother died when Doris was nine, she and her siblings were separated and not to be reunited again until their new stepmother Mary gathered the children back together. For Doris and her siblings, Mary was a second mother, and the stories they would tell of their childhood were filled with gratitude and

At sixteen, Doris moved from Athol to Leominster, and Leominster would become her beloved hometown. In 1942. she married Robert Valois. While her husband was fighting overseas, Doris lived in Saco, Maine and worked in the war effort. She spoke of this time as a great adventure in the midst of national crisis. After the war, "Bob and Dot" raised six children. Doris's family was her world. She was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a skilled cook, learning many traditional French-Canadian recipes from her mother-in-law Dora. In her spare time, Doris loved to knit and made beautiful sweaters, scarves and hats. She was an avid reader and taught all of her children at very early ages the wonder of reading and the love of knowledge and learning. Because of her love of learning and the arts, Doris produced artists, writers, a musician and several teachers and administrators from her thankful brood.

Doris was a strong and independent woman, making her way alone for thirty years after her husband's death. Her family marveled as they watched their mother claim a new place in the world, filled with travel - many Elderhostel stays, vacations to Maine with family, and a memorable trip to Sweden and Finland - as well as good friends and meaningful work. At the age of 74. Doris completed her GED at Mount Wachusett Community College, finally earning that high school diploma that eluded so many who grew up during the hardship of the Great Depression. Doris held many jobs, but the last 25 years of her working life were devoted to Montachusett Home Care in Leominster, visiting the elderly and disabled, bringing them joy and companionship. She was truly gifted in this work; it was her calling and earned her the respect of supervisors, colleagues, and, of course, her clients.

Doris was a devoted, lifelong parishioner of St. Leo's Parish of Leominster. She was civic-minded and always voted - even in the last primary, choosing a candidate who most resembled her childhood hero F.D.R. She was a proud, nearly life-long resident of Leominster and was heartbroken to have to spend her last years away from the town she loved so much.

Doris leaves behind her children: Patricia Spiller of York, Maine and her partner Lawrence Clark; Nancy Valois and husband John Salonen of Winchendon; Susan Hui and husband Richard of Gardner; Donna Pobuk and husband Timothy of Templeton; Michelle Valois and her partner Katharine Daube, of Northampton; daughter-in-law Kathy Valois of Lunenburg; grandchildren Amy D'Angelo, Rob Valois, Kimberly Jones, Dustin Hui, Christopher Hui, Sarah Pobuk, Esther Daube-Valois, Ari Daube-Valois, and Noah Daube-Valois; five great-grandchildren, Victoria D'Angelo, Anthony D'Angelo, Evelyn Jones, Nola Jones and Anna Jones; one sister, Estelle Goselin of Connecticut; and many nieces and nephews.

Doris was predeceased by her loving husband Robert in 1986, her son David in 2015, and her grandson Jonathan in 1971: two brothers Roger DeLisle and Robert DeLisle; and five sisters Gladys, Lucille, Anita, Loretta and Genevieve.

Doris was a beautiful, strong, and independent woman. She was a survivor, with a brave soul and a curious mind. She learned to adapt to changes not only in her personal life but in the larger world, becoming ever more accepting of new ideas and people.

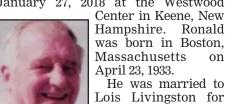
Calling hours were Monday, February 12, in Wright-Roy Funeral Home, Inc., 109 West St., Leominster; followed by a Mass of Christian burial in St. Leo's Church, 128 Main St., Leominster. Burial followed in St. Cecilia's Cemetery.

Tremendous and heartfelt thanks go to the truly exceptional nurses and staff at Wachusett Manor, Gardner and to the Gardner VNA, who gave much more than nursing care, providing a peaceful and compassionate environment during Doris's transition from this life to the next.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Athol Public Library, 568 Main St., Athol, MA 01331, in the name of Doris P. (DeLisle) Valois. Contributions will be used to purchase large print books.

## Ronald J. Johnson, 84

NEW IPSWICH NH — Ronald J. Johnson age 84, passed away on January 27, 2018 at the Westwood



65 years. He met Lois at UCF in Fitchburg where they both

worked. For years, he worked in the paper mill in Fitchburg and after retirement worked at Vanguard, for the town, and also drove a school bus. They lived

in New Ipswich for more 60 years. Lois passed away last March.

Ronald had four children. Richard Johnson and his wife, Debra, of Cynthia Muse Fitzwilliam, Winchendon, Linda Bourgault and her husband Ray of Hillsborough and Robyn Lasanen and her husband Wayne of New Ipswich. He had many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a greatgreat grandchild. Ronald spent a lot of time with his companion cat, Arthur, who died a short time ago.

There will be no service but a private burial for Ronald, Lois and Arthur with family at a later date.

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6** 

12:16-1:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:13 a.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville State Road), secure; 4:35 a.m.: ambulance (Pond Street), transported; 7:27 a.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 7:28 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street), unable to serve; 7:29 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street), advised officer; 7:30 a.m.: summons service (Ready Drive), advised officer; 8:56 a.m.: summons service (Elm Street), advised officer; 9:15 a.m.: officer wanted (Memorial Drive), info taken; 10:11 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street). report taken; 10:14 a.m.; missing person (Holly Drive), report taken; 10:21 a.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street); 11:05 a.m.: disabled auto (Spring Street), unable to locate; 2:34 p.m.: assist other agency (East Street); 4:55 p.m.: officer wanted (West Street), unable to locate; 5:00 p.m.: burglar alarm (Royalston Road North), accidental; 5:19 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), services rendered; 5:22 p.m.: disabled mv (Spring Street), spoken to; 5:56 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:17 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 6:31 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 6:57 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Terrace), spoken to; 10:08 p.m.: fire alarm (Gardner

Road), canceled; 10:17 p.m.: traffic hazard (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate; 8:49 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:09 p.m.: ambulance (Poland Avenue), transported; 10:50 p.m.: ambulance (West Street), transport-

#### WEDNESDAY, **FEBRUARY 7**

1:06-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:26 a.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive), secured bldg.; 9:51 a.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), assisted; 10:01 a.m.: civil complaint (Central Street), spoken to; 11:02 a.m.: ambu-

lance (Old Gardner Road), transported; 11:04 a.m.: summons service (Elm Street), served; 12:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), report taken; 12:47 p.m.: lift assist (Teel Road), services rendered; 4:28 p.m.: ambulance (Ash Street), transported; 7:15 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 7:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), unfounded; 8:03 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street), transported; 8:18 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 11:50 p.m.: info/general (Goodrich Drive), unfounded.

## THURSDAY.

FEBRUARY 8 12:31-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:02 a.m.: larceny (Elmwood Road), assisted; 8:30 a.m.: accident (River Street), Katherine Noelle Burak, 24, 246 Metcalf Street, Winchendon, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, report taken; 9:09 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Spring Street), Mario J. Dumas, 26, 142 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH, arrest based on warrant; 10:40 a.m.: assist citizen (Holly Drive); 11:21 a.m.: fight (Forristall Road),

unable to locate; 11:56 a.m.: info/general (Walnut Street), assisted; 12:04 p.m.: larceny (Spring Street), report taken; 12:36 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 1:05 p.m.: sex offender registration (Hale Street), assisted; 2:21 p.m.: burglar alarm (Northern Heights), canceled; 2:40 p.m.: suspicious mv (School Street), unable to locate; 3:36 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 4:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), report taken; 5:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street), report taken; 5:24 p.m.: harassment (Maple Street), report taken; 5:31 p.m.: assault (Memorial Drive), report taken; 6:20 p.m.: noise complaint (Beech Street), unfounded; 7:06 p.m.: harassment (Beech Street), report taken; 9:01 p.m.: disturbance (Polly's Drive), juvenile arrest, 14, assault w/dangerous weapon (3 counts), report taken; 11:25-11:39 p.m.: buildings checked, secure. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

12:04 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:18 a.m.: parking violation (Beech Street), citation issued; 12:22-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:01 a.m.: disturbance (Mill Street), unable to locate; 6:41 a.m.: traffic hazard (School Street), assisted; 7:32 a.m.: assist citizen (Highland Street), canceled; 8:38 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street), transported; 9:49 a.m.: sex offender registration (Mill Glen Road), assisted; 11:17 a.m.: traffic hazard (Front Street), assisted; 12:04 p.m.: assist citizen (Baldwinville Road); 1:16 p.m.: suspicious mv (Stoddard Road), info taken; 1:25 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Beech Street), report taken; 1:29 p.m.: assist citizen (Elmwood Road); 1:51 p.m.: keep the peace (Front Street), services rendered; 2:57 p.m.: 911/mental health issue (Ready Drive), transported to hospital; 3:25 p.m.: domestic

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## **OBITUARIES**

## Robin 7. Sweeney, 64

GRANVILLE, NY — Robin J. Sweeney, age 64, of Granville, NY, formerly of Winchendon, Gardner and Greenfield, died Monday, February 5, 2018 in Glens Fall Hospital, Glens Falls,



She was born in Winchendon on June 12, 1953, daughter of the late Ronald and (Minckler) Mary Sweeney. Robin was raised in Winchendon and lived most of her life in Gardner and Greenfield. She moved to live in Glens Falls, NY three years

Robin had worked as a home health aide at Arbors Assisted Living in Greenfield and had also worked at other area nursing homes. She had also worked in the kitchen at the Historic Deerfield Inn. Robin enjoyed playing bingo, reading search word puzzles and playing cards. She was a fan of country music and enjoyed listening to the Oldies. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her grandchildren.

