



Frozen in time

BY KEITH KENT

COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — For residents and visitors alike, the clock tower, which is part of the Old Murdock Senior Center, has served for generations as testimony to the brilliance of a glorious architectural past. Now frozen in time, the hands are hoped to soon move again. However future funding will be necessary to keep Winchendon’s own version of Big Ben a time keeping masterpiece for future generations to enjoy.

Some of the first to take notice were those attending the summer concerts at GAR Park. The clock was stopped at the 7:30 mark, and then a few weeks later at 8:10 where it stayed for several months.

Art Armenta, who retired from the Winchendon Housing Authority in 2003, has climbed many steps over the years to wind the old clock’s cable and springs. Armenta also donates time to the community serving on the Planning Board and its Community & Economic Development Steering Committee, as well as other efforts.

Climbing the hallowed staircase to the clock tower summit with Armenta and looking down over GAR Park, it is easy to imagine traveling over a century past, to a different era when

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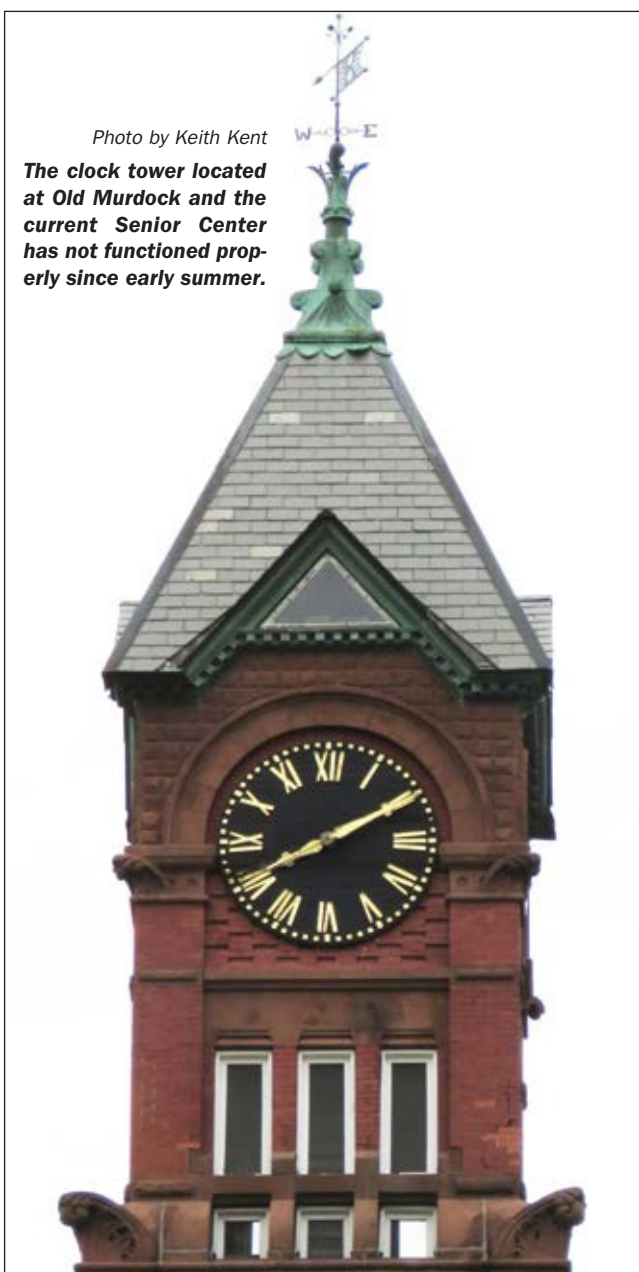


Photo by Keith Kent

The clock tower located at Old Murdock and the current Senior Center has not functioned properly since early summer.

Special town meeting Monday at MHS

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon voters are being asked to dispense with a dozen articles at a special town meeting set to get under way at 7:00 p.m. Monday night, Nov. 13, in the Murdock High School auditorium.

There is little in the form of controversy facing residents as they wrestle with a number of spending items and a proposed short-term moratorium on the issuance of licenses to any cannabis retailers wishing to set up shop in Toy Town.

Article 2 asks voters to approve spending just over \$300,000 for eight capital expenditures. Town Manager Keith Hickey is recommending the town use part of the \$550,000 in free cash the state is allowing the town to keep to fund the items. The state Department of Revenue has certified Winchendon’s free cash at just over \$1.37 million, but most of that is being used to help retire loans the town secured from the state in order to erase a \$3.5 million budget deficit discovered during a 2014 audit of the town’s books.

Items which would be fund-

ed by the passage of Article 2 include: \$25,000 to repave the fire station parking lot/driveway; \$63,000 to replace the school department’s dump truck and sander; \$60,010 to replace the school department’s tractor; \$52,900 to upgrade the phone system at Murdock Middle-High School; \$30,000 for additional security cameras throughout the school district; \$38,995 for a new police cruiser; \$7,000 for new police department patrol rifles, and; \$25,000 for new police department duty weapons.

