

Mom/daughter team up to help Meals on Wheels



Jerry Carton photo

Alyson Symonowicz and Dave Tavares ready to deliver Meals on Wheels.

‘I’M TRYING TO DO MY PART’

BY JERRY CARTON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It’s a family thing. It’s no secret the Senior Center at Old Murdock can always use help. After all, the Meals on Wheels program alone delivered 70-plus lunches one day last week and 60-some last Friday. Suffice it to say there’s always room for more people to come on board.

Enter Alison Symonowicz. She can likely link her desire to help to her genes since she’s the daughter of Executive Director Sheila Bettro, so she’s had that urge to make a difference long before she graduated

from Quabbin High School 16 years and subsequently Mount Wachusett Community College.

In fact, Alison was helping out as a little kid in Glen Rock, Pa.

“I was something like seven or so. I would help people get things. They’d play with me. We’d play ‘War,’ the card game. I guess I knew where I belonged,” she said.

Symonowicz does a little of everything. “No special treatment” she laughed. Some days she finds her-

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Reflection, support for WPD following rough week

BY GREG VINE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Local residents have been showing support for the Winchendon Police Department in the wake of last week’s murder of five police officers in Dallas, Texas.

During an interview Tuesday morning, Chief David Walsh displayed \$100 worth of gift cards that had been dropped off for officers in his department in recent days.

“All of last week’s events were tragic, in particular the events in Dallas,” he said. “It’s easy to become disheartened but we’re not. We have a great deal of support from the community.”

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the town of

Winchendon is 88 percent white, about five percent Hispanic, just over three percent Asian, and slightly under 2 percent African-American.

When asked if Winchendon officers receive sensitivity training, Walsh said that all have, or will, receive such training.

Last fall, Walsh himself attended a four-day training in 21st century policing.

“It dealt with fair and impartial policing and community engagement, as well as procedural justice,” he said. “Much of it had to do with avoiding bias; and not just bias based on race. It’s easy to become very complacent and police certainly

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Photo courtesy Tina Santos

A parent and a staff group hope to fundraise \$25,000 before school begins to rebuild a vandalized Toy Town Playground. As money comes in, the bar on the thermometer will be raised. Several businesses have made donations, and fundraising ideas keep flowing in.

Toy Town playground renovations well underway

BY TARA VOCINO
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WINCHENDON — Staff and parents began two different groups to fundraise to rebuild a vandalized Toy Town Elementary playground.

Much progress has been made since the last School Committee meeting on June 16. In a two-week period, they have already raised at least \$3,000 with a thermometer goal of raising \$25,000 before school begins on Aug. 29. The staff group is Save The Toy Town Elementary, being led by Toy Town Pre-K and Alternative Lifelong Learning Director

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FUN RUN

Mathew Plamondon photo

WINCHENDON — Some 400 athletes took part in Sunday’s 10th Annual Mass State Triathlon at Lake Dennison State Recreation Area. For more photos, turn to page A8!

Residents get lesson in preventing, responding to scams

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — About two dozen people gathered Monday afternoon to get a lesson in how to watch out for a variety of scams and how to respond if they should find they’ve been cheated or have had their identity stolen. Most of those who showed up at the Ipswich Drive Community Center were senior citizens, a population that finds itself particularly susceptible to scam artists running any number of cons.

Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh and Officer Derek Blair discussed a wide range of strategies scam artists use to make off with a person’s identity, financial information, or cash.

Walsh started out by encouraging anyone who

thinks they may have been the victim of a scam to contact police.

“Even if you think it’s frivolous I want you to give us a call,” he said.

“I have to be honest,” he said later. “We’re unlikely to get your money back. But we still want you to report to us. Even if we can’t get your money back we may be able to track down who’s responsible.”

Blair pointed out that 7 percent of all Americans 16 and older have become victims of identity theft. Personal information can be stolen in a number of ways.

“Someone can get that information out of your

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Greg Vine photo

Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh and Officer Derek Blair discuss scams with residents on Monday.

Massachusetts GOP delegation off to convention

BY JERRY CARTON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

While real estate mogul Donald Trump is expected to formally claim the Republican presidential nomination at the party’s convention next week in Cleveland, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker won’t be among those cheering, if Baker is there at all.

Baker is among several Republican governors (John Kasich of host Ohio and Larry Hogan of Maryland included) who have declined to support Trump’s candidacy but despite the governor’s personal feelings, 42 Bay State delegates

are headed to the conclave, though none are listed as members of the Rules or Platform committees which are working this week.

Trump won the state primary on March 2 with just under 50 percent of the vote, coasting past Kasich (18 percent) and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio (17.9 percent).

Local results were somewhat different with Trump taking Winchendon as he collected 539 votes to 139 over Texas Senator Ted Cruz. Rubio pulled 120 and Kasich 89.

Trump was awarded 22 delegates to 8 for Kasich and Rubio and four

for Cruz. However, all Trump’s rivals subsequently withdrew from the race. The process of electing those delegates, none though come from the immediate area, began last September when nomination papers were first available and prospective delegate candidates could start to pledge to presidential contenders. The deadline for that portion of the campaign came in early December, 90 days before the primary.

Cleveland last hosted the GOP convention in 1936 when the party nominated Kansas governor Alf Landon, a moderate who supported numerous New Deal programs but nonetheless

carried just two states against President Franklin D. Roosevelt who won the second of four terms. Cleveland had been the site of the 1924 convention as well where President Calvin Coolidge was nominated for a full term, a year after he succeeded Warren Harding.

Earlier this summer, Gov. Baker reiterated what he told reporters primary day, saying “I’m not going to vote for Trump in November,” though he added he isn’t “much of a fan of Hillary Clinton, either.” Even this week, Baker had not definitively committed to attending the convention.



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WEEKLY QUOTE
“Adapt or perish, now as ever, is nature’s inexorable imperative.”
H.G. Wells



Classical music lovers travel far to see last seasonal concert



Mathew Plamondon photos

The last series of the Winchendon Winds, Family Favorites and Features was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, on Sunday, July 10.

BY TARA VOCINO
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Ninety-five people traveled from near and afar to see the last series of the Winchendon Winds, Family Favorites and Features, inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, on Sunday, July 10 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Conductor Lucinda Ellert introduced herself by announcing that some of the members have volunteered to do a solo with their favorite piece.

"Beguine for Flutes" is a combination of Latin folkdance and Latin ballroom dance," Ellert said. "Back to features, the text of 'Amazing Grace' was written by John Newton. He was a British slave trader in the early 1700's who had an amazing turn of heart and mind. He realized this isn't going to work. Sorry for tearing up, but this piece of music is very meaningful to me."

Jayne Thompson, 59, of Baldwinville, is the organist and choir director at United Parish. She was driving by last Sunday's concert when the concert on the lawn caught her eye.

"The music sounded wonderful," Thompson said. "I made it a point to go out there next week."

Thompson earned a Bachelor's in music and piano performance from Anna Maria.

As for this Sunday's concert, she said it's obvious that they've had years of practice and studying.



"Their technique seems really good," Thompson said. "The way their fingers were going up and down the scale. They seemed well-rehearsed."

Thompson said she wishes the concerts continued throughout the summer.

William Jena, 50, traveled from Pepperell to see his son, Jonathan, play percussion.

"It's very good actually," Jena said. "The quality of musicianship is better than what you'd find at a local military band."

Jena said Jonathan read and practiced for four hours in preparation.

Jim Engele, 48, of Orange, who played third French horn, said they only had a 2 1/2-hour official practice on June 25 and a half-hour rehearsal before each concert.

"It's more each one of us putting in a lifetime commitment," Engele said. "This is the best group of musicians around the area. There's no band around here that's this good."

Al Locker, 54, traveled from Westford to see his wife, Elise, star in 'Beguine for Flutes'.

And he enjoyed every minute of it.

"The quality of musicianship is not like a normal community band where you expect less than accurate performance. Everything is musically tight. They're well in-tune, and the level of music they're playing is very high level."

He commented on his favorites during the performance: "Young Persons' Guide to John Williams," "Amazing Grace," "Theme from 'The Simpsons,'" and "To a New Dawn."

"That's a smattering of the different types of music that was performed today," Locker said, who plays primarily bass at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Acton.

Locker was at the July 3 concert, which was outside on the lawn. But he prefers to have it indoors.

"The acoustics are better," Locker said. "Outside was the ambulance, people honking their horns, and that distracted from the performance."

Locker said compared to other community bands, one can quickly see the difference.



"With fewer musicians, you can get a much better quality sound and play much more complex music."

President of Winchendon Winds Inc. Jill Sackett said it's a 37-piece band.

Sackett, who helped to pick musician choices, was pleased at the turnout.

"Your attendance here is growing," Sackett addressed the crowd. "You've told your friends. You've shared on Facebook. That's how you get the com-

munity to come."

Steve Taylor, 61, of Amherst, N.H., French horn, said Ellert was easy to work for and she's a great addition to the band, he said.

"I thought the concert went very well," Taylor said.

The Winchendon Winds is a professional symphonic wind ensemble in Central Massachusetts.



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Single stream delayed up to mid-August

BY KEITH KENT
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WINCHENDON — As the Town of Winchendon inches closer to bringing the Single Stream recycling program in to full operation at its Transfer Station along the way to an all in one recycling service, DPW Superintendent Al Gallant wants the community to know despite some delays, the program should be up and running within six weeks.

There will be no more separating your recycling in to multiple categories and containers at home as residents and sticker holders will soon be able to fully commingle all their recyclables, and simply deposit them in to a large compactor at the transfer station which when full, will be trucked to a designated facility and separated.

Explaining various factors took place that caused some delays, Gallant was quick to point out, “For a year we worked on what we what we were going to do, and then all of a sudden we have a transfer committee. So I put the brakes on everything that I had going until that ran its course, and it put me over two months behind. However I will take all the blame, I stopped everything for two months. I am running late and we are trying to do things as fast as we can, but we are in to August before this is up and running.”

Describing some of the current happenings leading up to the change of time frame Gallant said, “The compactor is there, but the electrician is not available for the last two weeks of July. We could go down there and in one day put the cement pad in and then the next day bolt the thing in, but it’s not the electricians fault, it’s just what happened. I would say by mid-August we will have



Keith Kent photo

Currently waiting to be installed as seen in this photo, is this new hydraulic compactor for the upcoming single stream recycling program now on target to begin within six weeks at the Town of Winchendon Transfer Station. The compactor as part of the project start up costs was purchased according to DPW Superintendent Al Gallant for the sum of \$4,000 and will be installed on a cement pad with tracks, and serve to compress the recycling in to a container just as is done currently with rubbish bags.

the compactor up and running for recycling.”

Again, Gallant said he would take all responsibility for the delay, despite mitigating circumstances discussed which evolved during the projects evolution.

