

Husslebee steps down from BOS

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon's Board of Selectmen will carry out its responsibilities with just four members until the annual town elections in May of next year. The board will be shy one member in the wake of C.J. Husslebee stepping down under pressure from a handful of Winchendon residents.

Husslebee actually started Monday night's meeting by reading a prepared statement in which he admitted to living out of town at the time of the

May 2017 annual election, in which he defeated incumbent Selectman Amy Salter.

"In January 2017, while living in Winchendon," Husslebee said, "I submitted my nomination papers with the necessary signatures to run for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. In late March, due to a family hardship, I needed to move from the Winchendon home I was living in and had only a week to find new housing."

Husslebee went to say he was unable to quickly find a residence in Winchendon

and temporarily moved to Athol. He said he was unable to move back to Winchendon until February of this year. Husslebee then apologized to his fellow board members, Town Manager Keith Hickey, and residents of the town for not being up front about his living situation.

He did note that he maintained his voting registration in Winchendon. In addition, Hickey presented a legal opinion from town counsel that Husslebee was legally within his rights to run and to serve.

Husslebee's mea culpa, however, was not enough for several residents who addressed the board later in Monday's meeting.

"The truth is," said resident Tina Santos, "that Mr. C.J. Husslebee did not live in Winchendon for a period of time during his time on the Board of Selectmen. When confronted he lied; he gave a P.O. box in Winchendon. And to my understanding a P.O. box does not confirm a permanent address. That seems to be a calculated lie. He's had plenty

of opportunities to come forth and/or explain his situation... We want the board to take action on this."

"I'm here because I'm part of the committee that replaced the prior board because they were hiding secrets," said Salter. "Those secrets got us into a \$2 million debt. So, now we're not going to accept it anymore. We're telling you there aren't going to be any secrets and if you do lie we're going to hold you accountable. It's more telling this board 'shame on

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Greg Vine photos

The gymnastics center at the Clark Memorial YMCA's new community center, which will officially open to the public Sunday during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. In addition to the gymnastics facility, the \$1.6 million building also houses a conference room, three rooms for after school and daycare programs, and storage space.

Ribbon cutting for Clark Community Center Sunday

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The building that currently houses the offices, swimming pool, gymnasium, and weight rooms of what is now known as the Clark Memorial YMCA was officially dedicated on Sept. 16, 1954. This Sunday, exactly 64 years later, the ribbon will be cut to officially open the Clark's new \$1.6 million, 13,600 square foot community center. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m.

Groundbreaking for the new facility was held in early November of last year. As

was the case then, local and state officials will join residents and representatives of the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation for Sunday's grand opening. The Robinson Broadhurst provided a substantial portion of the cost of the project.

While the new facility includes a community meeting/conference room and several rooms for daycare and after school programs, much of the building is occupied by the Y's new gymnastics center. The center is outfitted with a spring floor and tumble

track, parallel bars, a pommel horse, balance beams, rings, and uneven parallel bars. A gymnastics event was held at the center earlier this summer and, according to Clark Executive Director Mike Quinn, the new facility was very well received.

Construction of the gymnastics facility allows the Clark to once again offer basketball, volleyball, and other activities in the gym in the original building. That gym had been filled with gymnastics equipment, meaning other

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Cannabis cultivation operation proposed for Juniper Street

BY GREG VINE
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Selectmen Monday night voted to approve a community host agreement with Curated Leaf Services LLC of Saugus for the construction of a marijuana cultivation and processing facility at 2 Juniper St. The site is known locally as the former home of Second Impressions consignment and VinLozano wine imports. It is located next to the Rite Aid pharmacy.

Wendell Orphe, operations manager, said it's the intention of Curated Leaf to operate a marijuana cultivation and manufacturing facility, which would provide wholesale cannabis products to adult use marijuana retailers in Massachusetts. In addition to growing and cultivating mari-

juana, the operation would also produce extracts and edible marijuana products.

Initial plans call for the business to operate beneath a 7,500 square foot canopy in the first year of operation, expanding to 10,000 square feet within three years. Full production capacity should be reached within that same three-year time frame.

"We plan on demolishing the existing structure," said Orphe, "and build a brand new facility that would reach up to 20,000 square feet of space. We are in the beginning phases of architectural design and renderings. Our goal is to complete the project within 18 months."

Orphe also pointed out the proposal meets town zoning regulations.

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Greg Vine photos

Winchendon School students walking down Grove Avenue during last week's Community Action Day. The students – participants in TWCs' Service Learning and Leadership Program – had just completed a project at the Senior Center at Old Murdock and were headed to the Winchendon CAC offices on Central Street.

Volunteers need as Fall Fest approaches

BY GREG VINE
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This year's Winchendon Fall Festival promises to be bigger and better than ever...by far. As the deadline for signing up closed, nearly 180 vendors — 178 to be exact — had signed up to participate in the 2018 edition of the annual event.

Those who intend to show up run the gamut from restaurants to Reiki masters, from coffee roasters to jewelry makers, from sellers of soaps and scents to practitioners of the paranormal will be on hand for the big event on Saturday, Oct. 6. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In all, there will be over 200 booths which, in addition to vendors, include local service organizations and non-profit organizations, including the always popular Kiwanis food

tent. Winchendon's police, fire, and public works departments will have vehicles on hand for the kids' Touch a Truck display, a favorite with young visitors. There will be plenty of other activities for children, including a petting zoo and bouncy houses.

The event is organized by the Winchendon Business Group, an organization formed in the past year and a-half to promote businesses downtown and throughout the community. The WBG is receiving assistance from the Winchendon Planning and Development Dept.

Naturally, to make such a big event a big success plenty of volunteers are needed.

Winchendon Land Use and Planning clerk Nicole Roberts said the WBG is looking for at least two dozen volunteers to

help out with a variety of tasks.

"We'll need some people to show up early to help direct vendors to their assigned spots," she said, "and, in some cases, to help them set up their tents. We also need folks to tell people where the 'train' will stop. It's going to run from Blair Square to Maple Street, with a stop at the Clark Memorial YMCA. And we're also going to need people who can direct visitors to the various attractions available, like the bouncy houses, the Touch a Truck, things like that."

Tracy Murphy, Winchendon's Planning and Development director, said those interested in volunteering are free to donate any amount of time they wish.

"Whether it's an hour, two hours, three, whatever — we

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Connecting with the world through service

BY JERRY CARTON
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Students from the Winchendon School fanned out across town last week to nearly a dozen sites as part of the fourth annual "Community Action Day."

"This day kicks off the Service Learning and Leadership program at TWS, one of the pillar programs dedicated to building community partnerships and addressing real community needs in long term ways. We want our students to connect with their world and community outside the school to realize that they can be the change they wish to

see in the world."

"Many of our students may not be aware of the needs and injustices affecting our community and the world and hopefully this will raise their awareness and inspire engagement to start making a difference right here in Winchendon," said Miranda Jennings, who directs the school's Service Learning program.

"Winchendon has such a strong sense of community and so many amazing people working to make the town stronger," she added, pointing out, "we want our students to connect with our broader com-

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Living in dreams of yesterday, we find ourselves still dreaming of impossible future conquests.
— Charles Lindbergh



CLYDE’S CORNER

Sunday September 16

CLARK RIBBON CUTTING: The Clark Memorial YMCA will be celebrating the Grand Opening of the YMCA’s new Youth & Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2:00 pm. The 13,600sq, center provides Before & After-School Children’s services, a Community Room, and a sprawling Gymnastics Center. Please join us for refreshments and tours following the ribbon cutting ceremony. 155 Central Street, Winchendon | 978-297-9622

Thursday September 20

TRIVIA NIGHT: Sons of the American Legion host Trivia Night beginning at 8 p.m. at the American Legion. Gather a team and challenge your friends. Hosted by questions master Ryan Murphy.

Saturday September 29

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL: United Parish Fall Festival will be held at the church, 39 Front St., Winchendon on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9-2 pm. Included will be Yard Sale, Bake Sale and and of course, Mums. Lunch: hotdog meal \$5; hamburger meal \$6.

Saturday October 6

THE RACE FOR THE REST OF US: a .5K, yes that dot is important, a leisurely walk or a manic run, we don’t care, around GAR Park. \$20 entry fee for adults, kids can enter free. First 50 to enter will get a t-shirt. This is first warning, more info to follow.

Saturday October 13

MASQUERADE MADNESS: tickets are now sale for the Masquerade Madness at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. Come in costume (the whole shebang or at least a mask) to

enter a contest, the usual casino games, and a great time. The best time and fundraiser for the Winchendon History and Cultural Center. Tickets are \$25 each and always sell out. Available at Seppi’s Ice Cream shop when open or call Peg at (561) 459-9484.

Saturday October 20

LAUGH FOR A CAUSE: The Winchendon CAC will be sponsoring a Comedy Fundraising Show on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 8 PM at the American Legion. Doors open at 7 PM. Raffles. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the WCAC, To Each His Own Design, or at the door the night of the show.

Sunday October 28

APPRAISAL DAY: Wayne Tuiskula of Central Mass Auctions will be at the Murdock Whitney House Museum Sunday, Oct. 28 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wayne is an auctioneer and appraiser and the author of the Antiques column which appears regularly in the Winchendon Courier. Bring up to three items, each item will be examined for \$5 each. For more information about Central Mass Auctions visit www.centralmassauctions.com.

Saturday November 10

OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES: Holiday Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9:00 -10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street. That day is World Kindness Day, so what better way than to send some cheer to our military members who are unable to be home with their families on the holidays. Spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, please contact us with his/her information or a contact person for them. Check out our Facebook page (Operation Winchendon Cares) and

website: <http://www.winchendoncars.com>.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

THURSDAYS & SATURDAY MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday’s 4-7 p.m. and Saturday’s 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

SEPPI’S IS OPEN! The ice cream shop at the rear of the Isaac Morse House, 135 Front St., is open 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

THURSDAYS OPEN HOUSE: come sit on the porch and relax at the Murdock Whitney House museum 6-8 p.m. Tour the house, walk across the street and get ice cream at Seppi’s. Free evening, every Thursday throughout the summer.

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/bealsmemoriallibrary.

TUESDAY INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative and positive responses to political and social issues. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

WINCHENDON RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP: For all who are in recovery or want to be. Not a 12-step group or a “program”, this is an open, peer-led group for discussion, sup-

port, sharing practical information and resources, and helping each other with the day-to-day challenges of life in recovery. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St., downstairs in the parish hall.

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.

KIWANIS:theKiwanisofWinchendon meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Restaurant. Come be part of the service club that concentrates on helping local children with the Backpack Program at the public elementary schools, Breakfast with Santa and yes, the Family Fun Day with the Massachusetts state level chili cook off every summer. We need your help. Stop in any Wednesday, we’d love to meet you!

THURSDAY GARDEN CLUB: The Winchendon Garden Club meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month from May through December. Please note the meeting place has been changed to the Hyde Park Drive Community Building.



