

Towns to explore sharing administrator

BY GREG VINE
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The selectboards of Winchendon and Templeton met Tuesday night at Winchendon Town Hall to discuss the possibility of entering into an agreement to share a town administrator and explore the sharing of some municipal expenses. Each board voted to establish a subcommittee, made up of two selectmen from each town, to hash out a draft compact.

Winchendon Town Manager Keith Hickey told the two

boards that he was approached about two months ago by Roselli and Clark, the municipal auditing firm that serves both towns, to see if there might be some interest in exploring a shared administrator.

After discussing the possibility with Tony Roselli, Hickey said, he also talked to representatives of the state Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services, including Zachary Blake, who attended Tuesday's meeting.

"I wanted to get a sense of what their thoughts were,"

said Hickey, "and try to get a sense, at least in my mind, whether or not it was something that could be beneficial to both communities. After talking to them, I felt comfortable that it was something that could be accomplished."

Hickey added that he met twice in executive session with Winchendon selectmen under the stipulations of his employment contract.

"We talked about it, to see if the board was willing to talk with DLS – which has happened," he continued.

"Ultimately, it was decided it would be worthwhile to have a conversation with the Templeton Board of Selectmen in a joint meeting, to see if there was some synergy in the room that would allow us to pursue this."

Blake said an agreement between the two towns would be the second such arrangement in the state. He explained that talks were held about two years ago between the towns of Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge to explore the possibility of reaching an administra-

tor- and cost-sharing accord. Stockbridge opted out, but Lee and Lenox have since signed an understanding.

"Roselli reached out to me and said, 'Is there opportunity here for Winchendon and Templeton?'" Blake said. "On the surface of my experience in both communities, you share enough of the same sorts of constraints – challenges – that other parts of central and western Massachusetts face. Budgets are continuing to rise annually. Populations

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Greg Vine photo

Town officials and contractors gathered Tuesday to officially break ground for the Beals Memorial Library accessibility project. (l-r) Rick Ward, Library Trustee; Julia Patten, ABACUS Architects Project Manager; Rob Courtemanche, Library Trustee; Austin Cyganiewicz, Selectman; Cindy Darcy, Library Trustee; Glenn Hunt, Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation; Julia White Cardinal, former Beals Director; Bud Fletcher, Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation; Manuel King, Beals Library Director; Hector Sanchez, P&S Construction President; Suzanne Rader, Library Trustee; John Pina, P&S Construction Superintendent; Audrey LaBrie, Selectman; Ron Muse, Chairman, Library Trustees; Barbara Anderson, Chairman Board of Selectman; Keith Hickey, Town Manager; Mike Barbaro, Selectman. Library Trustee Jane LaPointe was unable to attend.

Beals accessibility project officially breaks ground

BY GREG VINE
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Town officials, present and former library employees, representatives of the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation, and contractors gathered early Tuesday evening to officially break ground on the Beals Memorial Library accessibility project. Interior work on the \$1.5 million project has been under way for a couple of weeks, and excavation to expose the south side of the building's foundation, where

a new entrance will be constructed, will begin soon.

In addition to a new entrance, the project will include a new entrance canopy, installation of an elevator, and building of handicapped accessible bathrooms. Once the work is finished, expected to be sometime in mid-December, the library will comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

In remarks to those in attendance, library Board of Trustees Chairman Ron

Muse noted that "the road to this project has been long and at many times frustrating."

"However," he continued, "today's groundbreaking for the accessibility project symbolizes the realization of the dreams of not only the current Board of Trustees but the past members. While there are too many to name, the achievements of these past members should be recognized today as we break ground."

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Academy continues to work through the summer

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The 2016-17 school year ended yesterday but for students at the Murdock Academy for Success the beat doesn't have to stop just because of the calendar.

Director Kris Provost and Becky Benedict said earlier this week they're more than willing to work with students who are still finishing assignments, perhaps in order to graduate, or who might want to get a jump on next year.

"What calendar?" laughed Provost, adding more seriously, "we want to do everything we can to help our students succeed, of course, and if that means they want to continue to finish up at home in the summer, we're fine with that."

Added Benedict, "We gave them our phone numbers so they can contact us when they

need to."

Plowing ahead. That's the mindset of the Academy but nothing remains stagnant and Provost says he's always looking for ways to improve. While he anticipates enrollment will remain around 30 kids in the fall, "One of the things we're looking at for when school starts is to interact more effectively with parents. We want them to be part of the team, so we're thinking about a parent contract as well as a student contract."

"Sometimes it's hard, for one reason or another, for some students to get to school in the first place and that's especially the case for some of ours. This is where we think engaging parents can help."

Since the Academy moved from the old Marvin School on Ash Street to the main campus, one group of people have had the opportunity to become

even more engaged and that's the high school faculty.

"They work closely with us," noted Benedict. "For example, I've been talking to (technology teacher) Mike Fontaine every day about a student. Another example, (science teacher) Dylan Gamache has been very involved. Others too. We're also a good resource for students who might need one credit or so to graduate. They can come down here and get that done. Sort of a safety net. That benefits everyone," she said.

"Being up here is leaps and bounds better" than being segregated at Marvin, said Provost. "There's just a lot more access to more school activities as well as faculty," he pointed out, adding, "it's a true blend with mainstream students."

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Olson back at Murdock

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — When school reopens in August, there will be a familiar face in the principal's office at Murdock high school. Ralph Olson, who served as interim during the 2013-14 academic year, is returning to fill the job which became vacant when Josh Romano moved to Douglas high.

Olson said he returns with enthusiasm after being offered the position by district superintendent Steve Haddad who called Olson the perfect and logical choice.

"Ralph, when he was here in 2013-14 was a steady hand and will be again now. He was here when the Murdock Academy for Success began and was a strong advocate for it. He helped build it into what

is today. He treated people with respect, everyone, students, teachers, parents, staff and was treated with respect in return. This kind of mutual respect is invaluable and we are glad to have him back," said Haddad.

School Committee Chair Larry Murphy said, "we're thrilled to have Ralph back. His experience, not only his many years as a principal but the fact he's been a previous interim here will be invaluable as we make the transition from Josh Romano to the next principal. This will give us breathing room while we search for that next principal. The ship will be in good hands."

Added committee member Danielle LaPointe, "I don't know Ralph but I have heard only positive feedback from many in the school system. I

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Courtesy photo

The original committee formed to add flags to the streets of Winchendon gather at Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home. Doug Stone contributed the first \$5,000 toward the project, more funds will be mean the flags will be placed throughout the town on more streets.

American flags for a patriotic Winchendon

SUBMITTED BY KEN LABRACK

Project Chairman and Past Commander of American Legion

It all started some 30 plus years ago, Charlie Groust and the Eugene M. Connor Post #193 Bingo Committee donated money to purchase American flags to decorate Central Street during Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Veterans Day. These flags were placed in holes drilled by the DPW in the sidewalks along the street. Each morning of the holidays either Legionnaires or Boy Scout Troop #193 would place the flags out early in the morning and later that evening would pick them up.

This went on for years and eventually the 4th was dropped for the flag placements. Due to the flags being placed where they could be reached by anyone walking along the street, many flags over the years were vandalized, shafts broken or just stolen. Thus the decision was made to only fly these flags during the day of the holiday (not an ideal situation).

For a few years now the Legion has been looking for a solution to decorate Winchendon and upgrade our current method of displaying the American flag. Our feeling is that Winchendon is a very patriotic town. Our Legion is one of the largest

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WEEKLY QUOTE

The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection.

– Thomas Paine



Fitzwilliam announces concert series

On July 16th at 2 pm, we will host Veronica Lewis and her family. Veronica is Blues piano player and singer from New England. Her style is Boogie Woogie and she keeps the "chop" going with a solid left hand and upbeat tunes. Veronica's love for the Blues and Boogie Woogie was obvious from an early age - she began playing piano at age six. Her notable influences include Katie Webster, Otis Spann, Jerry Lee Lewis, Henry Gray, David Maxwell and Victor Wainwright. Along with echoing these great players, Veronica also composes and arranges many of her own songs. Even though she is 13 years old, her style is that of an old soul whose playing is from a bygone era. Veronica is the Granite State Youth Blues Musician for 2017 and will be representing New Hampshire in the 34th International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee in January 2018.

This will be her third time playing on the famed Beale Street as the Youth Blues Musician challenge winner. Veronica is sure to leave you smiling and stomping your foot. Veronica can be heard playing festivals and shows around New England and beyond, check her website for dates, www.veronicalewis.com and her Facebook page at Veronica Lewis Blues.

We look forward to seeing you all at the concert. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and our music program. There will also be a reception with lots of good food downstairs after the concert so you can socialize with the performers.

We will host Pamela Stevens singing and Vladimir Odinkikh accompanying her on August 27th so hold the date open. You won't want to miss it.

News from the Fitzwilliam Community Church

As summertime rolls around,

the Fitzwilliam Community Church is once again planning for the annual flea market on the town green and church lawn. This year the market will be held on Saturday, August 12th. The planning committee will be renting 12' x 12' vendor spaces to anyone wishing to set out their wares: antiques, crafts and flea market items. To purchase and reserve a spot, please email Mary Lou Long at 457mary@gmail.com or call her at 480-478-9188 or call Sue Bemis at 585-9425.

The flea market is a rain or shine event and runs from 8 am to 2 pm. Take advantage of the yummy bake sale and lunch stations for shoppers and vendors. Setup begins at 6 am. Vendors are responsible for providing their own display tables, canopies and/or umbrellas. No electricity is available. Come join the fun. Spaces go fast, so plan ahead and we'll see you there.

SUMMER CONCERTS CONTINUE



Greg Vine photo

The Ashboys, a two-piece band, performed at the Smith Community Pavilion in GAR Park last Friday evening. The pair performed well-known hits from the '60s through the '90s; from the Grass Roots' "Midnight Confessions" to the Gin Blossoms' "Allison Road." Despite a few sprinkles, an appreciative crowd stayed to listen to the concert. Tonight at the gazebo, the group Trailer Park performs, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS
(Become a member of Summer Reading Club at any time to be part of the prize program)

Friday, July 7

2-4 p.m.: Paint like Jackson Pollock! A famous American 20th century artist who loved to throw and dribble paint on his canvases. We're going to do the same thing on a large scale canvas we'll hang in the library when done. Make sure you wear clothing you don't mind making messy, because it will get that way!

7-9 p.m.: Family Movie Night! On the first Friday during the summer we're going to the movies in the auditorium. For July the movie is The Lego Batman Movie.

