



Steps to address cannabis issues continue

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy updated the Planning Board at its meeting Tuesday night on her blueprint for the next public forum regarding proposed zoning regulations governing the sale and cultivation of marijuana in Winchendon. The forum is currently scheduled for 6:30 p.m., February 20 at town hall. “We really want to listen to what the people in town have to say,” she told the board. “After we hear what peo-

ple have to say, we plan to break out into three groups. We’d like to see members of the Planning Board separate themselves into three groups. I’m also going to encourage the Board of Selectmen to come, and any other boards that may have a plan in implementing some of these laws in town. We’re hoping the discussions will last about 45 minutes but, to be honest, it’ll depend on the number of people who show up.”

Murphy said the discussions should give the Planning

Board “a good idea if you’re on the right track for some of the stuff you’re proposing. You may come up with some things you haven’t previously thought of.”

Murphy said it was currently her intent not to have the public forum televised or recorded.

“I feel like people, when they’re in front of a camera or in front of a microphone, may not speak,” she said. “And this is a forum where we definitely want people to speak. We people to feel like they can talk and have a say without having

to worry about being on camera. We want people to be in a situation where they feel comfortable, where they can talk.”

Murphy presented the board with information on the evolution of marijuana laws in the Commonwealth. Over the past decade, residents of Massachusetts have voted several times to relax restrictions. The trend started in 2008 when 65 percent of the state’s voters approved decriminalizing possession of small amounts of cannabis. Four years later, by a similar margin, the sale of med-

ical marijuana was approved. Finally, in November 2016, 54 percent of voters said “yes” to the sale of recreational marijuana.

In the November 2016 election, Winchendon voters approved of legalization by a larger 60 percent majority, with 2,735 in favor and 1,823 opposed. Voter turnout in Toy Town was an unusually large 76 percent.

“When the town voted ‘yes’ on Question 4, there were implications to that ‘yes,’” said

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Zlotnik explains funding to Winchendon School students

BY JERRY CARTON
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Public school financing “can get very complicated” and smaller districts like Winchendon’s often tend to get the shortest end of the stick because of the way monies are sent from Boston to localities.

That’s the message state Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D) conveyed recently to students at the Winchendon School.

Speaking to service learning leaders, the third term representative explained the current system, created in 1993 “is very old and very outdated. There’s a funding problem and now we have data to prove it,” he said. For example, he said, “when you look at a pie chart of how money is spent, you won’t see

anything for technology. Think of all the changes you’ve seen in your lifetime,” he urged students, almost all of whom were born around or after the turn of the century.

On top of that, Zlotnik reminded students, “some towns can’t afford” to fund public schools “the way we need to do that and in this region, in the district I represent that means every public school system. Schools here are very underfunded by the state,” said Zlotnik who added he hopes Massachusetts will change the formula for distribution of state aid and is co-sponsoring legislation to do just that.

Asked why funding reform deserves to be supported,

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Photo by Keith Kent

Massachusetts Environmental Police Officer Sgt. Michael Lees at an entrance to the Lake Denison State Park Campground.

Lees enjoys the area and its residents

BY KEITH KENT
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As time marches on those who worked hard advance to retirement, while others who are younger spread their wings like the eagles they help protect and continue to fly. Our area has seen some turnover with officers moved around here and there, and now we have Sergeant Michael Lees representing MEP.

Lees, who went through the

academy and then followed with years of field and specialty training like all his fellow officers of Massachusetts Environmental Police, graduated in late 2005. Lees previously served briefly in the area in 2013, was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and was then relocated serving the area from Topsfield to Hopkinton and in between.

With the approval of his superiors, Lees was granted permission for a meet and

greet with the press, place a face to the name.

Graduating with fellow academy member and former local MEP Officer Mark Breggenti, Lees is currently on patrol in parts of both northern Worcester and Middlesex Counties which includes nearly 50 cities and towns.

In June 2017, Lees took the spot of Sgt. Breggenti when Breggenti relocated on

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Students made aware of consequences in first hand narratives

BY JERRY CARTON
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A day-long emphasis on making the right choices was held at Murdock High School last week as noted regional counselor Bill Phillips brought to town clients who told students their own, sometimes harrowing, stories and urged kids to not succumb to negative peer pressures.

Jake, Sarah, and Mike, the latter a bit older than the two early 20s-something, recounted the way their lives had spiraled and discussed their

roads to recovery. First in separate assemblies for freshmen/sophomores, then for juniors/seniors, and later in individual conversations, the trio all stressed the importance of “not doing spitball things,” as Jake put it.

The presentation was part of an ongoing speaker series and notably, all three visitors noted they began experimenting while in school and even as early as elementary school.

“I went down a dark path because I wanted to be cool,” said Jake, age 23. “It was the

easy way out. I was doing weed in sixth or seventh grade. I started selling weed to be accepted socially and that was the worst decision I could have made.”

“I didn’t build the right foundation. In high school, I got in with the wrong crowd but you adapt to what’s around you and I was okay with doing the easy thing.

“I had years of heartache after I turned 18,” he reflected, and said things didn’t turn around for him until his moth-

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HAPPINESS AT A FEEDER

Sophia Payson photo

Sophia Payson sits patiently watching her bird feeder until just the right moment to catch one of the many visitors.



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WEEKLY QUOTE

Nothing strengthens authority so much as silence.

Leonardo da Vinci



CLYDE'S CORNER

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

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

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

Sunday, February 11

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

the Fire & Iron fellows!

Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3

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

Saturday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 24

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SUNDAYS

INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON:

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from

3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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

COURIER CAPSULES

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BURLINGTON, VT — Shannon Bennett has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at the University of Vermont. Bennett, from Rindge is majoring in biological science in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

KINGSTON, RI —The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce 5,500 undergraduates have qualified

for the fall 2017 Dean's List. Among them was MeKenzie Mattheson of Jaffrey. To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average.

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, ME — Kelsey A. Brooks, Cassidy E. Morey, Shannan J. Nutt, and Julia S. Pfeifle of Winchendon have been named to the Dean's List for the 2017 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the

semester.

WORCESTER — Assumption College has announced that Trevor Haley, of Templeton, is one of 539 students who have been named to the College's prestigious undergraduate Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester. Haley is a member of the Class of 2020.

To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced twice per academic year, once at the completion of the fall semester, and again at the completion of the spring semester.

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Zlotnik responded by saying every community is entitled to good schools, stressing that includes perpetually underfunded rural ones too.

"We make guesses on the cost" of funding schools. "We need to do better," he insisted.

Furthermore, he said, "school choice can be a market force. Communities will cannibalize each other over school choice kids. We need to look at how that works," he told the group.

Zlotnik threw out some questions of his own, asking if students at the private school themselves knew anything about public school funding while congratulating them on partnering with Winchendon's public schools on vari-

ous projects.

"If we're serious about education, what kind of tough choices are we willing to make in other parts of the budget to fully fund education," he asked rhetorically.

"These are the kinds of questions we have to ask," he said, "and you can have a voice. Contact your legislators like me."

The Democratic representative said he likes doing events like the one with the Winchendon School.

"The projects these kids are involved with demonstrates they're already interested, which is to their credit but they might not know so much about the way schools get funded. This was a chance to talk about that with them. There were some good questions," said Zlotnik.

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From academics to tumbling, the Tower is buzzing

The following students were named "Student of the Month" at their respective schools and were recognized at the January School Committee Meeting:

Pre-K: December: Drake Whitaker; January: Kaitlyn Gosselin

Memorial: December: Talya Verda - Kindergarten; January: Scarlett Babineau - 2nd Grade

Toy Town: December: Alina Zheng - 3rd Grade; January: Eva Martin - 3rd Grade

Murdock Middle School: December: Emily Wightman - 6th grade; January: Jillian Labarge - 8th grade

Murdock High School: All of the students qualifying for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Due to their outstanding MCAS scores, these high school seniors have qualified to receive a four year scholarship to any participating State college or university in the Commonwealth: Michaela Benedict, Ariana Berman, Jason Bourgojn, Ethan Brodeur, Jacob Carter, Mary Desire, Samuel Drake, Katelynn Hutton, Emily Kiberd-Pervier, Joseph LaFord, Steven Lemieux, Marisa Losurdo, Alexander Marshall, Hannah Morse, Molly Murphy, Shyla palmer, Brandon Peterson, & Thomas Sutherland.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

Members of the indoor track team had a very successful day as they participated in the MSTCA Coaches Invitational Meet on Saturday, Jan. 27. Lilly Digman took 8th place with a personal record in the 600 meter. Alexia Allard placed

VIEW FROM THE TOWER
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8th in both the 55 Hurdles and the Long Jump. Adam Digman placed 15th and achieved a personal record in the 55 Hurdles. Ryan Thira ran the 55 meter dash. Richard Swanson was the 1st place champion in the 600 meter dash, achieving a personal record and a new school record!!!!

Kudos also go out to Lilly Digman and Justin Thira who qualified for the Class V State Meet in the 300 meter run and Long jump, respectively.

Good luck to all track team members participating in the District E Meet tomorrow!

The track team held their annual Cub Scouts introduction to Track on Tuesday night. The local cub scout troop was instructed in and had a chance to try their skill at several events including hurdles, high jump, and shot put.

On Tuesday night, the JV and Varsity boys' basketball teams traveled to Millbury High School. The JV boys were defeated, but the Varsity boys were triumphant in a very close 65-62 game. Only three more games in the regular season with a District bid still a possibility for the varsity Blue Devils!