GOOD NEWS

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MILLERS RIVER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Millers River Watershed Council is pleased to announce the first ever Millers

River & Watershed Photo Contest and Exhibition, co-sponsored with the Athol Public Library, where the exhibition will run during the month of October, 2018 before moving to other watershed venues. MRWC aims for the Photo Contest and Exhibition to inspire watershed residents and visitors alike to explore, appreciate and help protect the 50-mile long Millers River and its surrounding watershed of 400 square miles—including numerous tributaries, streams, lakes and ponds. Contest Guidelines are available on the MRWC website’s homepage at millerswatershed.org. Images must be received ready-to-hang by the Athol Library after Aug. 17 and no later than 5 pm on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018. All submissions meeting the guidelines will be judged by noted nature photographers Paul Rezendes of Athol, Bill Fournier of Gardner and Dale Monette of New Salem. A map showing the watershed’s boundaries, including all or parts of 17 Massachusetts and six New Hampshire towns (and one city—Gardner), is available on the MRWC website. For more information email council@millersriver.net or leave a phone message at 978-248-9491.

SENIOR WELLNESS DAY
On October 18 9:30 am-12:30 pm at Old Murdock Senior Center, 52 Murdock Ave. Health Screenings, Dental Screenings, Glaucoma Screenings, Fire & Police Departments, Housing Authority, Mini Massages, Refreshments and more. To reserve your table, please call the Center at 978/297-3155. Tables are extremely limited (so if you can bring your own,

that would be awesome!) Chairs will be available. Plan to join us for lunch if you like! Just let us know when you reply. If you know of anyone that would like to join us, please share our information with them. Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT WORCESTER — Tobey R. Chase, of Royalston has been named to first honors on the Clark University Dean’s List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2018 semester. To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

WORCESTER — Leo Quick of Jaffrey, a member of the class of 2020 majoring in mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Bar Harbor. The project was titled Citizen Science. At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university’s 45-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people’s lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

Tee shirts will be provided to all volunteers.

Anyone interested in donating some time to the event should contact the Winchendon Business Group at WinchendonBG@gmail.com.

Last year, visitors could park at the Ingleside property off Maple Street and ride a shuttle to downtown Winchendon. However, because few people took advantage of the service it will not be offered this year.

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Rumor found to be baseless

BY JERRY CARTON
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Inaccurate charges that girls have ‘applied’ to play football at Murdock High School but were refused have been vehemently denied by school administrators.

The charge, which quickly spread across social media platforms, surfaced Sunday night through an unidentified student at Worcester South High, whose team lost the season opener last Saturday to MHS. The student claimed after that game they had learned from an MHS coach at least one girl had ‘applied’ to play football at MHS but office staff reportedly rejected and “ripped up” the supposed paper ‘application’.

In fact, Murdock does not have applications to play any sport, and athletic registrations are all completed electronically, which has been the case in recent years. The MHS ‘coach’ was actually a volunteer with no specific or official connection to the football program.

Said MHS Principal Thad King, “Initially I was quite disappointed when I received the email. It felt like an attack on school staff and Murdock in general. It was upsetting because high school administration and staff take a strong stand for equality.

“After investigating the situation, I found the source of the information was not a coach but a volunteer, who would not necessarily be aware of our supporting students in their endeavors or the

process by which students register for athletics.

“In the end, this young lady from South was standing up for something she feels strongly about. Unfortunately, she was misinformed by a volunteer who is loosely affiliated with the school. I give her a lot of credit for taking a stand,” noted King.

MHS Athletic Director Jenna Whitaker pointed out, “Murdock strongly encourages all students to play sports regardless of gender and would never deny an athlete from playing.”

When she became AD in the summer of 2011, Whitaker was one of a very few female athletic directors in the region.

Calls to Worcester South were not returned.

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Trahan lead widens as recount continues

BY JERRY CARTON
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As the official recount continued this week to determine the winner of Massachusetts’ Third Congressional District Democratic primary, Lori Trahan’s lead has expanded to 121 votes over Dan Koh, up from the 52 vote margin on election night.

Winchendon’s recount will be held this morning at 9:00 a.m. in the fourth floor conference room at town hall. Results must be certified by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17 to allow time for absentee ballots to be printed and distributed for the Nov. 6 general election.

State law permits each of the 37 municipalities in the district to set their own time and place to conduct the recount. Each municipality pays for its own recount.

Trahan, who led Koh and eight other opponents when the votes were being counted on primary night Sept. 4, claimed victory that evening and has consistently referred to herself as “your Democratic nominee” in the Third District, saying, “my campaign must go forward full-steam ahead to keep this seat with the Democrats.”

Trahan, who was Marty Meehan’s chief of staff when the UMass Lowell president held the congressional seat,

received an after-the-primary endorsement this week from Emily’s List, the nationwide organization dedicated to electing progressive female candidates.

“Lori won a crowded primary and has shown she has what it takes to deliver this must-win seat for Democrats to take back the House,” said Stephanie Schriock, president of Emily’s List.

Koh, however, declined to concede until the recount was complete. Reaching out to supporters, Koh said, “We need your help ensuring every vote is counted and every voice is heard.”

The recount was ordered by Secretary of State Bill Galvin after Koh’s campaign collected the 500 signatures need-

ed to force the recount. Anticipating the possibility of a recount, ballots and election paperwork were impounded the day after the primary. They’ve remained locked until this morning in town.

The winner will face Republican nominee Rick Green. Though the boundaries have changed after some Censuses, the district has been represented in the House by a Democrat for all but four years (1993-97) since 1935. Incumbent Rep. Nikki Tsongas, who won the seat in a special election in 2007 to replace Meehan when he took the UMass job decided to retire which prompted the free-for-all primary.

Keene State grad trying for New Hampshire governor

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Keene State University graduate Molly Kelly easily won the Democratic nomination for governor of New Hampshire over former Portsmouth Mayor Steve Marchand in Tuesday’s primary, garnering about 65-percent of the vote statewide and nearly 75-percent in her home region which includes Keene, Rindge, Fitzwilliam, Jaffrey and Peterborough.

Kelly will face incumbent

Republican Gov. Chris Sununu and Libertarian Jilletta Jarvis in the Nov. 6 general election. Kelly had served as a state senator for 10 years, until choosing not to seek re-election last cycle, and held a victory party at Alumni Hall at Keene State. She was the establishment choice, having the backing of Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan, who was Sununu’s predecessor as governor. Emily’s List and Planned Parenthood also supported Kelly.

“It’s time that New Hampshire had a governor who put the peo-

ple first,” said Kelly, who promised to protect public education and support paid family and medical leave. Kelly told supporters Tuesday night she’ll also fight to preserve women’s reproductive rights. Kelly said Sununu should not underestimate her chances.

This was Marchand’s second try for the statehouse, having lost the 2016 primary as well to Colin Van Ostern. He declined to say whether he’d run again in 2020.

Meanwhile, state Representative Steve Negrón captured the Republican nomination

for Congress in New Hampshire’s Second District, which includes the entire Monadnock region. Negrón bested a crowded field of six other candidates for the right to face incumbent Democrat Ann Kuster in November, but they won’t be the only candidates on the ballot. Justin O’Donnell cruised past Tom Alciere for the Libertarian party nod, winning some 74-percent of the vote.

Negrón didn’t have it easy in the big field, getting about 27-percent to 25 percent for Dr. Stuart Levenson and 23-percent for for-

mer state representative Lynne Blankenbeker.

But when it was over, “I feel great,” Negrón exclaimed. “It was a great race and the second step is to bring everybody together” for the fall campaign where the retired Air Force veteran says his Hispanic background will allow him to be more nuanced on immigration issues. Negrón carried Rindge and Peterborough while Levenson was victorious in Keene and Swanzey.

Auxiliary holds back to school drive

WINCHENDON — American Legion Unit 193 hosted a “collect 10 for education” on Aug. 9.

Education is important and you need the right tools to help children to do well. Unit 193 collected hundreds of items for the schools in Winchendon to help those children that may not be able to purchase their own products. This

will give them a little boost. We at Unit 193 are always looking for ways to help out our community and this is just one small action. Thank You to all that participated in this event said organizers.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) helps to advance the mission of The American Legion. With nearly three-quarters of a million mem-

bers, it is the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization and one of the nation’s most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families as well as community service. ALA members volunteer millions of hours annually, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. From helping to draft the GI Bill in 1944 to advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, The American Legion Family has been instrumental in advancing legislation that improves the quality of life for our nation’s veterans. To learn more and get involved, visit www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Yard work help needed in 55+ park in Winchendon during September/Fall planting.

Ability to dig small holes, use a wheelbarrow & rake.

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EDITORIAL

FYI – IMO

If you use Facebook, or your cell phone. If you message or Twitter, you probably know the new shorthand, or at least a bit of it.

It is frustrating to know, despite the very best efforts of English teachers everywhere, the new crop of students in school right now will eventually lose all knowledge of grammar, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure as they continue to communicate only in word bites of 140 characters or less.

We heard recently of someone who wrote a ‘novel’ using Twitter B/C, YOLO & they could.

If that is so, how small could the newspaper be, if we could CYE, dl, and Twitter the results directly with XOXO to our readers? YNT?

Of course, for most people, they wouldn’t be getting the information they really needed; certainly never TMI.

W/E.

Well, OBS.

There are some problems, beyond being understood with this language barrier; and parents are being warned to learn this new shorthand quickly as their kids have found ways to communicate in code. Sometimes to their own detriment.

Kids will find another way, if their parents figure it out of course, they always do. It’s part of the rebellion IIRC.

FWIW, and AFAIK, there are no plans in the works to change the usual way of doing business at our own level. We will continue to double check our facts, edit for grammar and punctuation NTN.

Some of this shorthand is quickly recognizable of course, like ETA, TLC,

OMG, or even LOL; in use so long and by so many they are no longer a mystery.

And a few need a good foreign language translator: TTFN (ta ta for now); or GOMB (get off my back), apparently in general use by teens worldwide.

We’re just SMH (shaking my head) and realizing IDKWTD (I don’t know what to do) with this information.

A language made only of initials completely understood by those in the know reminds us of an old Star Trek episode in which the entire population spoke in well know parables. Speaking just the name of the parable described an entire situation; that for the citizens gave them context. For the crew of the Enterprise, it was an infallible mystery.

And that is where we are at this point in our language development, as our younger, more savvy and technologically advanced citizens do initial speak to one another; they have a POA that OBS leaves out an entire 90 percent of the older citizens in the entire world. IKR?

So while you are geeking out over there at the veiled threat contained by this situation, realize this; in less than 10 years since the messaging world was invented, we could have written this entire essay in almost entirely initials, and only people younger than 25 could have read it.

As it is, we may have to translate those enigmatic initials we DID give you, but we can end with one those youngsters may scratch their heads over.

It may be that this is entirely a SNAFU.

NO ONE expects the Spanish Inquisition!

“A taste of righteousness can be easily perverted into an overweening sense of self-righteousness and judgmentalism.”
– R. Kent Hughes, American minister/author



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cost of running for office. Whether one is running for state representative, governor, or president, a candidate must spend his or her time begging for large sums of cash; cash to pay for signs, for radio ads,

for television commercials, for newspaper spreads, for campaign staff, and to pay for more fundraisers to raise even more cash.

Who wants it?