She leaves two daughters, Mary Gardner of Granville, NY and Grace Turner of Greenfield; two brothers, Lincoln Sweeney of Arizona and Ronald Sweeney Jr. of Royalston, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sisters, Vanessa Sweeney, Joyce Fitch, Dorothy Sweeney and Grace Sweeney; a brother, Wayne Sweeney and a granddaughter, Ashlen Turner.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 2 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau. com), 343 Central St., Winchendon.

A calling hour will precede the funeral Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m.

## Jean C. (Perkins) Joslin, 88

(Rouse)

WINCHENDON — Jean C. (Perkins) Joslin, age 88, formerly of 97 Pearl St., died peacefully Sunday morning, February 11, 2018 in Baldwinville Nursing Home.

She was born in Springfield on October 19, 1929, daughter of the late Harry and Kathleen Perkins and lived in Winchendon since 1946. Jean was a graduate of Murdock High School.

Jean had worked as a secretary at the former

Leominster Novelty Shop many years ago. She was an active member of the United Parish and had been a member of its Flower Committee. Jean was a member of the Winchendon Camera Club, a long time member of the Winchendon Garden Club and had been master for four years of the former Winchendon

Grange. She had also been a member of the Worcester West Pomona Grange and the Rebecca's. Her hobbies were gardening and transplanting plants.

Her husband of 57 years, Charles C. Joslin, died in 2017. She leaves two sons, James C. Joslin and John W. Joslin, both of Winchendon, as well as nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son. Bruce Joslin, who died as an infant, and a brother, Richard Perkins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday. February 13, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-laduea.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon. The Rev. F. Calvin Miller officiated. A reception followed at United Parish, 39 Front Street, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to United Parish, 39 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475.

## William "Bill" Nutting, 67

PHILLIPSTON- William "Bill" Nutting, 67, of Phillipston, MA passed away on Friday, February 2, 2018. He is survived by two sisters, three sons, a step-son and a long haired miniature dachshund. Bill was born on July 8, 1950 in Westfield MA, the son of Roger Nutting and Marguerite (Amblow) Nutting. He spent most of his youth in Fitchburg, MA, where he attended primary and secondary schools and went on to graduate from Fitchburg State College with a BS in Secondary Science Education. In 1972 Bill embarked on what came to be a forty-five year career when he acquired a job as a lab technician at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, MA. While assisting professors, developing labs, and running the school's greenhouse, Bill

continued his education obtaining

his Masters in biology and eventually becoming a professor himself for nearly three decades. Bill loved to teach and to learn. He had an insatiable curiosity that was evident by an always increasing pile of books. An extensive traveler and certified scuba-diver, Bill had the good fortune to experience oncein-a-lifetime moments that he loved to relate to a willing ear. A short list of Bill's other accomplishments would be: designing and building his own home, creating college courses, obtaining a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, a skilled gardener, and a mad quilter. Bill will especially be missed and remembered as a great conversationalist and as a model of how to sustain a state of wonder.

## John H Robertson III

NORTH BROOKFIELD- On January 31, 2018, a kind and wonderful man left this earth.



John H Robertson III died unexpectedly at home. John leaves his love and life long companion, Michelle Peterson, his daughter Madeline Peterson who was his world and the sparkle in his eyes, his sister Kathie Chartier of Worcester,

his brother Daniel Robertson and his wife Ruth of Winchendon as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. John is predeceased by his father, John H Robertson II and his mother, Barbara (Foley) Robertson.

John was born in Worcester, MA on May 31, 1957 and lived in North Brookfield most of his life. He graduated from North Brookfield High School in 1976. He attended Quinsigamond College and New England Tractor Trailer School. John worked as a truck driver for the last 30 years. He won the Massachusetts State Safety Driver Championship in 2006 and 2007. He competed nationally in New Orleans, LA and Minneapolis, MN.

John was a caring and loving person. He had a dry sense of humor and was very quirky. John was a great Dad. His kindness, patience, guidance and love for Maddie were endless. He loved to dance to his own style and teased Maddie that he would dance like that in front of her friends. He loved and was very active with his daughter's soccer. He tried never to miss a game or practice and always had advice about how to play the game more effectively. John loved to read, to camp, to travel and to watch TV especially anything to do with history or Star Trek.

Our fondest memories with John were on Sunday Family Day - watching Maddie play soccer, having Chinese lunches, spending time exploring at the beach or Boston, or just hanging at the pool - anywhere that we were together. Those memories will live in our hearts

A Celebration of John's Life will be held on March 18, 2018 at 1:00PM at the Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield, MA. Please join us and share a story, a prayer, a poem or anything you'd like to honor this wonderful man whom we

## Honorine A. 'Kiki' Whitney, 89

WINCHENDON - Honorine A. "Kiki" Whitney, 89, of 425 West Street, died peacefully Thursday, February 1, 2018 in

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, with her family at her side. She was born in

Winchendon January 20, 1929, daughter of the late Frederick and Edna (Page) Brow and graduated from Murdock High School in 1947. Kiki was a lifelong resident of Winchendon. Kiki worked

an assembler for several years Kammensteins until her retirement. In earlier years, she worked

at Early American Craftsmen. Her hobbies were making May baskets, fishing and canning tomatoes. An avid Red Sox

fan, she enjoyed snowmobiling in her younger years.

Her husband of 57 years, Walter J. 'Jim" Whitney Jr, died in 2007. She leaves three children, Lois C. Plante of Winchendon, Nancy C. Coderre and her companion Terrance Monahan of Winchendon and James F. Whitney and his wife Timi of Winchendon; eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addi-

and a sister, Jeanette "Sally" Paul. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan Street, Winchendon.

tion to her husband, she was preceded in

death by a brother, Frederick Brow Jr.

Memorial donations may be made to GVNA Healthcare Inc., 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440 or to American Diabetes Foundation, 260 Cochituate Roa d #200, Framingham, Massachusetts, 017

## James G. Wilson Jr., 60

WINCHENDON — James G. Wilson, Jr., age 60, of 316 Ash St., died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.



He was born in Syracuse, NY on June 2, 1957, son of Bernice (Clark) (Wilson) Baker of Syracuse, NY and the late James G. Wilson. James grew up and graduated from high school in New York, where he

lettered in track and football He had lived in Winchendon for 23 proudly James served his country as a member of the United States Army

and received the Army

Service ribbon, the Overseas Service ribbon, the Good Conduct medal and his Sharpshooter Badge Rifle M-16.

While in school, James lettered in track and football. James previously worked for Avery Denison in Fitchburg

as a mold technician and was a supervisor at Nypro in Clinton. He also worked as a supervisor at SMC in Devens until his retirement.

His wife of 31 years, Monika (Mohr) Wilson died in 2013. In addition to his mother, he leaves a sister, Gloria Veal and her husband Larry Veal Sr. of Texas, a nephew Larry Veal Jr., a niece, Tashina Collarro; a brother, Christopher Reese of Syracuse. New York: his caretaker and friend Brenda Blodgett of Winchendon and a host of cousins, family members and friends.

Funeral services in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street Winchendon will be held Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. The Rev. Daniel Akins will give the eulogy.

A calling hour will precede the funeral on Thursday from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Burial, with military honors will follow in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Montachusett Veterans' Outreach Center, Stallings Center, 21 Murdock Ave., Winchendon, MA 01475.