Congratulations also to the middle school and varsity cheerleading squads who participated in their first competition of the season, hosted by Gardner High School. The middle school cheer-



Courtesy photos

Tumbling on the mats was one of the fun activities when Cub Scouts were introduced to the track team.

leaders placed 2nd in their division. The varsity squad placed 1st in their division and achieved the highest overall score for the day!!

Upcoming events:

Today (2/9): Boys JV and Girls/Boys Varsity Basketball Games vs Narragansett 4:00/5:30/7:00 Good Luck Blue Devils!!!

2/10 - District E Championship Track Meet at Fitchburg High School

2/14 - JV/Varsity Girls Basketball 4:30/6:00

2/16 - JV/Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball (Senior Night) 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

2/17 - Bottle and Can drive - Rite Aid

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2/ 20 - Cheerleading Clinic - Open to boys' and girls' Pre-K thru 7th grade - for more information contact Lisa Paulitzky at 978-297-1256 x101, lpaulitzky@winchendonk12.org or Murdockcheerleading@gmail.com.

March 2 & 3: High School Musical - Footloose. Get your tickets now by calling Laura Marshall at 978-297-2461

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EDITORIAL

Learning how to help one another

There is no question the world has changed. And continues to change all around us.

There was once a different sense of community, one in which people had more connection directly with one another face to face rather than electronically; that is a given; but it was more than that.

It was an age when there was more interaction because people wanted it. There were ways to get it more easily too.

There were organizations specifically intended to give people ways to connect with one another.

Social, yes, but also with motives.

As an example, churches had much more activities for all ages; and they were attended. There was more than just the required Sunday services, there were youth groups and mother's groups and men's groups and choirs and study groups and bowling leagues and sewing circles and scout troops and basketball teams and baseball and softball teams for all ages, and all of them were done under the aegis of a local church.

Then there were gender specific service groups like Lions and Rotary and Jaycess and Kiwanis; who didn't let women in for years although they did have adjacent groups like the Lionesses. But women created their own Women's Clubs and did their own fundraising and good works.

Then there were the sports related groups like bowling leagues and softball leagues and horseshoe leagues and bocci leagues and darts clubs and golf and tennis clubs. And if you weren't good at sports, just join and play cards every afternoon.

So for whatever reason, there were ways to find to interact with others. And then there were ways to find out about problems in the community or about

people having difficulties. Quietly, without a lot of fuss and feathers. And somehow, a church or a service group or just friends, would get together and help.

The new crises, opioids, drug addictions, broken families, we are dealing with in all our communities at present aren't new. They are increasingly apparent, but aren't new. What is new is how we deal with this.

We expect somehow it is up to government agencies and health departments and medical gurus and "someone" else to cure it all.

It doesn't work that way. Never has. Never will.

It's a people problem and people are what will help. Families are broken. We've insulated ourselves into such nuclear bodies we don't connect; even within households. And there certainly isn't much intergenerational interaction. We have become dependent on experts to cure our ills, instead of talking to others and talking out problems (not to professionals, but to one another); and instead of 'cures' we find new problems in addictive medications.

The opioids are the results of dependence on big pharmaceuticals and allowing them free rein; they even advertise their stuff freely on TV though they do indeed rattle off a laundry list of possible side effects (even death), that is usually ignored.

Pain, suffering, loneliness, self-worth, depression, learning problems, life skills, addictions, weight problems...

Sound familiar?

Connecting with one another on a different plane of existence would be a start. Talking rather than texting, face to face. Finding out what makes on another tick without a screen separating one from another.

The harshness and patience

It is a harsh winter by any measure even beyond the weather. It's February. In New England that means it will be cold and it will snow. Weather is weather. In a few months, many will complain about the heat and humidity. So be it. As the saying goes, you can't change the weather.

No, the harshness of this particular winter is not about the weather. Two things which happened last week in my little corner of the world reminded me just how awful this winter has been. One of my friends from AU passed away last Tuesday after putting up one hell of a good, tough and courageous fight against the evilness of cancer. Of the people with whom I was friends with at AU, Mindy is the first to have passed. While we can be relieved that she is at peace, this was a sobering jolt nonetheless. Ralph and the kids and the family remain in my thoughts of course.

Also last week, I received an email from one of Courtney's friends at Smith. I had asked this person if they would mind sharing their recollections of those catastrophic days eight months ago. I'm appreciative they did. Their memories helped me better and more fully understand what was really going on, at least from their perspective. So thanks.

It is a harsh winter outside my little corner as well. I'm speechless, I really am, when I see supposedly conservative Republicans attack the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the intelligence agencies. Seriously.



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I thought that was forever reserved for agitators and civil libertarians from my side. I saw a story suggesting that it's unfair to Richard Nixon to say what DJT is doing is "Nixonian". Roll that around a bit. I've seen people saying they

don't understand the "#notmypresident" hashtag. Again, seriously? Those millions upon millions of us who use it do so because we prefer a President, D or R, liberal or conservative, who first and foremost understands the fundamental concept so simply and eloquently expressed by President Ford at his inaugural - "we are a nation of laws, not of men."

The current occupant of the oval office and his enablers have utterly no respect not only for the rule of law but for the institutional pillars of the Republic itself. Shame on DJT. On Mike Pence and Devin Nunes and the cowardly Paul Ryan and so many others. History is sure to judge them harshly.

So as ever all I can advise is patience. As outraged as we may be, as saddened as we may be to watch this horrifying spectacle unfold, let me remind you - November is coming. Inexorably the calendar will turn. November will come. In the meantime, be active. Write and call. Be aware of election laws. And do not give up. I assume by now we have learned that decisions are as the old saying goes, made by those who show up. I further assume that means you'll be showing up. Right?

We are spoiled as New England sports fans

As it was estimated by multiple informational tracking tools 14 million people across our nation called out sick the day after the Super Bowl on what is now coined by the business world as "Super Sick Monday" as work productivity took nearly as heavy a hit as those whose team lost the big game, the New England Patriots.

Take heart Patriots fans, there is always next season, and just think about how spoiled we all have been by both they and our combined professional teams.

I for one am extremely thankful as a fan that Patriots fans got to see their team again make it to the big game. Sure, we didn't win but take heart, after a mountain of AFC Championships, a ton

of Super Bowl appearances, and five previous National Championships, members of Patriots Nation cannot complain when you consider how other teams have never even made it to the Super Bowl once, let alone win the coveted prize known as the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Everybody deserves their big day in the spot light. Let us be gracious in defeat, thankful for what we have yet again experienced, and realize when you look at the bigger picture and since the new millennium began in 2001, Massachusetts professional sports teams have won far more championships than any other sports franchise hosting city.

Between the New England Patriots along with the Boston Red Sox, Celtics, and Bruins,



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there are 10 Championships in just 18 years. Seriously, how can we complain? The Pats won it all in 2002, 04, 05, 15, and 17. The Red Sox won it all after an 86 year hiatus in 2004 followed by 07, and 13. The Celtics broke their 22 year drought on the hardwood by winning the big one in 2008 and ending a drought that existed since 1986, and the Bruins captured greatness and all the glory with the Stanley Cup in 2011.

Now when you also take in

to consideration all the conference championships and divisional champions, and year's teams made it to the finals but didn't get the big win, you're pushing the two dozen mark. Please try to tell me with those additional numbers combined with the above, that local sports fans are not the most spoiled from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and Canada to Mexico. Seriously, you can't deny the numbers and should be very thankful as WE ARE SPOILED ROTTEN.

For those who look forward to the boys of summer and the diamond on the green, the start of winter training is just weeks away. The Celtics are still strong contenders this hoop season, and the Bruins while not dominate, could pick it up in the second season just as

well as many others.

As for Tom Brady and company, also take heart that the man who holds almost every regular season and playoff record at his position still has a few more good years in him. With 505 passing yards in the big game "Yet another new record" there can be no logical argument the man should retire yet. Defense wins games, and face it, overall ours stunk.

In closing, be thankful for what you have, be thankful for what is still yet to come, and remember every day is a gift from above. The glass is usually half full when keeping things in perspective, and as sports fans our glasses have been overflowing for quite a long time. There is no shame in letting somebody else have their first drink.

Tips and techniques to industrialize your space

Sleek stainless steel, cold concrete and "just enough" rust are what industrial decorating dreams are made of. What to do if you don't have a wallet as deep as your love of the distressed decor that has ushered in the second industrial revolution? Improvise. All it takes are some readily available supplies, a bit of elbow grease and a bit of inspiration to create a look inspired by factories of yore. Read on for quick and easy ways to achieve faux designer finishes that mimic the unique modern and rustic look of industrial decor.

Stainless Steel: From wastebaskets to washing machines, stainless steel epitomizes the sleek, clean look of modern interior design. The bad news is stainless steel goods typically cost significantly more than their traditional counterparts; the good news is, a faux stainless finish can mimic the expensive look for mere pennies on the dollar. Here are two DIY methods to try:

Stainless Steel Paint: Dubbed "liquid stainless steel"

this paint, sold in gallon pails beside the regular latex, is far from ordinary. Its application with a paint brush has the power to give old, dreary appliances a literal facelift. Earning rave reviews, this paint is a readily available and affordable alternative to the real deal.

To Try: *Thomas' Liquid Stainless Steel Paint* (the company also offers a refrigerator kit with paint and tools to redo appliances like a pro); *Giani Liquid Stainless Steel paints*.

Sticky Stainless Steel: Remember contact paper? New, high tech textured stainless steel adhesive paper is nothing like the sticky stuff that covered everything from walls to text books during its heyday in the 1950s and '60s. Today's modern version of stainless steel "contact paper" produced by the familiar Con-Tact Brand and others, can literally transform everything from tabletops to kitchen backsplashes in minutes.