But, another reason we don’t see as many good candidates as we would like is this; once you become an officeholder you become a target. Once you’ve taken that oath of office all the little “grand inquisitors” out there just lie in wait, anticipating with glee the first time you slip up. Fail to meet their definition of orthodoxy, to anger even a few members of their “group,” and you’ve had it. The fact that you’re human and, like all humans, may be prone to making a mistake from time to time is no excuse. Apologizing for any mistake you make will inevitably fall on deaf ears.

Not every elected official experiences this kind of manufactured wrath. Most, I believe, end up serving without much trouble. But it certainly happens enough for potential candidates to say, “Why would I run? Who needs the hassle?”

And not every citizen or voter is out for your hide. In fact, the majority are not. But all it takes is a small, vocal, heated group of inquisitors to make the life of an elected official miserable. You don’t have to look far to see it.

Yes, public officials should be held accountable for their actions. But not all mistakes call out for character assassination or being chased from office. Most, in fact, do not.

We need good people – not perfect people – who are willing to serve at all levels of government. The tougher we make it for them to serve the less likely it is we end up with truly good government...which is what we all hope and strive for.

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Liberals, Conservatives & Others



NOTES OF
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JACK
BLAIR

What’s the difference between a reporter and a columnist?

“A REPORTER gathers facts and information on an event of public interest and then presents them in a readable style to inform the reader. The reporter is supposed to provide objective observation about events that editors deem newsworthy. Reporters are often assigned to ‘beats,’ or particular areas, such as business, politics, energy, or

education.”

“A COLUMNIST gives opinions, usually his or her own. A columnist is expected to gather accurate information, just as a reporter does, and then comment on that information. A columnist has more latitude and license than a reporter and is not constrained by the rule of impartiality that governs news writing. While they are subject to the editing and approval of one or more editors, columnists can write just about what they please, as long as it remains within the boundaries of good taste and public acceptability, as defined by the paper.”

-THE BOSTON GLOBE

I start with these definitions from the Boston Globe, with which I agree.

When I share my thoughts

with you, they are my personal thoughts. They do not represent the position any newspaper takes on an issue. They are not presented as news reporting.

A serious reader of newspapers knows the difference. I think television, since the passing of the age of Cronkite, sometimes blurs the difference.

I find myself comfortable in the Republican Party. Today it is necessary that I admit that the Republican Party with which I identified is very different from the one I see today. When I was active politically, Republicans were further defined as conservative (Barry Goldwater), Liberal (Nelson Rockefeller) or moderate (Bill Scranton). I was definitely in the “moderate” fold.

I have a dear friend who is a

stalwart Democrat. He writes a column that sets forth those views with great clarity. We used to lunch together once a week. I loved hearing his view on things, and he was very kind to listen to mine. We were probably both made better by being informed about the thoughts of someone with a perspective different from our own.

So this week a great many things happened that might be worthy of an opinion column. I have decided to briefly address a few of those, rather than to offer a lengthy column on one only.

The New York Times published an anonymous column critical of the president. I have never considered anything that was anonymous worthy of my attention. I want to know the

background, qualifications, access, and reliability of the author whose work I am reading. When a writer refuses to sign his name, to stand up for what he writes, or to let us evaluate his position vis a vis what he writes, he asks us to accept blindly what he says.

I know people who feel this is fine. I am not critical of that differing view. However, it is not my view, and my name leads this column, and you know whether you like or do not like what I have to say. I believe that I must have the decency to let you know who is writing.

The Senate Judiciary Committee held hearings on the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to be an Associate Justice of the

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Do more than pay attention, cast a ballot

Sometimes we live in a bubble. I spent the summer covering primarily but not exclusively the ten-way Democratic campaign in the Third Congressional District, a race which as I write Sunday morning is headed for a recount. I also spent some time covering the Republican US Senate campaign and in both cases I encountered lots of energy, excitement and enthusiasm. I must have been in that bubble.

That’s because when primary day came and went last Tuesday, about 20-percent of registered voters showed up statewide and slightly less here in Winchendon. Granted, the primary took place the day after Labor Day. Granted there doesn’t seem to be much doubt about who will win the statewide election in November for Governor or Senator. Granted a lot of legislators were unopposed in their primaries. Sure, Ayanna Pressley’s win over Rep. Mike Capuano garnered a lot of headlines and attracted national attention but it’s not like 60, or even 50-percent of registered voters showed up.

This is really disheartening. I know Massachusetts is different in that there’s not a lot of drama. You won’t be able to distinguish Pressley’s voting record in Congress from Capuano’s and whether Lori Trahan or Dan Koh winds up winning the Third (Trahan leads by 53 votes out of 85,000 as the recount gets underway) isn’t going to make any ideological difference. Nor will the winner stray much from the way retiring Rep. Nikki Tsongas has voted. So yeah, it’s not like we have any swing districts or even many competitive races. Truth is the referendum question about nurse staffing ratios will likely draw more attention than any race for any office.

Still, I know it’s a cliché to say so, but the right to vote really is precious. Look at the uproar in other states where there are extreme efforts to suppress the vote, to make it hard to register and even



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last 20 months, that’s not okay. Maybe instead of relentlessly putting memes on social media, those folks ought to start becoming participatory citizens? Especially considering what’s at stake these days?

Speaking of, if you want to write an op-ed, sign your damn name. Period. You’re not a hero when you write a self-serving piece particularly as President Obama pointed out, you apparently agree with 90-percent of what this guy you argue is such a threat to the Republic is doing. If you really think DJT is a threat, sign your name and if

harder to cast a ballot. It frustrates the hell out of me when people, frequently smart people at that, don’t bother to vote, often because they haven’t bothered to know anything about candidates. They’re taking democracy for granted and if we’ve learned anything in the

you’re really a senior official, lobby as hard as you can, in public, for the 25th Amendment to be used. If not, shut up. This column, and this is the 677th edition since March 24, 2005, is an op-ed. I have opinions and I sign my name. So do other columnists I know. Of course we do.

Colin Kaepernick is back in the news because he’s the newest in a stable of athletes Nike uses to promote the brand and make a social statement. It never fails to amaze me when a lot of folks who seem to be so offended by Kaepernick taking a need to peacefully express a political opinion were conspicuously silent when abortion opponent Tim Tebow did likewise a few years back. It both amuses and angers me when the hypocrisy of alleged “Christians” gets repeatedly exposed for the racial garbage it really is. The last election evidently gave these people the ‘courage’ to slither out from whatever rock they’d been living under.

It’s September 14. 53 days to go. Show up, okay? See you next week.



Not in this land of plenty

The revolutionary government of Lenin and the colonial one of John Smith and Jonestown are worlds apart in more ways than one. Still, they both grew under the similar biblical creed of, “he who does not work, will not eat”, from 2 Thessalonians 3:10. In our modern United States, this motto has shifted, but not by much. It is now more accurate to state, “he who does not pay, does not eat”.

According to the Sustainability Institute of the University of New Hampshire, 40 percent of the food produced in the United States will go to waste. The institute operates “New Hampshire Gleans”, a program associated with the college to connect the excess foods of local farms to tables and shelves that actually need it, and not simply pig troughs. Although, these pigs are doing a more sensible job in reallocating waste than we are. All humor aside, the question now must be asked. If there is so much extra food around, how come it is often hard to come by for people in tough financial straits, or even more challenging, for the homeless?

At the Community Kitchen in Keene, NH I met with staff member and gleaning coordinator Sarah Harpster, who assists the kitchen in serving public low cost and free meals. On other days, Sarah and the many gloved hands in the kitchen also distribute food pantry items to qualifying families in the area. Sarah took

time to speak with me about the good work that she does. During our conversation, I found out that Sarah and I had a lot in common-political leanings, a love for downtown Keene, and an appetite for black bean soup.

We also found out we both had recollections of using food stamps and pantries as adolescents.

“My parents came from the middle class but fell out of it,” she lamented. “It rankled my Mom to no end to have to turn to a social safety net. For a long time, my Mom worked four jobs, attended college, raised us kids, and all while her husband was working too.”

Her story read just like my own. In one of my first memories, I stood atop a chair to help my folks put away a thick paper bag of pantry stuffs into our cupboard.

Sarah said her own story was formative of her priorities as an adult, but lined with an unshakeable sense of injustice and deprivation of dignity. This is a type of shame that is hard to understand for those who have not felt the urgency of a growling belly, even when those at home are able to work but unemployed, unable to put food on the table on top of bills of all sorts. I am lucky to have been too young to remember that sour feeling, the worry that maybe things weren’t going so well, and that maybe they would get worse before they got better.

It is all the more frustrating

then, Sarah and I agreed, when people in need do not take the resources offered.

She explained, “many of our recipients, especially those unfamiliar with taking from charity, wait until they’re far beyond need and well into desperation before they turn to us.”

My own mother works at a Senior Center with a working pantry, and this reticence is no uncommon thing to her as well.

“Some adults even prove their eligibility,” Sarah continued, “but refuse to use our programs because they think someone else needs it more.”

What is this self defeating mindset, this odd sort of benevolence? The kicker of it is that if those who need the aid of organizations like the Community Kitchen choose not to use it, then how will it continue to get the funding it needs? Sarah had an answer, and a thorough one.

“Within the system we use to help people, we really need to reduce stigma towards poverty, and work towards eliminating poverty of all kinds.”

Sarah shared that she sits on the Greater Keene Homelessness Coalition, which works with the local paper, The Keene Sentinel, to publish humanizing stories of those who experience poverty. The group plans awareness events throughout the year, culminating in their Homeless Memorial Day in December.

In that moment, I was reminded of my greatly privileged state of mind that does not even pair homelessness with food security. I have looked at

them for a long time with a dissonant attention, experiencing and witnessing nearly no homelessness in my hometown of Templeton. But I’ve learned that just because someone isn’t holding a cardboard sign that reads “hungry”, it does not mean that they are not. Sarah spoke on the link of the two problems.

“It’s a continuum,” Sarah explained, “and along its trajectory, it seems to me that people have a tendency to lay greater blame at the feet of individuals. The root of the problem of homelessness and food insecurity is poverty, misallocation of resources, and the taking of individual power from those who would have it otherwise.”

“So what you’re saying,” I asked, “is that a person with a good heart and a strong back who is stuck in a box is stuck in said box regardless?”

Sarah agreed and spoke further. “But this can imply that someone has failed that person in need, and it is far more comfortable for well off people to say that this person is defective and deserving of their state in life, of their place in that box.”

This strikes to the heart of the issue. As stated in the outset of this story, the viewpoint of Sarah Harpster and those aligned with her is not that food must be free for every American in all circumstances. Let there be no mistake — the position is that access to food is a human right.

They believe if someone can-

not afford to eat, they will not starve — not in this land of plenty that is America. This conclusion was reached long ago by the United Nations in Article 25 of their Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.

We are no longer in colonial times, and we certainly aren’t under a Communist revolution. But sometimes it seems that we still govern ourselves with the rugged individualist ideals of those times. Furthermore, we are caught in a wicked Catch 22. Not only are people in need afraid of taking food, but people in wealth are afraid of giving away food. They aren’t aware of laws like the Emerson Act, a 1996 law that relieves food donors of liability if they have taken genuine precautions in ensuring the safety of the food donated. Laws like this work toward a zero waste goal: a seemingly insurmountable goal, but not a bad one to reach for.