Friday, July 14

2 p.m.: Caterpillar labs! This program highlights the diversity of our own local ecosystem, encourages exploration and teaches unexpected lessons in insect biology, evolution and metamorphosis; teaching environmental respect.

Tuesday, July 18

3-4 p.m.: Jewelry Making for all ages. Be creative and make your own jewelry. Advance registration is required (program is free) to make certain enough supplies are available.

Thursday, July 20

7:30-9:30 p.m.: Up to the Stars! Learn about space, Saturn and the moon landing, then join us for an hour of stargazing with our telescope.

Friday, July 21

2 p.m.: It's magic! Magician Eddie Raymond will astound you with sleight of hand and hilarity.

Thursday, July 27

3-5 p.m.: Building Bridges & Structures. Want to build a bridge? A

rollercoaster? Second grade and up are welcome to build structures out of every day found objects. Advance registration required (program is free) to make certain enough supplies are available.

Friday, July 28

2 p.m.: All Hands Drumming! Tony from All Hands Drumming keeps the atmosphere lively and upbeat as he interacts and everyone plays along. Drums, blocks, shakers, tambourines are all provided for use, just show up and join the drumming circle.

Tuesday, August 1

2-3 p.m.: Community Tie-Dying. Have a boring white shirt or pillowcase? Come make them colorful and learn this unique folk art technique. Everyone is welcome to join this colorful fun.

Friday, August 4

2 p.m.: End of Summer Reading Party with Toe Jam Puppet Band. The performances are always lively, and the audience is encouraged to sing and dance along.

7-9 p.m.: Family Movie Night! On the first Friday during the summer we're going to the movies in the auditorium. For August the movie is Boss Baby.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays

3:30-4:30 p.m.: Lego Club. In the library auditorium, become a Lego construction worker. Finished constructions will be on display in the library.

Tuesday

6:30-8 p.m.: Adult craft night. Donations of craft supplies and money are welcomed.

2-3 p.m.: Adult computer classes every Tuesday & Thursday. Free class for adults. Ask what you need to concerning computers, cell phones and tablets.

Wednesday

2-3 p.m.: yoga for kids, grades K-5. Fun and relaxing sessions to increase focus and self esteem while building physical strength and flexibility. Mats provided.

4-5 p.m.: crafts and stories for all ages. Every Wednesday we read a story and make a craft built around the them for the week. Every week is different; every week is fun.

Friday

10:15-11:30 a.m.: Toddler Time! Every Friday in the auditorium for rhymes, playtime and story time for toddlers ages 0-4.

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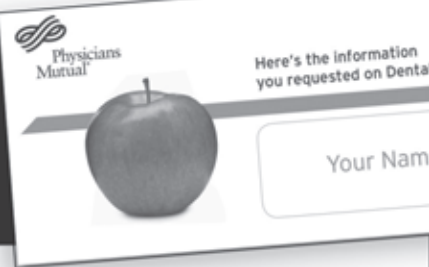
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TOYTOWN OUTDOOR MARKET: 126 Central St. on the lawn of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Winchendon Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, June 30

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: every Friday, June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! June 30: Trailer Park.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT: At United Parish, 39 Front St. beginning at 6 p.m. Tonight will be Zootopia. Popcorn and goodies for sale, come on down for a family movie night right in the Winch! For more information call (978) 297-0616.

Saturday, July 1

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Sunday, July 2

INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

Tuesday, July 4

WINCHENDON NA MEETING. This is a new meeting being launched with the support of the Central Massachusetts Area of Narcotics Anonymous. Led by Winchendon residents, Winchendon NA is an open meeting, welcoming newcomers and old-timers alike, featuring discussion, sharing and learning. If you're in recovery or want to be, and would like support, please join us. At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Every Tuesday at 6:30

p.m.

Saturday, July 1

SATURDAY YARD SALE: at UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. From 9 a.m. to noon, come browse for unlikely treasures and unexpected bargains. Donate goods to sell or set up your own table for a modest donation to the church. Saturday Yard Sales run every other week through the summer.

Thursday, July 6

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: Our Neighbor's Kitchen Winchendon's Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. at 5:30 p.m. On the first and third Thursdays, the supper will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations and many hard-working volunteers.

Friday, July 7

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: every Friday, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! July 7: to be announced.

Saturday, July 8

LIONS CLUB YARD SALE: Saturday, July 8 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Clark Memorial YMCA, 155 Central St. All proceeds to benefit the Lions Club admin fund. Donation of items toward our yard sale are greatly appreciated, contact any Lion for information.

Thursday, July 13

BOOK DISCUSSION: Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting is Thursday July 13 Books are available at the library.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE: every month it's Franco O'Malley's trivia challenge at Zoe's Restaurant beginning at 8 p.m.

Bring a team or join a team and try your memory at this intriguing game of wits. Open to everyone, come on down.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN: On Thursday, June 22 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon for a hearty dinner. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. We can always use more volunteers! If you'd like to help with set-up, come to the church around 4 p.m. If you want to help with serving, come at around 5:15 p.m. so we can go over any special protocols for the night's menu. Clean-up starts around 6:15 p.m. and is usually done shortly after 7 p.m. Volunteers have a chance to sit down to socialize and enjoy the meal.

Friday, July 14

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: every Friday, July 14, 21 and 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! July 14: Franklin

Thursday, July 20

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

Friday, July 21

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: every Friday, July 21 and 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! July 21: Throwback

Friday, July 28

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: the final Friday, July 28 at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park off Grove Street. All shows 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening! July 28: Retro Stew.

Saturday, August 19

ANNUAL FIREMEN'S MUSTER: Begins at noon with a parade through

downtown Winchendon ending at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. where the historic antique pumper equipment will vie for recognition as the best at aiming and distance with the pressured water. Barbecue chicken will luncheon will be sold by American Legion, entrance to watch the Muster is free. Other family activities available.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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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

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

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

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

Gobi instrumental in securing funding for Cathy's House

BOSTON — Senators Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Jennifer L. Flanagan (D-Leominster) have announced that the Massachusetts Senate adopted their budget amendment to provide funds for Women's Housing for Veterans at Cathy's House in Winchendon. The amendment provides \$124,000 to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center (MVOC) who administers the housing program.

"As we reflected on sacrifices made by veterans at Memorial Day ceremonies, it is so important that we also support the veterans who are still with us," said Senator Gobi "Cathy's House and MVOC provide critical services and I was glad to join with Senator Flanagan to make sure that Women veterans are not forgotten."

"I am grateful for my colleagues in the legislature who helped Senator Gobi and I pass this crucial amendment," said Senator Flanagan. "MVOC does invaluable work that needs to be supported, praised, and replicated."

Cathy's House is a transitional/permanent-supportive housing option that offers a safe and healthy home environment for women veterans in need of support services. The home houses up to eight residents, who each have

their own room and a shared common living area. The residents also share responsibilities around the house under the oversight of a staff case manager and resident house manager.

"We are very grateful for the continued work and advocacy that Senators Gobi and Flanagan do on behalf of MVOC and all veterans," said William Edson, executive director of MVOC. "Their recent efforts to secure funding for the MVOC housing program at Cathy's House was critical to the mission of providing continued support services to homeless women veterans. Without their dedicated partnership in securing this funding, these services simply would not exist. We are all very fortunate to have such great representation in Senators Gobi and Flanagan at the State House."

Residents are able to participate in all MVOC therapeutic activities and programs. It is within walking distance to the MVOC's Stallings Campus Outreach Center, local stores, banks, a library, and a YMCA.

Funding for this program was also included in the House of Representative's final budget at the same amount so it will be included in the final budget delivered to the Governor for signature.



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EDITORIAL

Into the summer

This morning, bright and early beginning at 4 a.m., Fox 25 parked its trucks near the American Legion park on Pleasant Street and set up shop.

They are, believe it or not, a reclusive bunch. They hid themselves out during their previous visits in the last two or three weeks in town doing interviews to be aired ahead of time. They let no one know their plans. They chose for themselves what they wanted to include. Recommendations were, for the most part, ignored.

But because they are the “Big Boys” in the business (My word, we rate a Boston TV station, wow!) they had no problem lining up what they wanted, and we suspect the crowds will come despite little publicity locally about the event.

They touted themselves on their own channel; they will get their own fans. The rest of us, well if we hadn’t heard from friends it could have happened without anyone’s knowledge.

Is this sour grapes on the part of a smaller journalistic endeavor? Yes. Yes it is.

It would seem there is no cross courtesy, no camaraderie among those doing a similar job. Wouldn’t it have been to their advantage to have the local media aware? Not just us, but the daily in the next town who were also not notified? An advance about the event might have been even more of a good thing, for the town and for them.

Guess that wasn’t part of the game plan.

So, we hope they are successful (they will be, they can’t help it); and we imagine we will have a photo or two so we can commemorate the visit in our

pages as an historical record.

In another vein entirely, we want people aware that Courtney Carton’s family has started a scholarship in her memory at Smith College.

Courtney was an amazing young woman who faced her challenges head on. We appreciated her immensely, and yes she also worked as an intern one summer. So read her father’s column elsewhere in the paper, and if inclined to be generous in her memory, here is the information:

Checks may be made payable to: Smith College School for Social Work or Courtney Carton Memorial Scholarship Fund and mail to: SCSSW c/o Smith College Gift Accounting, Stoddard Annex 23 Elm St., Northampton, MA 01063.

It’s OK to send these checks at any time.

We tried twice to run Jerry’s column on the loss of his daughter, so dear to him, but in both cases the last couple of paragraphs were inadvertently left off. Editor error entirely. Therefore, because they are important to the family:

But she fought through it. Every day. Her years on Earth were far too few but she truly, truly, made the most of them. I will always be so, so very proud of her. I cannot possibly put into words how terribly, achingly much I miss her, every second of every day and while memory is all I have left of her, that memory, of her courage and compassion will be etched in my heart until the day I die.

You were and will forever truly be my angel. Rest easy. I love you so much Courtney.

Revisiting ‘Nattering Nabobs of Negativism’

As I was watching the complete disappearance of men and women like Walter Cronkite, Eric Sevareid, Tom Brokaw, and so many others who prided themselves on reporting the news in such a way as to provide facts and let the readers reach their own conclusions I realized how quickly things have changed in our country.

Some of these newspeople never registered to vote so that their personal prejudices would not preclude the proper presentation of the news.

