

MCAS results less than district hoped for

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

As the School Committee heard the results of both the most recent Next Generation and Legacy MCAS testing, results were mixed bringing both contrasting reviews and a sense of urgency.

The newer version of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System for testing was applied in grades 3, 4, 5, and 8, with grade 10 taking the older Legacy test for the last time, as it will be implemented for all sophomores beginning

in the 2018 academic school year.

The most common statement across the Commonwealth is, the results between the two tests are like comparing apples to oranges.

While grades 3 through 8, which used this year's first testing as a trial run to compare future results against, grade 10 gets no such free pass, and thus should have shown improvement.

Beginning with Toy Town Elementary, test scores were expected to drop a little, which has been the statewide aver-

age as the new test has charted unfamiliar grounds.

Grade 3 reading & mathematics achieved an average scaled score of 492.7, placing the average student in the "partially meeting expectations" scoring range.

Grade 4, which was tested in both English language arts and mathematics just a slightly higher average of 494.2 and 490.2 also ranging an overall average partially meeting expectations.

Grade 5 ELA and math averaged 495.9 and 489.0, again in the partially meeting expecta-

tions range which scores a point value of 470-499. It should be noted that in grades 3, 4, & 5, with all averaging partially meeting expectations, placed in the upper range of the new point scale, and not far off the "meeting expectations" category, which begins at a value of 500.

Toy Town Principal Mary Aker addressed issues such as math vocabulary, and the late implementation of a math series, which also contributed to the average overall scores. Aker expressed she is confident next year's Toy Town scores

would show an improvement. Staff, according to Aker, had 2.5 days of reading implementation training.

"This first year has been an exploratory year," added Aker.

At the Middle School level, testing scores were somewhat similar to those realized at Toy Town. Grade 6 ELA and mathematics scored 495.5 and 488.5, both averaging in the upper half of the partially meeting expectations category.

Grade 7 ELA and mathematics scored slightly lower at

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Ricci Ruschioni photos

Bryan Vaine and Josh Emerson donned cold water immersion suits to help hook up the submerged car to be removed.

Submerged vehicle prompts cold water rescue

BY KEITH KENT
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WINCHENDON — If the first snow of the season was any indicator of what to expect, it's going to be a busy season, as police, fire, EMS, and dive team members were required Sunday, Dec. 20, shortly after 4 a.m.

as a motor vehicle slid off the road, entering frigid waters along the Spring Street bridge into Hunt's Pond.

The accident was viewed by Corey Wilson as he was plowing the United Parish parking not far from the side of the pond, with Wilson calling dispatch reporting the incident.

A Chevrolet 4 door sedan, operated by Mark Bradley, age 32, of 671 River St., Winchendon, entered the water along the southerly travel lane of Route 12 between both advertising billboards and a utility pole, floating into the water and

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Old water mains continue to create new Central Street problems



Courtesy photo

The most recent blown section of water main from Central Street.

BY KEITH KENT
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The town of Winchendon business district and its main Central Street thoroughfare has seen two serious water main breaks in less than 10 weeks, prompting DPW Superintendent Albert Gallant and employees to continue efforts to temporarily fix what

could possibly be a century old pipe.

"I have looked and looked, and I am still trying to find any documentation which would indicate just how old the water main actually is. All I can tell you is that we know it's old, and the cast iron pipe has

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Greg Vine photo

Steel framing for the new community center at the Clark Memorial YMCA started going up this week. It's hoped the project will be completed by late spring or early summer of next year.

Work on Clark Community Center underway

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — Crews have begun raising the steel girders which will frame the community center under construction at the Clark Memorial YMCA. The foundation has been laid and the girders started going up on Monday of this week. Inclement weather called a halt to the work on Tuesday, but construction was expected to proceed as temperatures and precipitation permit.

It was just about six weeks ago that Clark Trustees Bud Fletcher and David Connor, Board of Directors President Cindy Landanno, and Executive

Director Mike Quinn officially broke ground on the project.

Once completed, the center will encompass 16,300 square feet of space. The entire cost of the project is pegged at \$1.7 million. Another \$300,000 will be spent on the next phase of the project, which calls for the portion of the existing field house, which once housed the Zamboni for the old ice rink, to be transformed into a teen center.

While the entire \$2 million has not been raised, Quinn said more than half the amount has been secured. Fundraising is ongoing, he added.

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Courtesy photo

Monty Tech's latest team of student-scientists observes a microbiologist at UMass Amherst analyze recent data from space. From left are Samuel Poulin of Gardner, Tanner O'Neil of Sterling, and Felipe Rodriguez and Caleb VanHillo, both of Winchendon.

Monty Tech students launch another space experiment

FITCHBURG — What started six years ago as a fun and exciting way to make science and space flight more relevant for students has resulted in a total of eight student-developed experiments being accepted into the National Student Spaceflight Experiments Program.

Launched in 2010 by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, the program aims to give students across the country the ability to design and propose real microgravity experiments to fly in low-Earth orbit, first aboard the final flights of the Space Shuttle in 2011 and then on the International Space Station — America's newest national laboratory.

To date, Monty Tech is the only school in the state, and the only vocational-technical school in the nation, participating in the program.

A team of student-scientists develops a proposal for an experiment that is submitted to a panel comprised of teachers and administrators for review. The winning proposal is then sent to NCSSE, based in Maryland, where a rigorous review process will determine which experiments will be accepted for flight.

The competition is open to all Monty Tech students. Those with an artistic flair are encouraged to submit designs

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WEEKLY QUOTE

The age of chivalry is past.
Bores have succeeded to dragons.

— Charles Dickens



Seniors considering college options

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — The college application process is well underway and as it winds towards future freshmen making final decisions next spring, the Courier will be following a handful of Murdock High School seniors as they take the journey which will determine where they will be come September.

Sam Drake loves being outside, so looking at a potential career which would allow him to do just that is natural. It makes sense when Drake said he can see himself as a forest ranger. That means finding the school with the right specialized curriculum and while he's been looking at Curry College and Worcester State, there's another thing factoring into his thinking. Drake, you see, would like to continue his football days beyond high school. That might mean adding some schools to his list and eliminating others.

In the meantime, Sam acknowledged the entire process is "stressful. My parents are dealing with the FAFSA stuff but I think a lot about all of this," he noted.

State schools can be appealing because since Drake was one of the recipients of the John and Abigail Adams scholar-

ship, tuition becomes a non-issue, but while Worcester fits the criteria Curry doesn't and no out-of-state school would either, which can add to the stress of decision-making.

Additionally, Sam has a self-imposed deadline. He wants to wrap this up by his February birthday.

"That's the plan, at least," he laughed. Drake isn't necessarily looking forward to leaving MHS.

"It's a small school. You know everyone and everyone knows you. I have a friend who goes to school in Leominster and he talks about how big his school is. We sort of have an advantage here. I know that's not going to like that in college."

Sam likes that but added, "sometimes I think I want to experience something bigger and see what's out there."

Hannah Turner knows she wants to teach, citing teachers who have inspired her (Bridget Marinelli, Chris LeBlanc and Amanda Beaulieu), so while her career destination isn't in question where she starts college is.

"I know I want to stay local," she said. "I owe that to my grandmother who raised me," she stressed. So that means looking primarily at the Mount, Worcester State or Fitchburg State.

"I really don't know yet," Turner con-

fessed. "I took the SATs last month, I need to send them in, and I'm working little by little on the FAFSA. It's an exciting and scary process all at the same time," she reflected.

"Middle school kind of dragged but high school, high school I wonder how it's all gone by so fast. Where did it go?" mused Turner, a one-time saxophone player, who eventually added soccer, chorus, and chamber singing to her activities.

Leaving MHS will be especially hard for Hannah because of her relentless commitment to the Blue Hands Youth Venture project she's been spearheading.

"It's been my whole passion. I learned I could talk about things, that it was okay to do that, and I've been trying to show other people it's okay for them to do that too. When I get into my own classroom, I'm going to stress that to students too. I know I want to work with kids and make a difference. I'm the first in my family to go to college and I'm excited and nervous both," she conceded.

Molly Murphy also wants to teach. She utilized the on-site admission opportunity when representatives from Worcester State came to MHS last month to gain instant acceptance.

"That was cool," she laughed, adding, "it helped take a little of the pressure off. I'm really serious about being ready for college."

Like Turner she got the SATs out of the way in November and even knows she wants to live on campus next year. So it's been a smooth ride, right? Anything but.

"The whole process hits you right away when you get accepted the way I did it. It's like, 'this is real', and it can be scary. The whole process has made me nervous," said Murphy.

"High school has been a whirlwind. You know I do a lot of things, Key Club, Student Council, but sports defines me and even on my teams I try to teach younger teammates. Teaching is teaching," she noted.

"Being a captain means you have certain responsibilities to teach and that's something I will be able to carry into the classroom myself," observed Murphy, whose preference is for teaching pre-K to elementary school.

"At least that's how I'm thinking now," she remarked.

Next week the Courier will feature several other students' college application statuses.

Lions choose Peace Poster winners

BY KEITH KENT
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Three Murdock Middle School students have been chosen as the winning contestants of the 2017-18 Winchendon Lions Club Peace Poster contest.

With 50 students competing under the teachings of Middle School art educator Mark Lore, there was no shortage of strong competition for this year's Lions International poster theme, "The Future of Peace." Lore, after sorting through the posters, presented a round of 20 to Lions representatives, including contest judge Rhonda Robichaud and President Deirdre Holt.

Both said the club had its work cut out for it especially when trying to make the final cut, with Robichaud saying the decision between

third and fourth place was "very close" rounding out the coveted top three spots.

Alas, there can only be one first place finish, and this year's top honors went to 8th grade student Jillian LaBarge, closely followed by 7th grade student Maggie Phelps with a close second place, and fellow 7th grade student Taye Orosco placing third.

Robichaud, now in her third year as contest judge said, "When it got down to the final three or four, all were absolutely fantastic, and believe me all of them were done very well, and we have some really wonderful talented artists right here in our home town."

Holt, when asked what thought crossed her mind when looking at the posters submissions replied, "First of all I

have to tell you the posters were totally amazing, and they blew my mind this year. The detail and the artwork is just incredible. We have so much talent in this town and it's just amazing. We look for not only the colors and design, but the different versions which the students put on paper ranging from the peace sign, to the nations coming together as one. When we got down to the last three or four, I will tell you it was very hard."

LaBarge explained her winning poster was composed in four class sessions of 30 to 40 minutes each.