To Try: *Con-Tact Brand Metal FX Creative Covering Self-Adhesive*; *EZ Faux Decor Stainless Steel*.



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Instant Rust: Nothing adds an edge to the industrial look than authentic rust. Almost anything metal from rural mailboxes to steel buckets can benefit from a little (or a lot) of weatherworn rust. While there are many paint applications to mimic oxidation, this easy method results in real rust almost instantly, simply by chemically speeding up the process!

Materials: Item to be rusted; hydrogen peroxide; spray bottle; table or coarse salt.

Instructions: Fill a spray bottle with hydrogen peroxide (be sure to use this method in a well ventilated area or outside if possible). Spritz the surface of the item in the area you wish

to be rusted. Generous sprays will result in more effective (and speedy) results.

While surface is still wet, sprinkle salt over the area. Allow to completely air dry without disturbing the piece. Rust will typically form right before your eyes! If you desire a more heavily rusted item, simply repeat the process.

Aged Bronze: Vintage bronze metal furniture, garden accessories, and aged sculptures often boast an aged green patina referred to as verdigris. This aged bronze finish is hard to duplicate, but not impossible. This faux verdigris finish technique is a good alternative to the real thing. Best of all, it covers up imperfections on metal furniture and accessories and is right at home in an industrial space.

Materials: Paints needed are: rust proof primer; oil based enamel semi gloss in a bronze color; three oil based enamel green colors for finish such as verdigris green; sage green and pine or hunter green; foam

brush, regular paint brush; kitchen sponges, rags or paper towels.

Instructions: Make sure surface is prepared carefully by sanding and removing any rust. Paint with primer. Paint base coat with a good foam brush. Dip a piece of kitchen sponge into first green paint and dab off excess color. Then apply to surface, varying pressure to create light and dark marks. Leave gaps in coverage for other paint colors. Repeat with last two green colors. When done, reapply a bit of the bronze base coat if needed. Allow to dry.

Cement: Concrete is the cornerstone of industrial decor. From substantial patio planters to concrete counter tops, getting the look for less is literally at your fingertips, thanks to new textured spray paints. These paints make it easier than ever to create faux finishes for modern industrial decor.

Ideas Spray wooden beams to mimic concrete supports; Spray inexpensive plastic



Nearing end of prolific high school career, Murphy reflects

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Meet senior Molly Murphy. She's been a three sport athlete throughout high school and one theme runs through a career which has included field hockey, softball and her best sport, basketball. That theme? Leadership. Sure, she's Murdock's leading hoops scorer. Sure, she hits pretty well on the diamond. Sure, she helped the Lady Devils to their first field hockey district spot a couple seasons ago. All those matter. But what matters even more to her is working with younger athletes, doing whatever she can to help them improve their game, showing them the right way to do things. "I guess I'm like a coach," Murphy said. "I like watching young players grow, players like Kaleigh (Lauziere) and

Shae (Dupuis). I like watching them develop. I like helping them do that," she remarked, adding, "in the beginning of my career, I didn't know what a captain was supposed to do. I watched too. I learned. But a lot of it is just natural."

Her leadership has been noticed, too. At a game in Ayer earlier this year, the coaches handed her a letter, telling Molly how much they respected the way she has carried herself, citing in particular a pregame warmup from several seasons ago.

"Your pregame warmups were not going well for your team and you took control of the situation. You did it in such a way that none of your teammates felt bad and immediately the warmups were much improved. You did not wait for your coaches to say anything, you saw something that needed

to be corrected and you took care of it. You might not even remember the story nor think it was a big deal but it is the small things in life that make all the difference."

There was more, but when Ayer coaches Pete Page, Steve Belanger, Tony Fields and Mike handed her the letter, Murphy admits to being "shocked. I cried. I did. I had no idea. I didn't know them. I don't know them. It felt so good," she reflected.

It made the family proud too. Molly grew up hearing about her father Glen's career. She and older brother Jack both took his uniform number (33) as their own.

"I saw my dad's name on a banner. That meant a lot to me," she smiled.

On and off the court and fields, MHS has been a "unique" experience for Murphy.

"In a small school, there are a bunch of kids who do everything, sports, plays, yearbook. I do everything I can. It's a personal challenge to me," she acknowledged.

Above all, though, "sports has meant so much to me, especially basketball. I've loved playing for coach (Jim) Abare. I could have gone other places, other schools talked to me, but I wanted to play for him. Everyone should want that," Murphy stressed.

Molly said she very well might play hoops at Worcester State next winter but for now, there's one week left in her basketball career at MHS.

"There's a positive atmosphere, a positive environment," she enthused as she looked ahead to next Friday's finale.



Molly Murphy

MONTY TECH SKILLSUSA STUDENTS ATTEND FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



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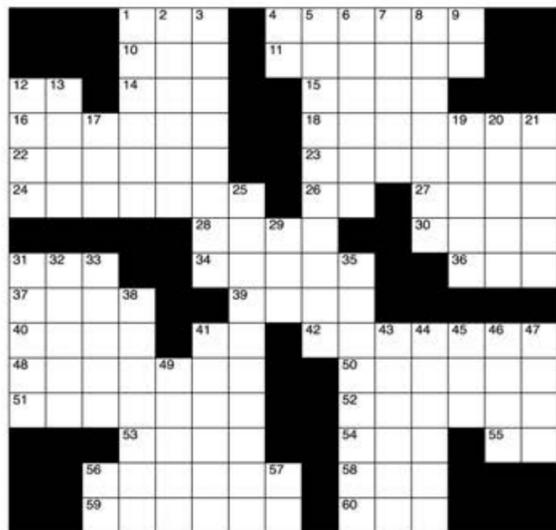
Monty Tech students who successfully completed the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference are, front row, from left, Francisco Melo and Kayla Cintron, both of Fitchburg, Sophia Chernoch of Westminster, Maggie Lashua of Winchendon, Jade Bailey of Athol, Hannah Shults of Fitchburg, Dominique Dupuis of Lunenburg and Daniel McKenna of Leominster. Back row are Adrianna Durand of Athol, Sadie Wright of Royalston, Kelsey Aggrey of Fitchburg, Ariel Johnson of Holden, Casey Szlosek of Lunenburg, Samantha Collette of Westminster, Kayla Gerry, Adrianna Buzzell, and Ziola Wilder, all of Athol, Valerie Guzman of Fitchburg, Alexandria Chattaway of Ashby and Kylee Cormier of Fitchburg.

FITCHBURG — Students from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School recently completed three days of intense leadership and employability skills training at the annual SkillsUSA fall state leadership conference held in the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlboro.

A total of 20 students, the largest group to date, successfully completed the training in areas such as communication skills, group dynamics and employability skills. They also participated in SkillsUSA's professional development program, earned leader awards, and learned about the organization's various programs.

Those participating include: ASHBY: Alexandria Chattaway; ATHOL: Jade Bailey, Adrianna Buzzell, Adrianna Durand, Kayla Gerry, Ziola Wilder; FITCHBURG: Kelsey Aggrey, Kayla Cintron, Kylee Cormier, Valerie Guzman, Francisco Melo, Hannah Shults; HOLDEN: Ariel Johnson; LEOMINSTER: Daniel McKenna; LUNENBURG: Dominique Dupuis, Casey Szlosek; ROYALSTON: Sadie Wright; WESTMINSTER: Sophia Chernoch, Samantha Collette; WINCHENDON: Maggie Lashua.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Plural of be
- 4. Dress
- 10. Nothing
- 11. Relating to apes
- 12. They protect and serve
- 14. Swindle
- 15. Show's partner
- 16. Lift
- 18. Raise up
- 22. Do something to an excessive degree
- 23. Occupies
- 24. Power-driven aircraft
- 26. Indicates position
- 27. Matchstick games
- 28. This and
- 30. No longer here
- 31. Health insurance
- 34. Spore-producing receptacle on fern frond
- 36. Monetary unit
- 37. Sweet potatoes
- 39. Tropical Asian plant
- 40. Guilty or not guilty
- 41. Carbon dioxide
- 42. Able to arouse intense feeling
- 48. Earl's jurisdiction
- 50. Omitted
- 51. Heartbeat
- 52. Albania capital
- 53. Fashion accessory
- 54. Interaction value analysis
- 55. Symbol of exclusive ownership
- 56. More promising
- 58. student, learns healing
- 59. Nonresident doctor
- 60. Midway between east and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Enrages
- 2. Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 3. Uses in an unfair way
- 4. Cesium
- 5. Written works
- 6. Breakfast item
- 7. Found in showers
- 8. A way of fractioning
- 9. Unit of measurement
- 12. Sailboat
- 13. Indian goddess
- 17. For each
- 19. Farewell
- 20. Ethnic group of Sierra Leone
- 21. German industrial city
- 25. Measures intensity of light
- 29. Small, faint constellation
- 31. Promotes enthusiastically
- 32. Malaysian inhabitant
- 33. Ancient units of measurement
- 35. An unspecified period
- 38. Frame house with up to three stories
- 41. Lassie is one
- 43. Martinis have them
- 44. Rant
- 45. Famed journalist Tarbell
- 46. Opening
- 47. Round Dutch cheese
- 49. Archaic form of do
- 56. Once more
- 57. Registered nurse