Under its current operational and functional design, Gallant estimates the transfer station is currently losing roughly \$25,000 per year. Gallant went on to add that the auditing company that examined the books informed the town the transfer station lost money for the last five consecutive years. Under the advice of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, the town is trying to bring the station to at the least a break-even operation. Gallant added, “I would really be happy to just break even.”

Current containers used at the transfer station will be held for one year on the property while the town verifies if the single stream system is

more financially viable. The current roll-off truck that is used to haul the containers will also be kept. If after one year the program is shown to be financially viable, Gallant advised at that point both the truck and containers would be auctioned off, with the proceeds from those sales going back in to the enterprise fund.

One of the current possible ideas is the new recycling compactor would be placed parallel to the current waste compactor up to roughly 30 feet apart allowing a driving lane and people would simply drive up to it just like its counterpart, deposit in their recycling, and drive away making room for the next in line just as they do with their bags of rubbish, eliminating the need to stop and place their individual recyclables in to six different containers as currently necessary.

While considering future options Gallant explained, “I am going to find out if the

roll-off was either purchased by the town or the enterprise fund. If it was purchased by the town, and the program is working, I am also considering possibly turning the vehicle in to a winter sand-er.”

In terms of current pricing Gallant was very pleased to add, “Sticker prices are still \$50, rolls of small and large bags are still \$20 and \$40 each, and the only thing that has gone up are weigh-able loads which went up \$10 per ton from \$150 to \$160.”

As with almost any program, there are some start-up costs. Gallant when asked about some of the costs explained the compactor “the unit with the piston that compresses the recycling” was about \$4,000. A cement pad to place the entire unit on will be around an estimated \$1,500. Electrical work could be around \$2,000. The container which will hold the compacted materials has not yet been purchased and the cost is not quite yet known but a simple internet search yielded multiple containers in used condition costing less than the compactor itself.

Advising there are items which are subject to change as necessary Gallant said, “As an example lithium batteries are very expensive to dispose of at \$5 per pound. If we are forced to raise any prices, it won’t be bags or stickers it will be individual little things.”

In closing when questioned about rumors of the town either wanting to desiring to close the transfer station Gallant emphatically said, “In the conversations I have had with the Town Manager, never, ever, ever, was it once mentioned that we were thinking about closing it. It is has never been discussed with me by the Town Manager and neither of us want that place closed!”

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ATV crash sends one to hospital

WINCHENDON — An ATV accident in the Lost Lake area off Rte. 140 Monday night sent a West Boylston man to the hospital with serious injuries. Police were called to the scene at around 9:30 p.m.

A press release from the Winchendon Police Dept. reports that Michael Lamarca, 42, was injured when the four-wheel all-terrain vehicle he was driving overturned after apparently hitting a tree on a trail near Teel Rd and Rte. 140. The accident was not witnessed by anyone. The report goes on to say that Lamarca’s friend, Christopher Howland of Ashburnham, came upon the crash and found Lamarca pinned under the vehicle. He called 911 after first rolling the ATV off of his friend.

First responders from the Winchendon Fire Dept. were able to remove Lamarca from the Lost Lake area. He was then Life Flighted to UMass Memorial Hospital, University Campus, in Worcester. Initial reports indicate Lamarca suffered a broken leg and sustained other injuries. As of press time he was reported to be in fair condition.

The crash was investigated by Mass. Environmental Police Lt. Anthony Wolski, who responded to the scene.

- Greg Vine report



CLYDE’S CORNER

FRIDAY JULY 15
KIDS PROGRAMS: Beals Memorial Library has two programs for younger children on Fridays. Toddler Time for kids age three & younger at 9:45; preschool story hour for ages 3-5 at 10:30. We request people sign up 24 hours in advance only to ensure enough materials are available. Free. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

FREE CONCERT: The BIG RANDOM beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

SATURDAY, JULY 16
TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers’ Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

MONDAY, JULY 118
YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 19
STORY HOUR: On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers’ and up.

ADULT CRAFTS: during the children’s story hour at Beals Memorial Library, we will now provide an opportunity for adults to do crafts. If you’d like to attend but don’t have a babysitter, problem solved! We provide stories while you craft! Tonight we will hold an open discussion with whomever attends about what sort of activities this might be. No need for preregistration, but for information call (978) 297-0300.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It’s inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We’d love to have more players.

THURSDAY, JULY 21
TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers’ Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

BOOK CLUB: Beals Memorial Library hosts a book discussion group the second Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. The book is available to borrow at the library, call for details, (978) 297-0300. Always welcoming new members.

FRIDAY, JULY 22
FREE CONCERT: Cara Keane & the Disclaimers at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

SUNDAY, JULY 24
LOBSTER SHOOT: at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 2 p.m. 25 games for \$15. Additional raffles (50/50, lottery etc.). Sponsored by the Post.

THURSDAY, JULY 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 29
FREE CONCERT: Noel Veilleux at 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Pavilion, GAR Park on Grove Street in Winchendon. Part of the Parks & Rec Commission summer series, those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Expect a great evening. Hosted by the Winchendon Parks & Rec Commission.

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FAMILY FUN DAY: the annual Massachusetts State Chili Cook off and family fun day are moving this year to the grounds of the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St., Winchendon. A great venue for a great event, with live music, games for the kids, the petting zoo, Touch a Truck, Elsa from the movie Frozen, vendors and more. \$8 for adults and as always children aged 12 and younger are free. Always looking for chili judges, but there will be plenty of other good food too!

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VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

Where we are

First this — when readers take the time to respond, any columnist will tell you that means we apparently wrote something which reached someone. No higher compliment can be paid than when there's feedback. Thanks for reading and keep it coming!

Moving on, I lived through the Civil Rights struggle, which in case you forgot or didn't know, crossed racial, social, economic and political party lines. I participated in the anti-war movement. I vividly remember another moment when NBC reported, "shots fired. Panic in downtown Dallas." I remember the Baltimore riots after Dr. King's assassination. My grandfather's clothing store was among those looted. Through it all though, we were optimistic, hopeful, believing we could and would, even in small ways, help bring about change and for a while, we did until the Right successfully manipulated and maneuvered the just-under-the-surface prejudices into a cohesive electoral bloc. Despite that, we kept trying. We knew there were obstacles but we felt we could overcome them. The good guys would win.

I don't feel that way anymore. I've never been more pessimistic. It's not just the multiple calamities of last week. This has been building for a long time. Make no mistake — social media hasn't helped any, making it that much easier for the extremists to spread their filth under the cloak of anonymity thereby fanning the flames and boosting the courage of others who share their warped ideology, but social media obviously isn't the root cause of the chaos and despair. Social media is merely a forum.

That said, here's the reality of life in the "greatest" nation in the world in 2016. You can be murdered because you had a broken taillight. Even Newt Gingrich finally conceded the other day, "it's more dangerous to be black in America. For whites, it's difficult to appreciate that. It's an everyday danger." For you conservatives out there, yes, that came from a very prominent white conservative. At the same time, you can be assassinated simply because you're wearing a blue uniform. Tell me how that makes sense. You can be living under a bridge somewhere because after you volunteered to serve



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your country, you were shunned when you returned from one or more wars which had no reason to have been fought in the first place, especially when they turned out to be for nothing. You might have to wait weeks for emergency mental health treatment. You might have to choose between paying for food or medicine, and, in a few months, heat. "A corrosion of culture" is how Charles Blow described it at the Times and he might have been underplaying it.

There are almost as many guns as there are people. The carnage never stops but there's never going to be serious gun control. There aren't even going to be votes on gun legislation. Too many cities are under siege — terrible schools, rampant drugs and crime frequently because of over-the-top unemployment. Regarding the latter, a lot of rural communities are equally bad off when it comes to jobs, or the lack of them. In too many places, communication between police and residents, hell, between local government entirely and residents? Doesn't exist. You can't mount a real challenge for federal, and usually for state, office without a huge war-chest.

Civil political discourse? Forget it. Three days from now, the Republicans will convene in Cleveland and (presumably) deliver the party's presidential nomination to someone who praises Putin and Saddam, who mocks disabled reporters, who said women who choose abortion should be "punished," who declines to delete anti-Semetic tweets, who encourages and escalates racial and cultural division, who resorts to name-calling like a 12-year-old, who stokes the fires of fear and resentment with ridiculous comments about walls and Muslim immigration and who is quite simply as entirely unfit for national office as anyone ever nominated. Donald's lack of knowledge, competence and preparedness rivals that of John McCain's running mate.

Ten days from now, the Democrats will convene in Philadelphia to formally anoint a candidate who's long had serious issues with transparency and war-mongering but who by comparison looks like a combined FDR and Lincoln. There might even be just enough sanity left for her to be elected, though there

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For those eligible, voting should be easy

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The elections process is not usually grist for inflammatory rhetoric. But this year has been different. Republican Donald Trump labeled the GOP primary process "crooked." Democrat Bernie Sanders suggested his party's use of super-delegates made its nominating process a "rigged system." For many voters, the intricacies of voting rules quickly became a topic of overriding interest.

Now that the primaries are over, I hope Americans remain just as intrigued by the laws governing general election voting in their states. Because at the moment, this country is engaged in an experiment with the democratic process that should rivet everyone who cares about representative government.

We've seen two diverging trends in the states in recent years. One approach has sought to make voting more difficult. Since the 2010 elections, 22 states have put laws in place narrowing voters' ability to go to the polls. They have decreased the time allotted for voting; added tough ID requirements; reduced options for voting prior to Election Day; added proof-of-citizenship requirements; and made it necessary for voters to register well before election day. These steps, their backers contend, are necessary to guard against voter fraud and assure the integrity of the ballot.

Other states have moved in the opposite direction. They've made it easier to register to vote; have added longer hours for voting on election day; have moved to mail-in ballots; and encourage early voting. They've done all they can to make the process of voting simple and convenient.

On the whole, Republicans at the state level have favored greater restrictiveness and Democrats greater ease, but you don't have to be a partisan of one side or the other to recognize that politicians believe a great deal is at stake. Whatever they give as their reasons for pushing a particular approach, you can be sure they are also calculating the effect of rules changes on the outcome of elections, and they'll do all they can to tilt the rules in their favor.

Which is why the question of how to approach the right to vote isn't going to be settled any time soon. There are a lot of court cases pending in the various states, and it's likely there will be conflicting judicial opinions.

If we're going to debate the electoral

process as a nation, let's keep in mind the core issue: it should be easy to vote — and hard to cheat. Casting your ballot is a fundamental constitutional right, and ensuring every eligible voter can do so is basic to our system. Every American should be able to exercise his or her right to vote without feeling cowed — which is why I worry efforts to limit voting will have a pernicious effect on our system of representative government.