I hark back to a time when Vice President Agnew called out the new “news types” as Nattering Nabobs of Negativism. Pretty strong language then, but in retrospect he called it right. And it only gotten worse. The virulent stuff we now see and hear as “news” is sad indeed. CNN touts a story that is so wrong they have to recall it and fire the three people who wrote it. Celebrities are shown holding heads up in the air as if a beheading had taken place. A friend actually suggested the other day that someone should shoot the speaker of the house. There was a day friends when no such low level material would make it onto the pages of any respectable paper.

My son-in-law and I were watching CNN and Fox most of the morning this week, and they spent every minute on whether Russia meddled in our election.

Duh.

Of course they did. Most countries in the world try to influence elections in other countries in order to secure the



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best relationship they can get. Any reader of mine who thinks the USA has not meddled in elections in other countries for years is naive.

We have supported coup d’etats. Some even believe we have been involved in assassinating foreign leaders. It has been a worldwide

reality of the history of politics since the formation of nations. Businesses do competitor surveillance by buying stock and sending people to the annual meetings to learn what they can.

You know why this nonsense gets all the coverage today, and so do I. It is because newspeople have become columnists. They use their personal preferences to try to guide our thinking. They choose sides. And the large networks have a mighty influence in many households.

It is not my intention to include all newspeople under this umbrella but it is my intention to say that it seems to me that the number who are not professionals now outnumber those who are.

If we are going to investigate whether Putin preferred Trump over Hillary, a fact we all know and one President Obama knew while he was still president, then perhaps we should revisit what has happened to our own once prized professional presentation of news.

Now that would be a program worth watching, as long as newscasters, broadcasters, and the current sorry crop of “reporters” were not running the investigation perhaps we could put journalists on the pedestal they once enjoyed.

The aftermath...

What can we do? That was the question our family began asking within a day or two of Courtney’s stunning passing on June 7. What can we do to keep her memory alive, we asked each other. We knew we had to do something and soon and so we are.

This is what we’re doing. We have settled on a \$50,000 annual /Named Endowed Scholarship at Smith’s School of Social Work for aspiring social workers who, like she, endured significant struggles in their young lives. This is absolutely a win-win. It will assure her memory will be perpetuated, it will provide help to a deserving student, year after year after year, and we, without a doubt, believe this is a fitting and appropriate tribute to her and it’s being done at a very deserving institution which she loved and where she grew, had her horizons expanded and her world view broadened.

In a society becoming ever more complex every day, it’s increasingly clear the need for well-trained mental health workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, etc. has grown exponentially. I’ve met some of Courtney’s MSW classmates. They are bright, articulate, passionate young people dedicated, fanatically dedicated in fact, to wanting to make whatever kind of difference

they can for others and when they get their Masters degrees in August I have no doubt they will do just that. This is not hyperbole. You’d be awed by these people.

Let me tell you a bit about their character and class. Aided by School of Social Work Dean Marianne Yoshioka, they put together an amazing memorial service at the school’s chapel. A number of them spoke about what she meant to them, how much they cared for and took care of each other as they plowed through the grueling MSW program and how she was so often the quiet leader. One, a relatively recently diagnosed Type 1 diabetic herself, said Courtney was her rock, her inspiration, her guide in trying to balance an exceptionally rigorous academic schedule with a chronic and oft-times debilitating disease. Of course, they also joked about their preferred she not drive when they went places, given her NASCAR-like tendencies.

Afterwards they told me, ever the inquisitive journalist, about their preferred specialties. In a world far too full of those who fear and frequently detest those who don’t look or think like them, this eclectic group of soon-to-be social workers represent the best in us. They are, I hope, proud of themselves and their chosen



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field. I am proud she was able to call such impressive people her friends. They will be a credit to the world. Of that I have no doubt.

It is, in truth, impossible to quantify the magnitude of our loss and our grief but I have been heartened by the continued flow of support and caring. I have heard it said that while love matters greatly, it can be argued kindness matters as much or perhaps even more. We have been the tragic beneficiaries of both and honestly, the kindness of people has blown me away. It’s true no one thinks they know what to say because what can you say, and yet just the fact people have tried means so much to us. It really does. I am forever grateful too, not just to the friends I have made, she made, in the almost 16 years we’ve lived here, but as well to old friends, dating back to college, to high school, to the neighborhood in which I grew up, for simply being here now. The sheer

number of people who came to her memorial service in town, to her funeral in Baltimore, to my parents’ house for shiva, to the service at Smith, that sheer number took my breath away. It truly did. There’s no way to fully articulate or completely convey in mere words how much I appreciate all of you. To Steve and Jennifer Haddad, the friends who came to our house the night we learned the impossible-to-believe-news, there is no way we can ever repay that kind of response but be assured it is a kindness we will never forget. We’re grateful to Seth Silver and Amber White at the River’s Edge, Courtney’s favorite restaurant, for naming a special in her memory and donating some of the proceeds to the scholarship fund. I just wish I had room to thank everyone individually for the kindnesses, large and small you’ve unhesitatingly and unselfishly offered. You must know how much that means.

We have hooked up with Compassionate Friends because that’s what’s been suggested by families we know who have endured this same catastrophic tragedy. We hope they will help us work through a range of emotions, grief, anger, resentment, helplessness, a range as wide as the solar system. Returning to work has been of some help.

Routine is a small blessing. Nights and early mornings are the worst times for me. Watching Annie stare out at the driveway, understanding that she knows, as dogs do, something has changed, is excruciating.

We will, though, somehow get through this and go on. We have to. We are relieved our sons and our daughter-in-law, thankfully the most organized human being I have ever known, are hanging in there, moving ahead albeit with one halting, tentative step at a time. On Father’s Day, out on the driveway with Annie, I saw a blue butterfly and while I was heretofore highly skeptical of so-called “signs”, well, skepticism isn’t stupidity. Do I believe it was Courtney? Or at least a sign from Courtney or about her? I do now. And there will be others.

This is our new reality. This will be our forever reality. I am sure we will grieve every day for the rest of our lives but at the same time by launching this scholarship we feel like we’re connecting at least some meaning to the senselessness of her loss. Making a difference. Contributing to society. That’s what Courtney was doing and what she was about to do even more. We owe it to her memory to do no less.

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COURIER CAPSULES

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
MANCHESTER, NH --- Caroline Chlebecek of Winchendon has been named to the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2016-17 school year at Saint Anselm College. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Chlebecek, a classical archaeology

major, is a member of the Class of 2020.
WATERVILLE, ME --- The following area students were elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa at Colby College: Jenna E. Athanasopoulos of Fitzwilliam, a psychology major and Michaela B. Athanasopoulos of Fitzwilliam, a psychology major.
MANCHESTER, NH --- Victoria Roach of Rindge, has graduated Magna

Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Work from Saint Anselm College.
SPRINGFIELD -- The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2017 semester at Western New England University: Bethany Desilets of Winchendon, majoring in neuroscience - research-Intensive track; Dillon Obuchowski

of Rindge, majoring in mechanical engineering (Five-year Bachelor/MS in Engineering Management); and Delaney Selanis of Athol, majoring in civil engineering. To be named to the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Democracy is strongest when every voice is heard

By Congressman Jim McGovern

Our democracy only works when every voice is heard. During my time in Congress, hearing from constituents has been one of my top priorities. That's why in diners, supermarkets, and town halls across our district, I hold office hours every year to listen and learn about how I can best represent you in Washington.

Throughout June, I held office hours to meet with constituents from towns across our district, including Winchendon, Orange, Athol, Warwick, and Royalston. I'm always excited when people take time out of their busy schedules to share their concerns with me. Hearing how families are doing, what's on their minds, and how I can help

is so important. Sometimes we will talk about the need to give seniors a cost of living adjustment, make college more affordable, grow our local economy and support farmers. Sometimes we talk about issues of war and peace, human rights, and immigration.

But I don't have to tell anyone – these are not ordinary times. My office has received almost double the number of letters and emails from constituents than we did last year. And at office hours, I've seen the fear, anger, and confusion about why Washington seems so broken. I understand where it's coming from.

I feel the fear of a nervous mom who asked about the Affordable Care Act. Her son has a pre-existing condition and the Affordable Care Act,



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she said, literally saved his life. She cried, asking why anyone would want to put her family through this.

I share the concerns of a young boy who told me he's worried about climate change and the future of our planet and wanted to know why the President would remove our country from the Paris Climate Agreement.

I hear the anger of those who want to know why the level of civil discourse in our country seems so low – and why

Republicans and Democrats can't seem to agree on anything. They reminisce about the days when political opposites like Tip O'Neill and Ronald Reagan could find common ground. The one question that always gets asked is, "Where do we go from here?" My answer – keep the faith. Stand by your values. Fight for what you believe in. If we want positive change, like-minded people need to work for it.

Office hours are a great way for me to step outside of Washington and have an open, honest conversation with people across our district. I encourage everyone in the coming weeks to move forward in that spirit, to remain active and find meaningful ways to make a difference. It's time for all of us to step outside our

comfort zone, reach outside our bubble, and begin anew the hard work that democracy asks of each of us.

Finally, keep calling, emailing, and showing up. The stories, struggles, and solutions I hear from you teach me how to be a better representative. You can engage with my office on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or at www.McGovern.House.Gov to sign up for my newsletter and learn about how I'm working to put our families first. Your stories and words of support – and disagreement, too – give me the strength each day to make sure your voices will always be heard in Washington.

Congressman Jim McGovern represents the 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts

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are stagnant, if not declining. Populations are aging. Enrollments are declining. So, there are all of these added pressures on communities such as yours."

"We discussed what opportunities there would be around Keith's position and the need for an experienced, professional manager in the town of Templeton. It was sort of a natural fit."

Carter Terenzini is currently serving as Templeton's town administrator on an interim basis.

"I look at this as less of regionalization," said Blake, "and more of a shared experience between these two communities."

Blake said that, in addition to sharing the cost of an e admin-

istrator's salary, there could be savings in the area of procurement. He cited the advantage of sharing the cost of financial management software and some capital expenditures as a couple of examples.

Blake said the state is committed to "fully fund" whatever transitions costs there may be, adding that about \$200,000 in transitions costs had been identified.

"Obviously, this is a new approach for both communities," said Hickey. "I assume, if this does move forward, there will be some push-back from segments in both communities. I think that's to be expected with something that you bring forward that's new."

Hickey assured both boards that he would serve each town with his full commitment, adding that he would probably spend three days a week in

Winchendon, two in Templeton. He explained that could change from time to time as emergencies and other pressing issues dictated.