"My main focus was on the broad topic of peace and time. I thought about the movie 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

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Photo by Keith Kent

Lions President Deirdre Holt (Left) and contest judge Rhonda Robichaud (Right) in photo, pose with second place contestant Maggi Phelps, and third place finisher Taye Orosco each holding their poster. First place winner Jillian LaBarge center in photo, poses with her winning certificate as the poster was sent off for district level judging.

Monty Tech's National Honor Society holds annual induction

FITCHBURG — Monty Tech's chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony recently in the school's auditorium.

The ceremony got underway with a welcome address by Eric Sanden, chapter co-advisor. Samantha Collette of Westminster, NHS vice president, led the participants and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sophia Chernoch of Westminster, chapter president, along with her officers, recited the five guiding principles of the organization, while lighting a candle for each tenet.

Other officers include Casey Szlosek of Lunenburg, secretary; Megan Hofer of Fitchburg, treasurer, and Greyson Suppa of Lunenburg, historian.

Principal Thomas R. Browne joined Thomas Lamey, chapter co-advisor, in presenting certificates and pins to the new members. They also passed out officer pins.

In his welcoming remarks, Sanden termed the new induct-

ees "the cream of the crop, who personify the tenets of the National Honor Society of knowledge, scholarship, leadership, service and character. He stated that to qualify for induction into the NHS, students most maintain an 87 average in both academics and technical studies.

Browne praised the students' outstanding record of community service. He quoted a recent survey that showed a strong record in community service is an advantage in seeking career positions.

"Eighty five percent of companies will overlook flaws in a resume, if there is a strong record of community service, and 88 percent stated they value skill-based volunteerism."

He urged the students to continue to work for their communities.

New members are: ASHBURNHAM: Emily Bouchard, Emily Hebert and Allison Lind; ATHOL: Jake Wright; FITCHBURG: Abbey Blauser, Cody Bridge,



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Members of the Monty Tech National Honor Society

Courtney Brouillet, Shauna Carlson, Nayelis Ramos and Julienette River. GARDNER: Theresa Hartin and Adam Ross. LUNENBURG: Rebecca Deslauriers, Jaelese Garay, and Rebecca Whittier; PHILLIPSTON: Tanya Valley; PRINCETON: Kurtis Wilson; STERLING: Sara Dupont,

Alissa Gaulin, Samuel Landadio, Erica Regan, Katelyn Roseberry, Emily St. Thomas, and Katherine Tremblay; TEMPLETON: Morgan Miller; WESTMINSTER: Katherine Cullison and Graciana Drakes; WINCHENDON: Andre Brady, Andrew Colcord, Greta Haas, Maggie Lashua, Jessica Niejadlik, Abigail Parks, Felipe Rodriguez, Anna Salter and Caleb Van Hilo.

Current members are: ATHOL: Kayla Gerry; BALDWINVILLE: Amanda Misner, and Zachary Roy; FITCHBURG: Allesandra

Cullen, Mollie Garner, Megan Hofer, Emma Ream, Matthew Sadowski, and Josefyne Santiago; GARDNER: Alexander Commodore, and Kaitlyn Commodore; LUNENBURG: Greyson Suppa, and Casey Szlosek; STERLING: Casey Brown, David Hinkley, and Taylor Moroney; TEMPLETON: Meghan Laperriere; WESTMINSTER: Sophia Chernoch, and Samantha Collette; WINCHENDON: Emily Semenza, Cameron Sparks, and Rachel Spivey.

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Footwear fundraiser fuels after school program

BY KEITH KENT
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It started with shoes, it started with sandals, it even started with sneakers and boots, to help elementary after school programs raise some extra loot. The numbers are in and the school fundraiser made the grade, plenty of footwear was collected, and soon Toy Town will get paid.

Toy Town Elementary, which began collecting various forms of footwear donations on Sept. 1, needed no less than 30 large bags filled with 25 pair per bag by Thursday, Nov. 30 to reach its goal of raising funds without having to pay any shipping costs. Not only did it reach its goal, but on its trial run as a fundraiser, program head and extended day coordinator Jennifer Haddad is pleased to announce they exceeded their goal, and currently have 32 bags of new or gently used shoes, sneakers, sandals, and boots; 800 pair ready to ship to less fortunate students.

Haddad joked, “We were able to accept everything except ice skates and roller blades. From high heels to unique men’s shoes, we’ve got it all.”

The program through the nonprofit, Funds2Orgs, receives the footwear collected and redistributes them throughout the nonprofits network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations, which then purchase the shoes. The various forms of new or gently used footwear which are purchased by the fund per pound, in return raise funds for Toy Town, to aid after school programs.

Fund literature explains, “To help impoverished people start, maintain, and grow businesses in less fortunate countries such as Honduras, Haiti, and other nations in Africa and Central America.”

Haddad explained money raised from the fundraiser will be marked for WPS after school programs, which were pre-



Photo by Keith Kent

Jennifer Haddad with just some of the 32 bags of shoes collected for the Toy Town Elementary fundraiser.

viously grant funded, including homework assistance, and special enhancement programs such as art, drama, music, robotics, yoga, fitness, and more.

“This fundraiser has helped teach our students an important lesson about how it’s important to give back, and help the less fortunate no matter where they are,” said Haddad.

In an interesting twist of developments, the footwear collected by the fundraiser, which was supposed to be picked up in early December, will now not be picked up until the end of the month to early January. Upon receiving this notification Haddad said with a smile, “It looks like our deadline has become extended, so as the school will get paid by the pound, please feel free to continue to donate either new or

gently worn footwear through the end of the month so we can continue to raise additional funds for our after school programs.”

“I would like to again acknowledge To Each His Own Design, The Crafty Cauldron, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, as well as Memorial School and those here at Toy Town for their efforts in helping our school fundraiser with the collection and donation process,” said Haddad.

In closing Haddad said, “I want to extend a big thank you to both the parents and students who brought the shoes and other items. They are helping other students, families, and people who are less fortunate around the world and they should feel good about supporting the cause.”

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CLYDE’S CORNER

Sunday, December 17

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: the Christmas Cantata & Children’s Christmas Party luncheon at 10 a.m. at United Parish, 39 Front St.

COMMUNITY CAROLING: Community Caroling at 4 p.m. Meet at United Parish, 39 Front St. We will be meeting at the church to gather the groups together and then divide into two groups. Everyone is welcome to join in voice and spirit, serenading folks with the Blessing of their favorite Christmas Carols.

Sunday, December 24

CHILDREN’S SERVICE: Children’s Christmas Eve Service 10 a.m. at United Parish, 39 Front St.

For the young and old alike who enjoy hearing the story of the first Christmas as told in the scriptures.

LIVING NATIVITY: 6:30 p.m. at Clark Memorial YMCA

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Candle Light Service at 10 p.m. at United Parish, 39 Front St.

Thursday, December 28

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

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

Thursday, January 11

BOOK DISCUSSION: Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting is Thursday Jan. 11. Books are available at the library.

TRIVIA CHALLENGE: every month it’s Franco O’Malley’s trivia challenge at Zoe’s Restaurant beginning at 8 p.m. Bring a team or join a team and try your memory at this intriguing game of wits. Open to everyone, come on down.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SUNDAYS
INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON:

The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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.

FRIDAY

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

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Snowballs in H E double toothpicks

We watch with fascination the continuing saga of politicians tap dancing around being men in powerful positions and using those positions in very childish ways.

Because let's face it, in the real world of adults, it is the child-men who have a need for the attention of others...especially women. They are insecure for the most part, and attempting to feel better about themselves by boosting their egos, notching their guns so to speak.

It's a sad correlation. And it says something about our world that for the most part, we've all shrugged it off as "boys will be boys" and "men will be men." Not really expecting better of them.

How sad. We should expect more. We as mothers of boys should teach better. We as wives and girlfriends should demand more. And we should point out bad behavior with equally strident response.

Will we be called bitchy? Of course. Strong women always are. But most strong women are the ones with the higher expectations too. They are the ones who grab a groping hand, hold it high above their heads and shout in a crowded bus or subway, "Who does this belong to?"

They stare down a crude, rude colleague without stooping to his level, and when he turns away because his ploy doesn't work with her, he mutters, "bitch" under his breath.

They do not wait patiently for their turn to talk in a business meeting because, as we well know, they wouldn't be given a chance if they wait; they demand recognition and take the floor without asking, making sure their ideas are heard...how dare they?

They ignore catcalls on the street, wolf whistles and smooching lips of those who think ANY woman must truly appreciate being noticed that way. The response, if there is one at all, should always be, "does your mama appreciate that talk, and would your mama like to be talked to like that? How about your sister?"

No, it won't change the situation, but maybe, just maybe, one of them will realize what he is doing.

It is rampant, it is everywhere, every town, every city, every rural area in the world has these child-men who think women want this. Who think somehow this is the way men should act.

Where did they learn it? And how do we teach them otherwise?

Because it really will be that snowball's chance before women will once again succumb to the 1950s "be nice" mindset.

My mama always said, "Don't be nice, nice is a scary, self limiting thing. Be kind, but don't be nice. Because if you are nice you are afraid to say what you should say."

Women, you need to stop being nice.

Another reason not to trust us

"Nothing in the Middle East is ever forgotten or forgiven." - Michael Korda, British-born writer and novelist



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rule in the Arab areas governed by the empire.

However, following the successful revolt, British Foreign Minister Lord Arthur Balfour declared in 1917 his government would

support the establishment of "a Jewish national home in Palestine." At the same time, in what is known as the Sykes-Picot Agreement, Britain and France secretly agreed to carve up the Arab provinces and divvy up control of the region.

Instead of an Arab state under control of the Hashemites, what came out of World War I was British control of what today is Iraq, Jordan, and Israel, while France took control of Syria and Lebanon.

After World War II - and a bloody Jewish uprising - Britain, following a U.N. vote in 1947 to establish the state of Israel, relinquished control of Palestine. Many claim the U.N. vote to proclaim the state of Israel was successful because members from the west were wracked with guilt over their failure to prevent the Nazi holocaust, in which six million Jews perished.

Whatever the reason, Arabs have good cause to distrust the west, not because they are Muslim and we are not, but because they have been repeatedly lied to.

And now, thanks to our president, the Palestinian Arabs - indeed Arabs throughout the region - have plenty of reason to view any U.S. attempt to broker peace in the Mideast with a high degree of skepticism. For decades we played the mediator, acting as a neutral party in the attempt to hammer out a two-state agreement. But, by firmly planting our flag in Israeli soil, we have thrown that neutrality out the window.

Once again, Trump has shown his incapacity for acting with logic, restraint, and balance.