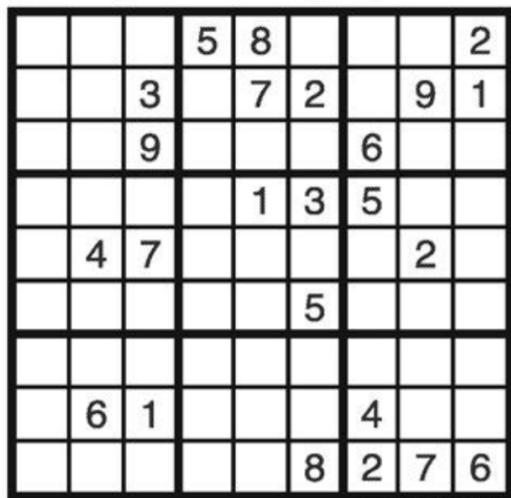


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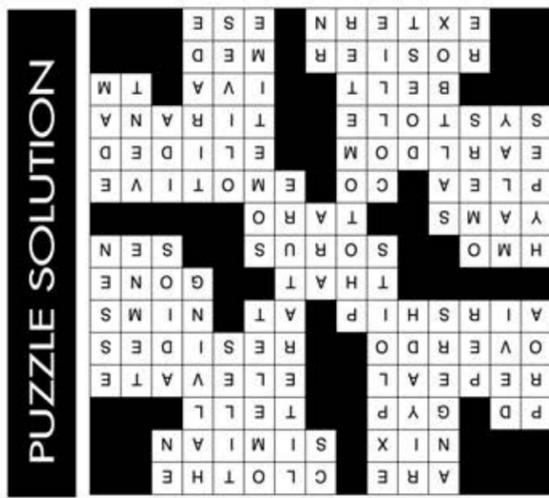
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POLICE LOG

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

1:32 a.m.: bolo (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 3:34 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:33 a.m.: parking violation (Walnut Street), spoken to; 9:55 a.m.: fire/box alarm (Central Street), services rendered; 10:23 a.m.: assist other PD (Pond Street), unable to locate; 10:47 a.m.: summons service (Linden Street), unable to serve; 11:15 a.m.: summons service (Ready Drive), advised officer; 11:16 a.m.: summons service (Joslin Road), advised officer; 11:19 a.m.: summons service (Joslin Road), advised officer; 11:21 a.m.: summons service (Mechanic Street), advised officer; 12:01 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Donald C. Rudolph, 56, 409 Spring Street, Winchendon, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, no inspection sticker, arrest based on warrant; 2:16 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street), referred to ACO; 3:12 p.m.: ambulance (Court Street), transported; 3:48 p.m.: suspicious person (Railroad Street), protective custody; 5:17-6:18 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:16 p.m.: suicide threats (Ready Drive), transported to hospital; 8:00 p.m.: larceny (Mechanic Street), report taken; 9:17 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street), transported.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

12:59 a.m.: disabled mv (River Street), canceled; 1:07-1:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:46 a.m.: ambulance (Hancock Road), transported; 1:51-3:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:47 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), secure; 5:12 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 5:33 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 9:08 a.m.: assault (Polly's Drive), spoken to; 10:25 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 10:39 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), Luke J. Kenefick, 31, 60 Meadowview Road, #18, failure to stop/yield, unregistered mv, unlicensed operation, report taken; 11:31 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Murdock Avenue), services rendered; 12:23 p.m.: investigation (Ready Drive), report taken; 1:59 p.m.: mv stop (Linden Street), citation issued; 2:06 p.m.: summons service (Linden Street), served; 2:30 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 3:18 p.m.: recovered property (Teel Road), returned to owner; 3:41 p.m.: summons service (Joslin Road), served; 3:55 p.m.: summons service (High Street), unable to serve; 4:03 p.m.: summons service (Ready Drive), unable to serve; 4:08 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Alger Street), spoken to; 4:39 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), transported; 6:36 p.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 7:27 p.m.: accident (Water Street), report taken; 8:03 p.m.: FD call (Cedar Terrace), services rendered; 9:02 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:11 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 10:52 p.m.: suicide threats (Ready

Officer Derek Blair of the Winchendon Police Department has issued a warning that Mark A. Howe, also known as Mark Andrew Howe, has recently moved to Winchendon and is now living at 25 Walnut St. Suite C. He has a secondary address of 23 Bakers Ave. Apt. 2, Weymouth.

Howe, age 49, is described as a Caucasian male with gray or partially hair and brown eyes approximately five feet 11 inches tall and weighing approximately 235 pounds. He has been classified as a Level 3 sex offender by the Sex Offender Registry Board.

The Board has determined that this individual has a moderate or high risk to reoffend and that the degree of dangerousness posed to the public is such that public safety interest is served by public availability of registration information.



Mark A. Howe

Howe was convicted of dissemination of matter harmful to minors, enticing a child under the age of 16 and indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years of age all on Oct. 21, 2015.

Sex offender registration information shall not be used to commit a crime against an offender or engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender. Any person who uses sex offender registration information for such purpose shall be punished by not more than two and one-half (2 1/2) years in a house of correction or by fine of not more than \$1000.00 or both. M.G.L. c. 6, § 178N.

Any person who uses sex offender registration information to threaten to commit a crime may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than six months. M.G.L. c.275, § 4.

Drive), transported.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

12:16-12:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:19 a.m.: threats (Pond Street), spoken to; 12:47-2:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:46 a.m.: FD call (Central Street), services rendered; 8:30 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:57 a.m.: suspicious person (Lakeshore Drive), spoken to; 9:35 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 9:47 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 10:40 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 11:52 a.m.: suspicious auto (Glenallan Street), dispersed gathering; 2:02 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 2:17 p.m.: info/general (West Street), advised officer; 4:11 p.m.: info/general (Alger Street), spoken to; 4:47 p.m.: accident (Central Street), gone on arrival; 6:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Banner Place), report taken; 7:15 p.m.: info/general (Cedar Terrace), spoken to; 7:45 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), assisted; 7:56 p.m.: traffic hazard (Lincoln Avenue), unable to locate; 9:02 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:27 p.m.: unwanted party (Hale Street), report taken.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12:08-12:38 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:39 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 12:51 a.m.: building checked, secure; 5:06 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), report taken; 5:32 a.m.: wires down (School Street), traffic hazard removed; 7:27 a.m.: unattended death (Old Centre), report taken; 8:37 a.m.: disabled mv (Baldwinville State Road), assisted; 9:00

a.m.: ambulance (Cardinal Lane), transported; 10:08 a.m.: b&e/mv (Belmont Avenue), report taken; 10:49 a.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street), spoken to; 10:55 a.m.: wires down (Glenallan Street), referred; 10:56 a.m.: investigation (Teel Road), spoken to; 1:23 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), info taken; 1:30 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Glenallan Street), assisted; 1:57 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), verbal warning; 1:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Carriage Lane), referred to ACO; 2:37 p.m.: ATV complaint (Washington Avenue), report taken; 6:32 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street), transported; 6:46 p.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), verbal warning; 7:12 p.m.: traffic hazard (Hitchcock Road), spoken to; 7:42 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:17 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 8:27 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), written warning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:33-1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:54 a.m.: fire/box alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 2:22 a.m.: info/general (Grove Street), spoken to; 9:35 a.m.: burglar alarm (School Street), secure; 10:09 a.m.: officer wanted (River Street), report taken; 10:40 a.m.: keep the peace (Alger Street), assisted; 12:05 p.m.: threats (Ready Drive), assisted; 12:11 p.m.: mv fire (Elmwood Road), extinguished; 2:50 p.m.: 911 hang up (Beech Street), child playing w/phone; 3:25 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Terrace), unable to locate; 4:27 p.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 6:20 p.m.: mv fire (Central Street), extinguished; 7:24 p.m.: suspicious mv (Franklin

Street), spoken to; 10:35 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

1:02 a.m.: parking violation (Walnut Street), citation issued; 1:09-1:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:40 a.m.: parking violation (Pine Street), citation issued; 1:46 a.m.: parking violation (Emerald Street), citation issued; 2:02 a.m.: parking violation (Cedar Street), citation issued; 2:06 a.m.: parking violation (Juniper Street), citation issued; 2:15 a.m.: parking violation (Poland Avenue), citation issued; 2:33-7:39 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:01 a.m.: suicide threats (Ready Drive), transported to hospital; 9:14 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 9:52 a.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), false alarm; 10:21 a.m.: mv fire (Spring Street), extinguished; 11:08 a.m.: animal complaint (Oak Street), canceled; 11:17 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:00 p.m.: burglar alarm (School Street), secure; 2:14 p.m.: property found (Pleasant Street), info taken; 2:27 p.m.: larceny (Hill Street), report taken; 2:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street); 3:22 p.m.: ambulance (Ash Street), transported; 3:26 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Street), spoken to; 3:33 p.m.: alarm/type unknown (Hyde Park Drive), assisted; 3:44 p.m.: larceny (Baldwinville Road), info taken; 6:50 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), unable to locate; 6:53 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), info given; 7:21 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), transported to hospital; 9:24 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 9:38 p.m.: attempt to locate (Linden Street), unable to locate; 10:53 p.m.: disturbance (Highland Street), unfounded; 11:00 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street), Brian D. Tuttle, 61, 606 Lakeview Drive, Winchendon, OUI liquor/5th offense, negligent operation, arrest; 11:39 p.m.: fire alarm (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 11:56 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:32 a.m.: investigation (Juniper Street), assisted; 12:47 a.m.: suicide threats (Webster Street), transported to hospital; 1:58 a.m.: keep the peace (Juniper Street), assisted; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Glenallan Street), referred; 7:37 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 8:07 a.m.: summons service (Elm Street), advised officer; 10:21 a.m.: accident (Webster Street), report taken; 11:10 a.m.: missing person (Walnut Street), report taken; 11:51 a.m.: fraud (Central Street), report taken; 12:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Road), referred to ACO; 12:42 p.m.: ambulance (East Monomac Road), transported; 1:33 p.m.: assist other agency (Pond Street), returned to home/family; 1:46 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street), canceled; 2:22 p.m.: erratic operation (School Street), unable to locate; 3:00 p.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), info taken; 3:46 p.m.: 911 hang up (Elm Street), spoken to; 4:03 p.m.: unwanted party (Juniper Street), David Adam Ricard, 53, 30 Whitney Street, #1A, Winchendon, assault on family/household member, threatening to commit a crime, arrest; 4:52 p.m.: harassment (Maple Street), report taken; 7:03 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 7:11 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), report taken; 10:58-11:54 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

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Murphy. "I'm happy that we chose to implement a moratorium because it gave us a little bit of breathing room to really think this through. The Planning Board is doing its due diligence in looking at zoning to regulate the retail sales and cultivation of adult-

use marijuana."