"I feel comfortable," said Templeton Board of Selectmen Chairman John Caplis, "I feel confident. Templeton is a great community. It's a tough community, don't get me wrong, but it's fair. I think it's a really down to earth community, and I hope they can embrace this and understand why we're looking at this. Hopefully this will work."

A subcommittee was established consisting of selectmen Mike Barbaro and Audrey LaBrie of Winchendon, and Diane Brooks and Cameron Forte of Templeton. The panel will attempt to compose a draft agreement which would then be presented to the full board of each town for consideration.

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look forward to having him with us and have full confidence he will work effectively to continue on our path to becoming a Level 2 district."

As for last week's override vote which fell short of passage?

"Nothing daunts me," shrugged Olson, who's been in the education business long enough to have seen just about everything there is to see.

"I'm avoiding retirement. I still have my health and I still have ideas to offer," he stressed.

Olson said it's an obvious benefit that he won't have a learning curve at MHS.

"I still know most of the people here," he reminded.

When Olson began his first tenure at Murdock in the fall of 2013, he said in an interview, "I love working with kids and I love working with positive, quality adults. If the whole community is invested in the school's success, the school will be successful. I know Murdock's been losing students and we need to reverse that trend and we start to do that by believing we can be successful and that we will be successful."

"School spirit," he said almost four years ago, "is not just a phrase. We need our teachers and coaches to be inspiring. We need, I need, to connect with families. I'm big on ownership."

"We need to change the perception. Everywhere I've been I've stressed that the school belongs to the whole community. Everyone has a stake in its success," he stressed.

Early in the morning, though, the school largely belongs to Olson. He arrives very early, catches up on paperwork and then tours the building look-

ing for, well, anything.

"I'm thorough," he acknowledged.

It's been a long road back to MHS, too. Olson didn't start as a professional educator but after deciding he didn't like business, he took some education courses and was hooked. Olson wound up teaching math in Franklin where he doubled as the ice hockey coach and subsequently taught and coached at lots of schools before reaching a point in his career where he would serve as a short-term "fixer."

How short-term will be defined at MHS remains to be seen but for now Olson is eager to begin anew beginning Monday.

"I'm ready to go," he assured.

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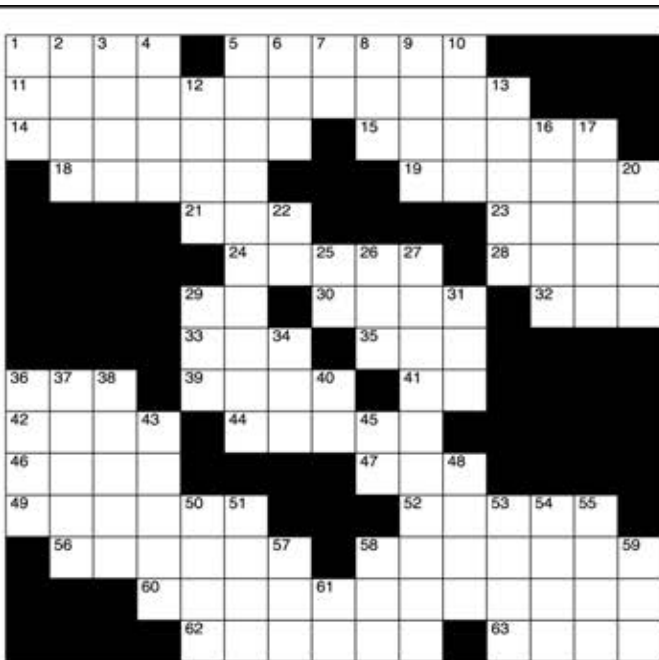


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1. A minute amount (Scott)
5. Supernatural
11. Shortening
14. More firm
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Microsoft Surface Book
23. Ice T's wife
24. Domesticates
28. Only one time
29. In absentia
30. Crustlike surface of a healing skin lesion
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. 1990s female R&B trio
36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Anno Domini
42. Golf supplies
44. Indian term of respect
46. French river
47. Turn down the lights
49. Blood-sucking African fly
52. Provides info
56. Procrastinates
58. Tower with balconies
60. Where researchers work
62. Religious office
63. Must-have for office workers

CLUES DOWN

1. In possession of
2. Aborigines
3. Early Syrian kingdom
4. Clip
5. Misleads
6. Cosmetic Ingredient Review
7. Calcium
8. United Talent Agency
9. Hair problem
10. Took down
12. Round Dutch cheese
13. Bicycle manufacturer
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
22. Mr. T's character "___ Baracus"
25. Progressive nerve disease
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
29. Suffix
31. Binary coded decimal
34. Goes well with a carrot
36. A way to measure performance
37. Doctor ___, children's book author
38. Jewish calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Polish village
45. Part of the mind
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Italian island
53. Shakespeare was one
54. Lake ___, one of the Great
55. Oswald and Marvin were two
57. Soak up using something absorbent
58. Kids' dish ___ and cheese
59. Expression of disappointment
61. The ancient Egyptian sun god



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OBITUARIES

Wilma S. Cilley, 88

FRANCESTOWN — Wilma S. Cilley, age 88, fondly known as Jeri, went peacefully at home while in the presence of loved ones, to be with our Lord and Savior Friday night, June 16, 2017.



Born on May 4, 1929 to Emma and Leonard Staak in Wilmette, IL, she graduated from New Trier in Winnekta, IL. Jeri lived in Winchendon for many years before moving to Fracestown where she has resided for the past 36 years. She worked for NH Ball Bearings for 17 years, Peterborough Savings Bank, for Leroy Malouf for 15 years, and retired from Tenny, Fritz & Combs Veterinary Clinic after 20 years as their bookkeeper.

Jeri loved animals and her family. There was nothing she enjoyed more than to have family and friends around to visit and to talk about anything; there would always be laughter. She enjoyed playing volleyball, water skiing and snowmobiling and playing Cribbage. She was a talented artist, knitter, and loved doing crossword puzzles; there

were few puzzles that she could not finish. She was a loving Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Auntie. She is survived by her son and his wife, David R. Norcross Jr. and Helen D. Norcross of Fracestown; her sister, JoAnne Bitterman of Glenview, IL; stepson, Alan Cilley of Belmont, NH; stepdaughter, Lauren Cilley, of Laconia, NH; granddaughters, Heather Panagiotis, Devon Garcia, Heidi Blanchette, Tamesin Morrison, and Amber Lapointe; grandsons, Jim Cilley, Joe Cilley, Micheal Morrison, and Logan Moody. She is also survived by six great grandsons and four great granddaughters and five nephews and nieces along with numerous great nieces and nephews. She was preceeded in death by her father, Leonard Staak, mother, Emma Staak, sister, Lorraine Staak, brother, Leonard Staak, stepson, Davin Cilley, and stepdaughter, Valarie Morrison, and husband, Richard C. Cilley. There will be a graveside service on Sunday July 23, 2017 at Fracestown Cemetery on the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike at 3 p.m..

Donations in Jeri's memory can be made to the Monadnock Humane Society.

Alfred E. Messier, 91

TEMPLETON — Alfred E. Messier, age 91, of Baldwinville, died peacefully Wednesday morning, June 21, 2017 in Baldwinville Nursing Home, with his family at his side.



He was born in Winchendon on February 9, 1926, son of the late Theodore and Lelia (Lafortune) Messier and graduated from Murdock High School in 1944. He had lived in Baldwinville since 1958.

Alfred owned his own upholstery shop from his residence until his retirement in 2012. He also collected and restored antique cars. He was a member and former collector at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Baldwinville. His greatest

enjoyment was spending time with his family and his dog Lilly.

His wife of 57 years, Elizabeth M. (Jacoby) Messier died in 2009. He leaves two daughters, Deborah Kimball and her husband Richard and Nancy J. Messier of Brewster; two grandchildren, Sarah Kimball and Christopher Allard, two great grandchildren, Brianna Milliken and Olivia Allard and many well loved nieces and nephews. His brothers and sisters had all preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA. 01701.

Frank D. Peckham Jr., 76

WARWICK RI — Frank D. Peckham Jr., age 76, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the Greenwood Center in Warwick. He was the beloved husband of Shirley A. (Brown) Peckham.



Born in Winchendon he was a son of the late Frank D. and Evelyn (Hall) Peckham Sr.

Frank was the loving father of Frank D. Peckham III (Darlene), Samuel L. Peckham, Todd M. Richard-Peckham (Paul), and the late Timothy Peckham; loving grandfather of Stacey, Amanda, and Frank IV; loving great-grandfather of Serena, Tucker,

Meadowann, Jeremy, and Avery. He was the brother of Sandra Brehio, and the late Marjorie McConnell, Albert Peckham, Lloyd Peckham, and Wayne Peckham. Frank is also survived by his beloved cats, Bigfoot, Picasso, and Cece.

Mr. Peckham was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

His memorial service will be held Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 11 am in the Memorial Congregational Church, 16 Elm Street, Baldwinville, MA 01436. Burial with military honors will be in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Beacon Hospice, Meadows Professional Office Park, 1130 Ten Rod Road, Suite C104, North Kingstown, RI 02852 or to VocLinks c/o Spurrwink RI, One Spurrwink Place, Cranston, RI 02910.

loved by all of her family.

Survivors include her daughter, Pamela Susan Bray; a son, Terrence H. Quinn and wife, Zulay; grandchildren, Chris Quinn, Alex Quinn and Jennifer Bray and great grandchildren, Hope, Grace and Mary Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Marshall J. Charland and sister-in-law, Doris Charland.

Lowe Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Quinn family.

Jeanne M. (Leger) Dion, 71

LUNENBURG — Jeanne M. (Leger) Dion, age 71, a longtime Lunenburg resident, died Saturday, June 24, in HealthAlliance Leominster Hospital, after a brief illness.



She leaves her husband of 49 years, Norman B. Dion; one daughter, Jennifer D. Landry and her husband Donald of Gardner; two brothers, Donald Leger of San Juan Capistrano, CA and Paul Leger of Fitchburg; two sisters, Gloria Maybury of Winchendon Springs, and Marilyn Ruberti of Marblehead; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Christopher Dion in 1989.

Jeanne was a manager at Denny's Restaurants, in Leominster and

Worcester for 20 years.

She was a member of St. Boniface Parish, in Lunenburg and was a 1965 graduate of Fitchburg High School. She enjoyed cooking, baking, knitting and playing games online with her friends.

She was born in Fitchburg on April 11, 1946, a daughter of the late Arthur J. and Elise M. (Leger) Leger.