I'm no fan of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, but his words ring true: "The observation must be explicitly made: In the Middle East and in the Muslim world, suspicions linger concerning the objectives of the West and notably the U.S."

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good taste and libel will, of course, apply to all submissions. Personal attacks will not be published. The editor retains the right to edit all letters.

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Moore is no more

Decency prevailed in Alabama. I admit to being pleasantly surprised. But at the same time, I wonder about those who supported Roy Moore.

Here, though, is what appalled and disgusted me more than anything - those women standing on stage behind DJT at that Friday rally. Those women, yes, women, are just fine with the despicable, morally bankrupt notion that electing an alleged pedophile to the US Senate is perfectly okay so long as he has an 'R' next to his name. Seriously? What were they thinking? Yeah, that's a rhetorical question.

DJT, Roy Moore, Steve Bannon and their ilk have made it okay to give voice and loud voice at that to openly air a sneering, belligerent bigotry which has in turn put on full display a breathtaking lack of

decency and character. This is at its core far more frightening than the result of any one election. In fact, let me put it as bluntly as possible - those out there supporting DJT, those out there talking blabbering nonsense like "Make America Great Again," - here's what they're doing - they're giving their blessing and backing, in many cases even their vote to someone who himself has been credibly accused of sexual assault. They're saying being a predator is okay. That's right. Tell me how anyone can do that, tell me how with a clear conscience anyone can support this guy.

Yet there they are. Those people, that 32-percent these days (according to composite polls) are of course the folks who will tell you they are, ahem, "Christians" and will haughtily



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assure you they represent the rock-solid God-fearing values which all Americans had better hold or else. In truth they're hypocrites and zealots far removed from rationality and commonality, people lost in their conspiracy-theory fueled extremist arrogance and frighteningly there are more of them than we might like to admit.

But it's not just them. It's maybe some of you too. Yeah, yeah, I know. Some of you voted for DJT because you were mad at "the system" or because the

technological revolution had left you behind or because of "the Clintons," whatever that meant or for whatever other reason. Or maybe you were for Bernie and didn't vote at all last November. If so, you're equally culpable for getting us where we are now. Harsh but true.

So what to do? I always write here about the importance of local participation and I waver from that not at all. Run for school committee. Or zoning board. Or whatever. Or volunteer somewhere. Do something. But I've also come to be as sure as I can be that my side needs to try to pull off the difficult feat of retaking a congressional majority next fall. The challenge is significant - gerrymandering and voter suppression are real and they create serious obstacles. I also write constantly that Washington is broken and it is.

The aforementioned gerrymandering, Citizens United and 24/7 screech-fests on cable have rendered the federal legislature completely unable to work in the bipartisan, reasonable manner the Founders envisioned.

Nonetheless, the effort has to be made to flip Congress. Those people who support the likes of DJT and Roy Moore are hardly limited to Alabama or the south. They're everywhere and they're dangerous. A lot of them really believe the rest of us are Satan's playmates - they really do. That cannot be allowed to take hold. Period. So yes, be active at home. Absolutely. But make sure you vote. Make absolutely sure. "They" are right about one thing - there is indeed a war for America and they prefer a theocracy. That scary enough? Happy Holidays indeed.

Ending net neutrality: the Pandora's Box of the internet

As the Federal Communication Commission will soon vote to end Internet Neutrality, crucial regulation of a host of service protections would come to an abrupt halt, and allow larger companies virtual God like powers, ranging from high package prices to the offer of cheaper, but limited, internet service.

Chief of the FCC, Ajit Pai was appointed by President Donald Trump in January 2017 to a five year term. Pai, previously employed by Verizon Communications, said the FCC will vote to "rescind open internet rules" by Dec. 14, which were placed in to operation by the previous Obama Administration. Barring a miracle, it's a virtual given in progress.

Currently under "net neutrality" internet service providers ISPs must

comply with allowing equal access to both content and apps, no matter the source. Take away the neutrality, and your ISP could use its own power to prevent you from accessing parts of the internet. Massive, or even larger internet companies, will almost assuredly begin to favor their own gainful interests based on profitability.

As pointed out by various study groups, if an ISP no longer has to abide by Internet Neutrality, it could, if desired, divide internet speeds and travel lanes, only allowing companies who refuse to pay outrageous prices be forced into lanes so slow their websites or content would, no matter what



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comes to an end in the US, we would not be the first. Other nations, such as Canada, Belgium, Argentina, Brazil, France, Japan, China, Israel, Russia, Slovenia, South Korea, the Netherlands, and Portugal exist without any net neutrality rules what so ever.

However, as the United States functions financially as a capitalistic econ-

package you personally pay for, be unable to be viewed.

The end result, the customer will no longer be able to get all the locations and sites the internet has to offer for one flat monthly price as you currently enjoy.

If Internet Neutrality comes to an end in the US, we would not be the first. Other nations, such as Canada, Belgium, Argentina, Brazil, France, Japan, China, Israel, Russia, Slovenia, South Korea, the Netherlands, and Portugal exist without any net neutrality rules what so ever.

However, as the United States functions financially as a capitalistic econ-

omy to an accelerated degree, one could place a safe bet that the top one percent of the one percent club would certainly exploit it immediately.

If repealed, there shall be no rules preventing ISPs from blocking or chocking desired Internet traffic, to just shy of a standstill, like a slow motion scene from The Matrix. Some things do trickle down. If a website has to pay more for the ISP to allow it to be viewed in high speed, then those businesses will only be able to absorb so much of the cost before forced to place such back on the consumer.

In the end, the loss of Net Neutrality equals a negative financial reality. Faster will cost more, and slower will cost many.



POLICE LOG

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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, DECEMBER 5

1:00-1:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:06 p.m.: investigation (Benjamin Street), services rendered; 4:58 a.m.: assist other agency (Ready Drive), info taken; 7:41 a.m.: assist citizen (Spruce Street), message delivered; 8:06 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 8:30 a.m.: DPW call (School Square), referred; 8:56 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 10:34 a.m.: assist other agency (Central Street), services rendered; 11:31 a.m.: dog bite (Ash Street), spoken to; 12:04 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street), transported; 12:40 p.m.: suspicious

(other) (Pleasant Street), info taken; 1:46 p.m.: FD call (Central Street), services rendered; 3:45 p.m.: accident (Front Street), report taken; 5:18 p.m.: ambulance (High Street), transported; 5:47 p.m.: animal complaint (Goodrich Drive), written warning; 6:32 p.m.: welfare check/child (Hale Street), spoken to; 6:35 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Street), written warning; 6:42 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Street), written warning; 6:50 p.m.: investigation (West Street), unable to locate; 8:49 p.m.: ambulance (River Street), verbal warning; 9:28 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:38 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:10 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:20 a.m.: recovered mv (Central Street), mv stored/impounded; 12:27-1:56 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:05 a.m.: assist other agency (Ready Drive), info taken; 8:47 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), advised civil action; 8:50 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Joslin Road), arrest; 9:26 a.m.: traffic hazard (Monadnock Avenue), referred; 9:43 a.m.: info/general (Spruce Street), no service necessary; 9:52 a.m.: investigation (Maple Street), spoken

to; 10:35 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Spring Circle), arrest; 10:41 a.m.: ambulance (Memorial Drive), transported; 12:00 p.m.: juvenile/general (Memorial Drive), property seized; 1:29 p.m.: keep the peace (Spring Street), assisted; 1:47 p.m.: investigation (Robbins Road), spoken to; 4:18 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street), gone on arrival; 5:03 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Ronald J. Flagg Jr., age 50, number plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, citation issued; 5:28 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville Road), secure; 6:56 p.m.: investigation (School Street), spoken to; 7:25 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), verbal warning; 8:04 p.m.: repossession mv (Pearl Drive), info taken; 8:22 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 8:34 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Street), written warning; 8:49 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Street), written warning; 11:52-11:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:22-1:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:46 a.m.: suspicious mv (Maple Street), gone on arrival; 5:05 a.m.: assist other agency (Ready Drive), info taken; 6:04 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 10:42 a.m.:

abandoned mv (Spring Street), info taken; 10:47 a.m.: burglar alarm (Russell Farm Road), services rendered; 11:19 a.m.: summons service (Independence Drive), unable to serve; 11:59 a.m.: b&e/mv (Gardner Road), report taken; 12:44 p.m.: summons service (Alger Street), served; 12:54 p.m.: harassment order service (Clark Road), spoken to; 1:06 p.m.: summons service (Alger Street), served; 1:17 p.m.: burglar alarm (Pine Street), secured bldg.; 1:26 p.m.: harassment order service (Juniper Street), unable to serve; 2:01 p.m.: investigation (Gardner Road), report taken; 2:03 p.m.: vandalism (School Street), report taken; 2:27 p.m.: info/general (Memorial Drive), info taken; 4:41 p.m.: investigation (Maple Street), spoken to; 4:50 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:34 p.m.: illegal dumping (Railroad Street), spoken to; 6:43 p.m.: investigation (Summer Drive), secure; 6:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 7:35 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 7:39-9:47 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:49 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street), secure; 9:52-10:03 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

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Public gets say on pot zoning

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Planning Board recently held the first of what it says will be a series of forums designed to give the public a chance to offer its ideas for zoning bylaws governing the siting of recreational cannabis dealers in Winchendon. The first hearing drew just a handful of residents.

Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero explained that Winchendon is required to grant at least one license, based on the number of liquor licenses the town has granted, and because the town voted 60 percent to 40 percent in favor of the 2016 state ballot question calling for the legalization of marijuana in the Commonwealth.

“Our timeline for establishing such a bylaw is very short,” said Winchendon Planning Agent Chantell Fleck. “At the state level, they may start to accept applications by April 1 of 2018, and issuing licenses as soon as June 1 of 2018.”

At last month’s special town meeting, voters approved a moratorium on the granting of retail marijuana licenses, which will run until June 30 of next year. The Planning Board sought the moratorium to give the town time to enact bylaws governing the siting of cannabis retailers. The board explained that without the moratorium anyone seeking to open a pot shop in Winchendon, were their license to be approved by the state Cannabis Control Commission, could open the

business anywhere in town because the town currently lacks local control. It’s hoped regulations will be developed in time for presentation to voters at the May 2018 annual town meeting.

“Is there an option to have none of this?” asked resident Kathy Mauldy.

“I think we have to have a ballot vote and also it has to go town meeting as well in order to reject having marijuana in our community,” Fleck responded.

“I would like to recommend that,” said Mauldy.