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(Lincoln Avenue), report taken; 3:35 p.m.: animal complaint (West Monomonac Road), referred to ACO; 3:49 p.m.: animal complaint (Bosworth Road), referred to ACO; 5:14 p.m.: welfare check/general (Court Street), spoken to; 6:31 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), verbal warning; 6:39 p.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street), verbal warning; 6:50 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street), referred to ACO; 7:04 p.m.: DPW call (Town Farm Road), referred; 7:37 p.m.: disabled mv (Mill Glen Road), assisted; 8:21 p.m.: domestic (Royalston Road North), report taken; 9:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Gardner Road), report taken; 10:12 p.m.: registration check (Gardner Road), assisted.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:00-12:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:15 a.m.: assist other PD (Ashby), unable to locate; 1:19 a.m.: mv stop (Mechanic Street), verbal warning: 3:15-4:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:51 a.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 9:52 a.m.: info/general (Holly Drive), info taken; 10:14 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 10:24 a.m.: investigation

(Central Street), info taken; 10:32 a.m.: 911/vandalism (River Street), info taken; 11:07 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 11:53 a.m.: assist citizen (Holly Drive), canceled; 12:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), unable to locate; 12:28 p.m.:

traffic hazard (Main Street), removed; 12:34 p.m.: traffic hazard (Route 202), unable to locate; 12:44 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 1:26 p.m.: assist citizen (Washington Avenue), info taken; 2:32 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Street), mv towed; 3:16 p.m.: gunshots heard (Teel Road), unable to locate; 3:50 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive), canceled; 5:45 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unfounded; 6:24 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 6:29 p.m.: assist citizen (Hill Street), info given; 6:57 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), info given; 7:54 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), assisted; 8:52 p.m.: traffic hazard (Russell Farm Road), referred to DPW.

1:02-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: ambulance (Royalston Road North), transported; 1:12-1:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), written warning; 1:38-2:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:37 a.m.: info/general (Hyde Street), referred to DPW; 7:00 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street), transported; 9:20 a.m.: summons service (Ready Drive), served; 9:24 a.m.: summon service (Spruce Street), served; 9:32 a.m.: summons service (Mechanic Street), served; 9:34 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street), served; 9:35 a.m.: summons ser-

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11** 

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vice (High Street), served; 9:42 a.m.: summons service (Alger Street) served: 9:50 a.m.: summons service (Royalston Road South), served; 10:26 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 11:49 a.m.: animal complaint (Converse Drive), referred to ACO; 12:29 p.m.: illegal dumping (West Street), referred to DPW; 2:52 p.m.: missing person (Laurel Street), report taken; 4:01 p.m.: FD call (Central Street), services rendered; 4:03 p.m.: suicide threats (Brown Street),

transported to hospital; 5:24 p.m.: suspicious person (School Street), secure; 5:36 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 5:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), no service necessary; 6:12 p.m.: disabled mv (West Monomonac Road), assisted; 7:29 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:05 p.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), report taken; 8:19 p.m.: disabled mv (Elm Street), report taken; 9:14 p.m.: welfare

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## **SPORTS**

## Thanks, Coach

Five years ago, Jim Abare accepted what some described as the thankless job of girls' varsity head basketball coach at his alma mater of Murdock High School. Lord knows Abare, already a member of the school's Hall of Fame for his own high school career, didn't have to do it. After all, he'd spent 21 years coaching at Gardner High and reached the post-season 17 times, winning eight league titles. It wasn't exactly as if he had anything to prove.

No, Jim took the job because he loved basketball and wanted to do something to help the community where he grew up. Here's what I can tell you as his career ends tonight — his tenure has been a success by any measure other than wins and losses which, let's be honest are pretty irrelevant in the long run anyway.

Jim's been an educator, period. Sure, he coached them up on a daily basis and for 32 minutes 20 times every winter and from the bleachers during summer league, he was competitive and animated and always, always, teaching. In the closing minutes of one-sided blowouts, he was still teaching. Off the court, because he knows well, everyone, he was taking kids on college tours whether basketball figured in the equation or not. How many other coaches do that? From my experience, I can't think of any.

Don't get me wrong — he wanted to win. I've seen him scare the hell out of some young players and some not so-inexperienced players too. There were moments when even I wanted to hide in the corner just from listening. You



JOURNEY OF THE HEART **JERRY CARTON** 

know what, though? Those tirades, frequently followed by a dose of self-deprecation, happened because he wanted the kids to respect the game, respect the opposition and above all, respect themselves and be able to look in the mirror knowing they'd done their best. That's all he ever asked of them — do their best on the court, do their best off the court. He knew that's what really mattered and in turn, the kids who have played for him knew, especially as they got older, he was always going to be there for them when/if they needed it. So many now tell me they didn't realize at the time what he was really teaching about life and maybe they didn't appreciate it then but they do now. That's one awesome legacy to leave.

For myself, I've worked with some, though believe me not all, school coaches who have let me "in." In no particular order, John Maliska (girls' basketball), Steve Ringer (boys' hoops), Mike Fontaine (softball) and Jason Marshall (girls' soccer) all gave me amazing access for which I remain appreciative. They didn't have to but they did. Jason still does. For the three seasons I covered his program before health issues made me stop, Jim was the same way and more. Even

during these last two years, he's been gracious enough and taken the time to keep me very much in the loop and for that I am truly grateful.

I didn't stop covering basketball because I wanted to but because I had no choice. I gave up everything else quite voluntarily (with the exception of soccer which I've stayed with) but I gave up basketball with extreme reluctance.

Here's the bottom line. I'm not entirely sure the MHS community fully realizes what kind of an educator they're losing when the buzzer sounds tonight. His contributions can't be measured by W's and L's, but by his character and the mentoring he has provided. We all owe him a big-time debt of gratitude.

Thanks, coach.

## Devils come up short against 'Gansett by two

BY CHRIS MARTIN

Last Friday was the Coaches vs. Cancer awareness game. It was the Murdock Blue Devils who hosted the Narragansett Warriors at home in a huge league game matchup in front of a loud gymnasium. The Devils would need to pick up a win to grab a spot in districts but it would be Antonio Stakley and company pulling out a wild win with a 49-47 victory.

Murdock jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead with buckets from Louis Maldonado and a three ball by Spencer Pelkey with 6:06 to go in the first quarter. 'Gansett would answer back with two buckets of their own to tie the game at five with 5:09 remaining in the quarter. The Devils would go back up by five once again to take a 10-5 lead as 4:11 remains in the first. With 3:32 to go in

the quarter, Stakley picked up a bucket and went to the charity stripe to knock down a free throw to cut the Devils lead to two. Seconds later, Stakley tied the game 10-10 with 3:11 in the first but Pelkey would give Murdock back the lead knocking down one of two free throws as the Devils take a 11-10 lead with 2:49 remaining. James Anderson and LJ Hicks gave the Devils a three point lead as quarter number one came to a close with the Devils taking a 15-12 lead heading into the second quarter.

Early in the second Maldonado gave the Devils a 16-12 lead on a free throw with 7:44 to go in the half. Stakley would cut the Devils lead back to one, then the Warriors would take the lead 17-16 as 6:35 remains in the half. Ross O'Toole gave his team back the lead on a three ball to take a 19-17 lead with 6:05 left in the half. Murdock would continue their 8-0 run to take a 24-17 lead as 5:03 remains until half time. The Warriors would come storming back with buckets from Stakley, Ben Raymond, and Tyler Dill to give their team a 29-28 halftime lead.

As the second half got under way, the Warriors and Devils kept each other in check. The Devils would take a 42-41 lead after three, but it was the Warriors who held on to a nail biting 49-47 victory over rival Murdock.

With the Warriors win they knocked the Blue Devils out of playoff contention. Leading the way for the Warriors was Stakley, who had 15 points, Tyler Dill-8 points, Merrill-8 points, Ben Raymond-6 points, and Ben Edwards-4

For Murdock Maldonado and Pelkey combined for 20 points, Hicks-9 points, Roy- 8 points, Anderson-7 points, and O'Toole added 5 points.

After the game Coach Matt O'Mallev

said, "It was a great game! Unfortunately, we came out on the wrong end but that's a really good team, we played right down to the wire, 'Gansett is the number two seed in Clark Tournament and there's a reason. We played hard, got what we wanted at their at the end, with LJ with the ball going to the hoop, just didn't go our way.'

On finishing the season, "We just want to close out in a positive direction. get two wins, send the seniors out in the right way, and have a little momentum building for next year," O'Malley said.

The Devils closed out league play (4-6) and went to (8-10) on the season. Monday night the Devils traveled to Bromfield and picked up a 69-56 victory to go to (9-10) on the season. Tonight, the Devils wrap up their season on Senior Night as they host the Gardner Wildcats and looking to end the season on a high note.