While the town is allowed some local control over cannabis operations, Murphy noted that state law prohibits "unreasonably impractical" regulations. State law states specifically that cities and towns "cannot subject licensees to unreasonable risk or require such high investment of risk, money, time or any

other resource or asset that a reasonably prudent business person would not operate a marijuana establishment."

She said the town can regulate "the time, place, and manner" of marijuana operations, but the regulations can't be so strict that it makes in nearly impossible to establish a business.

In addition, said Murphy, the

state distinguishes between seven types of cannabis operations: marijuana retailers; marijuana cultivators; marijuana product manufacturers; independent testing laboratories; craft marijuana cultivator cooperatives; marijuana transporters, and; marijuana micro-businesses.

Murphy also noted the town has the option of imposing a local three-percent sales tax on marijuana purchases in Winchendon.

According to Murphy, there has been a good response to an online survey asking respondents which areas of town would be most suitable for retail marijuana businesses.

Results thus far indicate most people believe the Hillview Business Park off Route 140 would be the most desirable location for such operations, followed by Route 12, near the New Hampshire border.

"Waterville Plaza is right behind that," said Murphy, "then Winchendon Springs, then Central Street. Thirty-two percent say Central Street."

In addition to the public forum on February 20, a public hearing on the final draft zoning bylaw governing marijuana sales and cultivation in Winchendon has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m., March 20 at town hall auditorium.

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pots and garden sculptures to look like pricey concrete pieces; Spray wooden benches to create charming garden seats.

To Try: Rust-Oleum Grey Stone Effect spray paint; Krylon Stone Course Texture spray paint.

Dinner for Two at the Publick House
Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous dinner for two at the renowned restaurant,

located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

OBITUARIES

Susan S. (Lucason) Carrigan, 65

ATHOL — Susan S. (Lucason) Carrigan, age 65, of 739 Daniel Shays Highway, died Sunday, February 4, 2018 in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield.



She was born in Worcester on December 3, 1952, daughter of the late Peter P. and Josephine M. (Regota) Lucason and lived in Athol for nine years. She previously lived in Ashburnham, Oxford and Daytona Beach, FL.

Susan was a graduate of St. Stephen High School and attended Salter Secretarial School. She worked for several years in the Oxford School Department as a secretary and library aide. Her hobbies were reading, walking along the beach, attending flea markets and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She leaves her husband of 46 years, Thomas J. Carrigan; three children, Sheryl L. Murphy and her husband Eric of Port Orange, FL, Thomas J. Carrigan Jr and his wife Francine of Ashburnham and Stacey M. Lambert and her husband Joseph of Fitchburg; a brother Peter Lucason of Liverpool, NY; a sister, Dianne Roberge of Palm Coast, FL; three grandchildren, Amanda, Jac and Olivea; two great grandchildren, Ethan and Sawyer and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11 A.M. in St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest Street, Baldwinville.

Burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Calling hours in St. Vincent de Paul Church will be Friday, February 9, 2018 from 5 to 7 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to National Breast Cancer Foundation <http://donate.nationalbreastcancer.org>

Daniel C. Carter, 71



WINCHENDON — Daniel C. Carter, age 71, of 50 Old Centre, died Friday, February 2, 2018 at his residence.

He was born in Newark, New Jersey on May 2, 1946 and had lived in Columbus, GA., Florida and Bedford, MA. He lived in Winchendon for about 10 years.

Dan proudly served his country as a

member of the United States Air Force. He participated in various activities at the Winchendon Senior Center and also in various veterans' activities.

He leaves no known family members. Military funeral services will be held Friday, February 9, 2018 at 2 P.M. in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

Rose-Marie (Lussier) Gemme, 80

WINCHENDON — Rose-Marie (Lussier) Gemme, age 80, of 32 Hospital Hill Road, Gardner, formerly of Winchendon, died peacefully Wednesday morning, January 31, 2018 in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield, with her family at her side.

She was born in Cohoes, New York on November 14, 1937, daughter of the late Albert and Angeline (Gosselin) Lussier and had lived in Winchendon since 1970.

Rose-Marie had worked as a school bus monitor for Fred's School Bus along with her late husband until her retirement. She previously had worked in the pharmacy at the former Slavin's Drug Store and as a clerk at the former Music Forum. She was an excellent cook and seamstress and enjoyed working with crafts. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family. She was fondly called "Mrs. G" or "Mom Gemme" by many of

her children's friends. She was also an avid fan of Neil Diamond and loved cats.

Her husband of 49 years, Leon L. Gemme, died in 2005. She leaves four children, Matthew A. Gemme and his wife Stephanie of Winchendon, Amanda L. Gemme of Ashburnham, Amy R. Snyder and her husband Alan of Athol and Rebecca J. Ross of Athol; a brother Claude Lussier and his wife Pauline of Rocky Point, CT; seven grandchildren, Brittany Rose, Cody, Madison, Jean-Luc, Lindsey, Sandie and Logan; two great grandchildren, Noelan and Eloise; a special sister in law, Annette Rollo and her husband Dr. Mark Rollo of Fitchburg and many nieces and nephews. A son, Kenneth L. Gemme, died in 2014.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon were held Monday, February 5, 2018. A funeral service followed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue, 381 Baldwinville Road, Templeton, MA 01468.

John 'Jack' G. Fuller, 92

LEOMINSTER — John "Jack" G. Fuller, age 92, formerly of 89 Barrington Road, died peacefully Sunday, February 4, 2018 in Edith Nourse Rogers Veterans Home in Bedford.



He was born in Lynn on January 25, 1926, son of the late Dwight G. and Sarah H. (Shaw) Fuller and grew up in Fitchburg. John graduated from Fitchburg High School with the Class of 1943. He had lived in Leominster for 10 years.

John proudly served his country in both World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the United States Marine Corps and participated in the Consolidation of the Northern Solomon Islands and in the Philippine Islands Campaign. He also served in the United States Air Force Reserves for several years.

John worked for years in the trans-

portation industry and also co-owned Whalom Auto Parts in Lunenburg with his eldest son John. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion in Leominster and was a member of Wilder Lodge of Masons. John had also been a member of Christ Church in Exeter, NH. He enjoyed cars, traveling and hunting.

He leaves his children, Cheryl Feenstra of Palm Coast FL, Nancy Scipione of Port Charlotte FL, John Fuller 2nd of Leominster, Robert Fuller of Grapevine TX, June Sebastian of Manchester NH and William Fuller of Treasure Island FL, many step children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death of two daughters, Mary Fuller and Carol Fuller and a son, John Fuller.

Military funeral services will be held Friday, February 16, 2018 at 1 P.M. in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

There are no calling hours. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon is directing arrangements.



worked as a school bus monitor for Fred's School Bus along with her late husband until her retirement. She previously had worked in the pharmacy at the former Slavin's Drug Store and as a clerk at the former Music Forum. She was an excellent cook and seamstress and enjoyed working with crafts. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family. She was fondly called "Mrs. G" or "Mom Gemme" by many of

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assignment to Nantucket. Lees is currently acting in temporarily filling a vacancy created by the fall 2017 retirement of Winchendon resident Lt. Anthony Wolski, who now gets to enjoy well deserved time with his wife, children, and grandchildren after a long and distinguished career.

MEP Officers are not allowed to make recommendations. However, they can talk about what is law and legally expected under different situations and recreational activities. From enjoying the woods to the water, hiking, and hunting, Lees only asks, "You take the necessary required safety precautions and obey the laws that are in place for the protection of both yourself and others around you."

Discussing seasonal concerns, which widely vary, Lees said, "If you're dealing with hikers or people who are hunting through the winter season a concern is definitely hypothermia. We train for search & rescue missions along with your standard first aid & CPR. We train with other agencies a well such as the Mass State Police, as they have an air wing that can help out with that. If we are on a search and rescue and we are not really sure where the person is and there is a good amount of snow cover, then we can deploy our snowmobiles."

"In other situations, we have off road equipment such as gators and razors with track systems as well if needed depending on the area. If a person for example has a bad back injury we have a trailer we can

extract them out in from the point of where they are in the woods," explained Lees.

Discussing snow machine operation Lees said, "When the snow is deep enough, we are out on the trails making sure riders have helmets on, and are operating where they have the authority to do so on authorized Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts Trails with a required purchased sticker that authorizes operators with permission to do so by what is basically a coalition of public and private land owners."

Regarding snow machine operation, Lees when asked what the speed limits are replied, "It is whatever is considered reasonable. If it's snowing and your vision is obscured, if you're coming up on a corner, if you're on a lake and people are out there fishing, if there is a lot of other snowmobile traffic, you have to take all that in to consideration. We gauge it by what was a safe and reasonable speed for the area and situation. It's all about getting somebody to voluntarily comply with the law."