We don’t just need legislation, however, to control food overproduction and waste. We need a surplus of patience — in addition to more chairs, tables, and eager, helping hands. With people like Sarah Harpster and The Community Kitchen around, we are well on our way to that goal. The progress towards it is growing all the time, just like the grains, vegetables, fruits and produce that should fuel our lives and not provide us only landfill fodder and shame.

BLAIR

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Supreme Court. Our Constitution gives the right of selection and appointment to the President. The Congress is called upon to confirm the appointment — or not.

Unfortunately, our current political climate has made it very difficult for a good man or woman to get an honest hearing based on his or her record. Instead, politicians announce they will vote for or against a candidate before he or she is even named. In other words, along political lines. This is not what the founders intended. It does not serve us well.

Elections have consequences. The spoils give the victor the privilege of appointing members to the judiciary. Clinton gave us Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the most liberal of the members of the Court. YOU DIDN’T SAY WHO GINSBURG WAS FRIENDS WITH! Yet they became social friends outside the court. They respected their differing views. Recently President Obama selected two liberal females to join the court. The GOP supported both choices in large numbers.

President Obama’s last attempt at appointment, Judge Merrick Garland, was not considered by the GOP majority. His nomination failed with the defeat of the Democrats in the presidential election. He was a fine man, a good jurist and an acceptable nominee. He was derailed by politics.

So then comes Trump appointee, Brett Kavanaugh. Interestingly enough, a member of Garland’s court. He was politically abused in confirmation hearings. Of interest, he joined with Chief Judge Garland in more than 90% of Garland’s opinions over twelve years. Garland joined Kavanaugh in over 90% of Kavanaugh’s opinions. Yet the Democrats this go around would have us believe there is a serious difference in these two men. Of course there is not. Kavanaugh got the highest recommendation that the American Bar

Association can give. In the hearings, he praised his relationship with Judge Garland.

So again, the problem isn’t qualifications, it is politics.

I believe Garland would have been a fine Justice. I also believe Kavanaugh will be a fine Justice. If the people who must look at this had been like Senator Lindsay Graham, who testified that presidents have the right to their nominees, and absent serious failings they should be concerned, the hearings would have been significantly different. Graham has voted to confirm every nominee of a president since he became a Senator. He has evaluated the nominees based on their qualifications, not on the president who put them forth.

A less discussed topic is voter participation in our electoral process. I am a firm believer that we get the government we deserve. Such a small percentage of Americans actually take the time to vote that it amazes me how surprised they are at the election results.

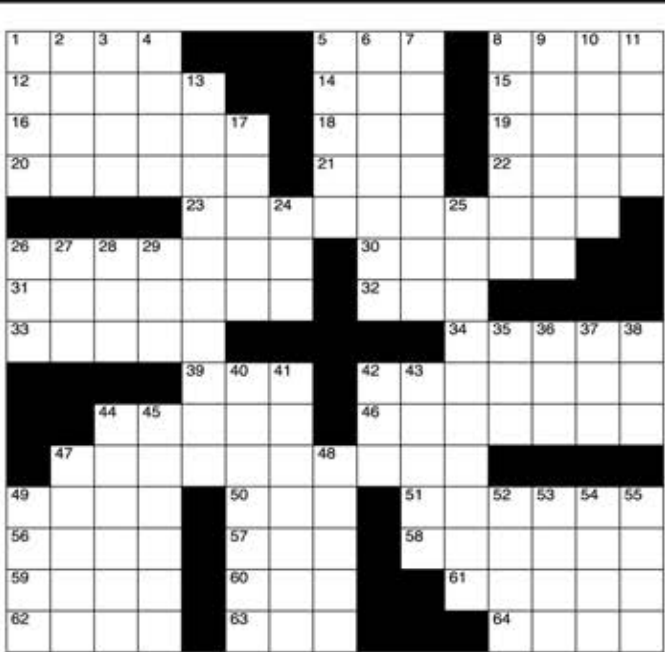
The coming mid-term elections are important. Traditionally,

the party in power loses seats in Congress. I believe President Obama lost 60 seats in his mid-terms. If history provides guidance, President Trump will lose control of the House. Such a loss will put the brakes on many of his programs. Alternatively, if his candidates win in the mid-terms, the rampant criticism of him as not being truly representative of the people will have to be toned down. A victory, or even a small loss, will embolden the President as it will signal that the people who care, the ones who get out and vote, are behind him.

So regardless of where you stand politically, if you want to deserve the right to criticize and complain, go to the polls and register your thinking.

Well, you have stayed with me through this long discourse, and I thank you. I want to state that I am so confused by our American political conversations that I feel completely unqualified to offer advice. So, like you, I will watch in amazement as this political revolution of which we are a part continues.

Hopefully, regardless of the outcomes, the Republic will survive.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Feel pain
- 5. Interest rate
- 8. Long narrative poem
- 12. Sedimentary rock
- 14. No (Scottish)
- 15. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 16. Sleep gear
- 18. One who buys and sells securities
- 19. Cincinnati ballplayers
- 20. Of the backbone
- 21. Car mechanics group
- 22. Iranian village
- 23. Canadian peninsula
- 26. For all ills or diseases
- 30. Known for his “razor”
- 31. One who plays the viola
- 32. Resinlike substance
- 33. Educational association
- 34. Inappropriate
- 39. A team’s best pitcher
- 42. The cost of bus travel
- 44. Badgerlike mammal
- 46. Popular sport in Ireland
- 47. Written works
- 49. Pop
- 50. Consumed
- 51. Something comparable to another
- 56. Wild goat
- 57. One-time space station
- 58. Outline of a plan
- 59. Actress Petty
- 60. An electrically charged atom
- 61. Chewed and swallowed
- 62. Bones (Latin)
- 63. Central nervous system
- 64. Type of pipe

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Pal
- 3. One who has been to Mecca
- 4. Energy and enthusiasm
- 5. Leaf-footed bug genus
- 6. Southern belle accessory
- 7. ___ de Mornay, actress
- 8. Print errors
- 9. Preceding
- 10. Asian nation
- 11. The people in a movie
- 13. Liberate
- 17. Strong laxatives
- 24. Tub
- 25. Happening
- 26. Polyvinyl acetate
- 27. Small island (British)
- 28. Neither
- 29. The G.O.A.T.
- 35. What Goodell oversees
- 36. One who engages in Dawah
- 37. Tall, rounded vase
- 38. Electroencephalograph
- 40. Made of clay and hardened by heat
- 41. Great happiness
- 42. Chinese surname
- 43. Supposed emanations
- 44. Travelers
- 45. Loss of bodily movements
- 47. Los __, rock group
- 48. Seabirds
- 49. Used to store grain
- 52. Whale ship captain
- 53. “Joker” actor
- 54. Portends good or evil
- 55. Organized group of criminals

PUZZLE SOLUTION



SUDOKU

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8	1	9	4	6	5	7	3	2
3	2	1	8	4	7	6	5	9
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1	9	3	6	9	4	7	6	3
7	5	2	1	3	9	8	4	6
6	9	4	6	5	2	8	3	7
2	3	9	8	4	6	5	7	1
7	1	5	9	4	8	3	6	2
3	2	6	5	1	7	8	9	4

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

POLICE LOG

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

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

12:00-3:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:47 a.m.: ambulance (Murdock Avenue), transported; 7:15 a.m.: property damage (Teel Road), report taken; 7:21 a.m.: accident (Hall Road), report taken; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Baldwinville Road), referred; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Beachview Drive), referred; 10:05 a.m.: investigation (Mill Street), report taken; 10:20 a.m.: summons service (School Street), advised officer; 10:23 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), no service necessary; 10:25 a.m.: summons service (Glenallan Street), advised officer; 10:26 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), advised officer; 10:27 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), advised officer; 12:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Chase Lane), referred to ACO; 12:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Town Farm Road), info taken; 12:55 a.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street), assisted; 1:37 p.m.: summons service (River Street), unable to serve; 1:40 p.m.: summons service (River Street), unable to serve; 1:46 p.m.: info/general (River Street), spoken to; 2:12 p.m.: mv stop (Old Gardner Road), verbal warning; 2:38 p.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Road), spoken to; 3:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Street), returned to owner; 4:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), spoken to; 4:04 p.m.: burglar alarm (Belmont Avenue), secure; 6:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Spruce Street), assisted; 7:13 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street), referred to court; 9:14 p.m.: ambulance (Elm Street), transported to hospital; 10:19 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 11:27 p.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported to hospital; 11:47 p.m.: building checked, secure.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:00-12:45 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:50 a.m.: 911 hang up (West Street), unable to locate; 12:57 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), citation issued; 1:09-2:19 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:45 a.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street), referred; 6:22 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 7:07 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), services rendered; 7:50 a.m.: burglar alarm (School Street), false alarm; 8:44 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Central Street), services rendered; 9:00 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:32

a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 12:20 p.m.: fire/brush (Maple Street), extinguished; 12:23 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Alger Street), services rendered; 1:02 p.m.: mental health issue (Grove Street), transported to hospital; 2:16 p.m.: info/general (Elm Street), services rendered; 2:30 p.m.: summons service (Brown Street), unable to serve; 4:49 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 5:24 p.m.: property damage (Pleasant Street), report taken; 6:44 p.m.: investigation (River Street), info taken; 7:18 p.m.: traffic hazard (Court Street), unable to locate; 7:43 p.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Road), transported; 7:48 p.m.: repossession of mv (West Monomac Road), info taken; 8:18 p.m.: suspicious/other (Grove Street), secure; 8:54 p.m.: suspicious person (Franklin Street), spoken to; 9:39 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Justin D. Phillips, 31, 751 River Street, Windchendon, op w/suspended license, possession Class E drug/2 counts, no inspection sticker, arrest; 10:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), spoken to.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:58 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:05 a.m.: suspicious person (Grove Street), spoken to; 1:09-1:21 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Ready Drive), referred; 1:23 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:49 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 2:28 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 7:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Old Centre), unable to locate; 7:23 a.m.: mv stop (Memorial Drive), verbal warning; 8:42 a.m.: welfare check/general (Pleasant Street), unable to locate; 8:44 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lincoln Avenue Extension), secure; 12:00 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (High Street), spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: assist citizen (Elmwood Road), services rendered; 3:31 p.m.: threats (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 4:03 p.m.: assist other agency (Alger Street), referred; 4:42 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:45 p.m.: suspicious person (Linden Street), spoken to; 4:52 p.m.: 5:14 p.m.: license plate missing/stolen (Grove Street), report taken; 5:25 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street), gone on arrival; 6:56 p.m.: accident (School Street), report taken; 7:32 p.m.: assault (Mill Glen Road), unable to locate; 8:16 p.m.: assist other PD (Monadnock Avenue), unable to locate; 9:20 p.m.: disturbance (Cedar Terrace), services rendered; 9:44 p.m.: mv stop (High Street), verbal warning; 9:53 p.m.: assist other PD (Monadnock Avenue), no service necessary; 11:40 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:04-12:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:10 a.m.: assist other agency (Alger Street), services rendered; 1:04-2:48 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:55 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported; 8:50 a.m.: assist other PD