## Lady Devils beat Sizer, finale tonight

**BY JERRY CARTON** 

season ends tonight when the Murdock Lady Devils host Gardner (the boys play the Wildcats afterwards) and it will be the final game for coach Jim Abare, who's retiring when the final buzzer sounds.

That's for later this evening. The season's not quite over yet and last week, MHS picked up a fourth win with an

easy win to complete a lived and MHS was soon the end. season sweep of the Sizer cruising.

As she had throughout most of the last four years senior Molly Murphy, whose own hoop career concludes tonight, led the way, scoring 31 points including six three pointers. Murphy needed to come up big for a team decimated by illness and injury and she did.

Sizer scored the first three points of the game but that lead was short-

shrugged Abare, who was actually happier with the effort the Lady Devils turned in 24 hours later in a 49-34 loss to Narragansett.

"We played as well as we can, and I consider that a win," he said.

Murdock played especially well after the break, winning the third period, and things like that brought a smile to a coach even one nearing

coaching and seeing the things you've talked about all vear finally following through," said

Murphy is closing up with a flourish, adding 21 points to the 30-plus of the previous evening. She added seven rebounds and for good measure blocked five shots too. Sister Kelly. a junior, chimed in with seven points. Rylee

Brooks scored four contest. "It makes you feel good points while Stadfeldt from the standpoint of contributed two points. three boards and a steal.

It was the last time Abare would square off against 'Gansett coach Steve Hancock, with whom he'd worked at

Gardner.

"Fun," he said. The victory over Sizer gave Abare 295 career triumphs and he had a decent shot to get to 296 on Wednesday when Murdock hosted St. Mary's in a rescheduled

A fifth win would surpass previous seasons since Abare returned to his alma mater for the 2013-14 season. Molly Murphy will be the only senior wrapping up her career tonight which means the next coach should anticipate a slew of returnees when the Lady Devils begin practice for the 18-19 season come November.

## Varsity working for berth at regionals

**BY JERRY CARTON** 

Fresh off a resounding victory in the Gardner Valentine Cheering Invitational, Murdock High School's varsity cheer team heads to Leominster Sunday for their league tournament with a berth in Regionals on the line. That event gets underway at Leominster High School at noon.

Not only did the varsity capture Gardner's event, the team also won the Grand Champion award, coming out on top in a field of 20 schools. The middle school team finished second in their division.

Of the varsity squad, Coach Lisa Paulitzky waxed enthusiastic.

'They've really come together as a team. They're really good athletes. They work hard. They're not fazed by anything. They deserve the success," she

Paulitzky is also proud of how her team was the catalyst in enabling the program to bounce back after a trying

"They decided they wanted to do the

work it took," she noted. Sunday's Mid-Wachusett League Championship carries with it an automatic bid to the March 4 Regional competition. That tournament is the gateway to States on March 11.

Paulitzky, though, is focusing strictly

on this weekend.

"You have to," she asserted. The varsity roster includes captains Ariana Berman and Maria Polcari, as well as Taylor Goguen, Meghan Knight, Izzy Alcantara, Rebekah Bergeron, Allie Cobiski, Joslynn Laverdure, Cassandra Wightman, Anijah Rodriguez, and Makenzie Lundin.

The middle school team consists of Jessica Higbee, Kelsey Boucher, Arielle Benedict, Abigail Bradley, Madison Cosentino, Marissa Keeney, Hallie Lafrennie, Emily Michaud, Madison Montana, Dezzary Schindler-Roberts, Abigail Trick, Emily and Breylyn Wightman, Jasmine Hardy, and Min-d

Murdock's teams are coached by Paulitzky and Tamara Hayes

## Gagne joins Maine 200 club in a big way

Hunters and sportsmen hear the stories. Some are true and some are not. Some are just honestly caught up in the moment and exaggerations, and then there are pictures with a trophy catch which back it all up.

The last was such the case this past November when Winchendon police Sergeant Jerry Gagne harvested a huge mature buck which dressed out at a whopping 225 pounds.

Last November, Gagne, a police officer with a career spanning nearly a quarter century, headed north for deer shotgun season along with local friends Tony Basso, Brian Charbonneau, and Jamie Dorais to enjoy the woods of Oakland, ME.

Staying at the home of is cousin Cindy and her husband Richard Lafrennie, Gagne was using what he has dubbed his "lucky tree stand which is like a hot spot," where he had harvested no less than seven mature bucks over 15 years. The same stand has also worked out well for his uncle and cousins.

Gagne said, "This used to be my grandfather's property, then it went to my uncle and finally my cousins. They treat me like a king when I am up there, along with my cousins Brian and Steven Michaud. They take great care of me when I am visiting and hunting, and it always means the world to me to see them every time. Even if I don't stay there and I come over in the morning, the coffee is on and breakfast is usually

they have food ready for me and even rent movies if we have time. They just

mean the world to me." Smiling and laughing Gagne explained, "Tony, Brian, and Jamie got up and were out in the woods before me heading out at 6 a.m. and it was raining out. That morning I have to be honest, I slept in because I didn't want to get wet and then be soaked all day. I figured I would go about around 10 a.m. and stay until dark. Well, I left the house about 9:30 a.m. on that November 6, and I finally made it out up in my lucky tree stand by 9:45 a.m. As I said I slept in that morning and wouldn't you know it, I couldn't believe it but I feel asleep again up in the tree stand. Next think I know, it's 10:17 am. and I wake up, look down, and there is this massive mature buck practically walking almost directly under me. I couldn't believe it. It was right there when I woke up!"

"Huge, I knew it was just huge. This was just one of those things that don't come along that often. I didn't even have time for my heartbeat to increase. I aimed, and took the shot from 15 feet up and between 30 and 40 feet away. It went down, and I got out my phone and texted everybody' Monster Down'," said

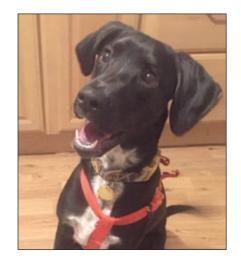
Asked how far he had to drag the trophy buck, Gagne said, "I never touched it. Tony and Brian came running and helped me out and dragged it out for me

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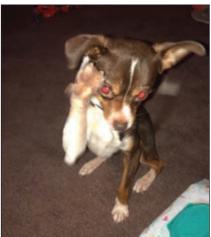
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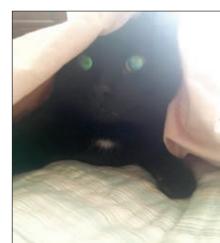
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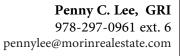








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## Gallant explains 'depth' of snow removal

BY KEITH KENT

As residents question if roads have been plowed or why they sometimes take more time between passes, DPW Superintendent Albert Gallant took time to explain the complexity of snow removal operations.

A reverse town wide call was issued February 7 advising residents of an impending winter storm, which in part stated as snow could come down at rates of up to 2" plus per hour, residents need not worry if it appears their roads have not been attended as it takes time to go through assigned driving routes, and their streets are being plowed.

Gallant fielded a series of questions to explain the complexity involved and necessary time requirements for snow removal.

The town plows 134 miles of roads known as center lane miles, which at an average of four passes each per storm event, equals 536 miles of plowing operations by just 12 driver-plow operators. This figure does not include millage for any non-town owned or private roads not accepted by the town but still plowed.

After all snow is removed and a winter storm event is over, it can take the same crews an additional 4 to 5 hours for the salting and sanding all 134 miles plus.

But it may not be all 12 drivers available at each event.

explained, Gallant "Employees could have previously put in for vacation time, have put in for a day off they had coming to them, or ever have the flu and be out sick when a storm comes. You could even have an employee who has time coming to them which they have earned, and they may have needed to use that time or lose it by a certain date. Due to this, we may not even have 12 drivers clearing the roads depending on when the storm arrives. Between days off, broken equipment or other, there are almost never 12 driv-

ers at any one time. Asked about varying department facilities, the Transfer Station can take 2 to 3 hours to clean out, and the Waste Water Treatment plant can take 1.5 hours. Additional facilities needing snow plowing and or removal included, the police department, COA, municipal parking lots, a section of the bike path and three bike path parking lots, and now also the Ingleside driveway.

Sidewalks are also plowed, using a much smaller one person operated machine operating in a smaller confinement space and watching out for objects such as fire hydrants or utility poles, averages 3 MPH and plows 30 miles of walkways taking 10 hours per cleaning. If the snow on the sidewalks is deeper and requires snow blowing, it can take from 16 to 20 hours per storm to clear the walkways.