Lees was not allowed to make any recommendations regarding ice thickness minimums for weights when walking, sledding, or more on frozen water. However, a quick search of the website Mass.gov yielded the following minimums. If ice is 2" or less, stay off. For ice fishing or other on foot activities" 4" or more is required. Snowmobile or ATV activity is listed at a minimum of 5 inches. For a car or small pickup truck, a minimum of 8-12" is called for. For a medium size truck to

be on the ice, the site recommends 12-15 inches of ice. More information on the subject can be found online at www.mass.gov/service-details/ice-strength-and-safety.

Lees did however say, "Be cautious of the 'Devil's Blanket', the cover of snow over the ice. You can have varying degrees of thickness of the ice due to a number of conditions. Flowing water, a stream entering near by, or a natural spring. The steep changes in temperature could mean a stream which looks frozen could be pushing warmer water underneath. If you get 6 inches to a foot of snow over the ice, you can't always tell if it is safe. You have to be very aware of what those conditions are, and be very cautious. Hypothermia is a very tough thing to deal with and react to."

Asked about what kinds of calls MEP Officers receive during the winter months Lees replied, "We surprisingly still get a wide variety of calls. We do get calls about snowmobiles or ATV's going through the ice. We get calls about snow-

mobiles skimming open water along the ice. This could be construed as reckless operation as it could not only endanger them, but others around them including those who may need to rescue them."

If a person feels they may have seen something that they are not sure if should be reported or not such as an illegal bear baiting site, large piles of illegal disposal of waste in the woods or other, Lees was asked if there is a contact number. Lees replied, "There is a number. The best thing to do in that situation is to call (800) 632-8075 which is our Boston Dispatch who can determine what measures to take, and create and dispatch calls to officers who are available. We like to call people back, but if you feel you need to remain anonymous you have the option. If you see something say something. Let us know. Calling that phone number is the best way."

Regarding the wide variety of outdoor activities in the area Lees said, "While conflicts between different user groups can and do occur I am

happily amazed at how good people work together out here. The hunters, boaters, ATVs, snow machines, bird watchers, equestrians, and others. While there are some conflicts, I am surprised it's not more."

In closing when Lees was asked what he thinks of the people, area, and recreational outdoor enthusiasts Lees said, "I love it, I love it. It's the kind of work that I really enjoy, and it's what I got in to this job for. The people I have met out here have been very conscious of the area's natural resources. It's really good to see the people are using them. It's also good to see the people of North Central Massachusetts have good hearts and work together quite well."

For more information about ice thickness, safety recommendations and more on the internet, please go to www.mass.gov/service-details/ice-strength-and-safety You can also email Mass Wildlife at Mass.Wildlife@state.ma.us or call them at Monday-Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at (508) 389-6300.

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My first thought after a Super Bowl that delivered exactly what I wanted, i.e. — terrific entertainment and pulsating finish? I immediately wondered what Andy Reid was thinking out there in Kansas City. My second thought? I kinda think it might be a good idea to figure out what a catch actually is. This really shouldn't be that hard. If it looks like a catch, it should be a

catch. Common sense. I can't believe people actually argue about it. But we do. It says here the best test should be what we see. Shouldn't it be?

Anyway, SB 52 was enormously fun to watch as long as you can accept this is the way the game is now played — rather like pinball. I always preferred 14-10 games but those are from a distant era. "Chicks dig the long ball," was a promotion MLB used sometime back and I'm sure the NFL focus groups prefer 41-33 to 14-10 and so the rules overwhelmingly favor the offense. So given that, there was plenty of drama Sunday night. No

one was bored and that's not always the case, especially at the end of season filled with terribly boring games.

When I have no rooting interest, I lean towards supporting the team whose fans are less obnoxious which made Sunday not all that easy a call. But at least Philly fans usually turn their ire on their own teams more than they do opposing teams so I was glad the Eagles won their first NFL title since 1960.

Let me muse for a moment about Bill Belichick. Everyone knows about his monosyllabic press conferences but sometimes I wonder if it's not his contempt for the media

on display but a snarky contempt for the rigidity of the NFL presser procedure. There was a story in the Globe last week which talked about the Belichick who entertains friends at his Nantucket vacation home by belting out 1960's pop hits like "Love Potion Number 9". The Belichick you'll see this weekend at Pebble Beach (or is it next?), a tournament he plays annually, looks nothing like the stoic figure on the sidelines. Who knows?

Malcom Butler? Who knows with him either? I do know he's an unrestricted free agent. Who would be surprised if he follows Matt Patricia to Detroit? Brady? Brady threw for a ton of yards,

just not the right yards. Nick Foles? Foles was in fact originally drafted to get the Eagles to this very place and he did. It sure was a circuitous route though, wasn't it?

So be it. As I have written before, the best thing about any Super Bowl is that spring training is just a week away. Collusion is a word which these days is heard primarily in relation to Russia of course but you tell me why a slew of free agents remain unsigned just seven weeks before Opening Day? I mean the top tier, too. I sure have no idea but there it is. There were stories last week about a suggested ST boycott but that idea didn't seem to gain any

traction. Sure feels like something is going on though.

Last Saturday, more than 200,000 people found their way to the Phoenix Open which hosts the PGA's most raucous party and coolest hole of the year - the famed stadium 16th. If I had an actual bucket list, the 16th at TPC would be on it except I'm old and not terribly mobile anymore. All told, almost three-quarters of a million fans gathered last weekend and saw Phil and Rickie remain in contention until the final few holes. The biggest names, the biggest party. No wonder Phoenix is such a popular tour stop, right? For sure. See you next week.

Deer harvest yields record results in Massachusetts

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has released its annual preliminary deer harvesting report for the 2017 hunting season. The numbers are in and it was a record year, as Mass Wildlife now reports a record 13,220 deer were taken during the recent statewide deer hunting seasons.

Currently Massachusetts offers three legalized methods of the harvesting of white tail deer over three seasons, archery, shotgun, and primitive firearms, also commonly known by sporting enthusiasts as black powder or muzzle loading, season. New records were also achieved for totals taken by hunters in both archery and primitive firearms.

In addition to the three seasons, there are two specialized deer hunts allowed for both supervised youth accompanied by properly licensed adults known as Youth Deer Hunt Day, and a Paraplegic Deer

Hunt for individuals with disabilities.

Mass Wildlife collects the data and totals from 15 different wildlife management zones. The zones range from the Berkshire regions in the western part of the state, to the eastern North Shore, South Shore, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Elizabeth Islands known as Dukes County, and the Island of Nantucket which is also Nantucket County. While there are 14 WMZs, Zone 4 is broken in to both a Northern and Southerly Zone, actually bringing the total to 15.

Winchendon, for data collection purposes, resides in Zone 5, along with or partial sections of 25 additional cities and towns. Zone 5 has a northerly border which follows the MA/NH state line. It is also bordered Ashby, Fitchburg, and Princeton to the east, by the Connecticut River to the west, while skipping over a large section of the North Quabbin Region across its southerly portion. WMZ maps can be

viewed online at www.maps.gov/files/2017-08/wmz-map.pdf

Totals for the five available white tail deer harvesting opportunities were listed by Mass Wildlife as follows.

Youth Deer Hunt Day (Sept. 30): 109

Paraplegic Deer Hunt (Nov. 2-4): 4

Archery Season (Oct. 16-Nov. 25): 5,191

Shotgun Season (Nov. 25-Dec. 9): 5,162

Primitive Firearms Season (Dec. 11- Dec. 30) 2,754

Zone 5 which includes Winchendon realized a total preliminary harvest 686 deer coming in at seventh place overall, with zones 11 & 10 taking the top two spots at 2,972 and 2,951 respectively along the south and north shores where both have a disproportionately larger number of zone member communities compared to the rest of the commonwealth.

Additionally, Mass Wildlife goes on to clarify, "While total harvest by zone can be informative, it doesn't provide the com-

plete picture for monitoring trends in deer density because total harvest is influenced by antler-less deer permit allocations in each zone as well as annual changes in hunter effort, weather, etc. The Mass Wildlife Deer Project leader analyzes harvest, biological, and hunter effort data, along with hunter success rates, female versus male harvest, and other factors to manage deer populations in each zone. An analysis of this information is now underway for the annual spring deer management review. A complete harvest summary will be posted on the Mass Wildlife website shortly after the annual deer review, so please check back in June."

As living populations of both wolves and mountain lions have long since been absent due to human habitation and expansion, permitted hunting has become an absolutely necessary tool for deer population management.

At this time, it is estimated Massachusetts deer den-

sities average 10-15 per square mile in its northwestern portion, and as many as 80 per square mile in areas of eastern Massachusetts where hunting is not permitted. In total, Mass Wildlife estimates there are now some 95 to 100,000 white-tailed deer roaming and thriving within our borders.

The Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife Board dictate through regulation any rules, changes, or other regarding hunting seasons, bag limitations, and antler-less deer permitting numbers.

From reducing the amount of vehicle strikes to assisting with maintaining a healthy ecosystem, hunters both legally harvesting and complying with the mandatory checking of their deer at certified checking stations serve an essential function preventing both overpopulation and disease, while contributing to the protection and longevity of wildlife through the fees collected from permits and licensing.

MURDOCK MIDDLE CHEER SQUAD



Courtesy photo

The Murdock Middle and High School cheerleading teams competed at Gardner High School's Valentine Cheering Invitational. The varsity team took first place in their division and the middle school took second place in their division. Murdock Varsity also took the Grand Champion award scoring the highest out of 20 teams! Congratulations to both teams for a job well done!!!! Both teams will compete this weekend and leagues is scheduled for Feb. 18.