“In the 2016 vote, 60 percent of the people in Winchendon voted to allow the sale of marijuana,” Corbosiero interjected. “So, you would have to go before the voters at town meeting, get them to vote to not have marijuana sales, and then you have to go to a town election. It’s sort of like the same thing you have to do for an override, if I’m not mistaken.”

Corbosiero also explained that the town has a variety of options for siting marijuana retailers, including limiting them to certain zoning districts or creating a marijuana overlay district. The only state restriction currently in place, he said, prohibits cannabis establishments within 500 feet of a school.

“My recommendation,” said Mauldy, “is that it would be as far away from the YMCA and all the schools as possible – on the outskirts of town. But I’m also concerned about places like Lake Denison. I think any

place there’s recreation, children playing. I think they’re bringing clientele into your town and then something’s going to happen with that.”

“They would still fall under certain rules, like liquor stores,” said resident Christy Kantor. “You have to be 21 years of age. You have to show identification. What you do the second you leave, that’s on you. You can’t judge it until you have evidence.”

“It’s one of those things,” said Fleck. “You may not like the fact that marijuana has been legalized, but we’ve got to do our due diligence and regulate it. Otherwise it can just go anywhere without any sort of restriction.”

There was general agreement that any type of cannabis establishment – retail, cultivation, or distribution – should be limited to the outskirts of town.

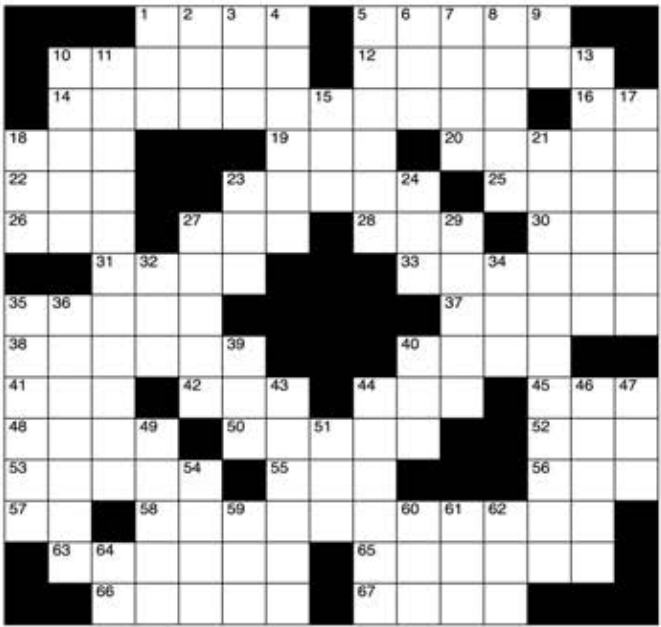
“We’re not going to allow a pot shop in the middle of downtown,” said Kantor. “But this will bring business to the town, and taxes, and all that goes with it.”

During a discussion whether or not to expand the buffer zone around schools, Mauldy said, “I’d recommend making it larger to a mile, if possible, around schools and the YMCA and the Lake Denison Area.”

“I think it should be more (than 500 feet), but I think it should be reasonable,” said Kantor. “A mile is a lot. We have bars downtown that are literally walking distance from a school. Do I want a shop right

next to Toy Town? Do I want one right next to Memorial? No, not really. That’s not using your head. In the end, we’re going to have to follow state law.”

Public comments from the forum and from public comment directly to the Planning



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large jug
- 5. Anwar ___, Egyptian statesman
- 10. Punjab province capital
- 12. Evoke
- 14. Data
- 16. Exists
- 18. Supervises flying
- 19. Having eight
- 20. Right-handed page
- 22. NHL great Bobby
- 23. German municipality
- 25. Negotiate
- 26. Keyboard key
- 27. Youngster
- 28. Medical decision (abbr.)
- 30. Ribonucleic acid
- 31. One-time Levi’s chairman Walter
- 33. Cold region
- 35. Type of plywood
- 37. A way to unfreeze
- 38. Winter melon
- 40. Dispute
- 41. An expression of imagination
- 42. Human gene
- 44. Touch lightly
- 45. Computer giant
- 48. Garlands
- 50. Franz van ___, German diplomat
- 52. Vineyard
- 53. Elk or moose
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Swiss river
- 57. Rhode Island
- 58. Fall into disrepair
- 63. Ancient Roman virtue
- 65. Removes
- 66. Slovenly women
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Extremely high frequency
- 2. Court
- 3. Make a mistake
- 4. Change the appearance of
- 5. Long-haired dog
- 6. The Greatest of All Time
- 7. Designer Christian
- 8. Blemished
- 9. Atlanta-based rapper
- 10. Deceivers
- 11. One who supports disorder
- 13. Colossal
- 15. A team’s best pitcher
- 17. Comfort in a time of sadness
- 18. Opponent
- 21. Professionals might need one
- 23. Captures geographical data (abbr.)
- 24. Senior officer
- 27. Sacred Islamic site
- 29. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 32. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 34. Performer __ Lo Green
- 35. Having only magnitude, not direction
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Payroll company
- 40. Prohibit
- 43. Stroke
- 44. Does not acknowledge
- 46. Hillsides
- 47. Austrian river
- 49. Passover feast and ceremony
- 51. Golf score
- 54. Hair-like structure
- 59. Check
- 60. Extract metal from this
- 61. Tell on
- 62. Powdery residue
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Houses decked out for holidays throw open their doors

WINCHENDON — Every two years the directors of the Winchendon History and Cultural Center begin begging friends and neighbors for a unique favor: decorate your beautiful home for the holidays and then let us have it for a day.

This year there were nine dwellings and churches open for the tour, and it didn't disappoint. New this year were the Immaculate Heart of Mary and its rectory, and the A. Franklin Wiley house on Central Street. Other favorites were decorated to the nth degree and thrown open for tours last weekend.

The funds raised help the WHCC keep their two house museums, both on the tour, warm and in good maintenance.

Greg Vine photos



Stockings are hung by the fire with care at the Eaton Sargent House, now home to David and Danielle LaPointe.



David and Danielle LaPointe welcome visitors to their residence during last Saturday's Holiday Tour of Homes.



An ice skate stuffed with holly and poinsettias serve as the centerpiece for one of the holiday place settings featured at the Isaac Morse House.



Seppi's Ice Cream Parlor, decorated with festive candy canes, was also open during Saturday's Holiday Tour of Houses.

A herd of antique rocking horses filled a room on the second floor of the Isaac Morse House, also owned by the Winchendon History and Cultural Center.



Decorations frame this impressive fireplace in the Orange Whitney House.



Garland adorned the grand staircase at the Orange Whitney House, currently owned by Bob O'Keefe and Don O'Neil.



This impressive tree welcomed visitors to the Murdock-Whitney House, now home to the Winchendon History and Cultural Center, the first stop on Saturday's Holiday Tour of Homes.

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One of the Christmas many trees found throughout the Orange Whitney House during Saturday's Holiday Tour of Homes. This one was found in the front parlor.



OBITUARIES

Carol A. (DeShiro) Gormley, 61

WINCHENDON - Carol A. (DeShiro) Gormley, age 61, of 151 Pleasant St., died peacefully Thursday morning, Dec. 7, 2017 at her residence, with her family at her side.

She was born in Fitchburg on Oct. 31, 1956, daughter of Donald L. Courtney of Fitchburg and the late Gertrude E. (Porter) Courtney and attended Monty Tech and earned her general equivalency diploma. Carol had lived in Winchendon for 24 years.

Carol worked at Kamenstein's and Saloom Furniture Company and most recently was employed at Hannafords Supermarket. She enjoyed playing bingo, doing crossword puzzles, and making occasional trips to the casino. Her greatest enjoyment was spending



time with her family and grandchildren.

In addition to her father, she leaves her husband of 29 years, David A. Gormley; three children, Sherri L. Danforth and her significant other Leon Major of Fitchburg, Melissa S. Gormley and her significant other Ron Rooney of Winchendon and Michael A. Gormley and his wife Charity of Leominster; four grandchildren, Leesa M., Meagan E., Kayla R. and Kaylee M.; a brother, Wayne A. DeShiro and his wife Bessie of Leominster and many nieces and nephews. A brother, Joseph J. DeShiro, and a sister Rose M. Fortunato predeceased her.

Funeral services and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon is directing arrangements.

David G. Nowers, 79

ATHOL — David G. Nowers, age 79, of 111 Barrett Ave., died peacefully Saturday morning, Dec. 9, 2017 in his residence, with his family at his side.

He was born in Framingham, MA on May 23, 1938, son of the late Rodman C. and Sadie Mae (Paddock) Nowers and grew up in Medfield. Dave was a 1956 graduate of Medfield High School and was a member of its football team. In 1958 Dave graduated from University of Massachusetts with an Associate's degree. Dave lived in Baldwinville for many years and moved to Athol in 2001.

Dave worked at the former Medfield State Hospital and Gardner State Hospital and then worked as an assistant superintendent from 1976 until 2001 at the former Walter E. Fernald School in Baldwinville. Following his retirement, he worked as a driver for MART.

Dave was a very active member of Lions for over 40 years, both locally and regionally. He joined the Templeton Lions Club in 1976 and was its president from 1981-82. He became District Governor in District 33 A from 1984-85 and was Governor from 1985-86. He was a member of Council of Governors of District 33 A from 1987 to 1988, and became its treasurer from 1988-89 and Council Chairman from 1989-90. Dave was honored with the prestigious Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship award from both the Templeton Lions Club and Athol Lions Club. He was a recipient of the most prestigious Melvin Jones



Fellowship award, the highest individual award given in Lionism. He also received the Joseph Patano award. Dave had also received the District Governor award.

Dave had been a member of Ferncol Friends for many years and was its former chairman of the Board and director of its annual Ferncol Fair, which was held on the grounds of the Fernald School. Dave was an excellent golfer and had shot a hole in one in 1982 at the Harwichport Golf Course. He was a former volunteer and advisor of the Boy Scouts and had been an assistant scoutmaster at one time.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Josephine "Josie" C. (Bravo) Nowers; two children, Edward J. Nowers and his wife Tracey of Sandwich and Jeanine A. Tavares and her husband Phillip of Marshfield; three grandchildren, Chatham Nowers, Kai Nowers and Anthony Tavares; a sister Hillary Fleming and her husband Tom of Freedom, ME and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Rodman W. Nowers and his twin brother Darel Nowers, and a sister, Nancy Hayward.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday Jan. 6, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. in American Legion Beckwith Post, 110 Peter Kristof Way, Medfield.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Templeton Lions Club, c/o Linda Columbus, Secretary, 17 Main St., Baldwinville, MA 01436.