The evidence on this is mixed. A recent paper by political scientists at UC San Diego analyzing turnout between 2008 and 2012 in states with strict voter ID laws found that they depressed voting overall — more among Democratic constituencies, but among Republicans, too. Yet recent research also suggests the opposite is not true: easing voting rules in states that never tightened them does not necessarily boost turnout.

One certainty in all this is that a lot of people who are eligible to vote for various reasons do not choose to do so. Of the 219 million Americans eligible to vote in 2014, the Census Bureau reported last year, roughly 41 million were not registered; and turnout in actual elections is even lower. Voting behavior may be more related to motivation than it is to statutory activity.

A more pressing certainty is our entire voting system needs attention. All too many jurisdictions try to run elections on the cheap, with machinery and processes inadequate to the task. Even now, 16 years after the 2000 presidential election revealed deep flaws in the patchwork of ways we record and tally votes, the system remains rickety.

"The vigor of American democracy rests on the vote of each citizen," a national commission on voting once wrote. Keep that in mind this election year — and pay attention to how your state approaches its obligation to safeguard that vigor.

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Death of Dallas police officers heartbreaking

Our nation was dealt a horrific blow when an angry and cowardly gunman opened fire on members of the Dallas PD during a Black Lives Matter "BLM" march on the evening of Thursday, July 7. The result, the most tragic one day loss of life for any police department on our soil since the atrocity of Sept. 11, 2001. Five police officers were killed, and another seven wounded.

While many will, let us not forget the names of those who died in the line of duty protecting the rights of others. Patrick Zamrippa, 32, Michael Krol, 40, Brent Thompson, 43, Lorne Ahrens, 48, and Michael Smith, 55. All brilliant beacons of light who placed the safety of others

before self, whose lives came to an abrupt end far to soon by a dark individual who's name does not deserved to be mentioned with theirs.

The Dallas Police Department announced while it had assigned some 100 officers who marched alongside the Dallas BLM demonstration to protect their rights to peaceful assembly and protest along with keeping the peace, their very own officers were purposely "dressed down" of any protective gear to help ensure the demonstrators would not feel threatened. In our modern society where so many citizens are crying foul about the militarization of police, this decision was completely



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taken advantage of by at least one evil individual and possible accomplices yet to be determined to inflict as much death and damage as possible to members of law enforcement. It was reported the killer expressed his desire during a phone conversation with law enforcement to kill as many white police officers as possi-

ble.

The tragedy which took place on the evening of July 7, shared a crucial commonality with 9/11, Police Officers ran towards the danger, not away from it! The Officers of the Dallas PD while dressed down, lacking virtually any kind of protective gear or body armor, many dressed in shorts and florescent shirts making them even easier targets in the evening hours, immediately could be seen on video trying to direct the defenseless out of harm's way, and charge toward the danger. While words such as courageous, selfless, and honorable immediately come to mind, one word is the most fitting of all, HEROES.

In a society where many citizens and branches of national news media are quick to jump all over police offices for what are some times the questionable or wrong acts of only the tiniest portion of law enforcement, rarely are they seen complimenting law enforcement members for all the good they do and they risks they take. Also, when are members of the BLM movement going to be seen protesting things such as all the African American on African American violence and shootings in such cities a Chicago, Washington D.C, Baltimore, Los Angeles and other large metropolises?

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Homebuyer education: First steps

How well do you really understand the home buying process? Taking a qualified home buying class will do more than teach you how to get a mortgage or pull together a down payment. It will help you determine the amount of home you can afford without endangering other lifetime financial goals.

If you think this training is just for first-timers, think again. Real estate markets change, and so do home buying environments. It is worth considering taking a class each time you're making a home purchase, especially if it has been a significant number of years between purchases. The home buying class can keep you up to date on what you'll need to know this time around.

Where can you find these courses? Many private lenders offer their own training, but governments — local, state and federal — are the main source for

instructional classes for homebuyers. In fact, on both the public and private side, these classes are often tied to special loans or funding assistance for the qualified.

(editor's note: the Gardner and Fitchburg CDC offices offer classes periodically).

Most homebuyer trainings are free — if you're asked to pay, get an explanation for what those costs cover.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides a list of approved state (<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/buying/localbuying>) and local agencies (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs>.



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cfm) that offer a range of homebuyer education options — some even help first-time buyers obtain grants and other financial assistance with their down payments. HUD has backed up this effort with additional funding (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2016/HUDNo_16-022) this year.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of Agriculture (USDA) also offer assistance and educational programs for qualified buyers. Meanwhile, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (<https://www.fanniemae.com/content/faq/home-buyer-education-policies-faqs.pdf>), the two gov-

ernment-sponsored agencies that keep mortgage funding flowing through our lending system, also support their own homebuyer education options. In fact, a 2013 Freddie Mac study (http://www.freddiemac.com/news/blog/robert_tsien/20130415_getting_better.html) indicated that pre-purchased financial counseling may cut the likelihood of a first-time homebuyer becoming seriously delinquent by nearly 30 percent.

Here are some of the major topics a thorough home buying class should cover:

1. Home buying readiness. Explore the general questions around a home buying decision, such as why you want to settle in a particular area, how long you plan to stay, what kind of property you're considering and where you are in your career and lifestyle. You may

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Here we come, ready or not

There's been a mix of good news and bad news over the past couple of weeks. The bad news, as usual, got most of the attention but there was also a bit of what I'd call good news. Maybe not much, but some.

In case you missed it, NASA's Jupiter orbiter Juno reached our solar system's largest planet on the Fourth of July, our nation's 240th birthday. But the probe didn't just reach Jupiter. After reaching speeds in excess of 165,000 miles per hour, the school bus-sized spacecraft entered orbit around the gas giant.

Maybe it's no big deal to you, but to me it's simply incredible; for a couple of reasons. First, the information gathered by Juno is expected to give us a glimpse not only into the birth of the solar system but also into the origins of life here on earth. Second, and perhaps even more importantly, the fact that mere mortals were able to conceive of the project, spend a decade planning it, and build a spacecraft that has, by all accounts, performed flawlessly is a testament to just how powerful and creative the human mind

can be.

Within the next 20 years NASA could be sending the first humans on a 47 million-mile trip to Mars. By the end of the next millennium, who knows? Maybe we will have figured out how to send representatives of our race into the far reaches of our galaxy or even beyond. After all, if we can advance from horse-drawn chariots to interplanetary travel over the course of 2,000 years what's to stop us from figuring out how to explore the universe by the end of the next thousand?

Now to the less-positive news from the past couple of weeks.

First, thanks to cell phone cameras and social media, we witnessed the virtual assassination of two black men; one in Baton Rouge, LA, the other in suburban St. Paul, MN. Then we watched – at least I did – as officials in Texas' third-largest city reported first one, then three, then five police officers were assassinated by yet another demented individual armed with – you guessed it – yet another military-style assault rifle.



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While there have been many calls for unity in the wake of these tragic events, it appears they have served not to widen the racial divide in this country but to shine a spotlight on it. There is no disputing that black men make up a disproportionate percentage of those killed in police-related shootings. The Washington Post reports that last year, "although black men represent 6 percent of the U.S. population, they made up nearly 40 percent of those who were killed (by police) while unarmed."

The African-American community distrust of police in particular, and authority in general, cannot be dismissed. As former House Speaker Newt Gingrich – no bleeding-heart liberal – said the day after Dallas, "It is more dangerous

to be black in America. It's both more dangerous because of the crime, which is the Chicago story. But it is more dangerous in that (you are) substantially more likely to be in a situation where police don't respect you and where you could easily get killed. And I think sometimes, for whites, it's difficult to appreciate how real that is. It's an everyday danger."

That does not, however, excuse the wholesale slaughter of police who were protecting and interacting with protestors upset over the killings in Louisiana and Minnesota. The shooter used a Black Lives Matter protest as cover for something he had been planning long before last Thursday night. It appears he had been stockpiling weapons for quite some time.

Is it any wonder that relations between police and community, between black and white, are tense?

Suspicion begets suspicion. Hatred begets hatred.

And let us not forget that in the past two weeks we have seen a former secretary of

state and presidential hopeful exoriated by the FBI for being "extremely careless" with classified information, and another presidential candidate waxing nostalgic about late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Never mind that that this same candidate has exhibited a tremendous amount of disrespect for, well, just about anyone who may disagree with him.

We see social and political turmoil at home, terrorism at home and abroad, wars raging in various parts of the world – wars our media deigns too unimportant to report on (solely because Americans aren't among those dying), hatred and distrust between religions professing their "peaceful" intent, and the potential for a man-made (or at least exacerbated) environmental Armageddon.

So, while we may eventually develop the knowledge and means to explore the vast reaches of space, I can't help but wonder if the rest of the universe is hoping beyond hope that we never make it.

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are moments when I wonder. It's not that Hillary is likely to accomplish great things given the stalemate and poison in DC, but at least she's not a xenophobic racist. I assume she's read the Constitution if not her emails.

I've seen plenty of positive posts on social media too, but while posting is nice, what we really need to

do is get involved and treat people with respect and decency. That shouldn't be so hard. Do something, anything, in your own community. Last week I wrote a story about youth group leaders, kids not long out of high school who organized a camp at their church this summer. They're giving back. Be a volunteer coach and leave the ignorant grown-up petty personal politics off the field. Go help a food bank or the library. Or a senior center. Volunteer for a cause you believe in. Bottom line - set an example. And stop the

stereotyping. Every black person's not a thug. Every cop's not a racist. Every Muslim's not a terrorist. Every Mexican's not a rapist.

I don't know if it's too late. I don't know if, as I saw someone suggest, we're at 1860 again. I really don't, but it sure feels like it must have then. I do know I'm appalled, heartbroken, and disgusted at what I'm seeing. Are we really going to let the bad guys win? At the moment it sure looks like it. Tragic.

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Where are the protests to take back their cities? Don't all those Black Lives Matter? I most certainly believe they do as both human beings and my fellow citizens.

It seems our national flag these days is flown at half-staff far more often than at full display, a truly sad depiction of the times we live in. It is heart breaking to see or hear of the loss of life of

any lives. However when our citizens are going to protest those in law enforcement who they feel may have done something wrong before a proper investigation and finding of facts can be completed, I find it ironic that during a mass-shooting aimed at police officers, they ran to and depended on the protection of those whom they were protesting against, who were not properly dressed or armed to make them feel more comfortable. Yes, police lives also matter.

Hatred is not something one

is born with, it is taught and learned. At a recent outdoor concert held at GAR Park in town this past Friday, June 8 we watched as two wonderful young ladies barely the innocent age of 10, one Caucasian and one African American, played and danced and held hands displaying the steadfast bonds of true love and friendship. I immediately thought to my self, "If only many adults could learn from these two beautiful children, what a better place our nation and world would be."