FIRST PLACE RUNNER

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Richard Swanson was the first place champion in the 600 meter dash, achieving a personal record and a new school record for Murdock High School at the MSTCA Coaches Invitational Meet the end of January.



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Antique sales before the internet

The internet has changed our lives in both positive and negative ways. Many brick and mortar businesses have folded, as more people purchase items online. The internet has also changed the way antiques are purchased.

Prior to the internet, having antique knowledge was much more important than now, in my opinion. Many dealers and collectors had large collections of price guides on many subjects. There are many price guides, auction sites and dealers selling antiques online where you can still find antique information, including prices. Auctions were another good way to learn the value of antiques. Some dealers and collectors were pleased to share their knowledge with you. Many others were less willing to part with knowledge that took them decades to learn and which gave them an advantage over their competition.

Many of the items that sold at local auctions, found their way into local shops. Shop owners also bought "new to the market" and "estate fresh" items directly from estate administrators to draw customers to their shops. Shop owners also often frequented estate sales and shopped at yard sales to obtain inventory.

Brimfield is always worth a visit,



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but the excitement level was even higher prior to the internet. Dealers would bring truckloads of antiques from throughout the Northeast packed with items picked from estates in their area. If you specialized in an area like art glass, oak furniture or early photography you could find dealers pulling items you wanted from their trucks, typically at reasonable prices. Buyers wore t-shirts, hats and even sandwich board signs announcing they wanted gambling memorabilia, phonograph horns or sports memorabilia. Pickers on bicycles scooped up as many deer mounts and wooden skis as they could. Much of it was shipped to the Western United States. Buyers from California filled tractor trailers with merchandise to sell in their shops on the West Coast. We sold some European furniture to a couple that was gathering other European furniture to fill a container bound for Austria.

Items often went through multiple dealers before reaching the final buyer. An antique dealer once told me a joke about three antique dealers being stuck on a deserted island with only two antiques. They made a living selling the antiques among themselves.

With increasing work demands and the fast pace of today's society, it isn't



a surprise that more people are buying antiques and collectibles online. There are virtual antique shops to purchase items online. eBay and other online auctions allow you to bid on items 24 hours a day. Many auction houses also offer online bidding. Even many estate sales are run only online now, in a timed auction format.

Despite the changes brought on by the internet, there are people who still prefer going to a shoe store and trying on shoes instead of buying them online. Many antique buyers also prefer buying items at an antique shop, show, auction, flea market or estate sale. Some buyers like to carefully inspect antiques and collectibles before purchasing them. Buyers are also able to

bring their purchase home with them instead of having to wait to have it delivered. The internet has provided additional options, but many people are happy with the options they've always had.

Registration is taking place for my Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School on March 5th. Other events are being scheduled. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

February Real Estate Market Update

Interest rates have increased compared to where they were a couple months ago. According to Bankrate.com as of 2/5/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.3% which is up 0.50% in the last 60 days or so. Refinancing is still possibly an option but not as good of an option if you have purchased your home in the last few years. Since values continue to rise you may have a higher rate but have not been able to refinance due to not having enough equity. If this is the case for you, then you should explore the option to get the lower rate and free up the money for something else

or continue to pay down your mortgage at a faster rate. The other options is that the 15 year fixed rate is at 3.63% as of today which if you can afford a slightly higher payment then switching to a 15 year loan will also help you pay off your loan much quicker.

Today we have 1203 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1804 homes for sale or about a 33% decrease in homes for sale over that 6 month period. If we look back to 12 months ago we had 1468 homes for sale in Worcester County which shows a 18.1% decrease in



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inventory year over year. This time of year typically has low inventory but as you can see even compared to last year there is a drastic drop. This will continue to have an affect on prices and days on market even with interest rates rising. The average days on market

is currently 149 days while it was 116 days in August which tells me we are continuing to cycle through the inventory but slightly slower than over the summer time. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is an almost 0.8% increase in sales and a 5.4% increase in sales price while it is taking over 20% faster to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. The increase in amount of sales was not as high as a couple months ago.

This continues to show that even with these harsh New England winters, the market continues to thrive in spite of it.

I know I have been saying it every month but these numbers again are all positive and showing continued growth with no immediate signs of a change in the market. The rising interest should eventually help stabilize the market. As always hire a Realtor that knows your market and can tell you how this data directly affects you and your home buying or selling decisions.

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thing above all — there's less so-called hand-holding in high school, though the group differed as to the extent. First, though, came an instinctive reaction. "I liked middle school better," laughed Stanislaw. "I admit it. I do. I'll tell you this too — math is a lot harder here."

On the other hand, Dupuis and Lauziere were enthused about science. "Biology is fast-paced," exclaimed

Dupuis.

"It's fascinating," added Lauziere. "The teachers expect a lot more here. It's definitely more challenging," Dupuis said.

"I don't know if that's true" in every subject interjected Stanislaw.

"Some yes, some no," he said. "All my teachers, all my classes are more challenging," replied Dupuis. "It's absolutely different in a good way."

Then there's the balancing act between academics and other activities. Stanislaw played football, LaPlaca runs track while Dupuis and Lauziere are

nearing the end of basketball season.

"Time management," said LaPlaca, who also strums guitar.

"High school's a lot larger than middle school and you're on your own more. You have to figure out where there's time to do everything you want to do and need to do," he reflected.

"For me, I run track. I like music. I have classes," he said.

While there was a consensus about being treated differently, more grown-up if you will, there wasn't agreement on the friends' issue. Dupuis saw the change to high school as "a big chance

to make new friends," but Lauziere countered with an assertion, "it's a lot harder to make new friends" in high school.

"You have chances to do a lot more things," said Dupuis, and LaPlaca nodded in agreement. "There are. That's a good thing about being up here."

Were those first days intimidating?

"No," enthused Dupuis.

"Maybe a little," shrugged LaPlaca.

"Not really," recalled Lauziere.

"I don't remember," deadpanned Stanislaw.

STUDENTS

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er was diagnosed with cancer. She passed away the day after Jake's brother was sentenced to several years in prison and Jake exhorted the audience to "keep your side of the street clean. You have to do that but you have to want to do that. I had the wrong assumption of what being an adult was. I was being kind of a spitball," he acknowledged.

For Sarah, who's brand new to the speaking circuit, "my story is that I never felt I was good enough. In high school, I looked up to people who had the things I wanted and I started drinking summer of freshman year. I quit cheerleading. I started selling pills. I didn't like myself and I had no coping skills. I did heroin. I got pregnant. I danced to make money. The baby's father left. I knew I had to make a serious change and I went to treatment." Sarah's been clean for a

while now and "I love getting the chance to talk to you guys," she told the MHS students. Interestingly, the appearance in Winchendon was just the second she'd ever done.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was the time the Phillips crew spent at lunch with students from the Murdock Academy for Success.

"It was a good chance for them to talk face-to-face," said MAS director Kris Provost. "It really helped affirm our students' feelings. It helped them

find some answers. It was a positive thing for our students to have the opportunity to talk about coping mechanisms."

Phillips, who is 73, works out of New Beginnings in Framingham probably doesn't spend all that much time in the office. He's on the road a lot taking the message to schools just about everywhere. Having begun his counseling career working with at-risk youngsters, Phillips eventually hooked up with the MIAA, which in turn led to all those

days spreading the word.

"I'm a recovering alcoholic and a lot of the kids we see are in the throes of it right now. I tell them, 'I'm in your school. I'm here. Talk to me', and once you break the ice and get one kid to open up, you get to reach a lot more," he reflected.

Added Phillips, "you need partnerships. No one can do it on their own. It's the best feeling in the world" to make an impact, he stressed.



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Poaching prevention bill clears Senate

BOSTON—The Massachusetts Senate passed legislation on Thursday to enhance wildlife protections and to strengthen penalties against poaching in the Commonwealth. The bill, filed by Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury), updates existing anti-poaching laws which have remained widely unchanged since the 1930s.

"As a former environmental police officer, and as an avid outdoorsman, I recognize that poaching is not only a concern for animal protection advocates and conservationists, but also law-abiding hunters," said Senator Moore. "Poachers cheat the system and gain an unfair advantage over lawful hunters. This bill will give law enforcement officers new tools to prevent poaching and to hold offenders accountable for their criminal acts."

In an effort to adequately deter illegal hunting practices, the legislation elevates existing penalties for individuals convicted of illegally harming or killing wildlife. The legislation also requires the Commonwealth to enter into a nationwide law enforcement network known as the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

Massachusetts remains one of only two nonmember states. The Compact allows for reciprocity with other states for the purpose of license suspensions to prevent wildlife violators who have lost their hunting, trapping or fishing privileges from circumventing license revocations

"This legislation is an essential effort to modernize the Commonwealth's hunting laws," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). "It's time for Massachusetts to join the ranks of the forty-eight other states who have come together to better enforce poaching laws across the country."

"I appreciate the leadership of Senator Moore and I was glad to work with him on this important measure," said Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. "This bill updates poaching laws and sends a clear message that ethical hunting is of paramount importance and protects the rights of sportsmen and women in Massachusetts."