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Wowing them with science

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Want to get kids excited about what's going on in their classroom? Get them involved, hands-on.

That's exactly what Murdock Middle School sixth grade teacher Nicole Landry is doing in her science class so it's no wonder she uses the term "organized chaos" to describe the activity.

Landry's students were working the other day on a project called "The States of Matter," the whole solid, liquid, gas thing you might remember from school. But it's 2017 and these kids are doing it differently. They're taking pictures, as many as 100 of them and used an app to turn those still shots into what are called "Stop Motion Videos" to demonstrate the process.

"Kids are adding details and overlays to their videos. Others are arranging bingo chips to mimic particle movement in solids, liquids, and gases," she pointed out.

The specific details can become a little complicated but the energy and enthusiasm are clear as day, which is what Landry looks for.

"They could do this with pencil and paper but they've really embraced the chance to do this project in an innovative, hands-on way," she explained.

"It took a long time" to figure out how to do the work said one student. "For a bunch of them it was definitely a struggle," acknowledged Landry, adding, "one of the boys told me that there was no way, back in September, he thought struggling with a project would

be a positive experience, but it has been for him, and for others, too. This is one reason I love my job so much. I tell everyone. Seeing the way kids respond is great."

Not every student felt that way, though

"This is really fun. We get to do things the way we think it should be done," while staying within the parameters of the curriculum.

For these sixth graders, being hands-on, being active stakeholders and creating projects at their own pace, is also a stepping stone towards joining the personalized approach of Summit learning next year.

"That's another benefit," observed Middle School Principal Jess Vezina.

Landry laughingly said she would

like to take credit for coming up with the idea to do the video rather than use a more traditional approach but "it really wasn't. I saw it, but I didn't create it. But I will say I adapted it to use it in a way which works for these kids."

Talk about getting the students involved. Landry remarked there are periods "when I'll teach for five minutes at the beginning of class and then I'll start getting feedback from them."

All that makes for a lively classroom.

"It's pretty awesome. The kids are having a blast with it," noted Landry.

She's having a blast as well.

"I am. I think school is about more than just classes. We're helping develop whole humans and what I'm trying to do is help them become good citizens," stressed Landry.

ASB spreads the wealth by sharing at Thanksgiving



Courtesy photos

Athol Savings Bank employees Jaime Young, Margarita Guterrez Ashley Chapman and Kathy Matewsky load a truck with the food baskets.



Lucky shopper, Nicole Olausen and her family with ASB employees.

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In addition to rooms for community events, according to Quinn, there will be three rooms dedicated to afterschool programs for children in grades K through 6. Quinn envisions blood drives, babysitting and CPR classes, workshops and other community events taking place at the facility.

The building will also house a gymnastics center, thus allowing the Clark to re-open the gymnasium in the main building for basketball, volleyball, and other

recreational opportunities. The gym has been off-limits for such activities for quite some time due to the logistics of having to transport gymnastics equipment into and out of the room.

The new gymnastics center will include a spring floor and tumble track and equipment that includes parallel bars, balance beams, a pommel horse, rings, and uneven bars. The facility will take up about half the space available in the center.

To make way for the building, the popular walking track at the Y had to be reduced from a third-mile around to a quarter-mile. Original plans called for the cen-

ter to be constructed on the site of existing basketball and tennis courts, but town officials urged the Clark to come up with a plan that would save the courts. As a result, the site was pushed a bit to the north, thus necessitating the shortening of the track.

In addition, 19 parking spaces will be added on the north side of the center. Access to and from the site will be from Summer Drive.

The Wendell P. Clark Memorial Center – now the Clark Memorial YMCA – first opened its doors in September 1954.

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SPORTS

Class acts to save the four legged athletes

You don't have to feel the way I do about horse racing to be moved and yes, awed by the selfless bravery of so many people in California who are doing everything they can and then some to first rescue and then when necessary re-identify horses who were displaced by the fires sweeping so much of the state.

Whether at the racetrack in Del Mar where the Breeders Cup was contested last month and is being used as a sort of horse refugee center, or at the training facility at San Luis Rey, which serves as a hub for the southern California racing circuit, or at who-knows-how-many farms and other training centers, volunteers have been working round-the-clock to bring horses to safety and return them home. Tragically, the equine death toll has surpassed 50 and is likely to rise.

"It was dark, everything was hot and she wouldn't come out. I opened the pen and tried to get behind her but..." lamented veteran trainer Cliff Sise.

The tragedy he described was repeated by others. Horses,

you see, these high strung thoroughbreds. are creatures of habit. It's natural for them to try and return to where they are comfortable, which generally means their barn. Thus, getting them out, whether before fires start or retrieving them from an already raging blaze and subsequently getting them into a corral or paddock or somewhere, anywhere, safe is a herculean task and there have been human injuries suffered in the process.

Yet these people have persevered. Most of us have seen the video of the guy who rescued a single rabbit. Pretty awesome, wouldn't you agree?

It is often said people behave their best when situations are at their worst and that's been exactly the case in southern California and thank God for that truth. You don't have to have grown up at the racetrack like I did to have enormous respect and admiration for these volunteers. They can't be thanked enough. Industry leaders are kicking in too. Taylor Made farm is donating the proceeds of a most-assured-



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

ly-not-cheap breeding season to Kentucky Derby/Preakness winner and two-time Horse of the Year California Chrome to the relief fund organized last week. Classy indeed.

Changing gears. Maybe the 2018 New York Yankees won't be an exact replica of their 1927 or 1961 predecessors but maybe they will. When the baby Bombers landed Giancarlo Stanton last weekend, adding him to a lineup with Aaron Judge and Gary Sanchez and Aaron Hicks and Greg Bird and Didi Gregorius, the balance of power in the AL East unquestionably shifted to Yankee Stadium if it wasn't there already, since New York came within a single win of a 41st pennant last season. True the games are, as they say,

played between the lines and baseball seasons sometimes take strange turns, but at the moment, the smart money is on the Yanks.

Let's see how or if the Red Sox, O's, Jays and Rays try to counter. Derek Jeter runs the Marlins now and was determined to move Stanton's massive contract. The Captain thought he had a deal worked out in principle with either the Cardinals or Giants but Stanton's no-trade clause nixed those ideas. He was reportedly hoping to go to his hometown Dodgers but I doubt he's unhappy with his landing spot. It's true Stanton and Judge, who bashed 111 homers between them in 2017 are both right fielders but the DH rule will help sort that out.

Meanwhile, no one ever went to the games in Miami anyway so attendance can't be hurt all that much. The Yankees lineup is reminiscent of others from the franchise's storied past.

Jack Morris and Alan Trammell were elected to the Hall of Fame by the veteran's

committee last weekend. Eh. Morris was durable for sure and did throw a 10-inning shut-out in the decisive game seven of the 1991 Series but overall? Trammell was decent at the plate and solid in the field (the latter helped in part by the fact his DP partner was Lou Whitaker) but again, overall? Eh.

If you're an NFL team needing to win out to make the playoffs, how's this for your remaining schedule? Cleveland, Indy, Cincinnati. That's what's left for the thoroughly undeserving Baltimore Ravens. Have any final three games ever looked easier on paper? Doubtful. The problem isn't that there aren't enough teams in the post-season. The problem is there are too many.

Anyway, on a happier note, Boston College beat Duke last Saturday. It's nice that Duke lost on the second Saturday in December. I'd like it more if they lost the second or at least third Saturday in March. I'm not holding my breath. See you next week.

Hoopsters underway with a win

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

When the Murdock Lady Devils tipped off the 2017-18 season coasting to an easy 47-13 win at Sizer, a win they followed up with a 26-17 triumph Monday at St. Mary's.

Last Friday, they took the floor with a single senior on the roster and that means a lot of playing time for a lot of younger players which might portend good things for the future.

That sole senior is Molly Murphy, and as she's been doing for a while, Murphy led Murdock's scoring with 25 points. One of those younger players, freshman Kaliegh Lauziere, added 14.

The Lady Tigers aren't exactly the Golden State Warriors of high school hoops so MHS coach Jim Abare was cautious as the season began.

"We're a work in progress," he shrugged. Some of that caution can be traced to the reality the Lady Devils won't be sporting a lot of height, at least not among the starters, but, noted Abare, "we do have some athletic kids

and some who want to become basketball players."

Murphy is expected to have big nights against a non-league schedule which includes a rematch with Sizer and St. Mary's along with games with Trivium, Gardner, Bromfield and Innovation Academy Charter. Last winter she averaged just over 15 points per contest and has become Murdock's most prolific scorer since Ashley Perry almost a decade ago.

Junior Kelly Murphy might not have her sister's scoring touch but Abare likes her hustle.

"She'll give you a good effort," he noted.

The Murphys were both starters last year and so was Jocelyn Garner, now a junior. Garner will be needed to haul down a lot of rebounds to trigger the Lady Devils' offense. Lauziere, "was a starter for almost half the year" as an eighth grader, pointed out Abare, and along with Shae Dupuis, fills out what is expected to be the starting five most nights.

"They're going to play a lot of minutes, stay out of foul trouble and learn to work together while we figure out what else we have," Abare reflected.

There is some height on the bench with sophomore Janessa Heath-Cosentino and freshman Limeily Pagan though it remains to be seen how much playing time they'll be getting early in the campaign. That goes as well for sophomores Rylee Brooks and Cassidy Stadtfeld, the latter having gotten some valuable experience playing in the summer league of which MHS is a member and freshmen Nicole Becotte, Julia Greco and Gabriella Lugo, who's an exchange student from Puerto Rico.

As was the case last year, a couple of eighth graders will see some varsity minutes. This year's duo is Morgan Eldredge, who tallied 16 points in Friday's junior varsity win at Sizer, and Ashley Sevigny.

"We're going to be competitive in most of the non-league games," said Abare before the campaign began.

"The league will be pretty good but

in those other games, we might be close and better in some cases, even though the season starts too early," he noted.

John Reilly has joined Abare's staff as JV coach and assistant for varsity but Abare was really happy to see former Lady Devil Tatum Mahoney show up to help with pre-season practices.

"It means a lot to me when they care enough to come back even for a little bit when they can," observed Abare.

"That shows the program meant something to them," he added noting Mahoney's not the first alum to return. In previous years, so did Perry, Ashlyn White, Morgan St. Pierre and Amber Brown.

"We must be doing something right for them to do that," said Abare who's beginning his fifth season at the helm of his alma mater which followed a long successful run at Gardner.