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also be asked to answer specific financial questions to support your thinking, which should not be shared with others. The best courses will help you determine answers to the big questions, such as whether you should buy a home or stick with renting.

2. Budgeting and credit. These courses will help you evaluate how you handle money. Do you have a budget? If not, do you know how to create one? Do you understand your credit rating and what goes into determining your score? If you have debt, how are your efforts going to pay it off? Essentially, what you don't know about spending and borrowing can limit your ability to buy a home.

3. Pre-approval for mortgage financing. Navigate the nitty-gritty of the loan process – what a mortgage is, the various types of mortgages, how they work and what it takes to be pre-approved for a mortgage. Pre-approval involves filling out a full mortgage application, typically with a fee to cover an extensive credit check as if you were actually buying a home. Pre-approval, unlike pre-qualification, allows a potential borrower to receive a loan commitment for a specific amount, which can grease the wheels in a potential purchase.

4. Knowing what you can afford. Analyze the above and consider the reality of what kind of property you can really afford to buy. Look at price limits and locations and ways to get more for your money, including specific local, state and federal borrowing programs (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/buying_a_home) you may qualify for. Buying your dream home can seem nice, but it can turn into a nightmare if you can't afford the home while living within your means.

5. Your home search. Determine how, when and where to shop for specific properties within the neighborhoods you are interested in and how to get the best overall deal for what you're buying.

6. What you'll need to close a home sale in your chosen community. Buying a home can also include an introduction to the specific regulatory

and cost environment where you're planning to live. For example, your course should take you through such things as community-specific housing laws and zoning restrictions that could affect what you'll be investing in the property, property tax issues (particularly if an assessment is pending), your home titling (<http://www.bankrate.com/finance/mortgages/understanding-the-closing-process-1.aspx>) process, inspection requirements and the other costs linked to legal processes and paperwork.

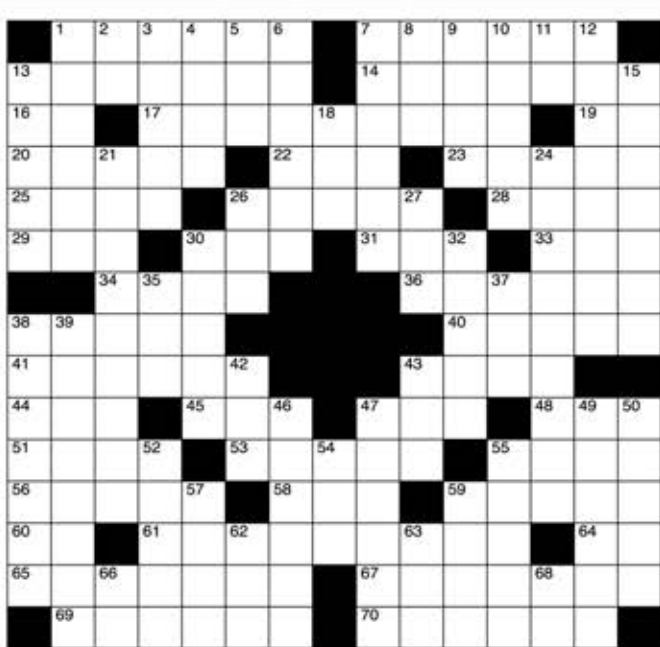
7. The aftermath. A solid home buying class should give you a wide picture of the costs you'll face after the sale and how to manage them so you don't put the rest of your finances in jeopardy. Being too "house poor" not only puts you at a risk of losing the property, it can threaten other important financial goals.

If you have your eye on particular lenders in your community, call them to see whether home buying education can be a helpful factor in getting approved for a loan. Ask them to explain how they evaluate such training and what courses they recommend. Always ask whether any homebuyer class has a fee and why. Also, get a second opinion – if you work with a qualified financial professional, ask what he or she thinks about the course and its benefits.

As you consider such a course, don't think narrowly about what you can get out of it. It's not just about getting the mortgage. It's a chance to ask about how a home purchase may affect other aspects of your financial life – all personal finance goals should be considered equally.

Bottom line: Since the mortgage industry collapse in 2008, it's been a new day in residential home buying. Whether you're buying your first home or beyond, taking a homebuyer education class can help you understand the mortgage process, improve your credit and shop smarter for a home you can actually afford.

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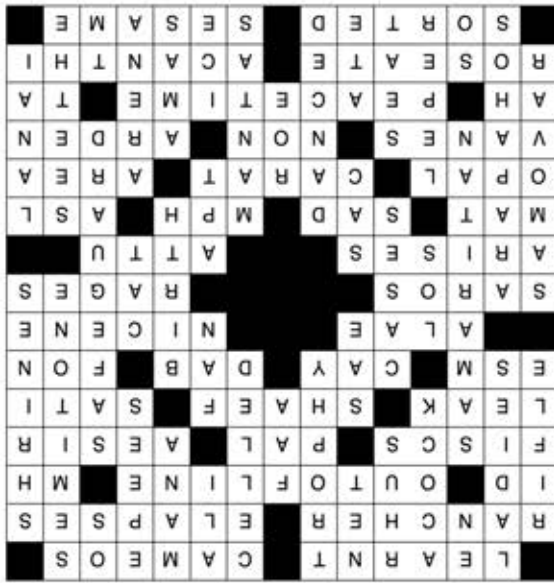
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7. Brief appearances
13. Owns a ranch
14. Goes by
16. Potato state
17. Inappropriate
19. Millihenry
20. Treasuries
22. Crony
23. Norse god
25. Accidentally lose
26. Allied H.Q.
28. Shiva's first wife
29. Earth System Model
30. Sandy island
31. Cam Newton's dance
33. Nigerian people
34. A ridge on nematodes
36. ___ Creed: profession of faith
38. Gulf of, in the Aegean.
40. Expresses anger
41. Emerges
43. WWII battle
44. Wrestlers work here
45. Not happy
47. Measure of speed
48. A way to communicate (abbr.)
51. Gemstone
53. Metric weight unit
55. Region
56. Guides projectile's motion
58. Not involved with
59. Cosmetics giant
60. Exclamation of surprise
61. No fighting
64. Tantalum
65. Optimistic
67. Herbs
69. Categorized
70. A famous street

CLUES DOWN

1. Madames
2. Printing measurement
3. Being in a position
4. Genus
5. Post-deduction amount
6. Champs get this
7. Single-___ organisms
8. Greatest boxer ever
9. Buddhist concept
10. Fencing swords
11. Operating system
12. Musical interval
13. Soldier's tool
15. Places of worship
18. Supervises flying
21. Offers help
24. Precaution
26. Car mechanics group
27. Devotee of sports
30. Detectives get these
32. Coming into existenc
35. Loss of signal (abbr.)
37. Feline
38. Decorative tea urn
39. Native Americans from Colorado
42. Resembles a pouch
43. Type of home (abbr.)
46. Cut a rug
47. Devil rays
49. Simmer
50. Veranda
52. Outcast
54. Famed aircraft engineer
55. Realm
57. Chair
59. Music awards show (abbr.)
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WHCC hosts popular pig roast



WINCHENDON — The Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center held a pig roast on Saturday, July 9.

Right: Joshua Hill and Jen Spingla of Joshua Hill and Friends entertain the crowd at Saturday's WHCC pig roast. Music was also supplied by Route 2 Revolution and by Shades of Gray, which played Civil War-era music.

Left: The cool, damp weather failed to deter folks from attending Saturday's pig roast at the Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center.



Customer loyalty key to Sandwich Masters' success

‘THEY KEEP COMING BACK, SO WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT’

BY JERRY CARTON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

RINDGE — The restaurant business is tough. It's not easy to survive, much less flourish for 13 years. But that's exactly what Sandwich Masters in Rindge has done, and as owner Earl Marshall sat in his restaurant's new larger location on Sonja Drive across the street from Wal-Mart, he credited customer loyalty for the long-running success story.

"They keep coming back, so we must be doing something right," mused Marshall, a week after Sandwich Masters opened in it's third area location.

The saga began when the restaurant first opened at Fogg's at the intersections of Route 202 and 119.

"We never thought we were 'gas station' food, though," said Marshall, so three years ago, Sandwich Masters moved up 202 past Franklin Pierce University before relocating next to Dunkin' Donuts two weeks ago.

Marshall didn't launch Sandwich Masters on a whim. He'd been in the food business since high school, working in various capacities from dishwasher as a kid to manager at different places and was thus able to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the venture.

People noticed. In fact, they noticed right away. Marshall looked back three years later.

"The first day we were open, we had a little sign, but it was crazy. Absolutely crazy," he laughed. That meant there were loyal customers, right? So loyal in fact, Marshall named 'The Grand Duke' (scrambled eggs, hash browns and American cheese on a French toast sub dusted with powdered sugar) after one of those faithful fans.

"That was a long time ago," Marshall recalled. "Kelly lives in Oregon now, I think, but he's always going to be part of us."

With over 100 sandwich options plus salads, quesadillas, and since last winter, burgers, there's something on the menu for every palate.

Last fall, after a slew of viewer requests ("they told us that's how they find out about a lot of places they go," Marshall explained), the Phantom Gourmet television show visited Sandwich Masters and did a nearly five-minute segment on the restaurant, includ-

ing enthused testimonials from patrons and close-up shots of some of the unique concoctions Marshall and his staff create.

"I get ideas from all sorts of places," he remarked. "I watch the TV cooking shows like Top Chef and Hell's Kitchen. I read trade magazines. I keep up with what's trending in California. They're ahead of us," he acknowledged.

From that research emerged specialties like 'The Dumpster' (chicken fingers, deep fried mozzarella cheese sticks and fried battered onion rings topped with mozzarella cheese and marinara sauce) and so many others.

"What if we try this?" I say, and we give it a try and see if it works," chuckled Marshall.

Then there's the Nutcase Challenge. That's about 10 pounds of food, including a head-spinning combination that has to be seen to be believed. It's so huge, prospective eaters have to provide 24-hour notice for the thing to be prepared, and you even have be 18 or older to participate.

While Marshall, who runs the place with the help of his mom, three daughters and an overall staff of 13 ("they're all great"), appreciates the eclectic tastes of his customers and tries to cater to their whims, his own favorites include basil chicken and the apple/orange salad, far tamer than many visitors would order.

'We Have the Best Stuff Between Bread' is the restaurant's slogan, and guests can see why as soon as they take a look around. That's one reason Marshall has eschewed much advertising. "We tried it and it didn't really seem to help. The best advertisement is word-of-mouth," he said.