This article was recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 5-0, and by a 5-2 vote of the Finance Committee.

Articles 3 and 4, respectively, seek the transfer of \$28,000 from available funds into the snow and ice reserve account and \$50,000 from available funds to help cover the reconstruction of sidewalks on Central and Grove streets. Selectmen unanimously recommended passage of both articles, while the FinCom vote to recommend both was 6-1.

Article 5, recommended unanimously by both panels,

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Breakfast essential to good learning habits



Photos by Keith Kent

Third grade students at Toy Town Elementary are eating a healthy breakfast before the start of class as part of the school breakfast program.

BY KEITH KENT
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A productive day starts with a good meal, as representatives of public schools, Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik, representatives of Worcester County Food Bank and Winchendon CAC observed and discussed during a meeting on school nutrition at Toy Town Elementary Wednesday. The focus was Breakfast in the Classroom.

During the joint meeting and prior to classroom observation, both Toy Town Principal Mary Aker and Memorial School Principal Michelle Atter each confirmed their schools and

staff have documented fewer student behavioral issues, improved attendance, less visits to the school nurse, and increased classroom participation. Both also confirmed the positive results from the school breakfast programs nearly mirrored each other’s schools.

Zlotnik said, “I think this program is incredibly important. Study after study has shown how important breakfast is especially to younger children in an educational environment. We know this just from anecdotal evidence from countless teachers in the classrooms that the results have been very

positive. The funding piece is incredibly important because you have to build a strong foundation which is very important for a successful day and a big part of that is making sure the kids have something to eat. I think this program is very worthwhile and in the end for our children it’s well worth the investment.”

Aker said, “Last year we had a lot of behavioral issues, and most of them were in the morning because the children were not eating breakfast, which often times also

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Greg Vine photos

Trustees Ernest “Bud” Fletcher and David Connor, Clark Board of Directors President Cindy Landanno, and Clark Executive Director Mike Quinn each turn a shovelful of dirt at Saturday’s groundbreaking for the new community center.

Ground Broken on new Clark Community Center

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Dozens of people were on hand Saturday afternoon as ground was officially broken on the Clark Memorial YMCA’s new community center, which will occupy the corner of Summer Street and Summer Drive. The 13,600-square-foot center will be abutted by the Clark Field House to the west and by the tennis and basketball courts to the south.

At a public hearing held by the Winchendon Planning Board earlier this year, project engineer Paul Grazewicz explained that 19 parking spaces would be added on the north side of the center, and that access and egress would be available from Summer Drive.

“People will be able to enter the parking lot and loop around the building,” Grazewicz said at the time, “as opposed to being a dead-end parking area.”

In order to address concerns from the Conservation Commission regarding storm water runoff from the new

parking area, original drainage plans for the facility had be re-worked.

Originally, Clark officials wanted to build the center on the site of the existing basketball and tennis courts. The town, however, urged the Clark to keep the courts – which are seen as a benefit to the community – and the center was moved to the north side of those amenities. The move meant that part of the field that is home to the Y’s outdoor soccer pitch and a portion of the popular walking track would be lost.

During Saturday’s groundbreaking, Clark Trustee Ernest “Bud” Fletcher said the track will be reduced from a third of a mile in length to about a quarter-mile. The track is of particular importance to Fletcher because he and his late wife, Carla, would walk it nearly every day. He says he still visits the track as often as possible and stops to sit a moment on the granite bench at the north end of the trail dedicated in 2016 to the memory of his wife.

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MHS students join YV weekend and honor LeBlanc

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

GARDNER — Students from Murdock High School joined peers from dozens of schools throughout the region recently in celebrating the fall kickoff of the United Way Youth Venture program at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Participating in workshops geared towards the variety of issues which sparked their

decisions to become involved in the first place, the local students came away from the conference with a renewed sense of purpose. These included panels on mental health, suicide awareness and others as well as discussions about how to use social media to advance their causes.

“Youth Venture is a way to put our passion to work,” said MHS senior Kate Hutton during one of the panels, add-

ing, “we can branch out into the community, beyond school.”

“That’s the idea,” noted MHS Youth Venture faculty champion Kris Provost. “This gives them the opportunity to be change agents” in the community.

Reflecting on the ‘Blue Hands’ project she launched with Marissa Losurdo, one later joined by Hutton, Hannah Turner said, “we wanted to

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WEEKLY QUOTE

The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.

Douglas MacArthur

Taking a stand against bullying

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Memorial School students in grades Pre-K through 2 have been taking part in an interactive and inclusive anti-bullying program, recognizing National Bullying Prevention Month with Unity Day on Oct. 25 and wearing the color orange promoting the slogan, "Make it Orange and make it end!"