Jeanne's funeral was held on Thursday, June 29, from the Lunenburg Chapel, of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Home, 763 Mass Ave., Lunenburg with a Mass in St. Boniface Church, 817 Mass Ave., Lunenburg. Burial followed in North Cemetery, Lunenburg.

Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to the St. Boniface Church Renovation Fund, 817 Mass Ave., Lunenburg, MA 01462 or may be left at the funeral home.

Albert Murphy, 78

WINCHENDON — Albert Murphy, age 78, of 64 Monadnock Avenue, died peacefully Monday morning, June 26, 2017 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



He was born in Fitchburg on April 12, 1939, son of the late Thomas and Alma (Graustein) Murphy and was a 1958 graduate of Fitchburg High School. He had lived in Winchendon for 41 years.

Albert had worked as a machinist for many years at Teleflex Medical in Jaffrey, NH. He loved woodworking, enjoyed yard work, his dogs and especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He had a great commitment to his AA friends and family.

He leaves his wife of 41 years, Sandra C. (Fitzpatrick) Murphy; six children,

James Murphy of Stowe, Kelly Williams and her husband Robert of Winchendon, Barry J. Smith of Peterborough, NH, Darren P. Smith and his wife Lisa of Gardner and LoriAnn Godfrey and her husband Michael of Winchendon; a brother, Paul Murphy and his wife Irene of Fitchburg, 13 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, John P. Smith and two brothers, Donald Murphy and Richard Murphy.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 30, 2017 at 10 A.M. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday, June 29, 2017 from 5 to 7 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Community Action Committee, 273 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475.

Lola P. (Sawyer) Roy, 82

ROYALSTON — Lola P. (Sawyer) Roy, age 82, of 48 Norcross Road, died peacefully Sunday afternoon, June 25, 2017 in Baldwinville Nursing Home, with her family at her side.



She was born in Winchendon on August 3, 1934, daughter of the late Harry and Doris (Duguay) Sawyer and lived in Winchendon and Gardner for most of her life.

Lola had worked as a nurse's aide at the former Leo P. LaChance Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She enjoyed word puzzles and crafts and especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a member of the Gardner Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

He leaves her husband, Kenneth Roy; four children, Pauline Sweeney, Janet Oliver and her husband Kenneth of Athol, Martha Minckler and her husband Bruce of Winchendon and Paul E. Roy and his wife Shirley of Royalston; four grandchildren, Rachel Sweeney, Kenny Roy, Shannon Sweeney and Duayne Minckler; four great grandchildren, Torrey Sweeney, Michael Sweeney, Shyann Sweeney and Diane Reece and one great grandchild, Jaelynn Sweeney. Her brothers and sisters had preceded her in death.

A memorial service was held Thursday, June 29, 2017, in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 100 Colony Road, Westminster, MA 01473.

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Yet, just as the middle school is its own 'school', so too in many ways is the Academy. "We count on each other, students and staff," asserted Provost. "There are unique challenges to this program and we resolve them together."

Added Benedict, "One thing we are able to do here is tailor a program for every student individually. We look at the whole person because every student is here for a different reason."

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This year alone, five students were on stage with their graduating peers earlier this month and they weren't the first Academy students to receive their diploma. Additionally, another student or two might finish this summer and be eligible for graduation as well.


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SPORTS

Recollections of an athletic career



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

From the week this column began running in November, 2006 to the day Courtney's athletic career ended, I tried hard to diligently avoid even the occasional brag. It's unseemly to do that about your own kid, whether in print or in person. It's generally considered rude and self-absorbed and trust me, no one wants to hear it.

That said, indulge me simply for this one time. As far as I know (and if I'm wrong feel free to correct me), Courtney holds the first and second best local records regarding not allowing walks. She once went 54 1/3 straight innings without giving up a walk and had another stretch of 51 2/3 innings doing likewise. To say the least, she didn't overpower anyone but

she sure knew where the corners were. I'm really proud of those. I was proud too that she never openly showed up an umpire. I'd know she was annoyed when she'd walk to the back of the mound and take a couple seconds to stare out into center field. But that was all. Thanks to Phil for teaching her that.

Those streaks are the on-field accomplishment I remember most but if she were here she'd tell you the moment in which she took the most personal pride was the night she stole home. Yes, Courtney once stole home. Once. Speed was not exactly her forte' and when she broke from third in one of those Winchendon v Winchendon games, most of which were of significantly higher quality than games against other communities, pitcher Britt Howe was first so startled and then was laughing so hard that by the time Courtney slid across the plate, it was too late for Britt to record what really should have been an easy out. The element of surprise indeed.

Oh yes, she cherished and savored that moment, after all, we all have egos, but what she really cared about was being part of a team. Shy by nature, she never wanted the limelight and was quite content to bask in the glow of team successes while I wrote expansive stories about others.

Don't get me wrong. She was competitive. She worked incredibly hard year-round at her craft. She was not a naturally gifted athlete so she had to. And was willing to. Through Monday nights in Templeton to Friday nights and subsequently frigid Sunday mornings at the gym at the Mount which were inevitably followed by brunch she was there for her pitching lessons and when Phil gave homework, she did it. Believe me, she liked winning. She very much liked being part of a program that was amazingly successful. She liked contributing to the success. She just never cared about seeing her name in the paper and laughed when another area newspaper once (back in the very beginning of

the Jimmy Fund days in 2004) spelled her last name "Cartoy".

We all know the softball history. But there was more. After she and her teammates won that first state championship in the summer of 2008, when school re-opened they played soccer. It wasn't the greatest varsity soccer team in the history of high school soccer. I'm not sure whether they won a game or not. Maybe one? After that came basketball. MHS had a new girls coach that winter and Dennis Supernant was all excited because these winning softball players had shown up for the first day of practice. Yes, well.

Courtney had played a little hoops in the Clark Saturday morning league as a kid but high school hoops was different and when she came home from that first practice, she solemnly told me her favorite position was 'free throw'. Evidently, she was otherwise irritated because, 'when I try to shoot in the game, people are waving their hand in front of me'. I remember biting my lip. True story. She somehow scored a couple points that

year. Probably from the line?

Almost as good was the story she brought home in seventh grade. Some notion had popped into her head that going out for cross-country might be fun. Turns out not so much. From that first-and-only-one-day experience came this gem - "they made us run to another state. Literally". Yes, Coach Hallquist had in fact made them run all the way to New Hampshire. Need I add going the back way through the school parking lot, you can basically measure the distance to NH in yards not miles? So much for cross country though as it turned out she actually did enjoy winter track.

Soccer, basketball, track - those were fun but they weren't softball. And softball wasn't just about softball. Not even close. There were life lessons learned there and friends met there she kept until the end of her life and in the end, that mattered far more than the wins or losses. To those friends, for their caring and compassion, my eternal thanks and gratitude.

Some thoughts on Ortiz's retirement ceremony

BY JON KAMINSKY

On June 23rd 2017 before playing the Los Angeles Angels, the Boston Red Sox retired the number of one of the greatest Designated hitters to ever play the game. Number 34, David Ortiz. Born in the Dominican Republic, Ortiz started his career playing for the Minnesota Twins. He spent 6 years in Minnesota. But in 2003, the Red Sox saw something in this young man that could not be over looked. With the help of his former teammate Pedro Martinez, he told the front office that Mr. Ortiz was something special and he was 100% right. Joining the Red Sox for the 2003 season, Ortiz struggled in the beginning to adjust to his new home. But with the help from another former teammate Jason Varitek, he helped Ortiz change up his swing and from there his career took off.

The following season in 2004, Ortiz helped the Red Sox win their 1st World Series Championship in 86 years. With

clutch hit after clutch hit in the 2004 ALCS against the New York Yankees, Ortiz became one of the clutchest hitters to ever play the game. The Red Sox completed one of the best comebacks in Baseball history after being down 3-0 in that series. He followed that up to guide the Red Sox to another World Series victory in 2007 and again in 2013. With so many memorable moments over his career, there are a couple that really stood out to me as a fan and to so many other Red Sox fans as well. Following the tragedy of the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombings in April, Ortiz and the Red Sox returned from a road trip to begin the season. At their 1st home game of the year, Ortiz delivered one of the most memorable Sports Lines of all time. "This is our (expletive) city." And the phrase "Boston Strong" played a key role to the Red Sox success that season. Later in the same season, Ortiz who people refer to as "Mr. Clutch came through again in game 2 of the ALCS against the Detroit Tigers. Down 5-1

in the bottom of the 8th inning, Ortiz smacked a grand slam to tie the game which the Red Sox would eventually win and go on and win the ALCS and the World Series.

The 2013 postseason for David Ortiz was also one of the best ever recorded by a player. He had a batting average of about 1.01 with 5 HR and 13 RBI. In game 4 of the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals, Ortiz and the Red Sox found themselves down 2 games to 1 and trailing in game 4. Ortiz gathered his teammates in the dugout and gave heartfelt speech telling his teammates that they are "better than this" and the very next inning, they would take the lead, win game 4, and go on to win games 5 and 6 winning the World Series in Boston. Then before the 2017 season Ortiz would announce his retirement. Although it ended with a series loss to the Cleveland Indians in the ALDS, Ortiz gave the Red Sox and the city of Boston everything he could.

Over Ortiz's brilliant career, he fin-

ished with the following stats: (Years played: 20) (Games played: 2,408) (AB's: 8,460) (Runs: 1,419) (Hits: 2,472) (Doubles: 632) (Triples: 19) (HR's: 541) (RBI: 1,768) (SB:17) (BB:1,319) (SO's:1,750) (BA: .286) (OBP: .380) (SLG: .552). Ortiz was also a 10x All Star, with 3 World Series rings, and was a 2x World Series MVP.

The retirement ceremony was filled with so many emotions. Ortiz was accompanied by his friends, family, former teammates, Team owners and GM: John Henry, Tom Warner, Larry Lucchino, and Dave Dombrowski. Before a speech was given by Mr. Ortiz former teammates Pedro Martinez and Dustin Pedroia also gave heartfelt speeches that brought David to tears. Ortiz than thanked everyone he possibly could before throwing out the 1st pitch and soluted the city of Boston before walking off the field. As a huge Red Sox fan I would like the thank David Ortiz for everything he did. Not just for the Red Sox but for the city of Boston and the game of baseball.