Business was solid up the street but Sandwich Masters has now expanded from seating for 20 to 50 and soon they'll be room for birthday parties and other private events. "We were really cramped. This," he said, gesturing, "has a lot more room. Also, we get a lot of traffic from Massachusetts, Winchendon, Gardner, Athol, so we're closer to them too."

Sandwich Masters' new address is 19 Sonja Drive in Rindge. They can be visited on Facebook at Sandwich Masters Plus and are open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday - Friday and until 11 p.m. on Saturday. The phone number is (603) 899-2211.



Courtesy photo

Sandwich Masters in Rindge has been a successful spot for good food for 13 years. It relocated two weeks ago to 19 Sonja Drive in Rindge near Dunkin' Donuts.

Locals face court dates

BY JERRY CARTON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Ian Abare, of 46 Ash Street, pleaded not guilty last week to five counts of child rape at his court arraignment and is free on his own recognizance with orders to have no contact with his alleged victim.

Abare was arrested last year and charged with two counts of indecent assault. This year he has been charged with child rape.

One alleged victim accused Abare of having assaulted her decades ago, that the abuse continued for several years and she felt intimidated by Abare, who allegedly warned her to remain silent about the incidents.

"(She) reported (Abare) told her no one would ever believe her and that her parents would hate her and other things to scare her", wrote Winchendon police officer Derek Blair when he filed his report.

Abare's other victims alleged he groped them multiple times while they were alone with him but he denied the allegations, though he acknowledged looking online for child porn.

Also, Kenneth Burak, Metcalf Street in town, will appear in Winchendon District Court Aug. 26 for a disposition hearing which may lead to a plea agreement.

Burak, a former Winchendon Pop Warner football coach, is charged with possession of child pornography. He was arrested last winter after an undercover investigation that began in October, 2015 under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security. An undercover agent was able to trace postings of child pornography back to Burak and in February, a search warrant was executed at his home. Numerous pornographic images of child pornography were discovered on his cell phone and laptop, both of which were

removed from the house.

He refused to talk to investigators and in April received \$3,000 from the state for a psychological assessment on his potential risk. Burak's attorney, Peter Elikann said the assessment by New England Forensic Associates are a key component in defense strategy. Elikann added Burak has lost his job after the arrest and is currently considered indigent.



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Amesbury man, Vermont woman tops at Mass State Triathlon

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NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Some 400 athletes took part in Sunday's 10th Annual Mass State Triathlon at Lake Dennison State Recreation Area. The first man to cross the finish line was Robert Hollinger, 24, of Amesbury, in a time of 1:48:35., about 12 seconds ahead of Matt Alford, 28, of Mansfield. The first woman over the line was Meagan Boucher, 26, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., who chalked up a time of 2:03:27.1. Becky Paige, 45, of Maynard, finished nearly 50 seconds behind Boucher.

Skies were gray early, but the cool temperatures — temps were in the mid-60's at race time — worked in the athletes' favor. When the first swimmers entered Lake Dennison at 8 a.m. the water temperature was a comfortable 74.2 degrees.

"We were very fortunate," said race director Tim Richmond of MaxPerformance, organizers of the event. "We had a nice window of time to compete after the sun out."

Following the .9-mile swim around Lake Dennison, athletes jumped on their bicycles for a 22-mile course that took them out of the park recreation and onto Rte. 202 N, through Winchendon center and on to Rte. 140. The route then took them onto Green St. in Gardner and past Mount Wachusett Community College, after which they connected with Rte. 68 headed through west Gardner and into Otter River and Baldwinville, where they then found themselves back on Rte. 202 and on the return trip to Lake Dennison.

The 6.2-mile run, which wrapped up the event, wound between Lake Dennison and Sibley Rd. via Royalston Rd. South and Main St.

The Mass State Triathlon can be used as a qualifying race for the national championship. Richmond said that 10 percent of every age group can qualify for the national event.

Volunteers from the Murdock cross country and track and field teams helped out as volunteers, directing athletes, providing water, and helping out at aid stations.

Lifeguards in kayaks were on the water to assist any swimmers that found themselves in difficulty. Wood's Ambulance was also standing by in case of emergency.



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Summer sports are prep time

BY JERRY CARTON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Ask any coach and they'll be happy to tell you they love it when their players are finding out-of-season teams and games designed to sharpen their skills.

This week has seen Murdock's girls' basketball and soccer teams doing just that. The hoopsters finished their summer schedule winless in eight games but coach Jim Abare was delighted his youngsters were "very competitive" in contests against regional

rivals Narragansett, Gardner and Quabbin. MHS had a playoff game Wednesday and another is slated for Monday.

He was especially pleased to see kids who played on the middle school team be regular attendees this summer, players like sixth grader Evie Haley and seventh grader Lexi Allard.

"We lost a bunch of seniors so we're going to need numbers next year," noted Abare who was restricted to the bleachers by MIAA rules as Glenn Murphy ran the bench.

Abare was especially enthused by Murphy's daughters, rising junior Molly and rising sophomore Kelly. "They're basketball players," he repeated throughout the summer season. He was also happy to see Jocelyn Garner and Glorianne Andino on the floor this summer. Andino might turn out to be one of just a couple seniors on the roster come December and "the more she gets to play, the more minutes she's getting, all that's really helping her." As for rising sophomore Garner, "she's

doing a lot of good things," said Abare, who also liked what he saw from incoming freshman Reghan Hunnewell.

It's been hit or miss who's shown up at soccer practices, acknowledged rising senior captain Hanna Seghir. "One day we had eight or nine, the next day three or four. Some of it depends on what time we're practicing" at Bentley Field, she said.

One newcomer for the upcoming season will be rising senior Sydnie St. Pierre. "Senior year," she laughed.

"Finally time to try soccer," added St. Pierre, who's been a softball mainstay throughout her high school years, including handling lots of pitching duties.

"It's good to have Syd," enthused Seghir.

The Lady Devils have had an up-and-down summer season, but coach Jason Marshall isn't worried about scores. "They're out there trying to develop a team concept and that will get us off to a better start in September. We hope," he chuckled.

The firsts

What are your sports firsts? When's the first time you went to Fenway? Maybe you saw the Boston Patriots play there (yes, they did) or at Harvard Stadium? How about the old Garden?

For me, the first football game I ever attended was the 1959 NFL championship game when the Colts defended the title they had won over the same-opponent Giants in the "Greatest Game Ever Played" a year earlier, the historic first-ever overtime contest. I'm sure my father had the best of intentions in introducing me to the Colts, but I have absolutely no memory of being there. None. What a waste of \$5 or whatever. I do remember going to the season-opener in 1962 against the Rams. My mom went, too. No idea why she was there (ha ha!). Likely her first and only. I remember it being 90 degrees. I went on Week 1 in 1962 and probably didn't miss more than one or two games the next 20 years. I remember in 1965 (I was 12), I was discharged from the hospital on raw, rainy November Sunday morning (some sort of complications from oral surgery I think) and three hours later was in my seat in Section 31 row 22. In a downpour. My mother was appalled. My dad thought nothing of it. Me either. Where else was I supposed to be? I mean, really?

I can remember my first baseball game. That took place in 1960 when I saw Mickey Mantle hit two home runs and the Yankees crushed the Orioles,



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16-0. I was squinting at the old Gunther Beer scoreboard so that's when we figured out I needed glasses. Not much to see on the scoreboard that night anyway, though.

But to this day, and, granted, a billion others have expressed these same sentiments, I really can remember more than a half century later my awe and excitement walking up the ramp and getting my first glimpse of the greenest grass I'd even seen. My first foul ball? Easy to remember. There's only been one. June 17, 1967, off the bat of the California Angels Jose' Cardenal, which bounced around a nearly empty ballpark in the first inning of the first game of a two-night doubleheader. There wasn't any competition as it rolled to a near-stop next to me.

We all have some common firsts, baseball, football, but I have in common a sports first I share with only 14,000 or so others on the planet. That's how many of us were at the very first North American League Soccer championship game in 1967 when the Baltimore Bays played Oakland whatever-their-name was. We rambled around 55,000-seat Memorial Stadium sitting anywhere we chose. An intimate gathering? Yes, but about twice, maybe even three times the size of the "crowds" who'd shown up for the regular season. Two years later, the Bays were however playing

before sellout crowds, albeit at a 1,200-seat high school stadium. Ssssh.

I wouldn't be surprised if no one reading this shares with me the distinction of having been to more World Hockey Association games than NHL ones. In the middle of the 1974-75 season, the WHA abruptly moved the Michigan Stags to Baltimore and renamed them the Blades. I was there for the first game when the Gordie Howe-led Houston Aeros came to the dilapidated Civic Center (that building being the primary reason the NHL bypassed Baltimore in the six city expansion in 1966). I went to the next game too. I think there were a couple more after that before the Blades disappeared. So I've been to 2 WHA games and one NHL game. Try matching that!

I have no memory of my first basketball game, though I would eventually go to every home game for a couple years as a Bullets ball boy. I can't tell you the first tennis match either, though we were there for the opener of World Team Tennis (Baltimore Banners vs. Philadelphia Freedom). I don't know when I first began going to

college lacrosse games though living in Baltimore, I went to see Hopkins and Towson and Loyola a bunch of times.

Even though it's my favorite sport by far, I can't even tell you the first time I went to a thoroughbred horse race. I likely wasn't walking yet, maybe not even crawling. Who knows? Wouldn't surprise me a bit. I sure remember the first time I saw a Triple Crown winner. With just a handful of races under his belt, two-year-old Secretariat came to Maryland in the fall of 1972 to contest, which is putting it kindly, the Laurel Futurity. He was already bigger than most horses, a thousand times more charismatic, six months before the Derby, than all the other horses in America combined. The golden age of American racing was just beginning and he was the catalyst and the unquestioned star. A big crowd turned out that damp day and while no footage of that race remains, I remember his effortless stride as he glided around the racetrack essentially in a canter. Of all my sports firsts, that's the one I remember most vividly. How about you?

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Keith Davies addresses a packed auditorium at Narragansett discussing dating violence

Giants linebacker has message for 'Gansett on violence

TEMPLETON — "Persevere Until Success Happens," or P.U.S.H., was the message from former New York Giants linebacker and Rose Bowl champion Keith Davis as he spoke to several hundred students and members of the community at the Narragansett Middle School auditorium recently. Davis kicked off the afternoon event by building awareness on dating violence for students and adults in his presentation.

With support from associate and friend Dominic Miller, a former collegiate athlete who played for the Houston Cougars, Davis and Miller shared their stories to connect with students about dreaming big and not letting the challenges of your life hold you back.

Davis shared with the audience his mother's story of abuse due to dating violence after his father committed suicide, and how she stopped the abusive cycle in her life. His message was connected to events that have been very personal for him and often linked to his football career. Students were encouraged to look at things in stages, which he referred to as first half, and second half. The basic message of the second half was that you could make choices to turn things around for the positive whenever you needed to.