(Laurel Street), services rendered; 9:04 a.m.: info/general (Elmwood Road), info taken; 9:46 a.m.: b&e/mv (Baldwinville State Road), info taken; 10:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Ipswich Drive), referred to ACO; 11:15 a.m.: assault (Mill Glen Road), report taken; 11:17 a.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), assisted; 11:25 a.m.: assist citizen (Whitney Street), spoken to; 12:45 p.m.: property damage (Teel Road), report taken; 1:48 p.m.: erratic operation (Central Street), spoken to; 3:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street), referred to ACO; 4:51 p.m.: investigation (Bayberry Circle), spoken to; 4:55 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), spoken to; 8:26 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 8:43 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), written warning; 9:43 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (River Street), spoken to; 9:52 p.m.: mv stop (West Street), citation issued; 10:12 p.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), citation issued; 10:48 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1:09 a.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock Avenue), secure; 1:31 a.m.: assault (Mill Glen Road), info taken; 1:32 a.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), transported; 1:40 a.m.: protective custody (Central Street), transported; 3:18-3:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:44 a.m.: mv theft (Mill Glen Road), report taken; 6:31 p.m.: accident (Mill Glen Road), report taken; 7:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Murdock Avenue), referred to ACO; 7:46 a.m.: info/general (Mill Glen Road), info taken; 9:45 a.m.: officer wanted (Willoughby Avenue), assisted; 10:36 a.m.: summons service (Ash Street), served; 10:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Gardner Road), spoken to; 11:17 a.m.: info/general (Grove Street), info taken; 11:19 a.m.: summons service (Ash Street), served; 11:24 a.m.: fight (Spring Street), spoken to; 12:55 p.m.: assist citizen (Brown Street), referred to court; 1:11 p.m.: vandalism (Royalston Road North), report taken; 1:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 1:34 p.m.: mv violation (Front Street), spoken to; 1:52 p.m.: ambulance (Otter River Road), transported; 2:18 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Walnut Street), no service necessary; 2:22 p.m.: FD call (Alger Street), referred; 3:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 4:37 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spruce Street), secure; 4:58 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), secure; 5:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), message delivered; 6:26 p.m.: erratic operation (Baldwinville State Road), citation issued; 7:23 p.m.: mv violation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 7:38 p.m.: investigation (Mill Glen Road), spoken to; 8:04 p.m.: investigation (Front Street), report taken; 8:04 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street), secure; 8:45 p.m.: harassment (Front

Street), report taken; 9:17 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street), warrant arrest; 9:57 p.m.: intoxicated person (River Street), transported; 10:13 p.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), secure.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

12:27 a.m.: fire/CO incident (Pearl Street), unfounded; 1:11-1:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:44 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 1:53 a.m.; mv stop (Alger Street), John Joseph Daly, 23, 1277 Alger Street. Winchendon, OUI liquor, lights violation, arrest; 3:50 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:14 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 5:56 a.m.: FD call (Pearl Drive), services rendered; 6:40 a.m.: transport (Hyde Street); 8:00 a.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 2:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street), spoken to; 2:29 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 4:11 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Fullam Hill Road, Rindge), canceled; 4:16 p.m.: investigation (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 5:39 p.m.: investigation (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 5:43 p.m.: FD call (High Street), fire extinguished; 6:02 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Webster Street), referred; 6:27 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street), referred to ACO; 6:34 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 7:21 p.m.: investigation (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to; 7:29 p.m.: fight (Central Street), gone on arrival; 8:38 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), transported; 9:48 p.m.: registration check (Central Street), secure; 9:51 p.m.: registration check (Central Street), info given; 11:41-11:56 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

12:02-12:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:59 a.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street), transported; 7:30 p.m.: DPW call (Franklin Street), referred; 9:19 a.m.: panic alarm (Spring Street), false alarm; 10:38 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 11:41 a.m.: summons service (Cross Street), served; 11:51 a.m.: summons service (Converse Drive), unable to serve; 12:02 p.m.: 911 hang up (Alger Street), services rendered; 12:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Street), unable to locate; 12:35 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), services rendered; 2:24 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 3:49 p.m.: burglar alarm (Eli Drive), canceled; 5:27 p.m.: illegal dumping (Eastern Avenue), spoken to; 5:49 p.m.: ambulance (Gardner Road), transported; 6:19 p.m.: disabled mv (Town Farm Road), assisted; 8:07 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 8:10 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:13 p.m.: mv stop (Riverside Cemetery), spoken to; 9:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Old Gardner Road), assisted; 10:09 p.m.: extra patrols, secure.

Baby boomer toys

In my last column, I discussed the history of toys and shared some valuable old toy prices. We often find toys from the 1950s and 1960s in the estates that we handle. Despite there being so many '50s and '60s toys produced for the Baby Boomer generation, some are still quite valuable.



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There are too many types of mid-century toys to cover them all, but I'll describe some of the most popular and valuable. Character toys are one type that remain very popular with collectors.

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for \$10,000 in 2016.

Barbies are some of the most popular dolls from the '50s and '60s. A 1959 #2 brunette doll in a Sweet Dreams silhouette box sold for \$5,500 in 2015 and a blonde #1 in near mint condition with the box brought \$9,000 in 2011.

Space toys and robots are another example of desirable toys. Masudaya's Gang of Five toy robots, from the late '50s and '60s, are some of the most highly collectible toys of the era. The five robots are: Radicon robot, Giant Sonic robot, Non Stop robot, Target robot and Machine Man robot. Masudaya Nonstop robot brought \$6,000 at a 2012 auction. A Giant Sonic

robot sold for \$7,000 in a 2012 auction. A Target robot with the box sold at auction for \$20,500 April 2011. A Radicon robot with original box sold for \$25,000 in 2014. A Machine Man robot reached \$38,000 at auction in 2012.

Many other toys from the era have also brought great prices at auction. A rare Lesney Matchbox No.30 Magirus Deutz Crane recently sold for over \$4,600. A 1965 James Bond 007 Road Race set sold for \$5,100. A Frankenstein bobble head sold for \$5,150 in 2008. Four 1960s GI Joe military police figures and accessories sold for \$5,500 at auction. A PEZ store display box picturing Bozo, Bullwinkle, Popeye, Mickey Mouse and other characters recently sold for \$9,999. Mint condition toys from the '50s and '60s could

earn you plenty of money to play with.

Our live toy and collectibles auction will be on Sept. 27 in Worcester. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" class on Oct. 15 at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. We are planning a multi-estate antique auction on Oct. 25. I'll also be appraising items for the Winchendon Historical Society's appraisal event on Oct. 28 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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OBITUARIES

Rev. Charles Bernard Mansfield, 60

GARDNER — Reverend Charles Bernard Mansfield, age 60, of Gardner, died on September 9, 2018, surrounded by his family at UMass Memorial Medical Center following a brief illness.



At the time of his passing, Chuck was serving as the pastor for the Ashburnham Community Church, a position he held since 2009.

From 1992 to 2001, he served as the pastor for the First Congregational Church in Gardner. His previous pastoral experience included serving at churches in Andover, Leominster, Millbury and Lancaster.

He also spent time working in real estate and as a teacher for several years, including as a substitute teacher in Gardner public schools and as a full-time teacher at the Stetson School in Barre.

Born in 1958, Chuck grew up in Waltham and graduated from Waltham High School in 1976. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Gordon College in 1980. He then attended Andover Newton Theological School for two years before transferring to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, graduating in 1984 with a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained as a minister with the United Church of Christ.

Chuck was thoughtful, patient and had a dry sense of humor. He was a devoted husband and father who shared

his passion for baseball with his sons.

As a Little League coach, he demonstrated a calm demeanor and understanding for the game during competition. After his years spent coaching, he served as an umpire for youth baseball games in the local area.

Chuck's other interests included genealogy research, gardening, photography, metal detecting and attending auctions for storage units.

Chuck leaves behind his wife of 39 years Nancy (Gard) Mansfield; his four sons, David Mansfield of East Providence, RI, Eric Mansfield and his wife Kelsey (Dewey) Mansfield of Enfield, CT, Andrew Mansfield of Gardner, and Jonathan Mansfield of Endicott, NY; his two grandchildren Lydia and Abram; his three siblings, Marcia (Mansfield) Wong and her husband Richard Wong of Marlborough, Sandra Mansfield of Worcester, Ross Mansfield and his wife Debbie of Derry, NH; as well as several nieces and nephews. Chuck was predeceased by his father Charles Edward Mansfield and mother Marion (Lyons) Mansfield.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 1 PM in Ashburnham Community Church, 9 Chapel Street, Ashburnham.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon are Friday, September 14, 2018 from 5 to 7 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to American Red Cross, 180 Rustcraft Rd #115, Dedham, MA 02026.

Joseph A. 'Skip' Poirier Jr., 77

LEOMINSTER — Joseph A. "Skip" Poirier Jr., age 77, of Leominster, passed away September 9, in UMass Medical Center in Worcester.



Skip was born in Leominster on December 18, 1940 a son of the late Joseph A. and Alma (Ethier) Poirier.

He is survived by his wife Joan (Johnson) (Morin) Poirier, with whom he would have celebrated his 26th wedding anniversary with on September 11; his children, Deborah Nichols and her companion Michael of Waltham, Joseph Poirier and his wife Jaquelyn of Ashburnham, Elizabeth "Betsy" McGregor and her companion Curt of Winchendon; step children, Barry Morin and his wife Karen of Dracut, Kevin Morin and wife Sharon of Dracut, Jeffrey Morin and his companion Jennifer Fossarelli of Methuen; grandchildren, James McGregor, Michele Young, Keli Poirier, Travis McGregor, Joseph P. Poirier, Jr.,

Michael, Nicole, Hunter and Jeremy Morin; many nieces and nephews.

Skip was predeceased by his siblings, Lawrence Poirier, Pauline O'Malley, Elaine Mills, and his beloved daughter Melissa Poirier.

For 42 years he was employed by the city of Leominster's Department of Public Works, retiring in 2005 as a foreman.

Skip had a lifelong interest in antique cars and enjoyed day trips with his wife Joan to take in the New England scenery. Skip loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Rd., Fitchburg on Friday, September 14, with a Mass in St. Cecilia's Church, Leominster at 10 am. Burial will be held privately.

Calling hours will be held in the funeral home from 4-7pm on Thursday, September 13.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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Winchendon Community Park holds open house

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The weather couldn't have been better for last Saturday's open house at Winchendon Community Park, known until recently as Ingleside. Seasonable temperatures and low humidity allowed visitors to comfortably hike newly-cleared trails and relax at recently-installed picnic tables. The event was made possible by many hours of work by volunteers who have cleared brush, spruced up trails, mowed grass, and generally cleaned up the property.

Ingleside Utilization Committee member Jane LaPointe thanked workers from Winchendon's Public Works Department, "who willingly stepped in when asked to mow the soccer field, chip brush piles, and advise on the layout and work on what will become the new exit road."

LaPointe also thanked Winchendon's Masonic Lodge for painting the picnic tables and the Winchendon School Environmental Education Service Learning Group, who started identifying, clearing,

and restoring the trails this past spring.