The program, which started under previous school counselor and now Principal Michelle Atter five years ago, is currently conducted by school counselor Tom Paine, who is also a licensed mental health counselor. Paine holds a Bachelor's degree in psychology, a Master's degree in school guidance counseling, a second Master's degree in counseling psychology, and is even currently working on obtaining his third Master's degree in school administration from UMass Lowell.

When asked how important education regarding bullying is in today's society among children growing up in cyber social world is Paine said, "It's huge. To me it's priori-

ty number one. Part of what we do is making sure children choose their words well. We teach a vocabulary of how not to use hurtful words. We teach them things such as giving the phrases such as 'Please don't talk to me that way' or 'You are hurting my feelings' and 'I don't appreciate what you're saying to me.' We are trying to teach the children not to say hurtful things back, and give them phrases that they can each use in the moment."

Part of the early interactive education and use of words and or statements is provided by the book, "Words Are Not for Hurting" by author Elizabeth Verdick.

Paine said, "I have received lots of feedback. Questionnaires are given to the students with questions such as, 'Do you feel safe here at school, do you feel safe at recess, do you know how to use certain words to defend or stand up for yourself?' We collect the data, and lots of our students feel safe here. With the ones who do not, we talk to them about why. It is then we can give them words and phrases that can help them

and make them feel safer both here at school, and also make them feel more comfortable out in the world."

"We talk about hurtful words, and we ask them how they and their friends would feel if they were hearing those hurtful words all the time and putting them in someone else shoes in order to say I didn't know I was making you that sad or I didn't know I was making you that angry. These are part of important life skills" explained Paine.

Students are also encouraged and taught to feel they can open dialog, and talk about their experiences or problems with trusted adults and to work with them to try to solve it together.

"Any staff the student trusts the most, can go and start a conversation and tell the adult what they feeling and why you're feeling that way. Statistics have shown that children who do not talk about being bullied at a younger age do not do as well in school, have behavioral issues, and just grow up to not like school" explained Paine.

Stressing the importance of age Paine stated, "We teach these skills at a really young age. If they are comfortable now telling people how they are feeling and why, then when they get to high school they will really feel comfortable telling a teacher this is how I am feeling and this is why. It's a big life skill to teach young people how to use your words and how to use them well."

Paine wanted to let parents and guardians know he feels strongly Memorial School has an amazing staff, and he can go in to classrooms and teachers are using the exact same language he uses with his own student conversations.



Keith Kent photo

Memorial School kindergarten students of Mrs. Boucher's class along with para-educator Tracy Deline-Barrows pose wearing the color orange in a message of solidarity united against bullying.

"It's important the staff uses a common language. Teachers have come to me and informed me that they used the language that I have been able to teach, and they have solved a problem and I didn't have to even deal with it now," said Paine.

Emphasizing young student statements, Paine further explained, "We teach the children to use 'I' statements in any situation and especially with bullying. If something mean is being said the student is taught to reply 'I don't like the way you are talking to me right now' or 'You're making me upset.' The students use the I-statement to help others understand how they're feeling and why, and to also stand up for themselves in an appropriate way. If needed, they then go and talk to an adult they trust and tell them why something made them upset."

Paine said, "It's respectful. We are never wrong if we use

and I-statement and explain that 'I feel this way' or 'I feel upset right now' and 'I need a few minutes to calm down' instead of saying something that 'I may regret later.' Again we all use the same terminology. All the teachers, para professionals, special ed teachers, occupational therapy, physical therapy, we all use the same terminology when working with students."

In closing, about the program and its objectives, Paine said, "I would like to see parents allow their children the opportunity to come home and share what they have learned about bullying. To have the children have a great conversation with their parents and to have their parents really listen to that. This isn't just about things that happen at school. It carries over in to the rest of 'LIFE' and in to the community. I think that is the biggest thing we desire and need here."

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OPEN HOUSE

The Village School new building open house Sunday Nov. 12 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Camp Caravan site at 253 S. Royalston Rd, Royalston.

Come see the progress of the new Village School building in Royalston on Sunday Nov. 12 from 1:00 to 3:30. Framing is almost complete, the new roof is on, and doors and windows are being installed. Stand in the five classrooms and imagine children learning in all the light. Meet the architects, the

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Muse promotes mentoring

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — Talk to so many successful people and chances are they'll point to mentors who made a difference for them somewhere along their academic and/or professional paths.

That has been true for Murdock High School class of 2008 graduate Elena Muse as she made her way through Emory and Duke universities before landing at her current spot at the University of Maryland's downtown Baltimore campus.

Having had that support, Muse decided she wanted to "give back" to her hometown and is working towards launching an online 'virtual mentoring' pilot program early next year.