Additional sidewalk plowing is also then again needed, as contractors plowing along state highways such as Routes 202 and 12 push the snow back in, which then again requires the town to remove the snow on those pedestrian walk ways.

Finally, if the storm according to Gallant is 12" or more such as a past 16" storm the

area realized this season, it can take the town about a week to clear and clean both busy intersections and Central Street in

the town business district. Gallant also added, "After the storm is over and it stops snowing, our town employees are here an additional 8 hours on average before they can

even go home.

In closing Gallant said, "Again if it is snowing heavily, it may look like your road was not plowed even though it has already been attended. We are doing the very best we can with the equipment and manpower we have, and all we ask is that the public exercise patience during the winter storms as we are making our rounds to provide the best service possible."

## Senator Gobi secures authorization for local projects in bond bill

**BOSTON** — The Massachusetts Senate today voted to authorize up to \$3.65 billion in bonds for repairs and improvements of capital facilities across the Commonwealth. Spending authorizations in the bill include bonds for state university and community college campus improvements, public safety and security facilities and clean energy and efficiency programs.

"I am always glad to advocate for projects in my district, especially those that are difficult for the towns to finance themselves," said Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer).

Senator Gobi filed several amendments that were adopted, among them being an approved amendment relative to Ashby authorizing \$6,000,000 for the design, renovation, addition and construction of a new public safety complex, an amendment relative to Palmer authorizing \$5,000,000 for the design and construction of a new public works building, and an amendment authorizing \$1,000,000 for the construction of a new senior center in the town of Brimfield.

"The Senate's support for these projects highlights the Legislature's commitment to significant revitalization and economic development across the Commonwealth," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). "The maintenance and improvement of these projects is essential to maintain a high quality of life for our constituents.'

The bill authorizes the issuance of bonds for the improvement of capital facilities and for general government operations, including:

\$680 million for general state facility improvements;

\$675 million for trial court facility improvements;

· \$500 million for public safety and security facilities;

· \$475 million for state university and community college campus improvements;

\$475 million for the University of Massachusetts system campus improvements;

· \$193.4 million for a municipal facility improvement grant program;

\$150 million for the Accelerated Energy and Resiliency program, which develops and implements energy and water savings projects statewide;

· \$85 million for the Clean Energy Investment Program to improve the energy efficiency of state-owned facil-

The bill also increases previous spending authorizations for University of Massachusetts, state universities and  $community\ colleges\ campus\ facilities.$ 

In addition, the bill increases several project control and supervision, design and construction thresholds for the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to keep pace with current costs of construction in Massachusetts.

The bill will now be reconciled with a version passed by the House of Representatives.

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"So that means they would take over all the road maintenance and plowing?" asked board member Mike Barbaro.

"Yes, that means they'd be responsible for everything dealing with that section of road," Zlotnik replied. "Why I think that's important is that we were lucky enough to get the aving work that was done last fall on the TIP (Transportation Improvement Project list), but that might not always be the case because that is a competitive process with MassDOT.

So, there may come a time when the city of Gardner or town of Winchendon becomes responsible for its section of Route 140."

"Right now," said Zlotnik, "if you're coming west on Route 140 from Route 2, you go through a state-owned portion, then a city of Gardner-owned portion, then a state stateowned portion, then back to Winchendon. I just don't think that makes a hell of a lot of sense. I'm hoping the DOT will see the value in having that length of road, which really should be state-maintained

board unanimously The

approved seeking the transfer of the town-owned section of Route 140 to the state.

The board, without dissent, also voted to seek a grant of \$500,000 from the Municipal Small Bridge Program to help pay the cost of replacing the Robbins Road bridge over Robbins Brook. The approximately 150-year-old bridge is in disrepair and chunks of concrete and granite can be seen coming loose beneath the bridge span. Jersey barriers have replaced wooden guardrails that have deteriorated over the years.

"A couple of years ago," said Zlotnik, "as an extension of the current Chapter 90 program, which is the state's supplemental funding program to cities and towns for road work, we added an additional \$50 million a year for small bridge maintenance. What was coming to our attention more and more was that these small municipally-maintained bridges were falling into disrepair. They needed either serious maintenance work or to be replaced entirely. Sometimes, towns would have to use in excess of single year's Chapter 90 allotment for bridge work that might only cover 20 feet. So, this other program was created to supplement that fund."

Winchendon Public Works Director Al Gallant said the total cost of replacing the bridge is estimated at around \$800,000.

"So, if we get this grant," he said. "we'll have to find a way to come up with the rest of the money.

Gallant said he had also hoped to get some funding to repair or replace the small bridge on the School Street loop that crosses a stream just off School Street-Route 12. The small span has some obvious structural deficiencies.

"Unfortunately," Gallant, "that bridge is considered too small to qualify.'

### **AHIMSA**

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distance from Narragansett Regional High School.

Regular hours of operation for the both locations are Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rescued Treasures is open Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ahimsa's cats may also be viewed at the Leominster Petsmart on Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday from 3-5 p.m., and Sunday from 2-4 p.m. "Cats that are ready to

be adopted area spayed or neutered," said Roberts. "They have age appropriate shots, are micro-chipped, de-wormed and de-fleaed, and have been tested for FEL/ FIV."

Roberts said Rescued Treasures Second Hand Shoppe will be selling "new and gently used home décor, furniture, and household items. We are always accepting donations. People may drop them off during business hours or by appointment. They can also email info@ahimsahaven.org or call (978) 939-8464.

In addition to monetary donations and gifts of item for the thrift shop, Ahimsa can also use donations of time.

"We are always looking for volunteers," said Roberts. "We need them to do various iobs; caring for the animals, transporting animals to spay/ neuter and vet appointments. We also need people to help with cat socialization, fostering, fundraising, and hosting adoption hours. Applications to volunteer can be found at ahimsahaven.org."

"We'd like to thank the community for their continued outpouring of support for our rescue," Roberts said. 'We also want to thank our fabulous group of volunteers who have helped make our shelter what it is today.'

"I want to encourage people to stop by this weekend and celebrate our Valentine's Day Open House. We will be having a bake sale and supply drive."

"You just might find the love of your life," she concluded.

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Massachusetts' school funding program, pointing out the state has been using the same formula since 1993. He added he has been working to secure more than half a billion dollars in increased education funding throughout the last four fiscal cycles.

'Rural school districts like Winchendon's are getting hurt," he said of the current disbursement structure. In a recent forum with student leaders at the Winchendon School, he told them, "the current formula is very old and very outdated. Schools here are very underfunded. Every community is entitled to good schools," he stressed, pledging to continue to work on changing the way the state funds public schools.

The incumbent said he will also continue to focus his energy on economic development throughout the district.

"It's important that our laws

and regulations adapt to changes in technology, business practices and consumer trends so that Massachusetts can be competitive. I'm pleased we've been able to get the ball rolling, but there is still a lot of work to be done." he said.

Zlotnik added he also would like to see Winchendon attract new businesses.

The primary is in September. the general election November 6. Zlotnik does not yet have any announced opposition.

### **GAGNE**

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about 100 feet to a spot where my cousin's husband could come and pull it out with a four wheeler to a logging road and bring it back for me.'

It was a short while later, when after weighing the buck at the local check station D&L Country Store the scale told the story. Weighing in as the biggest buck tagged in at that station during the season at that time, Gagne's buck tipped the scale at an impressive 225 pounds after being field dressed.

As a mature male buck retains roughly 80 percent of its weight after being field dressed, live weight would have been roughly 280 pounds.

Asked the reaction of his wife Cheri, Gagne said, "She was happy for me and appreciates how much it means to me. While she has no interest in hunting, she is always happy for me when I am successful.

In closing Gagne said, "My cousins Cindy, Brian and Steven are my best friends, and Brian and Steven and my favorite hunting buddies up there. Getting to see my cousins means more to me than actually getting



Courtesy photo

WPD Sgt. Jerry Gagne poses with a monster buck he harvested this immediate past deer shotgun season in Oakland, Maine.

a deer. Just being able to see them and spend time with them means far more to me no matter

how big any deer is. They mean everything to me.'

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## Youth Venture projects in process

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Getting Youth Venture projects up and running can be time-consuming, frequently frustrating and offer lessons in patience and sometimes as well lessons in dealing with bureaucracy. Those factors can be daunting but a number of Murdock students are persevering because they believe they have important messages to convey.