"Make good choices, hear the right voices," was often a message that Davis repeated in his presentation.

Students and members of the audience engaged in several interactive activities Davis set up on stage during the event. Each activity involved a visual, a physical activity, and an oral presentation to get everyone involved. At the end of the event, Davis and Miller stayed to talk to students in groups and individually while signing autographs and talking pictures.

The event was well received by students who later participated in a community fair event set up in the school's auditorium. The community fair involved interaction from representatives of, Heywood Hospital's suicide prevention task force, Pathways for Change, the YWCA, LUK Inc., Community Support Options, smoking cessation services, and the Clothesline Project. Students engaged in learning information from the representatives, watching informative video clips on dating violence, and speaking to professionals in the field.

The district hopes to continue this level of learning to students and members of the community in the future by looking for grants to help fund more regional opportunities like this.

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Beecher Clifton-Waite is with GFA CEO Tina Sbrega as he is honored for his work at Crotched Mountain

Students honored for hard work

At the 77th annual meeting of GFA Federal Credit Union, two community were honored for their scholastic and civic achievements.

In addition to honoring a student for scholastic achievement the credit union presented the GFA Student Visionary award. The award serves the purpose of instilling character and helping perpetuate the ideals of people helping people among youth.

"We believe students should also be praised when they demonstrate strong qualities of character and good citizenship," said Tina M. Sbrega, GFA president & chief executive officer. "We celebrate and acknowledge the work of our newest body of members who embrace the longstanding credit union philosophy of People Helping People."

The award is given annually to a male or female student, devoted to setting forth a vision much like GFA's

founding fathers, that exemplifies the entrepreneurial approach to bettering the lives of others.

"We are proud to honor a New Hampshire student for his commitment and dedication to making a difference," said Sbrega as she announced this year's recipient Beecher Clifton-Waite, founder of Live Free and Ski, Inc. At age 16, Beecher, a passionate skier and high school student realized some of his friends and peers could not enjoy or experience his favorite past time due to expense. He quickly formed the 501C(3) and now leads an established board of directors and has held four community fundraisers to help eight local students experience skiing and snowboarding.

Through his work of more than 10 hours per week, Beecher has served as the liaison between ConVal Regional High School, the two district middle schools and Crotched Mountain to ensure students have transportation, equipment and access to lessons for a

seven week session. The success of its first season has ensured the program will be sustainable in the ski season to follow.

Celebrating the memory of long-time GFA friend and supporter David Jacques, Paul Fitzpatrick, senior vice president of GFA Financial Group and Marie Jacques presented the annual David Jacques Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Wachusett Regional High School senior William Dowd of Rutland.

Maintaining a perfect A grade point average, Dowd is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the National Spanish Honor Society where he tutors other students and completes community service.

"We were proud of the exceptional work and scholastic achievements William has contributed as a student and we wanted to support his future endeavors," said Fitzpatrick. Dowd has coordinated a book drive to create a library in Ghana through the African Library project and also devotes his time every spring and fall to rake leaves and complete yard work for area senior citizens.

During his study hall, he tutors students at Mountview Middle School and serve as a classroom learning assistant in Spanish classrooms for the high school. He also dedicated his time the Wachusett Economics Club as first vice president and is a student coach for the Central Tree Mountain Biking Team.

William plans to study International Business at college this fall. He has been accepted to American University, George Washington University, Quinnipiac University, University of Connecticut and University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

GFA Federal Credit Union was established in 1938 and serves 29,000 members who live or work in central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. Family members are also eligible to join GFA. The financial well-being of members is GFA's top priority as the institution continues to serve its mission by sharing profits with members through lower loan rates, rewards for checking accounts, and providing individualized investment services and competitively priced insurance for members. Visit gfacu.com for more information.

MWCC earns recognition for Gateway program

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College has been recognized with a 2016 Gateway Program Excellence award from the Gateway to College National Network.

The award honors MWCC for exceeding all four of the Gateway to College National Network's performance benchmarks: grade point average, one-year persistence, two-year persistence and graduation rate. The award was presented June 28 during Gateway's College Peer Learning Conference at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, MN.

"The Gateway to College program opens doors and provides a true second chance for students to achieve academic success," said MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino. "We are proud to partner with the Gateway national network in this transformative work, and are delighted to be recognized with this year's program excellence award."

MWCC's Gateway to College program is a free, full-immersion dual enrollment program for Massachusetts students ages 16 to 21 who have dropped out of high school, are at risk of dropping out, or have experienced a setback in high school. The program provides motivated students a fresh chance to achieve academic success while getting a jumpstart on college. Established in 2005 as the first Gateway site in New England, MWCC's Gateway program is offered in partnership with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District through the college's Division of Access & Transition. Students simultaneously earn their high school diploma as well as college credits toward an academic degree or certificate. All classes take place on MWCC's campuses.

"Thanks to the hard work of MWCC's Gateway to College team, our students exceeded all four national benchmarks," said Lea Ann Scales, vice president of external affairs, communications and K-12 partnerships. "More importantly, this award recognizes the success our students and graduates are achieving."

More than 40 communities across the country have implemented the Gateway to College model as a strategy to address the needs of many off-track and out-of-school youth.

"Mount Wachusett's program, based on a strong partnership and shared vision with your school districts as well as exceptional program and college leadership - is poised to build on its successes and can serve as an example for the rest of our network," stated Gateway to College National Network President Emily Froimson. "You have not simply made a difference for students in Gardner Massachusetts; the work that your school district and college partnership has accomplished is a model for how we solve these persistent problems as a nation."

"A theme of the conference, establishing relationships with students, rings true with the students we serve at MWCC, which has made this award possible," said Sharmese Gunn, senior resource specialist.

MWCC is currently enrolling Gateway to College students for the academic year that begins Sept. 6. Applicants must attend a two-day information session to be considered for the program. Upcoming information sessions will take place on July 20 and 22, Aug. 3 and 5 and Aug. 10 and 12. For more information about the program or to register for an information session, call (978) 630-9248 or visit mwcc.edu/gateway.



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A BOY AND HIS DOG

WINCHENDON — Ben White plays with a puppy in the park last weekend as his family looks on with smiles on their faces.

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trash,” he said, “so make sure you shred any documents that may have your information on them. People can also be tricked into giving out personal information over the phone, or you might have your wallet or purse stolen out of your vehicle.”

“Always lock your doors,” Walsh interjected. “Always lock your cars. Crimes against vehicles are opportunistic crimes. If someone tries to open the door and it’s locked, they’re likely to move on.”

Blair said seniors are less likely to report fraud. He noted that often times senior citizens may not report it because they feel the police are too busy to deal with it. He said it’s also possible some may not realize they’ve been victimized until they receive banking or credit card information in the mail.

According to Blair, someone can tell there identity has been stolen in a number of ways.

“If there are unauthorized withdrawals from your checking account, if your regular

bills are missing or not showing up when they should, or if you get calls regarding debts that aren’t yours, there’s a good chance you’re a victim of identity theft.”

Other factors that could tip someone off to the possibility their identity has been stolen include receiving medical bills for services not received, receiving a notice from the Internal Revenue Service that more than one tax return has been filed in their name, or a notification from a business that their information has been compromised by a data breach.

“Unfortunately,” said Blair, “bills are often taken by family members or friends with access to your home or mail.”

The officer also discussed the so-called “Grandparent Scam” in which someone calls claiming to be a grandchild or other relative. They’ll say they’re in trouble and need money. Chances are they’re in another country or at a distant location. And it’s common for them to request secrecy.

Other scam artists employ a strategy known as “phishing.” When someone is phishing they could be impersonat-



Greg Vine photo

Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh and Officer Derek Blair discuss scams with residents on Monday.

ing the employee of a business while at the same time asking for personal information.

“A legitimate business won’t call and ask you to send personal information through unsecure channels,” said Blair.

Another popular scam is to get people to contribute to a charity in the wake of a disaster.

“A number of scams popped up right after Hurricane Sandy and Hurricane Katrina,” said Blair. “Also, watch out for people knocking on your door and asking for contributions to support the police in town. Winchendon police would never go door to door to solicit.”

MEALS

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self helping around the office; others find her in the kitchen.

“I love doing that. We joke around. We have so much fun,” she enthused. Then there are the days she joins Dave Tavares in distributing meals. “It’s

so fulfilling. The elderly — I kind of feel like they need more sometimes. I feel like I’m contributing. I know they really appreciate us and sometimes we might be the only people they talk to or see some days. I love working with people. I think we all need to do something so it’s a good feeling when I can help,”

Symonowicz reflected. She helps in other ways in addition to distributing meals and working at the center. “I worked in massage therapy and I do nails, so I’ve done volunteer manicures and pedicures. Things like that can make people feel better about themselves and it gives me such a good feeling to try to help.”

“She has a lot of compassion,” said Bettro. “She connects with people.”

“It’s nice of her to say that since I’m going to take her job,” joked Symonowicz, adding in a more serious vein, “I love working with her. She’s my best friend out of the office, too. The work she does is amazing.”

Working, as noted, includes helping deliver those meals in a rapidly aging van.

“A bunch of things are breaking,” Tavares stressed. “We did get a grant from Robinson-Broadhurst which we appreciate,” said Bettro, “and we got \$1,000 from the Friends of Old Murdock. We have about

\$11,000 and we need \$15,000 total so we’re getting pretty close, but we’re certainly very grateful for anything anyone can donate.”

Donating. That’s what Symonowicz is doing.

“I can maybe see myself doing this long-term. We all have something to contribute. I’m trying to do my part,” she said.

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can develop a bias. They can actually be more prone to developing a positive bias toward some groups, like the elderly and women. We have to avoid that.”

In response to a question as to whether his officers might harbor a bias when stopping a black driver — might view the driver as being more prone to crime or violence — he responded “not in an of itself, absolutely not.”

And when asked if he understood the response of the African-American community to the shooting deaths of two black men last week at the hands of white police officers in Baton Rouge, La., and suburban St. Paul, Minn., Walsh had this response: “I understand the reaction from the protesters, but I would question

what effect the media coverage of these incidents and their portrayal of the police has on the protesters’ opinion. That’s not meant to justify any incident, but without having all the information I feel it would be wrong to offer an opinion.”

In response to last week’s tragic events in Dallas, a “Thank You 911” event is being planned for Sunday, July 24 at 4 p.m. in Memorial Park across from Town Hall. A pot luck picnic is planned and the public is welcome. Anyone attending is asked to consider contributing snacks, soft drinks, or lawn shares to the event, but no contribution of any kind is required to take part.

All of Winchendon’s first responders are being encouraged to attend in uniform to “allow your grateful community a chance to warmly say ‘thank you,’” said a flyer announcing

the event.