Annual race results available

BY JON KAMINSKY
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Every year the town of Winchendon gets together and celebrates the beginning of summer. The Summer Solstice is a time where families from Winchendon and other surrounding towns come together and enjoy a day of fun, games, food, entertainment, and a parade. To kick off the day, there is the tradition of the Morin Real Estate 5k Race and for the younger generation, the 1 Mile Run. The course for the 5k race runs through the town and is always a fun

yet challenging race for all ages. Each runner is placed into their own age group to be categorized at the end of the run. This year there were a total of 49 runners for the 5k and 20 runners for the kids 1 mile run.

Listed here are the results for the 5k race who finished in the top 10. Results include: Place finished, Name, time, gender, and age. (1. Brandon Davis, 17:33, Male, 24) (2. Jordan Manuel, 18:08, Male, 18) (3. Dylan Lupien, 18:45, Male, 16) (4. Adian Tamulen, 19:25, Male, 13) (5. Tamara Popko, 21:25,

Female, 34) (6. Logan Tamulen, 21:39, Male 15) (7. Dan Ouellette, 21:39, Male, 30) (8. Arnold Mwangodi, 21:52, Male, 38) (9. Genevieve Kane Howse, 22:03, Female, 36) (10. Tom Bockus, 22:03, Male, 62).

Notables who also ran this year: Cole Patterson, Delany Swanson, Michael Groner, Calvin Tenney, Chris Nelson, Justin Manuel, Matthew Difava, Rick Morin, Stacy Hughes, Lauren Coutu, Kyle Krawec, Missina Cutting, Elly Hunter, Tom Kane, Wendy Coutu, Chris Coutu, Briahna Bouchard,

Greg Romac, Samantha Dugan, Gary Goodwin, Barbara Stengel, Chris Gueli, Keith Muhonen, Darlene Rossi, Jenn Vautour, Gavin Zabic, Rachel Legault, Brooke Zabil, Cassie Williams, James Nicholson, Amy Stukuls, Vicki Morin, David Kymalainen, Bailey Krawec, Dan Hughes, Karla Luhtjarv, Elizabeth Dunn, Bruce Clapp, Susan Dusoe.

Listed here are the results for the kids 1 mile run who finished in the top 10. Results include: Place finished, Name, time, gender, and age. (1. Molly Horgon, 7:15,

Female, 10) (2. Jj Corral, 7:20, Male 10) (3. Charlie Carter, 7:33, Male) (4. Kateri Mason, 7:55, Female) (5. Kylee-Ann McAllister, 8:14, Female, 8) (6. Lucie Horgon, 8:45, Female, 8) (7. Sharlise Aho, 9:06, Female, 8) (8. Joshua Mason, 9:12, Male) (9. Shawn Vezina, 9:13, Male, 8) (10. Cora Gogueu, Female, 7). Notables who also ran this year: Kaitlyn Tamulen, Rhianna Aho, Savannah Gerard, Madison Eldridge, Walter Moriarity, Jazmin Corral, Emma Horgan, Kate Michelson, Molly Michelson, Benjamin

Fuller.

Organizers said thank you to everyone who came out to run this year and we hope to see everyone again next year as well. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who come out every year to make this event possible. The Solstice celebration has been around for 21 years and continues to grow and get bigger every year.

Special Note: Jordan Manuel, who finished 2nd in the 5k race this year will be running at UMass Lowell as a freshman in the fall.

Rebels take victory in first year

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

There was just a single hiccup in a 13-1 regular season and two weekends ago the Winchendon U-12 Rebels, in their first year of existence, captured the Babe Ruth softball title with a 12-7 victory over Lunenburg.

"I can't think of a group of girls who deserved this more," exulted team founder and coach John Reilly Jr., after

his club finished off a remarkable campaign.

"They are so dedicated. 100-percent. They out-hustle and out-work everyone they play," he beamed.

There was Ashley Seigny batting .807 and tossing three no-hitters over the course of the season. There was Brianna Spagnuolo becoming a first rate catcher as the year wore on. There was Kalea Reilly with her 23 stolen

bases. There was in fact, everyone.

"No player is more or less important. Everyone matters. Everyone made a difference. The work paid off," he said. Reilly wasn't kidding about the work. "We have been doing this year-round. Winter in the gym. Summer and fall ball next. That's how committed they are. It doesn't matter what level you are playing on, what league you are in. You have to execute and you have to work at it," he stressed.

Reilly moved from Little League to Babe Ruth because, he said, other area towns were doing likewise and scheduling was becoming an issue.

"We just wanted the girls to be able to play," he remarked, saying he and his father, John Sr., put up the money to get a pair of teams registered.

"We also have a U-10 team and are planning a U-16 team next season," noted Reilly. "I was coaching Little League but we just weren't getting games. In this league we are," he said.

Reilly had praise for coaches Dave Laraba, Rich Seigny, and Don Mason of the U-12s and Russ Blake, Guy Santos, Kevin Anderson and Shane Murphy of the U-10s.

"Those guys all work so hard."

The Rebels, who play home games at the Murdock High field, ("I can't thank athletic director Jenna Whitaker enough," said Reilly), dedicated that Monday's playoff triumph to the memory of the writer's daughter, Courtney, and hung a number 11, her uniform jersey, on the backstop.

"Courtney set more than a positive example on and off the field for many to look up to and admire," remarked Reilly.

The team did a pre-game balloon release and then rolled to a 23-10 win over Ashburnham to advance.

"This might be our first year but we weren't going to back down from anyone," said Reilly.

Other players include Acacia Beauregard, Emma Oakley, Kateri Mason, Morgan Eldredge, Danielle Forth, Rylee Lambert, and Maibel Marion.

"These kids will be even more amazing players as they grow up," he predicted.

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Memorial students celebrate Field/Fun Day

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENTS

Memorial School students celebrated the 7th annual Field/Fun Day as students in Grades K-2 enjoyed a wide range of activities both inside and out under sunny skies and the watchful eyes of many volunteers.

Interim Principal Michelle Atter, who served as the assistant principal for the last-six years and previously served as a guidance counselor for 13 years, will officially take over the reins in the big chair as Memorial School Principal with the start of the upcoming 2017-18 academic year. Atter said, "I really want thank all the teachers, the committee, and parental volunteers so much for their combined work as we couldn't have made this happen without all they have done. We have great teachers, and always have great parent volunteers. I give a huge shout-out to the parents, because without them we can't run this."

Additional thanks were extended to Memorial phys-ed teacher and outdoor event coordinator Beth Sibik for all her hard work.

"She is the master mind of all the outdoor events, and helped with most of the carnival event to" said Atter.

Atter explained the school's 50 staff members, along with some 60 parents in total helping out at various capacities, aided in planning the day's events to watching over the

safety of students at events, bringing them to their different lunch periods, and much more.

The Field/Fun Day events took place the entire school day beginning with all classes reporting to the cafeteria, and continuing with both indoor and outdoor activities running through nearly 3 p.m.

Outdoor field activities included Under the Big Top Parachute games, a Water Slide, Save the Circus Animals, Elephant Sponge Relay, Circus Juggling, and a Walk the Tight Rope obstacle.

Inside activities provided all day long were magic by Magician Ed Raymond, and Zumba lessons by Lori Legault from the Clark YMCA.

Additionally, as if there wasn't already enough to keep the energetic young students moving, there were other activities such as Bingo for Books in the library, popcorn, Clown & Monkey photos, a Bean Bag Toss, hula hoops of fire, a can knockdown, Ski Ball, Fishing Game, Ping Pong cups, Arts & Crafts, Slam dunk game, and more.

Students received a special treat on their lunch breaks, as student parent and Gardner Friendly's Manager Andrea Bergeron donated free ice cream cups for all 300 Memorial students with ice cream to spare.

Bergeron said, "We call it dishing out support for the community. I reached out to all the schools offering



Keith Kent photos

Memorial School 1st grade students join together for a Zumba class in the school cafeteria.

this. It's a great event and I am happy to support the children and anything positive in the community."

It should also be noted that a student activity fundraiser paid for not only every child to receive a book, but the water slide, the magician, Zumba, and more. Atter also happily emphasized, "Michele Comeau

from To Each His Own Design even met with me at 6:15 a.m. to fill up balloons!"

"The PTO also stepped up paying for the students' shirts for the event. Kindergarten students wore yellow t-shirts, 1st grade blue, and 2nd grade student's red," said Atter.

When it was all over and done, a large cleanup and tear

down effort had begun, and several hundred combined service hours were easily donated by teachers, committee members, and volunteers. However, the biggest event success of all may have very well been 300 young students going home for the day to their parents with plenty of smiles, stories, and 2017 Field/Fun Day memories.



A young lady sprints to the water bucket in the Elephant Sponge Relay



A young student grabs his Frisbee to get clear of other Frisbees as fast as he can



Students throw Frisbee's at cones to try to earn a beanie baby



Children work together as a team to hurl plastic balls as high as they can during parachute games

Conant remains undefeated

June 21st the Murdock Blue Devils took on Hinsdale in the first round of playoffs in summer basketball league action. The Devils would cruise to a 74-39 victory.

And Monadnock took on Athol but it was those north of the border that would pick up the victory at 53-32.

Then Monday night Conant met Murdock, with the Blue Devils looking to advance to the championship game the 28th. It was number one seed Conant versus number four seed Murdock, and it would be the Orioles with the win 67-59, closer than expected.

The Orioles remain undefeated in the summer league.

Spencer Pelkey got the offense going with less than 19 minutes to go in the first half but Conant would answer. Ross O'Toole would put Murdock back ahead, then the Orioles would get up and add to the lead with a free throw.

LJ Hicks would reclaim the lead, Conant would answer and with four minutes left in the half it would be Murdock up on a Pelkey basket 18-15.

Devils would take the lead one more time on a Dylan Lupien triple just before the end of the half, but then the Orioles would go on a 15-2 run to lead 34-23 going into the break.

The Orioles picked it right back up continuing to pull away and would eventually claim the 67-59 victory.

Leading scorers for Murdock were Nick Roy with 15; Pelkey with 14; Hicks with 11; O'Toole with nine; Lupien with six; Andrew Race with two and Jack Polcari with one.

Conant and Mascenic played for the championship on Wednesday, a rematch of last year's final.