The Courier has written about Hannah Turner's Blue Hands project and Lily LeBlanc's Benches effort. Those are moving along but this week, Julio Rodriguez revealed a plan for his Regame venture.

Rodriguez and his team are planning to refurbish old games and distribute them to hospitalized children. To raise money, they're going to be having a game tournament sometime next month (nominal admission) right at MHS.

"We think this is something that will appeal to people," enthused Rodriguez.

He's likely to schedule the event somewhere around the March 8 Youth Venture Spring Showcase.

"Good timing," noted Murdock Youth Venture champion Kris Provost.

While Turner, LeBlanc and Rodriguez are more or less YV veterans, Becka

Stone is new to the program. Stone is back in school after having a daughter, and said Provost helped recruit her to Youth Venture.

"He's a big reason I came back at all," Stone remarked, "and when I came today, to my first meeting" she said Monday, "I have ideas I want to pitch to Mr. Provost.'

Stone said she was bullied unmercifully during her years in middle school so bullying is an issue close to her heart. So is teen pregnancy and given her experience Stone believes she can be a strong advocate on the issue.
"It's a challenge," she acknowledged.

"I'm not just responsible for me anymore. I used to be. Now I've matured. I'm really proud of myself. I'm planning on graduating next year (2019), going to college and teaching special ed," said Stone.

For now, though, "I have a lot to offer," she stressed.

Stone didn't disagree that she's a role model, either.

"She is," noted Provost, adding, "Becka has a great story which will be a great asset in any Youth Venture project."

Provost said current YV projects will be discussed at a March assembly with



Faculty advisor Kris Provost (I) discusses upcoming projects with Murdock High School participants in the Youth Ventures program.

freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. He added the Showcase will enable MHS participants to mingle with students

"Talking and meeting with peers from different schools can be beneficial for everyone," he said.

## BOH creates new soils fee to cover costs

BY KEITH KENT

A soils fee increase for items such as Title Five septic repair was approved at the February 5 meeting of the Board of Health to help offset costs previously absorbed by the town.

Referring to the current billing process, BOH member Brian Croteau said, "The current process saves the homeowner money, but doesn't save the town any money as it saves the home owner from having to buy the materials," and "we

would like to propose adding a separate column to soil inspection for the cost to be absorbed by the home owner and not the town.'

Croteau also pointed out home owners could save up to several thousand in costs by having the test done, and then said, "I propose we make a policy change for soil testing so the property owner is responsible for the outside surveyor to come in who is about \$35/Hr. and comes in for a 4 hour minimum. We are looking to set a \$150 fee for each test."

BOH Agent James Abare advised the fee could be set up as a fee change per BOH fees on the application form. All members present of the BOH voted unanimously to adopt the fee change of \$150 per test.

Abare explained later, "If the law has a stipulation in it where the town hires a soil scientist who has had courses in 'evaluating soil' and the person is present at the actual testing, then the town can approve a 4 foot separation from the water table instead of a 5 foot separation from we're the water table is, and it saves the home owner having to purchase that additional foot of fill of approved septic sand.

Board member Cory Wilson clarified septic sand delivered is currently in the \$15 to \$16 per yard range, with the average project commonly taking up 800 to 1,000 square feet.

Abare clarified the estimated high water table is the highest estimated point of seasonal water, from where the bottom

the leach field would exist. The fee would only apply to septic repairs, as new construction would not need the test as they already have to build to 5 feet of

At this time, a testing land for subsurface sewage disposal application, commonly known as a perc test, is \$100. If a soil testing is needed as an additional service which could save the home owner the additional one foot of materials and significant cost, the new fee would be an additional \$150.

#### COACH

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ing a 282-192 record at Gardner.

"That doesn't include a 57-3 JV record," he laughed. At press time for this story two games remained in the

Abare, a member of the MHS Hall of Fame, graduated in 1965, having played football and basketball and ran track before eventually finding his way to GHS. In 21 seasons at Gardner, his teams reached the post-season 17 times, won eight league titles and took the Central Mass D1 title in 2003-04, a season in which he was also honored as coach of the year. In the summer of 2016, Abare was honored in Boston as the American Cancer Society's Massachusetts Coaches v Cancer Ambassador.

Greg McKeever, community manager for special events for the ACS New England chapter, said, "Our selection committee was impressed by coach Abare's energy and commitment to the cause. Jim and his team did a phenomenal job of getting other Murdock teams

Abare, who lost an older brother to the disease, said the award was "very personal for me," noting," everyone knows someone. Every family knows someone who's been affected by cancer. The kids at this school have really taken this up as a cause. They're the ones who did everything.'

When Abare returned to MHS for the 2013-14 season after spending nearly a

half-century working in Gardner, he knew the challenge would be signifi-

"For one thing, the numbers are different. Smaller school. Fewer players. and there are a lot of kids involved in everything, every sport, every play, every Student Council thing, and it's good that they are, but it also means you're only going to have a certain amount of kids who'll show up for basketball," he said at the time.

A few weeks into that first season, Abare was sidelined for 18 days by heart surgery and quipped, "two weeks in and see what they did to me?"

In a more serious vein. Abare looked back earlier this month and acknowledged his return in '13 was, "a little bittersweet. It had been so long. I didn't know a lot of the families anymore. Not after all those years in Gardner.

"But I have to say," he added, "I certainly don't have any regrets about doing it, about coming back here. None. In some ways, it was like starting over but I still loved coaching and one of the things that has meant a lot is the number of players who came back after they graduated to help out some. Haley Jandris. Deanna Polcari. Tatum Mahoney. Morgan St. Pierre. Nicole Eliason. The Browns (Amber/Autumn). You're happy when you see what good things they've done with their lives. That's when you know you've made a little bit of a mark," said Abare, who nonetheless downplayed accounts of how much he helped students as they grappled with post-high school choices, including taking some on college tours.

Additionally, Abare would take teams to see college contests at Holy Cross, exposing them to big-time hoops.

"You do what you can," he shrugged. Doing what you can included arranging several clinics run by former firstround NBA draft choice Bob Bigelow.

"It's good for them to be exposed to someone who's been that successful, not just as an athlete but in life," Abare said after the 2014 edition.

The whole perception of small-ish town school sports has changed during "I remember Saturday mornings as a

kid, eight or nine years old, living near the Clark, and I would go down there. maybe help line the field and they'd give me a quarter for a Coke. You'd hang around until the players came and maybe they'd tousle your hair and you knew you wanted to be just like them. The town would close down for a few hours — the barber shops and other businesses would close for a couple hours. Sports is a universal language.

"Then you'd grow up and you became that player and knew some other little kid was looking up to you and you took that responsibility seriously," he remi-

"You should be proud of where you come from," he said at the end of the 2014-15 season. Speaking at that season-ending awards event, he noted. "you might have to Google this, but 1,000 years ago, there was a group called the Beach Boys and one of my favorite songs was 'Be True to Your School', talking about being jacked up for the football game and the cheerleaders

wearing jackets, not gang jackets but school jackets. It was really about never selling yourself short. Don't any of you ever do that. You can come from here and be very successful," he told his team and a lot of parents.

One game to remember from these five seasons, one above all? There was a 37-31 triumph at Monty Tech that first

"I used to call games against them games against 'Murdock East'," Abare sighed. "There were so many local kids going over there. That was a memorable win." Said MHS Principal Ralph Olsen,

"Jim's a great guy who gives his all for the girls he coaches. Jim provides the girls with opportunities to grow as people." Senior Molly Murphy said Abare has

been "a great coach to play for. You know when he believes in you and you want to play your best for him. I just hope I've never let him down because he has been great to me.'

St. Pierre reflected vears later about her senior campaign, Abare's first at

"I thank him for seeing my potential and enhancing my self confidence. My senior year was my most important and I could not have been more happy with it as I had a great coach who believed in me on the court as well as off the court.'

And that, in the end, is what Abare has been doing for so long. Now it's time to pass the baton but it seems fair to suggest we will not see his like again. After all, legends are legends for

### MILL

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Repair or Removal Program overseen by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA).

The Giovanonis won't simply be handed a check for a quarter-million dollars. An engineer must first be retained and work on the assessment begun before Brandywine receives any fund-

According to Ferrarese: "They (Brandywine) must hire a qualified engineer. (They) must pay the engineer for the work and the Commonwealth reimburses upon proof of payment and provision of the contractor invoices. This can occur throughout the duration of the project; it does not need to wait until the end."

The Giovanonis will have to get the engineering study underway fairly soon, since any unspent monies will revert back to the state when the grant expires on June 30, 2019.