Murdock visits the Lady Wildcats Tuesday and plays Trivium in the Lady Devils' home opener next Thursday at 4 p.m. prior to an extended break before league play opens Jan. 3 against Ayer.

View from the Tower

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The middle school, freshmen, JV and varsity football teams held their awards night last Thursday after a dinner of pizza provided by the coaches, beverages provided by the Sports Boosters, and appetizers, salads and desserts provided by parents. The middle school team, coached by Matt Lando and Steve Pesce, ended the year with a 1-6 record. Dom Iannacone was recognized as the Most Improved Player, Calvin Tenney: Defensive player of the year, Kevin Pesce: Offensive player of the year, and Nick Bond received the Coaches' Award.

Coaches of the JV & Freshman Football teams, Bob Polcari and Colin Shaugnessy, offered words of praise and encouragement to their teams who both enjoyed an undefeated season. The Freshman team (many of whom were on last year's undefeated Middle school team) sported a record of 4-0-1. The JV team ended their season 10-0.

Varsity head coach, Billy Wright, also praised the 2017 varsity football team for their season, ending the year with a 4-7 record. More importantly, he stated, was that all players showed improvement as individuals and as a team. Defensive player of the year was awarded to Ethan King, Offensive player went to Sam Drake, Most Improved play-

er was Richie Swanson, and the Iron Man award went to Austin Barrows. An additional award, the Blue Devil Pride Award, went to Jesse Nolette who pushed through both physical and emotional challenges during the season, while continuing to support the team.

Seniors Sam Drake, James Anderson, and Austin Barrows were named Mid-Wach League Football All-Stars.

The Student Council hosted the first of three annual blood drives on Monday. 50 appointments for blood donations had been made by the start of the drive. Stephanie Rondeau, advisor for Student Council, stated that blood drives have been regularly hosted at Murdock since 2010. The goal of this drive was to provide 23 pints of usable blood. If their goal is met, the students are eligible for scholarships that are awarded by the American Red Cross. The next blood drive will be held in March, 2018.

The Key Club is currently putting together a Holiday Basket to raffle for funds to attend the District Convention in the Spring. Peter Birney is advisor for the Key (Kiwanis Educating Youth) Club. Members also assisted in the Breakfast with Santa, recently held at the Carriage House and hosted by the Kiwanis of Winchendon, by wrapping gifts and assisting Santa in their distribution.

This week's events:



Photos by Sally Huff

All the football players, Middle School, JV and Varsity, were part of the football awards banquet at Murdock recently.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th – Middle School Basketball – Girls at 3:30, Boys at 4:30

Wednesday, Dec. 20th – JV/Varsity Boys Basketball at 5:30/7:00 – admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students and Seniors.

Thursday, Dec. 21st – Varsity Girls Basketball at 4:00

Thursday, Dec. 21st – Choral and band

concert – 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Please visit www.mwlma.com to see a full schedule of Murdock athletic events, including Indoor Track Meets, MS, JV and Varsity Basketball games, Ice Hockey Games (co-op with Gardner), and Swim Meets (Co-op with Gardner).

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A WARM DONATION

Athol Savings Bank recently purchased an array of children's coats, boots, hats and mittens as well as receiving coat donations from ASB employees to give to the local area schools in need of children's winter coats. Athol Savings Bank is cel-

ebrating 150 years and in the spirit of showing gratitude they are dedicating this year's anniversary to giving back to the communities they serve. The bank also made a donation to Baldwinville Elementary School.

Courtesy photo

Matt Lando, guidance counselor at Toy Town Elementary School, Julie Walsh & Kim Drudi of Athol Savings Bank with some of the donated items.





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488.2 and 481.7, but still in the same overall category range.

Grade 8 ELA and mathematics scored 485.7, and 487.5 also for an overall Middle School average scaled score of partially meeting expectations.

Principal Jessica Vezina acknowledged with the district verses the state, the Middle School is behind. Vezina when discussing preparing for the new test said there is now a personalized learning model to look at student's individual needs, along with a measures of academic progress assessment, providing more early year data allowing for student intervention.

It was at the Grade 10 level where the numbers were less than what committee members had hoped for, with students in Grade 10 taking the older and more familiar legacy test.

Students taking the math portion of the test improved in the old category of "proficient" raising the bar from 27 percent in 2016, to 36 percent in 2017. Needs improvement also improved over the prior year dropping from 32 to 26 percent of students. Students scoring Advanced however dropped from 34 to

28 percent, and "Warning or Failing" increased from 7 to 10 percent.

In the testing category of ELA vs. the prior year, sophomore students scoring in the advance range rose all the way from 16 to 31 percent. While very positive, the overall success was short lived as the percentage of students testing proficient resulted in a large 17 percent drop dipping from 68 to 51 percent over the previous year.

Grade 10 biology testing also yielded questionable results. While students testing proficient only dropped one percent from 45 to 44 vs a year prior, those testing advanced plummeted from 14 to five percent. Students in the needs improvement scoring range increased from 28 to 36 percent, and warning or failing increasing by two percent over the previous year.

After an extensive coverage of figures in many categories by Interim Principal Ralph Olsen, committee member Greg Vine expressed concern.

"I feel a little bit of frustration in generally speaking in that certainly the scores are not where any of us would want them to be and I don't know why that is. Students in this district are certainly no less intelligent and talented than students in other districts,

and our educators are certainly no less intelligent than educators in other districts. But something, somewhere, isn't working. I am not a fan of high stakes testing but we've got what we got. I want to know what our long term strategy is from year to year. I would like to see a consistent strategy or program on how we address improving our MCAS scores and moving on to the next level," said Vine.

Olsen as the interim principal replied, "The piece that really needs to be worked on is to instill a value on education and install a value on the work ethic. It has to come from the parents, the students, and the community. I'm seeing it emerge, but it still has a long way to go here. I have recruited people specifically coming in to college prep classes this year, who will be no nonsense and expecting a work ethic. There has been push back quite frankly in a number of those classes."

Olsen went on to say, "You've got to keep pushing for quality people to do the instructing and be the administrators of your building. You have to hold on to them for a while, so you can have consistency in your performance. It's the only way it's going to start to emerge."

Committee member Felicia Nurmsen voicing frustration said, "We have to look internally. We have to look internally and take a good hard look at what we are doing and say you know what it's not working, period. It's more than a master schedule, these numbers are not up and down, and they're consistent. What this says is that what we are doing isn't working."

Nurmsen went on to say, "It has to change and that change is internally with our teachers coming together, our administrators coming together. We need to see that change coming consistently. We are not getting any more money in Winchendon, and we have to be more responsible with the money that we have, and figure out how we are going to move forward."

Chair Lawrence Murphy said, "We need a plan where we can say we know this didn't work so we are now going to do this and stick with it for three to five years."

Nurmsen replied, "It's about ownership. There is an issue within the school and I have never heard anybody accept ownership. We have to address that issue and we own it. To take responsibility at the high school and I have yet to hear that!"

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prompting him to climb on to the vehicle's roof.

Sgt. Daniel Wolski arrived first on scene within just three minutes of receiving the call, with Bradley at the time still inside the vehicle.

Shortly thereafter Ambulance 2 arrived and Deputy Chief Ricci Ruschioni advised firefighter-paramedic Andrew Harding to don a cold water immersion suit, as the car was taking on water and Tower 1 could not make it in time with the event quickly evolving. At this time, Bradley was now on the roof in an effort to stay above the icy water, as the vehicle was going under the surface.

The car sinking and time running out, Fire Lt. Rick Peters threw a rope to Bradley and instructed him to tie the rope around himself. Ruschioni, Peters,

Wolski, and DPW foreman Randy Paul joined together pulling the victim to shore through the icy water and to dry ground as there was no time to launch an inflatable or other apparatus.

Once on land, Bradley was placed inside the ambulance to warm up, and later exercised his right to not seek medical treatment.

Captain Bryan Vaine and firefighter Josh Emerson also later assisted Brooks Automotive with the removal of the submerged vehicle wearing special neoprene cold water immersion suits, tying the cable to the vehicle.

Ruschioni later said, "It was great to have all the departments on scene working together with the fire department, police, and the DPW worker who was also there. It's great teamwork when everybody can come together for the greater good. When the situation started getting

worse and the car started sinking rapidly, we had to react fast, and fortunately we had enough people to get the job done.

Multiple car accidents occurred during the snowy weekend with vehicles going off-roading Saturday and Sunday, and with Brooks Automotive garnering its share of retrieved vehicles which failed to stay on the pavement. Spring, River, Alger, and more along with a Sunday three vehicle accident on Gardner Road near the Salvadore Jeep dealership kept police and fire equally busy, and yet another Monday on Mill Glen Road.

Regarding the rapid response by Wolski, Chief David Walsh said, "The operator is very lucky he was not seriously injured, and he was very lucky there was such a prompt response. We received the call at 4:08 a.m., and Sgt. Wolski was there in three minutes at 4:11 a.m., with the Fire



Brooks Automotive works the magic to get the vehicle out of Hunt's Pond

Department's Deputy Chief on scene only one minute later at 4:12 a.m. As road conditions were very slippery there was no citation issued.

Chief Tom Smith stated, "Our community is so lucky to have such a quick response out of the department, with

both having members on shift and living in town responding immediately from their residences. They are also fortunate enough to have a quality dive team with many trained officers who can respond to incidents as all department members take part in water rescue

training, and even the newer younger members are devoting their own time to become better trained to help the community. Everybody did exactly what the deputy told them to do, and they executed a very effective rescue."

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for the mission patch.

Monty Tech's most recent team of fledgling scientists developed a proposal focusing on whether a certain type of bacteria breaks down crude oil faster in microgravity than on Earth. The team of includes juniors, Caleb VanHillo and Felipe Rodriguez, both of Winchendon, Tanner O'Neil of Sterling and Samuel Poulin of Gardner.

After getting the green light last spring from SSEP that their experiment would be flying aboard the Mission 11 commercial payload to the ISS, students concluded their preliminary testing and packed up their experiment, which was then shipped to be integrated into the ISS payload for launch this summer out of Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. Experiments spend six to eight weeks at the ISS collecting data.

"Our latest experiment tests whether the bacterium is capable of degrading contaminating oils in the unique conditions of microgravity, and if its process is accelerated by the low-gravity conditions in space," explained Paula deDiego, science teacher and SSEP community program director.

The significance of the findings, she added, could have a major impact on "bio-remediation."