The idea for the event grew, according to Winchendon resident Penny Maliska, after she mused on her Facebook page about the possibility of doing something to thank the first responders of the Toy Town.

“The response was so overwhelming it seemed like it was worth following up on,” she said.

“I want to stress this is not my event,” she added. “This event comes from a whole bunch of people. They responded instantly.”

“This definitely is a result of the tumult that happened this past week. I think we sometimes forget that most people are good. They really are. So I hope people come next Sunday with a shared sense of thankfulness. Just come,” Maliska concluded.

PLAYGROUND

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Suzanne Michel, and staff. The parent group is Project Playground Toy Town Elementary, largely ignited by a Facebook group, being led by parents Renee Tenney-Eldredge and Tina Santos. Tenney-Eldredge’s daughter, Madison, also went before the School Committee meeting in June.

Tenney-Eldredge will go door-to-door to sell wristbands, engraved with Project Playground Toy Town 2016. They were also offered a free site at Farmers Market on Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 126 Central St.

Since the last Facebook post on June 19, several businesses have pitched in toward the \$25,000 goal. Michel’s husband, Rich, made the sign.

Salvadore Chevy, which owns the Chevy, Chrysler, Dodge and Ram, committed a \$500 past donation to the playground. Pack and Postal Center, out of Lancaster, will give a \$200 donation.

Santos said she has sent a letter to the Kiwanis Club and to Market Basket. Tenney-Eldredge said The Winchendon School is looking into the costs to help fund a slide replacement, which will cost \$5,000.

Michel wanted to post the monies raised near the playground structure for all the town to see. As donations come in, the bar will be raised on the thermometer.

“I had a conversation with other school staff about how the playground is in desperate need of repair due to unsafe conditions and vandalism,” Michel said. “When I saw the conditions, I felt in my heart it was unacceptable.”

She explained why a playground is crucial after speaking to Superintendent of Schools Steve Haddad.

“We expressed concern that students in grade 3 to 5 need physical activity to support brain stimula-

tion,” Michel said. “You can’t be a public school without a fully functional playground.”

She said having Haddad’s support made fundraising an easy endeavor.

“I drafted a letter, and met with Steve,” Michel said. “His willingness to collaborate speaks to his support of the schools and community in general. It’s fabulous to have Tina and Renee working alongside me. It’s not just one person.”

Agreeing, Santos said that it takes a community to help, adding that they’ve received a tremendous amount of support both from staff and parents.

“We need to provide the best environment and resources because nothing is more important than our students,” Haddad said. “The significance of play has been shown to positively stimulate child development as well as develop social skills. We must provide top-notch playground equipment that will allow our children to have fun as well as keep them safe.”

Haddad said he’s glad that Madison brought this issue to their attention.

Santos’ twin daughters, Kassandra, and Madelyn, 9, will enter fourth grade this fall. And Tenney-Eldredge’s daughter, Madison, 8, will enter third grade in August.

Winchendon resident Ruth DeAmicis spoke to Powell Stone and Gravel, resulting in a \$1,000 value of certified mulch to the district. Director of Facilities James Murphy and his staff volunteered to spread the mulch out.

They thanked businesses that have donated and that will give a monetary donation this summer.

Santos explained that numerous groups in the past tried to repair the playground, but unfortunately, it didn’t receive the same amount of support, she said.

“It didn’t move forward,” Santos said. “It’s huge that the school

has helped up, and it’s because everyone is working together, that we’re able to make it happen.”

Michel said the teamwork and collaboration that the new faces have brought — the new superintendent and new town manager — have made all the difference.

“By talking and problem solving, these are the kinds of things that are going to happen,” Michel said. “I love the expression, ‘Love our town. Love our schools’. It’s so important.”

Tenney-Eldredge said it’s a huge undertaking but Haddad is driven to change the fate of the schools.

“We met with him not even a month ago,” Tenney-Eldredge said. “The progress is so transparent.”

Haddad said he is thankful that the parent group, led by Tenney-Eldredge and Santos, were courageous enough to come before the School Committee and present this challenge.

“I am very confident that their efforts combined with Director Suzanne Michel’s input will raise the needed funds to complete this playground project,” Haddad said.

Randy Manual, a licensed contractor, volunteered to do any of the contracting repairs that need to happen.

Michel suggested that people, who aren’t able to donate monetarily, can donate their time to share their support.

Santos said that surveillance cameras are being ordered and installed.

“We’re looking to upgrade the camera quality,” Santos said. “We’re looking to buy either new ones in its place or install more.”

Parent Danielle Antonellis is putting together a calendar raffle as part of Team Orange for the MS Walk, which raised more than \$2,000.

“I’m hoping to do the same for the playground,” Antonellis said.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David S. Pepper to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homecomings Financial, LLC, dated July 19, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41564, Page 332, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homecomings Financial, LLC to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC dated July 20, 2015 and recorded with said registry on July 30, 2015 at Book 54080 Page 269, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on July 25, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 407 MAPLE STREET, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF WORCESTER, CITY OF WINCHENDON, and described as follows:

THE LAND AT 407 MAPLE STREET, WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF MAPLE STREET, OPPOSITE MONUMENT #29 REFERRED TO IN THE LAY-OUT OF SAID MAPLE STREET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN 1867; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF MAPLE STREET ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT (148) FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTHERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE PARALLEL TO AND SEVEN (7) FEET DISTANT FROM THE WESTERLY END OF THE DWELLING HOUSE OWNED FORMERLY BY ARSENE LAFORTUNE AND NUMBERED 409 MAPLE STREET TO THE CENTER OF THE RIVER, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) FEET;

THENCE DOWN STREAM ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) FEET; THENCE WESTERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE AND AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO THE LINE BETWEEN MONUMENT #28 AND #29 REFERRED TO IN SAID LAYOUT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET.

EXCEPTING FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PREMISES SO MUCH AS WAS TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR THE RELOCATION OF MAPLE STREET BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 2612, PAGE 335.

EXCEPTING SO MUCH OF THE PREMISES AS WAS CONVEYED BY DEED FROM JOSEPH E. COUTURE DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1922, RECORDED WITH SAID DEEDS, BOOK 2253, PAGE 215.

TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO PASS AND REPASS TO AND FROM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES TO MAPLE STREET OVER AND ACROSS LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF LAFORTUNE AS A DRIVEWAY NOW EXISTS.

Being all of that certain property conveyed to DAVID S. PEPPER from SEAN M. PEPPER AND LISA J. PEPPER, by deed dated 11/03/03 and recorded 11/05/03 in Deed Book 32152, Page 367 of official records. APN # 3D1-0-35

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32152, Page 367.

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.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES,
P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201504-0642 - PRP

July 1, 2016
July 8, 2016
July 15, 2016

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Pearl Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jay A. Valliere, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as a nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., said mortgage dated June 5, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41283 at Page 240 and now held by US Bank NA as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2013 SC4 Title Trust by virtue of an assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. S/B/M to Wachovia Bank, NA to US Bank NA as Legal Title Trustee for Truman 2013 SC4 Title Trust dated February 17, 2014 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry in Book 52087 Page 238, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as a nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. to Wells Fargo Bank, NA S/B/M to Wachovia Bank, N.A. by virtue of an assignment dated June 19, 2012 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry in Book 49182 Page 81, 81 previously assigned by to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as a nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. to Wachovia Bank, NA dated January 30, 2009 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry in Book 43795 Page 74, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on July 25, 2016 at 10:00am Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of real estate with the buildings thereon situated in the village in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

Commencing on the westerly line of Lincoln Avenue at the corner of Lincoln Place; thence

Westerly on the northerly line of Lincoln Place seventy-eight (78) feet to line of land now or formerly of heirs of Reuben Pratt; thence

Northerly on line of said heirs' land one hundred and thirty (130) feet to line of land formerly of Elisha Murdock; thence Easterly on line of said Murdock land seventy-eight (78) feet to the westerly line of Lincoln Avenue; thence

Southerly on line of said Avenue one hundred and thirty (130) feet to the place of beginning.

Lincoln Place above referred to is known as Pearl Street.

This instrument creates no new boundaries.

Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying the same premises conveyed by deed of Stephen M. Ares and Joan A. Ares, dated May 2, 2001, recorded in Book 23958, Page 299.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated May 2, 2001, and recorded in Book 41283 at Page 240 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for US Bank
NA as Legal Title Trustee for
Truman 2013 SC4 Title Trust
Present Holder of the
Mortgage
(860) 677-2868

July 1, 2016
July 8, 2016
July 15, 2016

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 Richard L. Smith and Luz Maria Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated April 26, 2005 and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36235, Page 243 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2005-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE4 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as

Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2005-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE4 dated December 24, 2013 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52215, Page 313, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 290 Ash Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00PM on July 29, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land on the Easterly Side of Ash Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot "9" on a plan entitled, "Plan of Lots prepared for D.M. Industries, Inc., Winchendon, MA., Scale: 1 inch = 60 feet, May 18, 1987, Brian M. Szoc, D.L. Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 578, Plan 40, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point in the Easterly line of Ash Street at the Northwesterly corner of Lot 8 on said plan; Thence North 15° 54' 27" West, by the Easterly line of Ash Street, 150.00 feet to a point at the Southwesterly corner of Lot 10 shown on said plan; Thence North 84° 51' 38" East, by Lot 10 on said Plan 361.44 feet to a point in the line of land now or formerly of D.M. Industries, Inc. Thence South 00° 33' 59" East, by said D.M. Industries, Inc. land 105.61 feet to a point at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 8 shown on said plan; Thence South 77° 28' 56" West, by Lot 8 shown on said plan, 327.71 feet to a point in the Easterly line of Ash Street and the place of beginning.

Containing 1.000 acres more or less.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22841, Page 137.