In addition, none of the grant monies can be used to cover any of Brandywine's other financial obligations.

'The scope of work will be

for completion of designs and permitting activities only," said Ferrarese. "The Commonwealth will only reimburse for items related to this scope."

Ferrarese provided his answers after first confirming the information with the EOEEA.

Brandywine's other financial obligations are not insignificant.

In December 2016, Ramboll Environ U.S. Corporation successfully sought a lien against Brandywine's White's Mill property. Superior Court in Worcester found that Brandywine owed the Arlington, Virginia company more than \$268,000 - including interest and court fees – for the cost of brownfields mitigation, or environmental cleanup, at White's Mill.

It's not known if any or all of that lien has been satisfied or discharged at this date. A spokeswoman for Ramboll told The Courier it's the company's policy not to comment on ongoing legal matters, and an email inquiry sent to Amelia Giovanoni on January 22 has gone unanswered.

The town of Winchendon also has a lien against the White's Mill property. The town is purs-

ing a tax title for more than \$58,000 owed in delinquent prop-

The most recent dam inspection report provided to the town of Winchendon indicates White's Pond Dam is in poor condition. The study, undertaken in February of last year by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. of Norwood, found a number of deficiencies. These included, but were not limited to: deteriorating upstream walls including cracking and missing mortar; bulging and displacement of the downstream wall right of the spillway; inadequate discharge capacity to accommodate the Spillway Design Flood (SDF), and; deterioration of the spillway including weathered concrete with potential movement, cracking and areas of missing mortar. These were among a dozen problems identified by

In the email of January 22, The Courier asked if Brandywine had secured an engineer to develop a dam-removal strategy or was currently in the process of looking for someone – but this inquiry, too, has thus far gone unanswered.

### THE TIME IS NIGH

Courtesy photo

Only time will tell when Plummeting Paul takes his icy dip. The Winchendon Lake Springs Association Ice Out has officially begun. Guess the month, day and time Paul takes his dip, and split 50-50 with the WSLA from all funds raised.

Tickets are available at these local businesses: Brooks Automotive, To

Each His Own Design, Pete's Barbershop in Gardner, Pelletiers' Sports in Jaffrey, Chick's Tavern, and Not Just Produced. You can also play online at www.us.wsla/ice-

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forward your resume to smarshall@saloom.com. You can also pick up an application (or fill out in person) from Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm at 256 Murdock Ave, Winchendon.

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#### MASONRY INC.

Construction laborers or mason laborers. Must have a vehicle and a phone. Company is out of Jaffrey. (603) 532-8471. TFN

**JOB SEEKERS** Job Seekers Networking Group hosted by North Central Career Center and Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce. Meetings are open to all

#### job seekers and are held on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. at the Chamber conference room, 29 Parker St. 2nd floor, Gardner. Contact

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#### MUSICAL **INSTRUMENTS**

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## LEGALS

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC** TREE HEARING

**Removal of Public Shade Trees** Town of Winchendon MA 01475 **Department of Public Works** 

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:35 p.m. at the Winchendon Town Hall 109 Front St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium., before the Winchendon Planning Board to consider the removal of the following public tree(s).

1. 19 Chestnut St. - Removal of one Oak tree (approx. 32" dbh) due to roadway reconstruction and streetscape improvements.

The tree(s) identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing to the Tree Warden, prior to or during the hearing. The mailing address for the Tree Warden is Department of Public Works, 109 Front St. Winchendon MA 01475; phone: 978-297-5403 email:agallant@townofwinchendon.com.

By: Albert C. Gallant

Tree Warden

The meeting room is handicapped accessible. With advance notice the Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodation for persons with other To request assistance; disabilities. contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-5410. February 16, 2018

February 23, 2018

#### **Town of Winchendon Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board, per Article 12 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, for a modification on an formal Site Plan Review for solar array project off of Happy Hallow Road, on land owned by Fletcher Trust, located on Assessors Map 13, Parcels 61, 60, 234, and 74. The proposed modification includes a request to extend out the building period for the solar project and further to include addition of energy storage battery units to the approved Site Plan. Plans and forms have been submitted by Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. All plans and related documents can be reviewed at the Planning and Development Department. All interested persons should plan to attend. The LOGS meeting room is handicapped accessible. With advance notice the Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodation for persons with other disabilities. To request assistance; contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-5410.

BY: Guy Corbosiero, Chairman Winchendon Planning Board February 16, 2018 February 23, 2018

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The final stretch from Teel Road area to the intersection of Gardner Road and Spring Street at the traffic lights is the only remaining part of the improvements project which resembles the completion, with 56 stanchions

In all, only 68 stanchions remain of the original 150, or just 45 percent by Feb. 16, bringing the stanchion loss from .08 percent this past December to .65 percent in less than 1.5 months.

The majority of stanchions which remain, exist on the Winchendon end of Gardner

Previously, MassDOT representative Patrick Marvin responded with, "MassDOT does not believe these stanchions were intentionally removed by its snow and ice contractors or other motorists. MassDOT will be monitoring these locations and confirming with snow and ice personnel the proper protocols for clearing these sections of roadways.

Marvin also responded it felt the stanchions were possibly compromised prior to installation. It was reported to Marvin that stanchions witnessed removed by snow and ice contractors.

Due to the ongoing destruction of the recently improvement project, State Representative Jon Zlotnik (D-Gardner) held a phone conference with MassDOT representative Pat Paul. It was reported by Zlotnik that Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) held a similar separate conversation also with Paul.

Zlotnik reported, "The damage is already done. The true question is where do we go from here to fix the problem, and continue the work we have to make Route 140 safe for all who utilize it as a major thoroughfare for the area.'

Zlotnik added, "We spoke of the fact that there are a significant number of the

stanchions missing. We spoke about that and what the causes may be potentially. As the travel lanes are now more narrow, I was told they had received complaints that the snow was not plowed wide enough, thus trying to plow closer to

the center."
"Again, where do we go from here? A lot of safety improvements were done including both passenger side and center-line rumble stripes, narrowing of the lanes to slow traffic down. and more such as the actual lines are wider than on a standard road which is something DOT does with roads they have problems" explained Zlotnik.

 $ar{Z}$ lotnik said, "They admitted to me that there is 'Sort of a trial and error' with projects such as this on these types of roads and areas and they felt it would take a little bit of time to kind of flush it out and they committed to me that they were going to do that. Principally what that means is once they get though winter they are going to review what was done. I also said to them and I think they agree with me, that the performance of the stanchions thus far has been unsatisfactory.'

Does it show the premises for the needs of the project were solid? Zlotnik believes

"Again, MassDOT has assured me that this project isn't a 'One and done' and that after winter they are going to come back, do a review, and try to come up with a solution. We specifically talked about the stanchions, and they told me there are a number of other options as possibilities. Another example that many are familiar with is the stretch of Route 2 heading west from Phillipston through Athol," said Zlotnik.

The stanchions along that portion of Route 2 are wider, allowing for greater visibility to both snow and ice contractors as well as motor vehicle operators.

Zlotnik also said, "I do believe that MassDOT is



This stanchion found along Gardner Road was pulled up by a plow blade from its base which is still connected as automobiles do not sit low enough to scrap the ground.

committed to making this situation right, and it's a work in progress. We just have to get though winter, and see where it goes from there. They told me these type of stanchions may not be a good fit, or possibly that stanchions may not be a good fit at all."

In closing Zlotnik said, "Certainly both Senator Gobi and I will stay on this and be on them after the winter is over to make sure the issues and the stanchions are addressed. I have also been contacted by some people who live along this stretch of road, and the concerns will also be counted in to the future analysis as

well. Winchendon Chief of Police David Walsh researched previous accident records. In reviewing prior data Walsh then pointed out, "After reviewing our records during the period January through September of 2017 before the stanchions were installed, there were six lane crossing accidents."

Walsh then researched any possible accidents starting with November, 2017, when the safety improvements along Route 140 & Gardner Road were completed. Walsh examined all departmental data with the times and dates of any accidents documented though Tuesday, February 12. Accidents such a motor vehicle striking a dog, an automobile striking the guard rail along the outside of the highway, among others were all accounted for. It was then Walsh confirmed what may be the most

we can say that there have

been 'no lane crossing acci-

dents' since the stanchions

important data of all. "After reviewing department data and accident reports, while we have had accidents on Gardner Road

> have been up.' While there have been accidents, none have been of the lane crossing variety where vehicles collide from opposite directions," said Walsh. Walsh went on to say, "We can confirm speed is down. The lanes are narrower, and other safety improvements such as ruble strips on both sides of each travel lane

have also helped.' Walsh also said, know some people find the improvements annoying, but it does make drivers focus more. It may be a little premature at this point, but I am confident in the opinion that at this point, the stanchions have accomplished exactly what they thought they would."