Additional provisions of the legislation include:

- Requiring the borders of wild-

life sanctuaries to be posted to provide notice to the public of the designation of the land as a sanctuary;

- Elevates penalties for illegally hunting bears, bobcats and endangered species, including the penalty for hunting bears and bobcats with the aid of a dog or baiting to a range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and up to one year imprisonment;

- Distinguishes between violations of hunting laws when determining the length of time a license may be suspended; and,

- Any person who hunts, traps or fishes in Massachusetts after the person's privilege has been revoked anywhere else in the United States or Canada shall be considered in violation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

The bill will now go to the House of Representatives for consideration. A similar legislative initiative passed the Senate in 2016, however, the bill was ultimately not considered by the House of Representatives. To continue tracking the legislation, S.2248, please visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

Crossbow hunting expansion passes Senate

BOSTON—The Massachusetts Senate passed Senate Bill 2249, An Act relative to the use of crossbows in hunting. The bill, filed by Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer), aims to expand the eligibility for crossbow hunting.

Current hunting laws only allow the use of crossbows for individuals with documented medical disabilities. Under this legislation, Massachusetts would join 32 other states that currently allow crossbow hunting for non-disabled individuals.

"I appreciate the support for moving this forward," said Senator Gobi. "Crossbows have been used for years and this commonsense change will allow sportsmen, who have been unable to hunt, due in part to father time, get back outdoors and do what they love."

"In recent years, interest in crossbow hunting has grown as the technology has become more user-friendly and safe," said Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr (R-Westfield). "I have long worked alongside the hunting community in Western Massachusetts to move this legislation forward so I am very happy the proposal has received the approval of the Senate."

"Central Massachusetts has a robust hunting community," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). "Crossbow hunting is an accessible option for hunters across Massachusetts, and I am happy that the Senate has opened this opportunity."

Significant technological and safety improvements have increased the popularity and use of crossbows as a hunting device. Lifting the prohibition on crossbows would open up hunting to individuals who lack the ability or strength to pull back a traditional bow and arrow, yet who do not have a documented medical disability.

Shop eco-friendly Valentine's Day ideas

Red may be the color most often associated with Valentine's Day, but those who want environmentally friendly ways to celebrate this day of love can tint the occasion with a little green. This list of earth-conscious Valentine's Day gifts can provide inspiration for loving couples.

- Give organic chocolate. Eco-conscious chocolate connoisseurs will appreciate indulgent fine chocolates crafted with the planet in mind. Some of the world's best chocolate is produced from small cacao farms that do not employ fungicide or insecticide in their farming practices. Choose chocolate artisans that produce their chocolate from responsibly-sourced ingredients for a sweet Valentine's Day treat.

- Plant a live gift. A living gift can be a symbol of enduring love and one that gives back to the environment. Couples can explore their options at local nurseries and plant a shade tree, shrubbery or even a fruit tree. This is certainly a gift



that can give every year.

- Write it down. Love notes are a simple, heart-felt gift. Choose to scribble down sentiments on recycled paper with non-toxic inks. Give that love note even more traction

by framing it for a lasting gift.

- Adopt an animal. Animal lovers crusade for their favorite mammals, reptiles and amphibians every day. Rather than exchanging

a stuffed animal on Valentine's Day that will only take up space on a shelf or bed, consider saving the life of a real animal.

Conservation agencies can always use helping hands. Donations

can be used to feed and shelter pets or to restore habitats for wild animals.

- Give living plants. Flowers can express all types of emotions, but those cut blooms will begin to fade after a few

days, especially when some flowers are flown in from all over the world. Gifting a potted plant from a local nursery is a more eco-friendly idea, and one that can last for many years to come.

- Create a free-range, organic meal. Homemade food can be a nice gesture, especially when cooks select fair-trade, organic and free-range products. Don't forget to extend the specialized shopping to include wine or other beverages that are locally sourced.

- Give gifts of sustainable comfort. Practical but luxurious linens and clothing made from sustainable materials are great eco-friendly gifts. Bamboo bedding or organic cotton shirts offer comfort and promote environmental stewardship.

Gifting green for Valentine's Day is easier than one may think. Eco-conscious gifts are a smart idea for anyone who wants to impart minimal impact on the planet this February and beyond.



Decadent chocolate makes the perfect Valentine's gift

Valentine's Day would not be the same without chocolate. Men and women who want to go the extra mile for their significant others on Valentine's Day this year but still incorporate chocolate into the festivities can try their hand at concocting a homemade confection such as the following recipe for "Chocolate, Port and Pear Upside-Down Sponge" from Maxine Clark's "Chocolate: Deliciously Indulgent Recipes for Chocolate Lovers" (Ryland, Peters & Small).

CHOCOLATE, PORT AND PEAR UPSIDE-DOWN SPONGE

Serves 6
Crème Anglaise, to serve (see below)
6 to 8 medium, underripe pears, peeled
1 cinnamon stick
6 tablespoons sugar

23 cup Ruby Port
2 cups full-bodied red wine

Cake Batter
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup fine cornmeal
6 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
3 large eggs, separated
1 teaspoon pure vanilla essence
6 tablespoons milk

1 9 x 2-inch heavy round cake pan, greased

Halve the pears lengthwise and carefully scoop out the core with a teaspoon or melon baller. Put the pears in a wide, shallow sauté pan with the cinnamon and the sugar. Pour over the port and red wine

and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer gently for 20 minutes (after which they will be a little less firm). Lift the pears out of the pan with a slotted spoon. Let cool. Boil the reserved wine juices hard until well reduced and syrupy.

Arrange the pears cut-side down around the base of the prepared cake pan (wide ends outward, points toward the middle). Pour over half the wine syrup, reserving the rest. Let cool.

Preheat the oven to 375 F. To make the cake batter, sift the flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt in a small bowl and stir in the cornmeal. Using an electric beater, cream the butter and sugar in a large bowl until pale and fluffy, then beat in the egg yolks and vanilla essence. Fold in the flour mixture, then beat in the milk. Using the electric mixer with clean beaters, beat the egg whites in a clean, dry bowl

until they form soft peaks. Using a metal spoon, quickly stir a large spoonful of whites into the cake mixture to loosen it, then gently fold in the remainder. Spoon the cake batter over the pears and smooth the surface.

Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, or until a metal skewer inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove from the oven and let cool for 10 minutes in the pan. Just before serving, put the pan over low heat for 1 minute to warm the pears and help loosen them from the bottom. Run a knife around the edges to loosen the cake and invert onto a warm serving plate. Brush the pears with the reserved syrup. Serve warm or at room temperature with Crème Anglaise.

CRÈME ANGLAISE

Serves 4 to 6
1 vanilla bean, split length-

wise
1 1/4 cups milk
1 tablespoon sugar
2 egg yolks
2 tablespoons brandy, Armagnac or bourbon (optional)

Put the vanilla bean, milk and sugar in a small pan and heat gently. Bring almost to a boil, then set aside to infuse for 15 minutes. Remove the vanilla bean. (Rinse and dry the vanilla bean and store in a sugar jar to make vanilla sugar.)

Put the egg yolks in a bowl, beat well, and then pour in the infused milk. Mix well and return to the pan. Stir with a wooden spoon over gentle heat until the custard coats the back of the spoon. Pour into a cold bowl and stir in the brandy, if using. Cover the surface with plastic wrap, let cool, then refrigerate until needed.

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Bradden L. Mullin and Lauren N. Mullin to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, dated March 11, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 43928, Page 344, as affected by a Loan Modification recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 52927, Page 15, subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 43928, Page 364; 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 10:00 AM on February 16, 2018 at 90 Lake Shore Drive, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon located on the south side of Lake Shore Drive, in the Town of Winchendon, Worcester County, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southerly line of Lake Shore Drive, at the Northeasterly corner of the Lot 17 shown on the plan hereinafter referred to; Thence North 58° 35' 00" East along the Southerly side of Lake Shore Drive, a distance of 134.90 feet, to a point; Thence along a curve having a radius of 199.780 feet, for a distance of 15.10 feet, more or less, to a point at the Northwesterly corner of other land of van Dyke, as shown on said plan; Thence South 52° 48' 10" East by other land of said Van Dyke, a distance of 250.06 feet, more or less, along said other land of Van Dyke; Thence S. 17° 20' 00" E. along said other land of Van Dyke, a distance of 54 feet, more or less, to a point at the shoreline of Millers River (North Branch); Thence in a Westerly direction, by the shoreline of the Millers River, crossing a dam as shown on said plan, a distance of 160 feet, more or less, to a point; Thence North 50° 00' 00" West by Lot 17, on said plan, a distance of 300 feet, more or less, to a point in the Southerly line of Lake Shore Drive and the place of beginning. Containing 48,600 square feet, more or less, and being shown as Lot 18 on a plan of land entitled, "Revised Plan for Lots and Lake Shore Drive Prepared for Robert Van Dyke in Winchendon, MA, Scale: 1 inch= 50 feet, dated February 23, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA", said Plan being recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 704, Plan 26. Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds herewith. Bk 43928 Pg 342

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.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-006245
January 26, 2018
February 2, 2018
February 9, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Erica L. Carrier and Brian A. Putnam to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated September 28, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39865, Page 216 subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48596, Page 65; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on February 23, 2018 at 83 Pearl Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

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

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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
Present Holder of said Mortgage,

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15-006517
February 2, 2018
February 9, 2018
February 16, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 18SM000314 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Donna F. Simpson; James F. Simpson and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.: Penny Mac Holdings, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 144 Lincoln Avenue given by Donna F. Simpson and James F. Simpson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Peoples Bank, dated February 28, 2017, recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56796, Page 358, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 12, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on January 26, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

10647
February 9, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 46 Monomonac Road East, Winchendon, Massachusetts

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

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

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

Thence N. 52° W. bounding on land now or formerly of said Girouard, 100 feet to an iron pin;

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

Thence southerly 100 feet to a large rock;

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

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

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgages' Title see deed dated June 22, 2011, and recorded in Book 47519 at Page 127 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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