LaPointe also lauded the North Quabbin Trail Association.

"They brought their expertise and energy to really accelerate the plans that were taking shape," she said. "They helped to galvanize the work of community volunteers by providing specific and rewarding opportunities to work together."

In addition to the members of the Ingleside Utilization Committee, LaPointe said other individuals who stepped forward to volunteer time at the park included Keith Bussiere, Dylan Romanowski, Nancy and Tracy Monette, Rick Lucier, Vicki LaBrack, Tony Ruschioni, Barbara Anderson, Stephanie Simon, Rick Lizotte, Jack Ladeau, Dick Vine, Marie Urquhart, Tom Kane, Kellie Broome, Madison Simon, and Luke Simon.

LaPointe also acknowledged the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation and Converse 100-Year Fund, both of which "provided the funds to initiate the work needed to open this park

for the community."

According to LaPointe, all trails on the 43-acre property are open to the public, except for one section on the southern end of the property. Once that section is open, it will complete a loop of the perimeter of the property. The IUC is meeting with the town's Conservation Commission on Saturday to what can be done to open up that section of trail, which runs along the banks of Whitney Pond.

Two of the trails – the Forest Trail and the Elm Street trail – are each about a half-mile long, or a hike of a mile into and out of the property. The Meadow Loop Trail is also a walk of about a half-mile.

In addition to attracting more than 75 visitors to the park on Saturday, the IUC managed to sign up 15 new volunteers.

The committee also asked visitors what other improvements should be made to or uses made of the park. Top answers included the addition of benches where visitors could stop to enjoy the views, picnic areas, water access a crosswalk across Maple Street



Visitors to Saturday's open house at Winchendon Community Park pick up information and fill out questionnaires. The Ingleside Utilization Committee is asking members of the public what they enjoy about the park and what other improvements they might like to see on the property.

to Ingleside Drive, trail walks/talks and scavenger hunts, and access for dog walkers.

LaPointe said the IUC plans to have a booth set up at the Fall Festival on Oct. 6.

"We want to introduce the park to more people and to encourage people to walk

the trails," she said. "We also hope to sign people up for our October community work day, and to talk to people about how they might be able to help our efforts."

Winchendon Community Park is now open to the public each day from dawn to dusk.



Greg Vine photos

Visitors to Saturday's open house at Winchendon Community Park (formerly Ingleside) walk one of the several trails that have been cleared and marked for the use of area residents. In addition to trails, picnic tables have been installed near the house and barn that overlook Whitney Pond. The park property is open from dawn until dusk.



Towering evergreens at Winchendon Community Park flank a couple as they begin their walk down a newly-cleared trail to Whitney Pond. The Ingleside Utilization Committee and many volunteers have worked in recent weeks to clear trails, clean up the property, and install picnic tables.



A group of visitors to the Winchendon Community Park open house Saturday discuss what their next move will be.

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SPORTS

Time and place

I don't really follow tennis. I watch Wimbledon and the US Open so I don't know anything about the chair umpire Serena Williams went full Earl Weaver on in last Saturday's women's final. I didn't even know coaches aren't allow to, well, coach from the stands, a rule that seems preposterous and is no doubt broken constantly. What I do know is Serena lost her cool in the heat of competition, then regained it to be a class act during the trophy presentation. She's truly the GOAT. No one questions that and yes, she was likely to lose the match to Naomi Osaka and it's equally likely her outburst was fueled at least in part by that realization. Never mind that she had expressed some surprise pre-match that she was still in the tournament and never mind that reaching the final at Wimbledon and the

Open was a pleasant surprise. She's an intense champion and she's had on court issues before. She's hardly the first or only elite athlete to meltdown. Frank Robinson was something of a hothead in the midst of competition. Jordan chirped at refs for 48 minutes every night. Brady sulks and throws his helmet around on the sidelines. Coach K berates zebras all the time, usually successfully. Tiger sometimes uses language that's hardly PG. I've seen jockeys come to blows. MacEnroe, well, MacEnroe. And Connors. And Nastase. And Agassi. Serena was positively mild mannered in comparison to those tennis players, those male players. It's sports. Things get emotional. Her larger point about a double standard was supported by Billie Jean King and some top male players like Andy



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

Roddick and James Blake, who acknowledged they've behaved much worse with no repercussions. So are women players treated differently? After all, earlier in the week, a female player was castigated for changing her shirt just like men do, even though she was wearing the sports bra Brandi Chastain made famous at the '99 World Cup. The USTA apparently thinks so. On Sunday, tennis' governing body agreed there needs to be a fresh look at rules and changes need to be made.

Sometimes it takes civil disobedience to force change. It's hard though, not to feel badly for Osaka who had her golden moment overshadowed. Still, if this means things will be fairer in the future, especially if it means penalties will be assessed more equally and maybe the coaching rule will be overhauled, then long term good will come out of the spectacle. Was the US Open stage the right time? The right place? That was coincidence. Regardless, change is needed and if Saturday was the catalyst, so be it. The NL division races are coming down to the wire but with three division champions and two wild cards advancing to October, baseball can't match the drama of bygone years. It's been 51 years since the Red Sox "Impossible

Dream" season when Boston went from ninth to first and had to go to the ninth inning of the 162d game to outlast the Tigers, Twins and White Sox in the greatest AL pennant race of all time. Of course I'll always contend there was a pennant race at all only because the defending World Series champion Orioles were kayoed in May when the aforementioned Frank Robby collided with the ChiSox' Al Weis (who would be a future thorn in the O's side in the 1969 Series) and was lost for the year. But it did set the stage for a phenomenal four way September battle. The wild cards are great for the game, but they guarantee we'll never have the same kind of drama we used to. They call it progress I guess. See you next week.

First game and family fun

TONIGHT!!! Family Fun Night at Murdock High School football field beginning at 6:00. First home football game begins at 7:00! Bring your family for a night of fun – games and face painting for the kids, Blue Devil Specials at the concession stand — and plan to stay to cheer on your Murdock Blue Devils as they play against Worcester North. It's also “neon” night – wear your neon colors or Murdock apparel! The varsity football team played Worcester South at Foley Stadium in Worcester on Saturday, defeating the

Colonels 36-6. Richard Swanson ran 75 yards for a touchdown on a pass completion from QB Jack Polcari. Polcari also scored twice, while Logan Hawkins and Lewis Maldonado reached pay dirt as well. The JV football team played at home against Worcester South on Monday with a 32-0 victory. Middle school football played against Athol on Tuesday, defeating the Raiders 22-0. Congratulations, boys!! The girls' soccer team played a strong game, coming from a 3-1 defi-

cit at the end of the first half, to tie the game at 3-3, as they faced Fitchburg last Thursday. Unfortunately, the Lady Devils did not enjoy the same fate on Tuesday as they were defeated by Ayer-Shirley. The boys' soccer team played hard but was defeated by both Fitchburg and Ayer-Shirley. Both Murdock teams were scheduled to be back in action on Thursday at home. After winning their

first game of the season 2-0 on 9/4, the field hockey team was defeated by Mahar 4-0 on Wednesday, 9/5. The game scheduled for Monday, 9/10 was rained out and will be rescheduled. Cross country was scheduled for their first meet of the season yesterday. Freshman/Senior week at the high school was held this past week. More information next week!! Upcoming events: Monday, 9/17: JV Football @ Worcester

Tech: 3:30; Varsity Field Hockey: 4:00; Varsity Girls' Soccer: 6:00 Tuesday, 9/18: High School Open House: 6:00-8:00; Girls/Boys Middle School Soccer @ Narragansett: 3:30; Boys' Varsity Soccer – 4:00 Wednesday, 9/19: Boys/Girls Varsity Soccer @ Narragansett: 5:00/7:00; Varsity Field Hockey @ Monty Tech: 6:00 Thursday, 9/20: Varsity Cross Country @ Oakmont: 3:30; Girls/Boys Middle School Soccer: 3:30/4:45; Middle School Football: 6:00 Friday, 9/21: Girls/Boys Varsity Soccer @

Trivium: 3:30; Varsity Football: 7:00 Saturday, 9/22 – JV Football @ Oxford HS Ongoing: Clothing/Book Drive – any clothing, linens, bags, shoes, and books may be dropped off at Door D9 at the high school or at the gate at Alumni Field at any home athletic event. For pick up of items, call Sue at 978-257-5671. All items will be given to the Epilepsy Foundation, who in turn will reimburse the Boosters per pound of donated items. Thank you for your support! Go Blue Devils!!

Continuity and change

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

For one team, there's the comfort of coaching continuity. For the other, there's another new coach. That's the state of varsity soccer as the 2018 season begins at Murdock High School. Jason Marshall is beginning his fifth season as the girls' coach while his former assistant Alex Burke has taken the reins of the boys' program. The Lady Devils opened the campaign by playing Fitchburg to a 3-3 draw in a rain-delayed contest as Maria Polcari scored a hat trick and the boys, who are enduring growing pains, were blanked by the Red Raiders. Fitchburg tallied the first two goals of the season and led by that 2-0 score at halftime but Murdock battled back, winning 50-50 balls and passing crisp-

ly and efficiently. That paid off when Polcari took a throw in from Mackenzie Lundin at the near post to get the Lady Devils on the board. Polcari tied things a few minutes later on an unassisted score. The Lady Red Raiders took the lead back but MHS wasn't through. A scrum in the box during the 70th minute saw Kaleigh Lauziere nearly score on what Marshall termed a “slow roller.” As the ball trickled towards the net and the Fitchburg defense closing in, Polcari managed to tap it in. Cassidy Stadtfeld made 13 saves at goal for Murdock and Lauziere was honored as player of the match. “I was a little worried when our numbers slipped below the comfort zone” before the opener, Marshall acknowledged. “But we have 15 now,” he added.

Building the program is an ongoing effort. “We have been pushing them forward the best we can,” Marshall reflected. “If our first game is any indication of how the season will go, things look good. The whole team played with a lot of heart and didn't back down. Playing to a tie and outplaying the other team has the girls motivated and eager to get better quickly.” As for the boys, “they should be proud of the way they played the whole game and never gave up,” said Burke after his debut. “We started slow because it was our first game and we are getting used to each other. We were successful with possession at times and were able to present some offensive threats. I'm excited to see their growth,” he noted.

The boys' roster is comprised of seniors Josh Berrospe and Adam Digman, juniors Maclean Brimhall, Geurin Lovett and Zach Richards, sophomores Jamieson Rushia, Julio Rodriguez, and Gavin Stocking, freshmen Jerimiah Godsoe, Aaron Macfarlane, and Marcos Rodriguez and eighth graders Cole Patterson, Gavin Greer, Matt Spivey and Napoleon Desire. The girls' varsity includes Izzy Alcantara, Polcari, Lundin, Lauziere, Stadtfeld, Lexi Page, Katrina Yang, Gabby Cole, Kara Vongchairueng, Amanda Dibble, Jayla Raisert, Summer Turner, Kylie Brow, Trinity Arsenault, Jayla Perez and Taylor Smith. A pre-season marathon raised about \$900. “Everyone had fun,” said Marshall.