"It could help better our knowledge and understanding on how the bacterium functions and further the implications of using such a bacterium for marine-rescue scenarios and oil-spill cleanups, as well as oil-based recycling materials within enclosed waste systems," she added.

The data is in, and the students and deDiego

recently brought it to UMass Amherst for analysis.

"We spent the day there recently working with a PhD. candidate in microbiology. Preliminary results are surprising and have sparked more questions. Initial results show that the bacteria grows much slower in microgravity," she said, adding it will be awhile before the final analysis is completed and findings available.

Team member VanHillo said the students were surprised with the initial findings.

"Initial findings indicate the opposite of our hypothesis. We thought the data would show that the bacteria would grow faster in space, not slower," he explained.

What started out as a classroom project piqued his interest and resulted in wanting to submit a proposal.

"I really liked doing it. It was a great opportunity to challenge ourselves," he said, adding, the work was harder than they initially thought, but well worth it.

"I want to go into engineering. So, I'm sure these skills will help me along the way."

This summer, while these students were anxiously awaiting results from the mission, a former team of student scientists was presenting their findings from an earlier experiment in Washington, DC, at the seventh annual SSEP National Conference held in the National Air & Space Museum at the Smithsonian.

Their experiment focused on whether bacteria found in the human oral cavity produces more lactic acid in microgravity, and if the reproduction rate of the bacteria is affected in space.

"The findings from this mission (M9) were that although there is no significant difference in

cell growth, there was a significantly higher difference in the lactic acid production in microgravity than in the ground-truth sample," according to deDiego. "Therefore, there wasn't a statistical difference in the cell growth between the two samples."

Although the program's main mission is to help inspire and engage America's next generation of scientists and engineers, deDiego said it has had a broader advantage.

"This has been an amazing program that Monty Tech has had the privilege to be a part of since 2011. We have been a part of the history of American spaceflight, having had experiments on the final space shuttle and then transitioning to commercial spaceflight. Our students have developed authentic, sophisticated, academic research questions and experimental designs. They have had access to research professionals to conduct analysis at facilities such as Woods Hole Oceanographic, MIT, Tufts Medical, OPK Biotech, UMass Medical and UMass Amherst," she explained.

"The students and I are grateful for all the community support we have received for this endeavor, both local as well as national sponsorships. Programs such as this one allow students to make connections between the sciences and real-world applications, which would not be possible without our communities' ongoing support. Our student-scientists are becoming the next generation of researchers, and many of our students have gone on to colleges and universities through scholarships they have received based on their participation in this academic achievement," she said.

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and the capsule they when up in to the sky with towards space. I then took some of the worlds flags are wrapped them around each other like the hand of peace” explained LaBarge.

LaBarge who is 14 years old when asked what her artistic motivation for her creation was and what her parents thought of her work responded, “It was what I thought I would want peace to be. My parents have not seen my poster yet, but they know I have won” with laughter and a smile. LaBarge’s poster was submitted by the Lions for the next round of district level judging.

In closing when asked if she had a message for fellow students about the Lions Peace Poster Contest, LaBarge said, “I think they should talk part in the contest because it helps

you think about how coming together as one will help the world as a whole, and that even small things like this can have a big impact on people. We are all the same, and we all need to be respectful to one another, and if we are respectful to each other, it will help us respect the planet itself.”

Second place finisher Phelps said, “I am a Christian. When working on my poster I thought about how when God let the dove down after the flood and it brought the rainbow as well. I applied it to my poster with the peace signs. My parents thought it was a good idea when I included the hands releasing the dove and sending it off.”

Third place finisher Orosco pointing at his poster explained, “Using flags from around the world, we symbolized wrapping the Earth in a blanket of peace. I drew myself riding on the dove as we were flying the message around the world. On each side of the

blanket of flags, are children helping to bring the message of peace. My parents liked it.”

Middle School Principal Jessica Vezina commenting said, “I feel extremely proud of our students that they could look so deep within themselves, and that they could pull out what they believe represents peace in the world.”

Superintendent Steve Haddad offered, “I am so proud of our students. This contest itself instills a core value which is so important to the youth of today, and that is peace. We need peace in our world and these students are representing it wonderfully in their art in this contest.”

For their efforts and finishing in the top three positions, Lions awarded LaBarge with a \$50 Walmart gift card for her 1st place finish, which was submitted to the MD- 33A Lions District Level contest for judging, and both Phelps and Orosco receiving a \$25 gift card each.



The local winning poster by Jillian LaBarge.

The winning peace poster of the District will be forwarded to the state level for judging, then national, with the national contest winner being entered in to the International Competition.

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oakum and lead fittings. It could be 100 years old,” described Gallant.

The most recent Central Street water main break occurred Monday, Dec. 4, at 8:30 p.m. in the area of the post office and Unitarian Church.

Gallant said, “It was a bad one. We had five guys and I was also on the scene. Not only did the pipe have a roughly two foot crack this time, but a good 10” X 5” hole had blown through it, which is very unusual.”

In addition, according to Gallant, DPW personnel scrambled as fast as they could for two hours to shut off a dozen water main valves along area streets and stop the flow, before they could even attempt to break ground to find and fix the section of broken pipe.

“Once we dug up the main, there were already three connections which had been previously fixed within just a 10 feet section of the pipe.”

Gallant explained, “We went to the water treatment facility in Ashburnham the next day, as the computer can detect a pressure spike in the

water. We could see where the pressure spike went up, and then went down. With most leaks, we can kind of figure out what happened, but not this one. “

Gallant when asked if a “water hammer” had anything to do with the events said, “Yes, it’s very likely.”

A water hammer is generally accepted as a pressure surge or wave caused when a fluid (usually a liquid but sometimes also a gas) in motion is forced to suddenly stop or change direction rapidly (momentum change). This pressure wave can cause major problems, from noise and vibration to total rupture or pipe collapse.

This event follows a previous Central Street water main break just 68 days prior on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 2:45 p.m. which took place between the RHI building and C&S Pizza. Additional unrelated water main breaks have also occurred near the intersection of School and Front streets along with other areas of town, as aging pipes continue to crack and break.

With the Central Street improvement project still in its infancy, and only in the early design phase with the state, Gallant understandably stated it makes no sense to completely resurface the

street without replacing the old water and sewer pipes, as you would have to keep tearing up the street to fix old, failing piping.

Gallant said, “The town has to pay for the water and sewer pipes as they are part of enterprise funds, but the good news is that the state pays for the engineering which is being done right now for the improvement project which includes the designing for the pipes.”

Gallant stated the replacement of water main piping costs about \$77 per foot on average, but when combining the water main project with sewer main replacement the costs start to come down, as you’re spending more money so the bidding becomes more competitive for the project.

Gallant explained, “You’re looking at about \$250 to 300K for a 300 foot stretch of water and sewer. The stretch on Central Street is some 2,500 feet, but I would take a guess that we could estimate the future cost to be around \$1.5 million the town would need to fund the water and sewer replacement aspect of the future Central Street Improvement Project barring any significant changes.”

As the portion of Central Street which

serves the business district extends from Front Street to Maple Street and is roughly half mile in length, Gallant while hoping it doesn’t happen again, agreed another water main is likely to experience more trouble based on its history.

Discussing water emergencies timelines Gallant wanted the public to know, “Please be patient in the following days after a water main break, as it does dirty the system. An eight hour fix like the night of Dec. 4, takes about three days to get everything settled and clean. We have been working on things caused by that break since, and even High Street still had air in its lines going up the hill, and Eagle Road still had dirty water three days later.”

In closing Gallant said, “Our crew is doing a great job at repairing water breaks at an average of eight hours. Many towns we follow are still just looking at the road in that time and take two to three days. We are done fixing it in eight hours. Our guys are on sight starting in just five to 10 minutes no matter what the elements are outside and don’t stop until it’s fixed. The public should know they do an excellent job.”

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YARD SALES
ATTENTION: yard sale ads here are FREE in the Winchendon Courier. Call (978) 297-0050 and leave a message with date, address and times of your sale and we will add it to the list. Deadline for all sales is Tuesday noon.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
12:44-2:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:26 a.m.: assist other agency (Ready Drive), info taken; 10:08 a.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), served; 10:15 a.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), unable to serve; 10:18 a.m.: summons service (Hitchcock Road), advised officer; 10:31 a.m.: investigation (Gardner Road), services rendered; 11:31 a.m.: missing person (Liberty Drive), report taken; 1:00 p.m.: investigation (Grove Street), report taken; 1:54 p.m.: vandalism (Glenallan Street), report taken; 3:33 p.m.: harassment (Pearl Drive), report taken; 4:27 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Linden Street), transported to hospital; 4:59 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 5:21 p.m.: animal complaint (Juniper Street), referred to ACO; 8:06 p.m.: investigation (West Street), spoken to; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:40 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 11:22 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street), canceled; 11:42-11:43 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
1:04 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:21-2:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:17 a.m.: investigation (Murdock Avenue), spoken to; 2:27-2:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:40 a.m.: assist other agency (Ready Drive), info taken; 7:17 a.m.: mental health issue (Pleasant Street), report taken; 7:24 a.m.: mental health issue (Central Street), transported to hospital; 10:41 a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 11:05 a.m.: welfare check/general (Cedar Terrace), report taken; 12:00 p.m.: fraud (Phyllis Road), report taken; 12:42 p.m.: assist other PD (Cedar Terrace), William T. Wright, 38, 19 Cedar Terrace, Winchendon, violation of abuse prevention order, report taken; 2:11 p.m.: accident (Teel Road), info taken; 3:12 p.m.: ATV complaint (Washington Avenue), spoken to; 3:35 p.m.: mv violations (Hall Street), report taken; 6:05 p.m.: traffic hazard (West Monomac Road), unable to locate; 6:33 p.m.: ambulance (Walnut Street), transported; 7:14 p.m.: accident (Hill Street), Daniel M. Benavides, 20, 528 Central Street, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, summons; 9:04 p.m.: disabled mv (Baldwinville State Road), mv towed; 9:10 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 9:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive), referred to other PD.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
1:25-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked,