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Johnny Depp, Alex Jones, and others should be ashamed

Just when I thought I couldn't be any more shocked by the sheer stupidity of comments from both Hollywood actors or other entertainers, I was left nearly speechless when Johnny Depp spoke of assassinating a U.S. President while recently visiting the United Kingdom. Apparently Depp still thinks he is Captain Jack Sparrow of the pirate ship the Black Pearl on the big screen where you can say anything you want and not worry about the consequences of your actions, or what they may provoke. While recently visiting the United Kingdom, Depp like Captain Sparrow clearly took a verbal cannon shot aimed at President Donald Trump on June 22 and speaking to the media said, "When was the last time an actor assassinated a President?" in reference to then famous actor John Wilkes booth assassinating President Lincoln in 1865. Very poor taste Mr. Depp. Living in digital world where quick comments are usually 140 characters or less a go global in seconds, Depp not only lost respectability but displayed a perfect example of how to act just as bad as the same person you have often criticized. Earlier this year in January, singer/

actor Madonna was partially quoted as saying, "Yes, I have thought an awful lot about blowing up the White House." This was followed with music rapper Snoop Dog shooting a painted clown face version of President Trump in the head with a toy fire-arm in a video. More recently comedian Kathy Griffin posted photos of herself holding a mock severed head of President Trump, and then pathetically made herself out to be the victim of the situation. Now Depp joins an ever growing list of people who acted just as tasteless as the one they proclaim to be bringing awareness to. These are the same types who claim to be exercising free speech, while supporting it being blocked on college campuses. So with that being said about extremists on the left here comes my blasting of a true nut job on the far right. Alex Jones. I would like to thank Megyn Kelley for recently exposing the sad crazed right wing extremist and poor excuse of a human being. Ironically, a former member of team FOX News, Kelly



ANYTHING NEAR & FAR • • • • • KEITH KENT who knew she would be criticized by some for even giving Jones air time, knew the right wing extremist creator of the Infowars website, and many crazed conspiracy theories trolling around the World Wide Web needed to be exposed. Alex Jones. You claimed the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy never happened and was a compete hoax. You have also claimed victims of the terrorist attack in Manchester, England were "Liberal trendies." Mr. Jones you are a disgustingly crazed, selfish, egotistical megalomaniac. How dare you sir. How dare you claim that all those loving parents who have suffered the phenomenally horrific loss of their 20 children along with 6 staff members who they had to bury after falling victim to the deranged acts of a crazed madman who even killed his own mother never took place. Jones claims to be playing the devil's advocate, doubtful. He has shown his true colors displaying the mentality of an obtuse troglodyte. His website

Infowars along with his so called journalism is no more than a prime example of a paragon of pandemic failure with zero legitimacy, and any claims about the children of Sandy Hook not being murdered are incredibly insensitive and exemplify barbaric mentality. I loathe extremist such as he, as Jones a shining example of what is also wrong with society in the world of today. Extremists from either side of the political isle simply cannot see they often represent one sided points of views spewing the same lack of tolerance and respect for each other's perspectives. The best ideas come when multiple perspectives join hands and meet half way. Both Presidents' Bush had Senator Ted Kennedy, and President Reagan had Tip O'Neill. Checks and balances. Even here in Massachusetts we have a unique habit of electing Republican Governors while having a predominately democratically controlled house and senate. With Free Speech, comes great responsibility. We all know the power of words and radicalism no matter what political affiliation can generate great anger, hatred, and often tragic outbursts by those ready to lash out.

2017 Music Festival four nights of fabulous



**BY APRIL GOODWIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT**

The Winchendon Music Festival swept the town away with the beauty, complexity, and passion of music ranging from Italian baroque to contemporary jazz. Director Andrew Arceci captivated the community through his four daily concerts at the First Congregational Church of Winchendon in Old Centre that took place Thursday June 22nd through Sunday 25th. Each free program featured nationally and internationally recognized performers whose passion for music created the cultural atmosphere many would pay a pretty penny to experience in such an intimate setting in a concert hall.

Bassist Stephan Arsenault, playing with John Arcaro & Band, during a concert last Friday at the Old Centre Church. The performance was part of the annual Winchendon Music Festival, a four-night event.

The first concert's program featured Francesco Barsanti's A Collection of Old Scots Tunes, which was published in 1742. The second concert featured Jazz interpretations of the "Great American Songbook" in addition to contemporary jazz compositions. The third concert was a program that featured the works of Jeremiah Ingalls (1764-1838) in addition to other early New England composers. The final concert was a program of Italian baroque repertoire, featuring the works of Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), Nicola Porpora (1686-1768), Giovanni Bononcini (1670-1747), and George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). At the end of the final outstanding performance, the audience rose in a well-deserved standing ovation to praise the gifted musicians for their exceptional performances. Though every performance was beautiful and worthy of a several-hun-

dred-dollar price tag, the concerts in the Festival were free thanks to the generous support of a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council and additional support by the Ashburnham Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Festivals Program, the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, the First Congregational church of Winchendon in Old Centre, and members of the community. Arceci expressed his gratitude for all the support that made the Festival possible and for the generosity of the community and audience members, and the community is grateful for his passion and for bringing such a wonderful cultural experience to our small town. Given the large cultural and musical value and tremendous turnout of the Winchendon Music Festival, the community is eagerly anticipating what next summer may bring.



The music brings smiles even to the performers' faces.



The audience enjoys last Friday's performance of John Arcaro & Band, one of four nights of music presented during the annual Winchendon Music Festival held at the Old Centre Church. The event was sponsored by the Winchendon Cultural Council and the Ashburnham Cultural, the Massachusetts Festivals Program Council (all with support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council), and the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation.



Guitarist Jack Pezanelli, playing with John Arcaro & Band, during a concert last Friday at the Old Centre Church. The performance was part of the annual Winchendon Music Festival, a four-night event.



Andrew Arceci on viola di gamba

Photos by Mat Plamondon and Greg Vine



Coleman Collectors Converge on Toy Town



BY GREG VINE

COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Upwards of 130 members of the Coleman Collectors Club gathered in the auditorium of the Old Murdock Senior Center for three days of trading, selling, lectures, and camaraderie. The event was organized and hosted by Curt and Angie Raymond of Ashburnham.

Among the attendees was Dana Kennison of Pepperell, who said he's been a collector for a number of years. The owner of about 150 Coleman items, Kennison said he's been selling and trading items at the Rietta Ranch Flea Market in Hubbardston since 2010.

"I've always had lanterns and stoves," he said. "My family always used them when we went camping in Maine. At first, though, I didn't realize they made more than lanterns."

More than lanterns, indeed.

Among some of the more interesting items on display were gas-powered irons.

Collector Steve Miller of Queensbury, NY, who brought two of the items to Winchendon, said the irons were popular in the 1920s and 1930s, before electricity had made its way to most parts of the country.

"A lot of families in the mid-west and other rural areas used them because they didn't have electrical power," he explained. "They stayed hot longer than the irons that had to be heated on a stove. A lot of businessmen in the mid-west, men who had to make sure their shirts and suits looked good, also used them. They were pretty popular."

Miller said Coleman started phasing out the irons in the early 1940s, as more of the nation's homes were electrified.

Miller also had a vintage "basketball" lantern on display; a lantern with a large glass globe manufactured at Coleman's Wichita, KS, plant in 1915.

Another surprising item found at the



convention was a gas illuminated 35 mm slide projector, which belonged to Ed Erb, of Sugarcreek, OH.

"American Optical contracted with Coleman to make them," said Erb. "The lens was mounted on a model 237 lantern. Most, if not all, of them were exported to other countries. It was anticipated most of them would be used by missionaries in places around the world that didn't have electricity. Some were bought by the visual education section of the old U.S. Office of Education. Coleman stopped making them in the late '40s or early '50s."

In addition to collecting, Erb runs Erb's Coleman Museum in his hometown. He said he's been collecting for about 25 years and has in the vicinity of 3,000 pieces.

"I have about 50 showcases full of stuff," he said.

Erb, who is Amish, said Coleman products are still very popular in his home region, which he described as "the largest Amish community in the world."

Elmer Kuepfer, who is also Amish, traveled to Winchendon from Kincardine, Ontario, Canada, which sits on the shores of Lake Huron.

Asked how long he'd been collecting Coleman items, Kuepfer said, "There's a difference between collecting and just buying and fixing them, which is what I mostly do."

He said he currently owns about 100 items.

Angie Raymond praised the people who helped out at the Senior Center, singling out center Dir. Sheila Bettro, Bettro's daughter – Alison Symonowicz, Art and Rita Amenta, Cindy Night, Kevin Reidy, and Rose Goodrich.

"They really gave 120 percent to make sure our guests had everything they needed."



Greg Vine photos

Some of the vintage lanterns on display at last weekend's Coleman Collectors Club convention held in the 2nd floor auditorium at the Winchendon's Senior Center at Old Murdock. Well over 100 people from all over the U.S. and Canada attended the three-day event.



Coleman collectors Steve Miller, of Queensbury, NY, and Ed Erb, of Sugarcreek, OH, were among the attendees at last weekend's collectors' convention. Miller is holding a lantern made in Coleman's Wichita plant in 1915.



Dana Kennison, of Pepperell – one of the 130 or so collectors of Coleman items from around the U.S. and Canada who attended the collectors convention in Winchendon last weekend.



A rare gas-powered Coleman clothes iron. The iron was used most often by families in rural areas of the U.S. in the 1920s and 1930s, before the electrification of the country.



Some of the folks who attended last weekend's Coleman Collectors Club convention at Winchendon's Senior Center at Old Murdock.



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in the state of Massachusetts having close to one thousand members (which includes the family – Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion, and the Ladies Auxiliary). With all the veterans that have served their country within the last 11 years from Winchendon, the Legion membership should be much larger!

Our town, once again with the drive from Charlie Grout, is the proud host of the second State Veterans Cemetery in Massachusetts. The Legion officers and members feel that our town should show that we not only support all veterans that served, but show our appreciation to those families that come to Winchendon to bury their loved ones in the Veterans Cemetery.

In a casual discussion with Doug Stone during one of

our Legion services at Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, we mentioned the flag upgrade. A few weeks later Doug called me and mentioned that as he was driving through various towns taking his dog to training classes, he noticed the flags on telephone poles and thought this would be good for Winchendon. I agreed that it would also solve the problem of vandalism and leaving the flags up for only one day on the holiday.

On a social media site last year there were many comments about Winchendon not having any American flags flying anywhere along our main street during the 4th of July. I responded that the Legion was looking into a fix for this but that it required money, and we are looking at means to raise this money. I received various responses back as to why it would cost money to have flags flying, to which I did not respond. There were others

that responded and wanted to know how to donate, this will give them their chance.

I shared these comments with Doug and he asked me if I would chair the (Central Street Flag Project), he would donate \$5,000 to purchase equipment to get this project in motion.