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“Our mission is not only to build a new facility,” Orphe continued, “but we want to implement security measures to protect our employees and also our abutters. We want to operate a cultivation facility that does not become a nuisance to our neighbors or to the surrounding area. We want to create a working environment that focuses on safety and respect for the community.” “Just to remind the board,” said Town Manager Keith Hickey, “if this community host agreement is approved, and the go through the Cannabis Commission, and they receive all their approvals, they'll still need to come back in front of the Winchendon Planning Board, present their site plan and have that reviewed and commented upon and ultimately decided upon.

There's a vetting process that will occur if this group makes it back to Winchendon from the CCC.” Board Chairman Audrey LaBrie asked about job creation. “At the moment we don't have a firm number,” said Orphe, “but we're looking to start off with about eight employees. We are open to hiring local residents to work in the facility.” Winchendon resident Dan Thibodeau, who lives at the corner of Juniper and Maple streets, said he opposes the establishment of the facility due to safety issues. He said neighborhood children play in the area and he is worried about the impact of increased traffic. Pastor Tom Clinkscale of Bethany Bible Chapel said he is opposed to the proposed facility because his church is establishing a satellite operation at 286 Central St., next to the Rite Aid parking lot.

“It's a place where children will regularly congregate,” he said. “We presently do have ongoing lay counseling for people who struggle with addictions. And I am against the use of marijuana. Principally, intoxicating the mind is not a wise thing to do.” In response to a question from Selectman Mike Barbaro, Orphe said the amount of traffic generated by the facility would be “minimal.” He also pointed out there would be no signage on or around the building drawing attention to the type of business located on the site. In addition, a fence will be constructed around the new structure for security purposes. The board voted unanimously to approve the community host agreement with Cultivated Leaf. The company now moves on to the state Cannabis Control Commission to seek its endorsement.

Global trip not happening this year

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A pair of Murdock cheerleaders qualified to go global this winter, but because of a quirk in the calendar, that's not going to happen. Not this year anyway. Here's the story. Joslynn Laverdure and Kim Anderson were among 800 high school cheerleaders chosen to participate in the New Year's Day parade in London. The problem? They didn't find out until it was too late to complete the logistics necessary, including figuring out how to pay for the week-long trip. The deadline was Sept. 6, and by the time Laverdure, Anderson and Coach Lisa Paulitzky learned the girls had made the team, there was no time left to scramble. Hoping to go next year, though she'll have to re-qualify. “I'm wicked excited anyway,” enthused sophomore Laverdure about being one of the invitees, who were selected after the conclusion of summer camps. Unfortunately, Anderson is a senior and won't be in high school next fall. “We just ran out of time,” lamented Paulitzky who has scheduled an aggressive fund-raising campaign for both Laverdure and her program throughout this school year, including selling Yankee Candles and offering raffles

among other projects. Additionally there will be a cheer clinic next Wednesday and Thursday and the cheer squad will do a routine at halftime of next Friday's football game. The camp is slated for 5:30 to 7 p.m. both nights. Youngsters from pre-k to seventh grade are welcome to participate. The cost is \$40 for which boys and girls who sign up will get two clinic sessions, a gift bag and get to cheer at Friday's game. The overseas trip, this year and presumably next, is sponsored by Memphis-based Varsity Sports. “The All-American program is celebrating its 31st year in 2018 and our talented cheerleaders, dancers and drum majors really enjoy the opportunity to show their skills to a very enthusiastic international audience,” said Mike Fultz, international event coordinator for Varsity Spirit. “I'm really proud of Joslynn and Kim,” enthused Paulitzky. “To be selected from who-knows-how-many cheerleaders at a lot of summer camps is impressive,” she noted. “It shows what we have to offer here at Murdock. The opportunities here are unlike anywhere else,” she stressed. For more information on next week's clinic, interested parties can call Paulitzky at 978 297-1256 x 5101 or email at lpaulitzky@winhendonk12.org.

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MWCC named an anchor of new prison education consortium

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College has been named one of four anchor institutions for a new education consortium that will be headed up by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Vera Institute of Justice along with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

“We are excited to be a part of this new consortium. MWCC staff have been hard at work in correctional facilities teaching credit-bearing classes to incarcerated students. We are eager to share our teaching experience within the prison system and work with all the partners within the consortium,” said MWCC President James Vander Hooven.

MWCC recently graduated its first class through the Second Chance Pell pilot program while working with the Massachusetts Department of

Corrections. A group of 22 inmates of MCI-Shirley received their small business management certificate in June as part of that national pilot program designed to provide education as a means of reducing recidivism and easing the transition out of prison. MWCC is one of 65 colleges and universities participating in the Second Chance Pell pilot program.

Additionally, MWCC operates classes in conjunction with the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office. These courses are designed to give students an edge as they re-enter the workforce after incarceration by offering occupational training with a direct relationship to the needs in the region. MWCC has been working with the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office since 2015.

MWCC is one of four anchor institutions in this new consortium, with the others being Boston University,

MIT, and Tufts University. The consortium, led by a team within the MIT Experimental Study Group, will be tasked with expanding access to post-secondary education by establishing and sustaining an education pipeline at each of Massachusetts’ prisons. The programming will feature a strong foundation in the humanities as well as career and technical training that begins during incarceration and continues into the community. The consortium will also be responsible for creating academic and career advising specific to the needs of justice-involved students.

Colleges currently participating in the consortium: Boston University, Cambridge College, Clark University, Emerson College, Framingham State University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mount Wachusett Community College,

Roxbury Community College, Stonehill College, Tufts University, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Wellesley College.

Additional consortium members will include the Massachusetts Department of Correction, the Massachusetts Parole Board, Massachusetts Probation Service, the Office of Community Corrections, the Petey Greene Program, and other organizations in the state focused on serving currently and formerly incarcerated individuals.

In addition to \$250,000 in grant funds over three years, the consortium will also receive technical assistance from Vera to support the consortium’s efforts to provide and expand postsecondary educational opportunities in prison and post-release.

Guidelines announced for lunch discounts

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District announced its policy for free and reduced price lunch and breakfast for those students unable to pay the full price for meals and snacks under the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program. The following household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility

Children from households that meet federal guidelines [above] are eligible for free or reduced price meal services. Complete one application per household for all children that attend the same school district. If you receive a letter that states your child(ren) are eligible for free meals via the direct certification process, you do NOT need to complete an application to receive free meal benefits. If you need to complete an application, the district strongly encourages the use of its ONLINE application found at www.montytech.net

If you prefer a paper application, go online to www.montytech.net; the application is located under “Parents & Students” / “Cafeteria Online Payment and Free/Reduced Lunch Application.” Households must answer all applicable questions. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. ONLINE applications will be processed 24 to 48 hours after submissions. Paper applications require up to five days to account for the additional time needed for mail delivery and manual processing. Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. Homeless, migrant, runaway youth and foster care children are categorically eligible for free meals. Households that do not agree with the determination may request a fair hearing.

All meals served must meet the meal requirements as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has been determined by a

doctor to have a disability and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal (or alternate), Monty Tech Cafe staff, in conjunction with doctor recommendations, will make substitutions at no extra charge. If your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact the school for further information.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)										
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	Free Meals (130%)					Reduced Meals (185%)				
	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	WEEK
1	15,782	1,316	658	607	304	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	21,398	1,784	890	823	412	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	628	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Each additional family member, add	+5,616	+468	+234	+216	+108	+7,992	+666	+333	+308	+154

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information

may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866)

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Running and walking for children in foster care

DUDLEY — The second annual run-walk for Rise Above is being held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the town beach in Dudley.

This 5K fun run and 1-mile family-friendly walk is expected to draw hundreds of attendees from across central and MetroWest Massachusetts. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the run and walk getting started at 9:00 a.m. In addition to the run and walk, attendees can enjoy children’s activities, music and refreshments from 8 a.m. until noon.

Free t-shirts will be given to registered runners and walkers. Registration is \$30 for adults, \$15 for youth ages 10-17, and free for youth under 10. Foster and adopted youth are also free. Registration and additional details on the run-walk can be found online at www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/runwalkriseabove, on Rise Above’s Facebook page or its website: www.weriseabove.org

Participants and attendees have the opportunity to help raise additional funds for kids in foster care by creating an individual or team fundraising page. Prizes will be awarded to top individual and teams that raise the most funds. Personalized fundraising pages can be set up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/runwalk-for-rise-above-tickets-46888141694?lang=en-us>

Rise Above is an IRS approved 501(c)

(3) non-profit organization that provides Massachusetts children in foster care with enriching activities, opportunities and experiences.

There are more than 10,000 youth in foster care in Massachusetts. These children are missing out on a lot of experiences and activities most other kids their age get to take part in. Since foster parents are paid only about \$27 a day to cover a child’s most basic needs, sports signup fees, instrument rentals, and other costs for extracurricular activities aren’t always a possibility.

Founded in 2009, Rise Above responds to this growing need to give youth in foster care opportunities that will give them a sense of normalcy, provide comfort, and build self-esteem. By funding individual wishes for requests like prom expenses, soccer registration, and clarinet lessons, Rise Above strives to provide positive experiences for foster children. Learn more at www.weriseabove.org.

Funds raised through this year’s Run-Walk for Rise Above will be critical in helping the organization meet its goal of serving more than 1,000 foster youth this year, improving their self-esteem, social skills, and mental and physical health.

For more information please contact: Sarah Baldiga at 508.320.8676 or sarah@weriseabove.org.

Office of Senator Anne Gobi September office hours

Tyler Wolanin, District aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of September. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to Tyler at tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov, or by phone at 508-641-3502. Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns.

Monday, Sept. 17: Barre town offices, 12:30-

1:30 PM; Hubbardston town offices, 2-3 PM; Ashburnham Town Hall, 3:30-4:30 PM; Winchendon Town Hall (Auditorium), 5-6 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 18: Warren Senior Center, 9:30-10:30 AM; Brimfield Senior Center, 11 AM-noon; Wales Senior Center, 12:10-1 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 19 New Braintree Town Hall, 11 AM-noon; West Brookfield Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Brookfield Town Hall, 2-3 p.m.; Ashby Town Hall, 6-7 PM

Monday, Sept. 24:

Paxton Town Hall, 11 AM-noon; Spencer Howe Village, 12:30-1:30 PM; East Brookfield municipal building, 2-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 25: Oakham Senior Center, 9:30-10:30 AM; North Brookfield Senior Center, 11 AM-noon; Rutland Senior Center, 12:30-1:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 26: Charlton Senior Center, 12-1 PM; Holland Town Hall, 1:30-2:30 PM; Monson Town Hall, 3-4 PM.