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 GSAMP Trust 2005-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-HE4 Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Smith, Richard and Luz, 14-019393,
July 1, 2016
July 8, 2016
July 15, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Luz E. Pereira to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, dated April 29, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book

36219, Page 1 subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of GSAMP Trust 2006-SD1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD1 by Argent Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 47678, Page 253 and subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-SD1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD1 by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of GSAMP Trust 2006-SD1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD1 by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 51267, Page 209; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on July 22, 2016 at 620 Teel Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land on the Northerly side of Teel Road in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot 2 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Winchendon, MA, Prepared for Eric M. & Elaine V. Olson," Vorce, Soney and Associates, Inc. Land Surveyors, dated April 2, 1990 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 635, Plan 77, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin in the Northerly Line of Teel Road at the Southwesterly corner of Lot 3 shown on said plan; thence NORTH 54° 18' 19" West, by the Northerly line of Teel Road, 15.93 feet to a point; thence NORTH 34° 28' 24" West, by the Northerly line of Teel Road, 115.40 feet to a point; thence NORTH 58° 44' 56" West, by the Northerly line of Teel Road, 46.12 feet to an iron pin at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 1, shown on said plan; thence NORTH 29° 07' 29" East, by Lot 1 as shown on said plan 285.98 feet to an iron pin in line of land of Lot 3 shown on said plan; thence SOUTH 40° 44' 10" East, by Lot 3 shown on said plan, 165.04 feet to a point; thence SOUTH 27° 02' 28" West, by Lot 3 on said plan, 284.20 feet to an iron pin in the Northerly line of Teel Road and the place of beginning. Containing 1.022 acres BEING the same premises conveyed to Grantor herein by deed of Donnie R. Parks and Christine M. Parks, dated April 29, 2005, recorded immediately prior hereto. Book 36218, Page 398.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-SD1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD1

Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
15-019413

July 1, 2016
July 8, 2016
July 15, 2016



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 Christine Maloney a/k/a Christine J. Maloney and Timothy Maloney to SLM Financial Corporation, dated February 1, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35626, Page 388, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from SLM Financial Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated February 1, 2005 and recorded with said registry on October 31, 2005 at Book 37685 Page 57 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to EverBank dated February 24, 2015 and recorded with said registry on March 9, 2015 at Book 53443 Page 291 and by assignment from EverBank to Ditech Financial LLC dated November 10, 2015 and recorded with said registry on November 25, 2015 at Book 54619 Page 305, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on August 3, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 38 Winter Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
The land with the buildings thereon situated in Winchendon, Worcester County, MA known and being numbered 38 Winter Street:
Being bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the southeasterly corner of the lot at a stone monument in the westerly line of Winter Street, being the northeasterly corner of land formerly of Peter A. Morlock;
THENCE westerly on line of said Morlock land 78 feet to an iron pin driven in the ground at land now or formerly of Louis E. Fitzgerald, at us;
THENCE northerly on said Fitzgerald land 82 feet to an iron pin at land formerly of Thomas Farrell;
THENCE easterly on line of said Farrell land 78 feet to an iron pin in the westerly line of said Winter Street;
THENCE southerly on line of Winter Street 82 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 6396 square feet, more or less.

The premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, easements, appurtenances, reservations, restrictions, and layouts and takings of record, insofar as they are in force and applicable.

Meaning and intending to mortgage the same premises by deed of Donald A. Bezio to Phillip R. Ricord and Jeannette L. Ricord, dated 03/21/1969 and filed with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds at Record Book 4938, Page 14; wherein a more detailed description of the premises is set forth. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35626, Page 386.

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.

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES,
P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201504-0553 - TEA

July 8, 2016
July 15, 2016
July 22, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage, given by Russell A. Hart and Danielle R. Hart (the "Mortgagor"), to I-C Federal Credit Union, a lending institution, with a usual place of business at 300 Bemis Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420 (the "Mortgagee"), dated March 27, 2008, and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 42639, Page 61, (the "Mortgage"), and which Mortgage is presently held by the undersigned, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for purposes of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10 o'clock AM on August 9, 2016 on the premises located at 55 Converse Drive, Winchendon, Massachusetts, which are all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage,

TO WIT: The land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Lot 6 on a plan entitled: "Winchendon Heights, Winchendon, Massachusetts, prepared for D.M. Industries, Incorporated" dated May 17, 1988, made by Cuoco & Cormier, Inc., Civil Engineers, Land Surveyors, recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 604, Plan 30, being bounded and described in accordance with the Plan. Containing, according to the Plan, one acre of land, more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to Russell A. Hart by Quitclaim Deed from N.P. Dodge, Jr., trustee, dated December 8, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 35355, Page 334. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The premises being offered for sale will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, covenants, conditions, agreements, outstanding tax titles, unpaid real estate taxes, and other municipal and public charges, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of others in adjacent streets and ways, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, and also subject to all federal, state and municipal laws, regulations, codes and ordinances. See Easements in Book 11028, Page 201, Book 2596, Page 96, Plan Book 604, Plan 30. See Declaration Book 11612, Page 190 and Book 11981, Page 170. See Rights in Book 2318, Page 516, Book 10491, Page 28 and Planning Board Covenant in Book 11529, Page 124 and Book 11806, Page 369.

TERMS OF THE SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by bank or certified check, will be required to be paid by the highest bidder at the time and place of the sale and said bidder will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale containing the above and any announced terms. The sale will not be complete until such deposit is paid and such Memorandum is signed. In the event the successful bidder at the public auction fails to perform in the time specified to purchase the premises, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder and reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder. The Purchaser will be required to deliver the balance of the bid price by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days of the date of the auction sale, at the law firm of Gelinas & Ward, LLP, 106 Merriam Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453 at which time the foreclosure deed and all related documents will be delivered to the Purchaser. The Purchaser will be solely responsible for filing and recording foreclosure documents and for the payment of deed excise stamps and filing and recording fees. The Mortgagee may postpone the sale by public proclamation at the original or postponed time and date of sale.

OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE.
Signed: **I-C Federal Credit Union**, Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorney, C. Theodore Mariolis, Esq.
Gelinas & Ward, LLP, 106 Merriam Avenue
Leominster, MA 01453 (978) 537-2200
July 15, 2016
July 22, 2016
July 29, 2016

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 Jason T. Veness and Kimberly R. Veness to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for GMAC Bank, dated July 13, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41503, Page 117 of which mortgage Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for GMAC Bank, its successors and/or assigns, to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC dated January 20, 2016 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54883, Page 41, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 30 Tucker Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on August 12, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Tucker Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner thereof at a point in the westerly side of Tucker Street, at the northeasterly corner of parcel "C" shown on a plan hereinafter referred to, said point being located 168 feet northerly of the northerly line of Eastern Avenue; THENCE Westerly by the northerly line of parcel "C" on said plan and being land of James M. Raymond et ux, about 132 feet to a point on a stone wall in line of land now or formerly of Claire D. Rougier; THENCE North 17 1/2 degrees East, by said wall and land of said Rougier, 162 feet to land now or formerly of Robert B. Fales et ux;
THENCE Easterly by said Fales land, about 132 feet to the westerly line of Tucker Street THENCE Southerly by said line of Tucker Street, 162 feet to the place of beginning.
Containing about 21,380 square feet.

Being shown as parcel "A" and "B" on a plan entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land prepared for Leon H. Veilleux et ux, Winchendon, Mass., Scale: 1 inch - 30 ft., Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA" recorded in Plan Book 447, Plan 91.
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36540, Page 50.
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.
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Veness, Jason T. and Kimberly R., 16-024680, July 15, 2016, July 22, 2016,
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July 15, 2016
July 22, 2016
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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by George A. Newell and Lynne M. Newell to Bank of America, N.A., dated September 20, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39866, Page 215 subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Bank of America, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 51204, Page 24; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on July 29, 2016 at 3R Sibley Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

All that certain parcel of land situate in the City of Winchendon, County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as situated on the Westerly side of Hale Street and the Northerly side of Sibley Road, Winchendon, Massachusetts, identified as Lot 7 on the Plan titled "Plan of Lots Surveyed for Chester B. Pultorak" dated March 13, 1991, copy recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 675, Page 47. Being the same property as conveyed from Stephen D. Aube and Patricia Aube to George A. Newell and Lynne M. Newell, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, as described in Deed Book 20485 Page 2, Dated 09/30/1998, Recorded 10/01/1998. Tax ID: 4D4-66

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

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**
Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
15-013979

July 8, 2016
July 15, 2016
July 22, 2016





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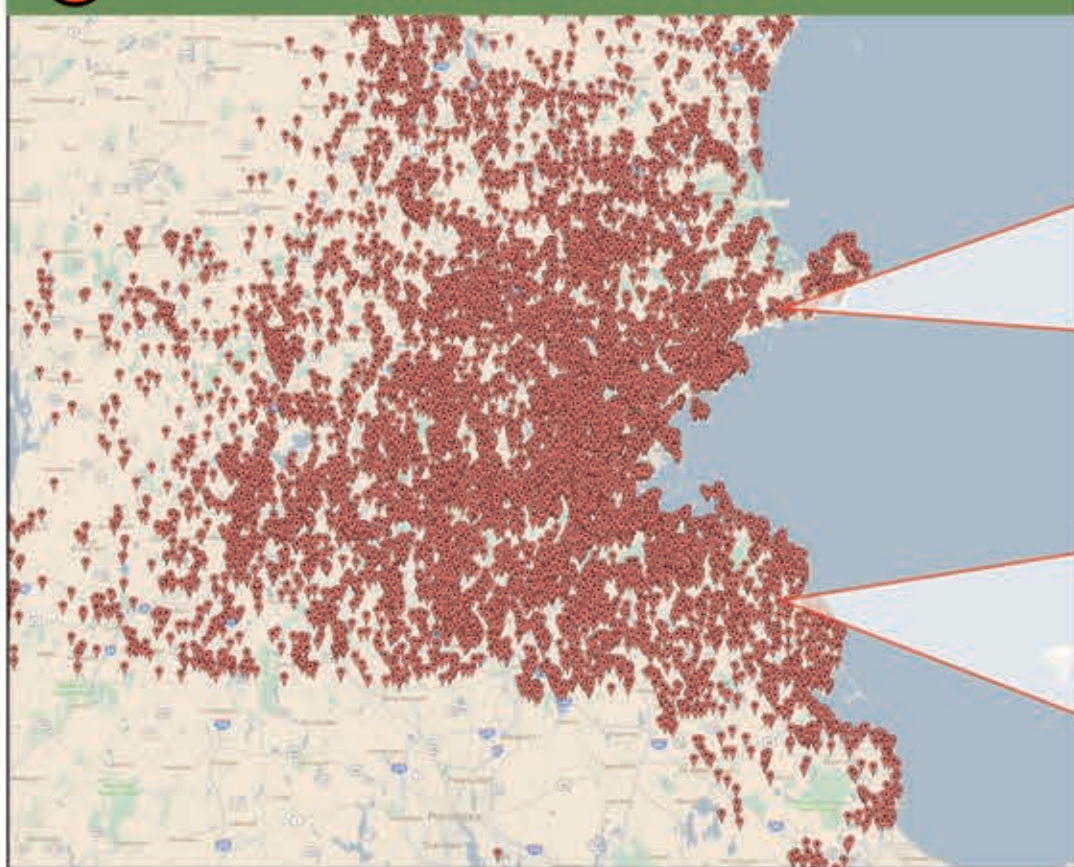
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113 years of window expertise. We're the replacement division of Andersen, the window and door company that your dad told you to trust.

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SAVE \$700
ON EVERY PATIO DOOR¹

— plus —

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for 1 year¹

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Make an appointment and get a price that's good for an entire year!

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