In closing Walsh was asked what he would like to say as less than half of the stanchions remain. Walsh said, "I would like to ask for motor vehicle operators to exercise the same amount of caution as you did when they were in place. The lanes are narrower, and the rumble strips are still in place. Absent the stanchions, it's my hope that people would still abide by and observe the no passing zones which stretch nearly the entire length of the roadway. With the stanchions absent there is one less determent and I hope they are replaced."

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check/elderly (School Street), unable to locate; 10:09 p.m.: harassment (Front Street), referred to other PD; 10:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), returned to owner; 11:42-11:53 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:56 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), Christopher D. Braz, 23, 29 A Street, Seabrook, NH, op w/suspended license, number plate

violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, summons.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:54 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), transported; 1:48-2:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:13 a.m.: info/general (Holly Drive), report taken; 2:19 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:27 a.m.: illegal dumping (West Street), advised officer; 7:23 a.m.: accident (River Street), report taken; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Beech Street), referred; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), referred; 7:49 a.m.: animal complaint (River Street), referred to ACO; 9:32 a.m.: ambulance (Carriage Lane), transported; 2:37 p.m.: info/general (Robbins Road), advised officer; 4:32 p.m.: keep the peace (Hale Street), unable to locate; 4:54 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Wellington Road, Rindge), assisted; 5:00 p.m.: DPW call (Glenallan Street), referred; 6:48 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Brown Street), info taken; 7:53 p.m.: ambulance (East Monomonac Road), transported; 10:41 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street), transported.

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## **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 Erica L. Carrier and Brian A. Putnam to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated September 28, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39865, Page 216 subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48596, Page 65; 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 2:00 PM on February 23, 2018 at 83 Pearl Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage.

A certain parcel of land on the northerly line of Pearl Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, described as Lot "1" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land prepared for Mark Landanno (owner) in Winchendon, MA, scale 1 inch = 40 feet, December 18, 2003, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, 4 Jolly Road, Royalston, MA, 01368" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 807, Plan 68, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. See also corrected plan recorded in Plan Book 839, Plan 74. Containing 0.6494 acres more or less according to said plan. This instrument creates no new boundaries. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Mark Landanno and Cynthia Landanno, dated September 28, 2006, to be recorded herewith in said Deeds, Book 39865, Page 214

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:

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 The balance of the purchase bidding. 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. Federal National Mortgage Association Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 15-006517 February 2, 2018 February 9, 2018 February 16, 2018

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 46 Monomonac Road East, Winchendon, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Anthony A. Weaver to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Federal Savings Bank of Boston, said mortgage dated May 1, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 50845 at Page 198 and now held by U.S. Bank National Association by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Federal Savings Bank of Boston, its successors to U.S. Bank National Association dated February 1, 2016 and recorded February 8, 2016 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54916 at Page 73 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 5, 2018 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, located on the easterly side of Lake Monomonac in the northeasterly part of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the westerly line of a private right of way at a corner of land now or formerly of Horace G. Girouard;

Thence northerly on the westerly line of said right of way 61.5 feet to an iron pin at a corner of land now or formerly of Horace G. Girouard; Thence N. 52° W. bounding on land now or formerly of said Girouard, 100 feet to an iron pin;

Thence N. 63° 30' W. still bounding on land now or formerly of said Girouard, 127 feet to an iron pin in the high water mark;

Thence southerly 100 feet to a large rock;

Thence easterly and bounding on land now or formerly of White Bros., Inc., and land now or formerly of said Girouard, 207 feet to the place of beginning.

For title reference see Deed recorded at Book 47519, Page 127.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated June 22, 2011, and recorded in Book 47519 at Page 127 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association Present Holder of the Mortgage

(860) 677-2868

February 9, 2018 February 16, 2018 February 23, 2018

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 212 Baldwinville State Road, Winchendon, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert L. Duval to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, said mortgage dated January 4, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 50238 at Page 180 and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC by virtue of an assignment of mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD. to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC dated May 17, 2016 and recorded June 2, 2016 in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 55420 Page 349 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Exhibit A - Property Description Closing Date: January 4, 2013 Borrower(s): Robert L. Duval Property Address: 212 Baldwinville State Road, Winchendon, MA 01475 A certain tract or parcel of land together with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the easterly side of Baldwinville Road, a State Highway known as Route 202, in the westerly part of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 3A on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Land Prepared for Richard Blanchflower, Winchendon, MA, Scale: 1" = 60', April 5, 1984, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440" and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 520, Plan 44 and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof, at an iron pin in the easterly line of Baldwinville Road, Route

202, at its northeasterly intersection with the northerly line of Day Road, a discontinued road; thence

N. 13° 18' 31" E., by said Baldwinville Road, one hundred fifty (150) feet to an iron pin at a corner of other land now or formerly of Richard C. Blanchflower, and being shown as the southwesterly corner of Lot 3B

as shown on said plan; thence S. 82° 21' 30" E., by said Blanchflower's land and Lot 3B, two hundred forty-nine and 45/100 (249.45) feet to a drill hole in a stone wall in line of land now or formerly of George H. & Phyllis B. Duval; thence

S. 5° 18' 58" W., by said Duval land one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to an iron pin in the northerly line of the aforesaid Day Road; thence

N. 87° 31' 43" W., by said road line two hundred seventy and 43/100 (270.43) feet to an iron pin in the easterly line of Baldwinville Road and the point of beginning.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated 1/4/2013, and recorded in Book 50238 at Page 178 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868

February 16, 2018 February 23, 2018 March 2, 2018

#### **Legal Notice** Winchendon Conservation **Commission**

135 Gardner Road; Assessor's Map 12, Lot 49 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, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 7:05 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. on behalf of property owner Boucher Living Trust for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and 200-foot Riverfront Area to Bailey Brook at 135 Gardner Road (Route 140); Assessor's Map 12, Lot 49. The project entails installation of a 5,580.0 kW ground-mounted solar energy generating facility. The hearing will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium 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-

February 16, 2018

#### **Legal Notice** Winchendon Conservation **Commission**

Lincoln Avenue 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, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 7:20 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Town of Winchendon Department of Public Works for proposed work within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and associated 100-foot Buffer Zone at Lincoln Avenue. The project entails improvements to an approximately 1400' - 1500' length of Lincoln Avenue beginning at the end of the currently maintained section of the road located approximately at 311 Lincoln Avenue (Assessor's Map 2, Lot 157). The meeting will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability Notice 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-

February 16, 2018

#### **Legal Notice** Winchendon Conservation Commission

Ash Street; Assessor's Map 5C-4, Lots 29 and 17

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, February 22nd, 2018 at 7:30 pm to consider the Request for an Amendment to Order of Conditions 345-0653 filed by Winchendon Ash Street Solar 1 LLC on behalf of property owner The Winchendon School. The requested amendment pertains to cutting and trimming trees within 50 feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands for purposes of preventing shading of a proposed 4.98 mW solar array. The hearing will be held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Amendment and plans are 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. February 16, 2018

#### **Town of Winchendon Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board, per Article 12 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:45 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on an formal Site Plan Review for 6.0 MW Ground mounted solar photovoltaic system that is being proposed on 135 Gardner Road, on land owned by Boucher Living Trust, located on Assessors Map 12, Parcel 49. Forms and plans have been submitted by Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. All plans and related documents can be reviewed at the Planning and Development Department. All interested persons should plan to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. With advance notice the Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodation for persons with other disabilities. To request assistance; contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-5410. BY: Guy Corbosiero, Chairman

Winchendon Planning Board February 16, 2018 February 23, 2018

#### COURT **DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

Worcester, SS. SUPERIOR

No. 17cv2076B To Jennifer L. McClellan and Burke

D. McClellan, both of Winchendon, Worcester County AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOL-DIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED:

Colonial Co-Operative Bank of Gardner, Worcester County, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated on River Street, being numbered 751 on said

street, in said Winchendon, given by Jennifer L. McClellan and Burke D. McClellan to Colonial Co-operative Bank, dated August 23, 2016, and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 55882, Page 148, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said

mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage. If you are entitled to the benefits of the

Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the fifteenth day of March, next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act. Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this

first day of February 2018. Dennis P. McManus, Clerk February 16, 2018





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