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LEGAL AUCTION PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

By virtue of the right granted by the statute, the Massachusetts Code Section 105A, the enforcement of satisfying the lien of Winchendon Central Storage, for storage and expenses will be sold at public auction on Sept 24 2018 9am. All and singular, the furnishings, household furniture and equipment of Kristina Knüttler # outside storage, Tony Wilson #63, Ashley Girouard #23, Ray Stockdale #40, All items sold will be cash or certified check only. Auction to be held at Winchendon Central Storage 234 Lincoln Ave Winchendon Ma 01475
 September 7, 2018
 September 14, 2018

Town of Winchendon Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board, per Article 12 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw, will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday October 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, to hear the Formal Site Plan application submitted by Oya Solar MA, L.P., 144 Front Street West Suite 310, Toronto, ON M5J2L7 for property located at 270 Hale Street identified as Parcel 16, Map 8A1, owned by Noreen Sullivan of the same address, for the construction of a Ground Mounted Solar Energy Collection system. Said property is located in the R80 – Rural Residential Zoning District. 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. Meeting room is accessible. Alternate accommodations can be made by calling 1-978-297-3537 at least 3 days in advance.
 BY: Guy C. Corbosiero,
 Planning Board Chairman
 September 7, 2018
 September 14, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Felix De Leon and Paulina Pichardo to AMCAP Mortgage, Inc., dated December 1, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35231, Page 217, subsequently assigned to Option One Mortgage Corporation by AMCAP Mortgage, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County

(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37275, Page 225, subsequently assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee for ABFC 2005-HE1 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE1 by Sand Canyon Corporation FKA Option One Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47553, Page 271 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on October 5, 2018 at 1135 Alger Street, AKA 543 Alger Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: That parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, situate in Winchendon, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, shown as Lot #4 on a plan entitled "Plan of lots prepared for Robert Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA, scale 1 inch = 60 feet, August 29, 2001, Edmund J. Boucher, PLS, 4 Jolly Road, Royalston, MA, 01368" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 773, Plan 16, to which reference is made for a more particular description. Being the same premises conveyed to these mortgagors in a deed recorded in Book 32367, Page 58.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no fur-

ther recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
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 September 14, 2018
 September 21, 2018
 September 28, 2018

TOWN OF WINCHENDON Request for Proposals (RFP) Grant Preparation & Administration Services

The Town of Winchendon seeks proposals for grant preparation and management services for its 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Potential projects include a housing rehabilitation program, social services program and an infrastructure project. The projects if funded, are administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is not a price competition, but rather the Town's decision will be based upon its review of the applicant's qualifications and experience in managing and administering CDBG- funded projects. The Town must receive your organization's response at the Town Manager's office at 109 Front St. in Winchendon by 5:00p.m. on October 9, 2018. **Postmarks will not be considered.** Proposals submitted by fax or by electronic mail will not be considered. Two (2) copies of your proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope indicating the applicant's name and address. The envelope must be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the following legend: *CDBG Proposal* Copies of the RFP are available at the Town Manager's office beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday September 17, 2018, or on line at www.townofwinchendon.com.
 September 14, 2018

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

116 Beachview Drive; Assessor's Map M-11, Lot 10
 Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner James McDonald for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Lake Monomac at 116 Beachview Drive; Assessor's Map M-11, Lot 10. The project entails removal of the existing retaining wall, followed by replacement with a 16-foot long x 8-inch wide x 20-inch high (16' x 8" x 20") retaining wall, and a 25-foot long x 8-inch wide x 28-inch high (25' x 8" x 28") retaining wall. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.
 The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.
 September 14, 2018

Town of Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, for property located on 812 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 2 Parcel 172 owned by Paul Betourney, PO Box 305, Winchendon, MA 01475 for a Variance of 25', from 200' to 175' to build a single family dwelling per article 7, Section 2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw, lot frontage is less than 200'. Said property is located in the R80-Rural Residential District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.
 BY: Nicole Roberts, Planning Clerk
 Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals
 September 14, 2018
 September 21, 2018



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Summer will soon be a memory, but few simple pleasures compare to cruising down the highway with the fresh breeze blowing in the open window! While savoring late season joyrides are a summer tradition, do you really know how much that carefree cruise is costing you in gas? And are you sure your tires are giving you your money's worth? For answers to these questions, along with some frugal car washing tips, read on!

Do you love highway driving with the wind whipping at your hair? If so, it's a pleasure you'll pay for. Did you know driving with your windows all the way down at higher speeds, will waste 10% more gallons of gas than driving with them closed? The drag will cost you more in fuel, so avoid cranking the windows completely until you're at a slower pace.

If your car has cruise control feature, use it. Not only will you give your accelerator

foot a rest, you'll save money too! Using cruise control will save you 5% to 10% of a gallon of gas on long trips!

Want to conserve more gas? Just use the overdrive shift as soon as your speed is high enough. It also acts as a fuel saver.

Keeping tires properly inflated and aligned equals gas savings. Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts.

According to a major tire company approximately one third of all tires on the road are under inflated. These tires not only wear out quicker and but they are more at risk for a blowout. Since tires lose air at a rate of about a pound a month, it pays to periodically check your tires

Not sure how to rotate your tires? According to the experts, radial tires can be crossed from side to side in the rotation pattern. Bias ply tires should never be rotated from side to side, only front to back.

Car care and tips

Confused when it comes to using your car air conditioner efficiently? Memorize this mantra: In town, turn it down; going fast, let it blast! According to cooling experts, when traveling 45 mph or less, you should open the windows or vents to create a steady airflow that'll give your car a cool boost. When going faster than 45 mph, you should crank up the a/c instead. This method avoids the drag generated when windows are left open during high-speed travel.

Believe it or not, tires driven at 70 m.p.h. wear out almost twice as fast as cars that go 55 mph. So it really does pay to slow down!

Here are some tips for the do it yourself car washer:

Experts claim you should wash your car every ten days, and especially after it rains or snows. Waxing is recommended only every six months.

From Consumer Reports: When rinsing, use a hose without a nozzle and let the water flow over the car from top to bottom. This creates a sheeting action that helps minimize

pooling of water.

Did you know more frequent waxes are needed if your car is red, black or white? The reason for this is because these colors are more susceptible to acid rain and UV rays. And one of the most critical times to wash your vehicle is immediately after a rainfall. Even after the lightest rain shower, the water evaporates, but the acid remains on the vehicle's finish.

When you wash your car, be sure to use a separate sponge to clean the wheels and tires. They may be coated with sand, brake dust, and other debris that could mar the car's finish.

Never wash your car when the body is hot, such as immediately after driving it or after it has been parked in direct sunlight for a while. Heat speeds the drying of soap and water, making washing more difficult and increasing the chances that spots or deposits will form.

If you need to get all the water off the car, try using your leaf blower. It will blast water from even the tiniest

crevices.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn



A number of Winchendon School students mowed the lawn and helped set up for a yard sale at the Winchendon Community Action Committee offices last Wednesday. Community Action Day was coordinated by the school's Service Learning and Leadership Program.

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munity and learn from the wealth of knowledge and community leadership here in town".

One of the projects is at the CAC, where Winchendon School students (Local Action Global Change is the name of their group) have joined forces with Growing Places to build a garden there to provide local residents with free produce. Said senior Kiley Robles, "kids shouldn't have to worry about food, or access to food, or where their next meal is coming from. We're encouraged to do local and this program is that."

Robles was one of several newcomers to the project. Taylor Anderson

isn't. Anderson was among those who launched the garden in the first place.

"It's a big deal to know we're helping the community," she noted as she observed the newcomers readying to take produce inside the CAC to wash it for distribution.

Every Winchendon School student has to sign up for some service learning activity. How did this group recruit?

"We made an 'elevator pitch'," explained senior leader Kylee MacCumber. "The younger kids had to list their top five issues they were interested in so we had just those couple minutes to sell them on this."

They must have done a pretty good job too since more than a dozen students were on hand at the CAC.

Even more showed up as part of the



Students from the Winchendon School decorate chairs at the new Gardner Area League of Artists headquarters on Front Street. The project was done as part of Community Action Day, overseen by the school's Service Learning and Leadership Program. The newly-painted folding chairs will be used during some of GALA's programs for children.

Art for Life group which convened at Toy Town Elementary to begin to lay out plans or working with young students this fall in the after school program.

"This really connects them to the community," noted art teacher Joanna Draugsvold.

The No Regrets team was at the senior center making snacks for seniors. Advocacy for Animals was painting

and securing chicken coops. E-Squared was working on trail stewardship at Ingleside. Coding for Change was also at Toy Town, preparing a project revolving around coding needs in schools. Gender Empowerment Through Sports visited the Clark Memorial YMCA spreading mulch in the playground while Theatre for Change met with Beals Library Director Manuel King to discuss their own after-school program.

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programs had to be suspended.

The new conference room will, according to Quinn, be used for such events as blood drives, CPR classes, babysitting classes, and other workshops and activities. He said some local service organizations had expressed interest in holding

meetings there.

Original plans for the community center called for the structure to build on the site of the Clark's outdoor basketball and tennis courts off Summer Street. However, town officials were able to convince Y officials to relocate the building just north of the outdoor courts, arguing the basketball and tennis facilities were a valuable community asset.

As a result, the popular walking/running track at the Clark had to be reduced from one-third of a mile to a quarter mile in order to make room for the new building, as well as an additional 19 parking spaces.

Work at the Clark will not stop with the dedication of the new community center, however. Plans call the creation of a new teen center which will be housed at the

southern end of the existing field house, a former skating rink. The teen center will occupy space that had been used to store the Zamboni used to treat the ice at the long-closed rink. It's expected the cost of the teen center will run around \$300,000.

The land currently occupied by the Clark Memorial YMCA was purchased from the town in 1921 for \$1.



The conference room at the Clark's new community center. The room will be used for meetings as well as events such as CPR training, babysitting classes, and more.



Two of the rooms in the Clark YMCA's set aside for daycare and after school programs. Children in grades kindergarten through 5 will be served by the programs.

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Remembering 9-11

A small, dedicated group gathered at Cathedral of the Pines Tuesday to commemorate the tragedy of Sept. 11. The terrorist attacks of later years were also recognized, with the reading of names, poetry and contemplation.

Greg Vine photos



A handful of area residents showed up for Tuesday's memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines to remember victims of Sept. 11 and other terrorist attacks in the U.S.

RIGHT: Attendees at Tuesday's Sept. 11 memorial at the Cathedral of the Pines hold books featuring pictures and read brief biographies of the nearly 3,000 victims as their names are read in remembrance.

LEFT: The flag at the Cathedral of the Pines was at half-staff Tuesday for the memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Boston Marathon bombings, the Pulse night club shooting, and the New York City truck attack.



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you; shame on each and every one of you,' and you need to do something about this because we're not going to let the lies continue."

"The board chairman and I had a conversation with our attorney," said Hickey, "and made him aware of the situation. What (the attorney) said, in short, is that he intended to move out of town for a short period of time. His intention was always to move back into Winchendon as quickly as he could. He did not

change the community that he voted in. And, based on those facts, he was legally allowed to run for selectman and sit here tonight as a member of this board."

School Committee member Felicia Nurmsen suggested the board could take a vote of no confidence in Husslebee and ask for his resignation, noting the action would not be legally binding.

"He made a mistake," said resident Rick Ward, referring to Husslebee. "He should have been up front. But you've all done a wonderful job overall, and he's been a part of that. He's confessed.

He's begged for mercy as much as a person can. He's done a good job. I voted for him because he was an unknown and I'll vote for him again, more so because of his coming forward to take this."

After some extensive discussion, Husslebee, saying the move would be best for the board and for the town, announced that he would resign from the board immediately. By a three-to-one margin the board voted to accept Husslebee's resignation "with regrets." Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz cast the lone "no" vote.

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