Upon initial investigation, it was quickly realized that we would need support from the town, so the Legion partnered with the Toy Town Partnership Committee. The TTP voted to take this on as a project and support the Legion. The Board of Selectman voted to set up a special account for the flags and this donation was quickly deposited.

Upon initial contact with National Grid and Verizon, I was told to make a list of pole numbers and locations. Identified were 63 telephone poles that we wanted to use along with eight lamp poles on Spring Street & Glenallan Street bridges. Once this was

completed it then required Linda Daigle to complete numerous forms and contracts from both companies to use their poles, along with an insurance rider. After several months and inspections by Verizon and National Grid, we received the final permission around May 12th.

Several bids were received to purchase flags, etc. and we were racing to have these installed before Memorial Day. Volunteers were sought out from the Legion and town committees to do the install, and I am proud to say this volunteer team installed all 71 flags on Saturday May 20.

This is phase one, our goal is to have flags flying from the Spring Street Bridge down to the Glenallan Bridge, and eventually continue from Clyde Park (Toy Town Horse) all the way to the American Legion on School Street. In addition, we will need ongoing funds to make upgrades to the flags and

equipment for years to come.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to this project, please make your check payable to Toy Town Partnership Committee. Mark you check as “Central Street Flag Project”. Please send your donation to: Toy Town Partnership Committee, Attn: Linda Daigle Executive Assistant, Town Manager’s Office, 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475.

I would like to thank the following that helped make this possible to date: Arthur Amenta, Chad Blair, Don Blair, Mark Casavant, Linda Daigle, Curt Fitzmaurice, John Goan, Les Goodrich, Keith Hickey – Town Mgr., Deidre Holt, Vicki LaBrack, Herbert Murphy, Mark Robichaud, Toy Town Partnership Committee, Chief Dave Walsh and the Winchendon Police Detail.

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secure; 4:32 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), transported; 5:15 a.m.: accident (Spring St.), report taken; 7:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Alger St.), report taken; 8:52 a.m.: threats (Spring St.), report taken; 9:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant St.), report taken; 9:04 a.m.: ambulance (Beech St.), transported; 9:34 a.m.: officer wanted (Cross Rd.), report taken; 9:38 a.m.:

wires down (Oak St.), referred; 10:19 a.m.: assist citizen (Walnut St.), info given; 11:29 a.m.: welfare check/child (High St.), transported to hospital; 11:51 a.m.: assist citizen (Spring St.); 12:02 p.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Ave.), transported; 12:39 p.m.: burglar alarm (High St.), report taken; 1:05 p.m.: erratic operation (School St.), unable to locate; 1:50 p.m.: harassment order violation (Spring St.), report taken; 2:13 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Dr.), transported; 2:59 p.m.: animal complaint (Laurel St.), gone on arrival; 3:55 p.m.: burglary/b&e

(Central St.), report taken; 4:00 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Maynard Ave.), spoken to; 4:04 p.m.: suspicious person (Elm St.), gone on arrival; 4:15 p.m.: disturbance (Mechanic St.), report taken; 5:27 p.m.: annoying phone calls (E. Monomonac Rd.), spoken to; 5:30 p.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial Dr.), secured building; 5:33 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring St.), secured building; 5:49 p.m.: investigation (Maynard St.), services rendered; 6:06 p.m.: assist citizen (Mill St.); 6:16 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 6:20 p.m.: ambulance (Elmwood

Rd.), transported; 6:32 p.m.: fire alarm (River St.), services rendered; 6:38 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Walnut St.), services rendered; 7:08 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Belmont Ave.), secured building; 7:13 p.m.: registration check (Central St.), Roy W. Sellars, 27 Pleasant St., #2B, Winchendon, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, report taken; 7:16 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 8:33 p.m.: welfare check/general (Linden St.), services rendered; 9:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Hyde Park Dr.).

BEALS
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Muse also recognized current Beals Director Manuel King for his commitment to the project, as well as the library staff: Linda Bredberg, Melissa Thayer, Patti Stanko, and Alexis Chanthachack.

“I would be remiss,” Muse continued, “if I did not mention the contri-

butions of former library Director Julia White Cardinal in making this project a reality. Julia worked tirelessly for many years to make the Beals accessible to all residents. Julia knows first-hand the man setbacks we have endured. And despite these setbacks, Julia’s resolve never wavered.”

“Congratulations,

Julia,” said Muse. “This is your victory today.”

Muse recognized the Friends of Beals Memorial Library and the citizens of Winchendon for their continue support. He also singled out former trustee Ron Robillard and former selectman Burton Gould, both of whom served with Muse on the now-defunct Library

Building Committee.

“We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation for its generous donation to the accessibility project,” Muse added. “I feel safe in saying that without the foundation’s generosity, there would be no accessibility project.”

Library Trustee Rick Ward also thanked the

Beals family, which contributed \$25,000 to the construction of the library. He noted the money was used to purchase the property on which the building now sits, as well as a large portion of the construction cost.

Ward noted that the original site considered for the library is the property now occupied

by the Clark Memorial YMCA, but it was decided instead to move it off busy Central Street to a somewhat quieter location. The facility opened its doors in 1913.

The accessibility project was designed by the Boston firm Abacus Architectural and is being overseen by P&S Construction of North Chelmsford.

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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 the Chamber at (978) 632-1780.

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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shaun Stewart and Heather Stewart to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC dated January 14, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 35519, Page 121, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on July 21, 2017**, on the premises known as **191 Laurel Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Laurel Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof, at a stone bound in the westerly line of Laurel Street at a corner of other land of Paul W. Rice, also being shown as Lot "1", on a plan hereinafter referred to;

Thence N. 74 degrees 41' 49" W. by said Lot "1", 267.16 feet to an iron pin at land of the New England Electric Power Company;

Thence N. 10 degrees 58' 05" E. by said Power Company land 190.12 feet to an iron pin at other land of Paul W. Rice, and being shown as Lot "3" on a plan hereinafter referred to;

Thence S. 71 degrees 46' 49" E. by said Lot 3, 290.81 to Laurel Street.

Thence S. 18 degrees 13' 11" W. 175.00 feet to a stone bound and the point of beginning, the proceeding course being by said road line. Containing 1.166 Acres, more or less. Being shown as Lot "2" on a plan entitled: "Plan of Lots Surveyed for L.S. Development Corp., Winchendon, MA Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet – July 23, 1988 Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA" recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds a Plan Book 608, Page 22.

Said premises are conveyed to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record so far as the same are in force and applicable.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 35519 Page 119.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and , to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

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

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

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

Dated: June 21, 2017

Present holder of said mortgage
Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC
by its Attorneys
Guaetta and Benson, LLC
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire
P.O. Box 519
Chelmsford, MA 01824
June 30, 2017
July 7, 2017
July 14, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mark Paoluccio to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated January 12, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38200, Page 362, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor in interest by purchase from the FDIC as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-PR2 Trust dated March 27, 2012 and recorded with said registry on April 9, 2012 at Book 48797 Page 153, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 p.m. on July 19, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Linden Street a/k/a 8 Linden Street, #10, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, situated on Linden Street and bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING on the Southeasterly corner of lot on Linden Street at corner of land now or formerly owned by Ann Weber; thence

Westerly on line, parallel with, and 2 feet from a shed attached to barn on said Weber premises, 89 feet to an iron post in line of one now or formerly owned by John Bourgault; thence

Northerly on said Bourgault line 28 feet more or less to an iron post; thence

Westerly on line of Bourgault land 42 feet more or less, to an iron pin in line of Baptist Church; thence

Northerly in line of Baptist Church 88 feet, more or less, to an iron post in line of property now or formerly owned by Max Aronoff; thence easterly

On line of Aronoff to iron pin in line of Linden Street; thence

On line of Linden Street Southerly to point of beginning 109 feet, more or less.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38200, Page 360.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-PR2 TRUST
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200709-0296 - PRP

June 23, 2017
June 30, 2017
July 7, 2017

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT**

**17 SM 002634
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

Roseanna M. Nelson
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae),

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Winchendon**, numbered **30 Cross Street**, given by **Roseanna M. Nelson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Franklin Financial Corp., its successors and assigns**, dated **June 29, 2007**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **41410**, Page **269**, **as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded in said Registry in Book 48251, Page 11**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **July 24, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on June 7, 2017

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
(16-006573 Orlans)
June 30, 2017

Town of Winchendon Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to MGL, c.41, §81T, notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday July 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, to consider a Modification to a Definitive Plan subdivision entitled Madison Avenue, submitted by Joshua Olsen. The ongoing subdivision includes the road of Madison Avenue, off of Gardner Road (Route 140) in Winchendon, MA. All relevant materials, including site plans, may be viewed at the Dept. of P&D at Winchendon Town Hall. 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,
Planning Board Chairman
June 23, 2017
June 30, 2017

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, July 18, 2017 at 7:00p.m. at the Winchendon Town Hall 109 Front St. 2nd Floor Auditorium** before the Winchendon Planning Board to consider the requests to remove the following public tree(s)

1. 26 Hale St. t - Removal of 60' Maple (12"dbh)
80' Pine (36"dbh) at the property owners request.

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@townof-winchendon.com.

By: Albert C. Gallant
Tree Warden

The meeting room is handicapped accessible With advance notice the Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodations for persons with other disabilities. To request assistance contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-5410
June 30, 2017
July 7, 2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Superior Court Department of the Trial Court Worcester, SS. Civil Action No. 17-808C

To Heirs, Devisees & Personal Representatives of Mickey D. Manson of Winchendon, Worcester County and Robert Manson of Winchendon, Worcester County, AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED: Workers' Credit Union of Fitchburg, Worcester County, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated on Juniper Street, being numbered 67 on said

street, in said Winchendon, given by Mickey D. Manson to Workers' Credit Union, dated July 25, 2014, and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 52700, Page 210, 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 thirty-first day of July, next or your may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this nineteenth day of June 2017.

Dennis P. McManus
Clerk
June 30, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT **17SM002912 ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:

Christopher E. Lucier
Lauren L. Lucier
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-R6

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 191 Brown Street, given by Christopher E. Lucier and Lauren L. Lucier to Amerquest Mortgage Company, dated April 23, 2004, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 33992, Page 1, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 31, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on June 15, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
16-025374
June 30, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT **17SM002870 ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:

Jared A. Scortico
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 86 Jackson Avenue, given by Jared A. Scortico to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated March 28, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35970, Page 181, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 31, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on June 14, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
17-028159
June 30, 2017



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