secure; 1:55 a.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), secured bldg.; 2:15 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:53 a.m.: ambulance (Cummings Road), services rendered; 4:08 a.m.: accident (Spring Street), rescued; 7:35 a.m.: assist other PD (Baldwinville Road), assisted; 7:38 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secure; 11:22 a.m.: threats (Webster Street), report taken; 11:51 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street), transported; 12:29 p.m.: accident (River Street) report taken; 1:10 p.m.: disabled mv (West Street), advised officer; 1:59 p.m.: property damage (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 2:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Route 12, Fitzwilliam), info taken; 2:27 p.m.: ambulance (Whitney Street), transported; 3:50 p.m.: accident (Alger Street), report taken; 3:52 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), verbal warning; 4:36 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 5:32 p.m.: suspicious mv (Lincoln Avenue), advised officer; 7:28 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), verbal warning; 8:48 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), citation issued; 8:55 p.m.: assist other PD (Benjamin Street), assisted; 9:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), secured bldg.; 9:18 p.m.: investigation (Laurel Street), message delivered; 11:16 p.m.: disabled mv (Spring Street), services rendered; 11:24 p.m.: ambulance (Phyllis Road), transported; 11:57 p.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Road), transported.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
1:09-2:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:09 a.m.: burglar alarm (Maple Street), secured bldg.; 5:58 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), written warning; 7:32 a.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), transported; 8:03 a.m.: burglar alarm (High Street), false alarm; 9:16 a.m.: assist motorist (Mill Glen Pond North Road), services rendered; 9:29 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 11:53 a.m.: mental health issue (Lakeshore Drive), transported to hospital; 12:29 p.m.: weapons violations (Mellen Road), property seized; 2:13 p.m.: property found (School Street), unable to locate; 2:15 p.m.: illegal dumping (Central Street), spoken to; 2:27 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Memorial Drive), false alarm; 4:28 p.m.: FD call (Gardner Road), unfounded; 5:01 p.m.: traffic hazard (Prospect Street), info given; 5:22 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street), services rendered; 6:47 p.m.: ambulance (Cabot Road), transported; 7:23 p.m.: larceny (Ipswich Drive), spoken to; 7:39 p.m.: mv stop (Railroad Street), Shari L. McCarthy, 44, 47 Wyman Road, Keene, NH, op w/suspended license – subsequent offense, mv operator refusing to identify self, failure to stop/yield, arrest.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
WINCHEDNON-ASHBY FY2016
CDBG BUDGET REVISION

The Town of Winchendon will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front St. Winchendon MA 01475 to solicit citizen comments and input on a budget revision request to the State Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) for the FY2016 Winchendon-Ashby CDBG grant. The Town is requesting to transfer funds from the Fuel Assistance (FA) activity to the Housing Rehabilitation (HR) activity. This request represents an amount greater than 15% of the original FA budget. This request is being made because the original FA budget was not expended before the program expiration date of 10/31/2017. Any person or organization wishing to participate or provide comment is strongly encouraged to attend or contact the Board of Selectmen. Reasonable accommodation will be attempted upon written request to the Selectmen’s Office prior to the meeting. The meeting room is accessible to persons with disabilities.

By: Winchendon Board of Selectmen
Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman
(978) 297-0085
December 15, 2017
December 29, 2017

Town of Winchendon
Zoning Board of Appeals
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wed., January 3, 2018 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on the Variance application of Antony C. & Catherine M. George for property located at 134 Hale St, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map 8A-1 Parcels 20 & 21 owned by the same to hear an application for a Variance for relief from setback requirements as outlined in Article 7.2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw for an existing garage. Said property is located in the R80 Rural Residential – Neighborhood District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.

BY:Cynthia Carville, Chair
Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals
December 15, 2017
December 22, 2017



LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Michael Parenti** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. dated October 30, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40113, Page 101; said mortgage was then assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by virtue of an assignment dated January 12, 2017, and recorded in Book 56631, Page 229; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 10:00 AM on **January 9, 2018**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 11 School Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

A certain parcel of land, together with buildings thereon, situated in Winchendon, and numbered 9 and 11 School Street, bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING on the northerly line of School Street at a corner of land of the heirs of Mary Daly; THENCE northerly on land of said heirs of Mary Daly, seventy-nine (79) feet; THENCE turning and running easterly sixty-two (62) feet; THENCE turning and running northerly thirteen (13) feet; THENCE turning and running easterly thirty (30) feet to land of Holly Nicholas et ux; THENCE turning and running southerly by the said Nicholas land one hundred one (101) feet to a stone monument in the northerly line of said School Street; Thence westerly on line of School Street ninety-eight (98) feet to the place of BEGINNING. This conveyance is made subject to and with the benefit of all rights of way, easements, and restrictions of record if any there be, including a right of way on the easterly side of the granted premises as set forth in a deed from Allan J. White et ux to Lararus A. Aaronson under date of July 8, 1946, duly recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 3010, Page 571. Being all and the same premises conveyed in Book 26412 and Page 340. Subject to any conditions, covenants, easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC, ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and

the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: November 29, 2017 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center Suite 225D Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 53878 (PARENTI) FEI # 1078.02274 12/15/2017, 12/22/2017, 12/29/2017
December 15, 2017
December 22, 2017
December 29, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Paul J. Donahue, Christina L. Donahue** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Call Mortgage Company Inc. dated November 6, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40153, Page 67; said mortgage was then assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., F/K/A Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., Solely as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns Mortgage Funding Trust 2006-AR5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR5 by virtue of an assignment dated May 8, 2012, and recorded in Book 49029, Page 294; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 11:00 AM on **January 9, 2018**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 491 Alger Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

That parcel of land shown as Lot #2 on a plan entitled "Plan of lots prepared for Robert Van Dyke, Winchendon, MA, scale 1 inch=60 feet, August 29, 2001, Edmond 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. For record title see Deed recorded in said Registry in Book 31783, Page 355. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC, ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of

the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: November 29, 2017 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., F/K/A Norwest Bank Minnesota, N.A., Solely as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns Mortgage Funding Trust 2006-AR5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR5 By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center Suite 225D Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 52874 (DONAHUE) FEI # 1078.02265 12/15/2017, 12/22/2017, 12/29/2017
December 15, 2017
December 22, 2017
December 29, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mark Paoluccio to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated January 12, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38200, Page 362, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor in interest by purchase from the FDIC as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-PR2 Trust dated March 27, 2012 and recorded with said registry on April 9, 2012 at Book 48797 Page 153, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 Linden Street a/k/a 8 Linden Street, #10, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, situated on Linden Street and bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING on the Southeasterly corner of lot on Linden Street at corner of land now or formerly owned by Ann Weber; thence Westerly on line, parallel with, and 2 feet from a shed attached to barn on said Weber premises, 89 feet to an iron post in line of one now or formerly owned by John Bourgault; thence Northerly on said Bourgault line 28 feet more or less to an iron post; thence Westerly on line of Bourgault land 42 feet more or less, to an iron pin in line of Baptist Church; thence Northerly in line of Baptist Church 88 feet, more or less, to an iron post in line of property now or formerly owned by Max Aronoff; thence easterly On line of Aronoff to iron pin in line of Linden Street; thence On line of Linden Street Southerly to point of beginning 109 feet, more or less.

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

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser

for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-PR2 TRUST
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
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December 15, 2017

December 22, 2017

December 29, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bruce A. Traudt to Amerquest Mortgage Company, dated May 12, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36359, Page 236 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R6 is the present holder by virtue of the Judgment equitably assigning the Mortgage from Amerquest Mortgage Company and ACC Capital Holdings Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R6 dated November 3, 2016 and recorded at Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56413, Page 139, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 81 Benjamin Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on January 12, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A parcel of land on the southerly side of Benjamin Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts shown as Lot "A" on a plan entitled "Plan of lots prepared for owners, RICHARD E. & DOLORES A. GARNO, Winchendon, MA, Scale 1 inch = 50 feet, February 24, 2004, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, 4 Jolly Road, Royalston, MA, 01368", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 806, Plan 59, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. Lot "A" contains 1.0915 acres according to said plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36359, Page 234.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Amerquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-R6
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
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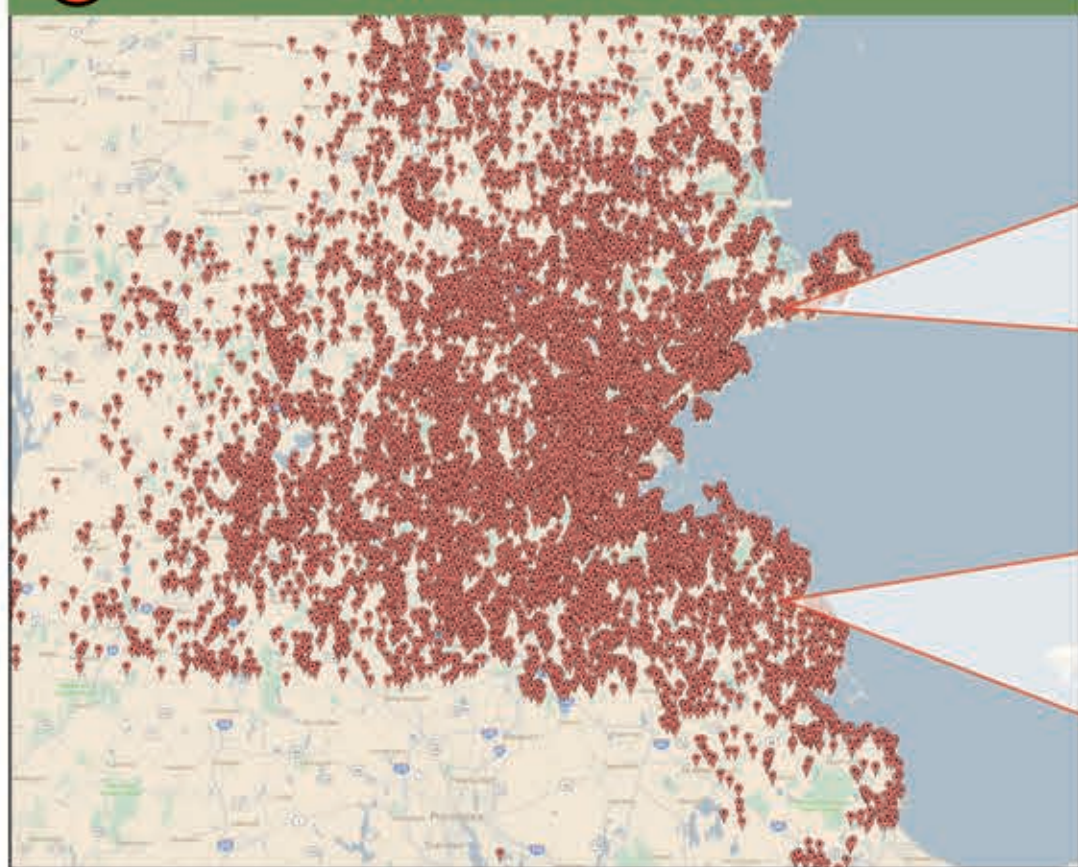
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