Muse explained it this way - let's say an MHS student wants to go into a given field but doesn't really know anyone in that field. Maybe there's a Murdock graduate living who-knows-where away from town who's in

that field. Ideally, the student and mentor would be paired up through social media.

"I really want this for Murdock," reflected Muse, who said she has begun to build a team of MHS grads who have indicated they'd be willing to take on the prospective mentoring roles. "I'm encouraged so far," she remarked, reminding, "this is going to be a pilot program. We're going to start pretty small and go from there and see where it takes us."

"Talking to my own mentors was a huge part of my week" at Duke, she recalled. and for a long time, "I checked in with my mentor at Emory. That was college but I've always been interested in reaching back to high school kids. You never know where you might be able to make a difference. I didn't have anyone like that when I was in high school. I really didn't know what I wanted to do when I was a junior or senior. I'm sure it would have helped if I had," noted

Muse.

"I had no idea if I wanted to go to the Mount or a four-year school or whatever," she said.

So when she came up with the online mentoring idea, she called district Superintendent Steve Haddad.

"He thought it was a cool idea," she noted.

"I do," said Haddad, adding, "This seems like a great way to connect our current students with graduates who can serve as both mentors and a kind of role model as well." The proposal was run by guidance counselors Mary Ann Borski and Rachael Weinhold as well, who were supportive of the project.

While there will obviously have to be safety checks regarding match-ups, Muse pointed out she's planning on beginning the project with people she knows and is comfortable with, and envisions starting with about 10 juniors.



Elena Muse

"We don't want to get ahead of ourselves, but I'm really passionate about this. I'm excited about it. I kept thinking about how I could help Murdock. I want the kids there to think and believe they can accomplish anything they want to do. I'm hoping we can give some of them a confidence boost. I'm really happy to give back," she enthused.

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EDITORIAL

Losing a newsman

Mike Saucier died this week. He was a fixture at Stonebridge Press early in his career, and a good one. He rose quickly through the ranks from a staff writer to being editor of first the Blackstone Valley Tribune then the Southbridge Daily News when it was still a daily paper. He was good at it. He knew everyone, and everyone knew him. He was quietly exuberant, and knew what being a good journalist meant. He didn't shirk from the long hours, or attending a meeting if there were too many and staff writers too few. Lofty titles like 'editor' only meant he attended, wrote his own stuff, then attempted to re-read it for accuracy himself and hope he didn't miss something. He rarely did. His papers were accurate. They were interesting. Fun to read. Had not only a wealth of usable information but a lot of the 'stuff' that make up a community and its newspaper like school news, and kids, and churches, and craft fairs and what happened with the conservation commission about

that too small lot last week? He knew the people, respected the people, and was always a gentleman... unless he needed to be a bit hardnosed about getting the information needed for a story. Then he became a bit more dogged. Which also makes a good newspaperman. Mike was all those things and more. And while he got a good solid start with Stonebridge, we knew we were not big enough to contain him, and so we weren't. It was almost with parental pride we could say he got into much higher realms...the office of the mayor of New York City no less; and did a great job there too. He was much too young to be lost, only 46 years old with a young family. He had the potential of more great news to deliver, more solid reporting and factual information to share. His was a journalistic star on the rise. Mike, where ever you are now, smile with us here, and know we remember you and are proud of you. We're sorry you are gone.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LaFontaine was an advocate and friend of MWCC and the city

Central Massachusetts and especially Gardner recently lost a long-time advocate and friend with the passing of Raymond LaFontaine. During his nearly 20 years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Mr. LaFontaine's efforts assisted in the construction of a new courthouse, a new skating rink, a new high school, and a 114-unit housing project for the elderly in Gardner. His commitment to the region also resulted in an appropriation of over \$25 million for the construction of Mount Wachusett Community College's first campus. With 29 proposed sites, four of which were free, Mr. LaFontaine played an important role in ensuring the college was located on the former site of Heywood Farm here in Gardner.

His commitment to the school extended beyond the creation of the Gardner campus. Mr. LaFontaine served as vice chairperson of the Mount Wachusett Community College Board of Trustees and was heavily involved with guiding the college during its early years. Even after that role, Mr. LaFontaine was a frequent visitor to the school. This ongoing support and involvement was acknowledged with the dedication of the Fine Arts Center in his name. Mr. LaFontaine's influence continues to this day through everything he helped establish in the region. MWCC now serves thousands of students every year. These students can choose from over 70 different degrees at three different campuses. But all of these offerings grew out of the hard work of people like Mr. LaFontaine who had a vision for higher education in Central Massachusetts and strived to secure the resources to make it a reality. Every student who goes on to start a career as a result of their experiences here, faculty member who is able to



Raymond LaFontaine stands in the Fine Arts Center on Mount Wachusett Community College's Gardner campus that bears his name.

pass knowledge to a new generation, or staff member supporting their family stands on the shoulders of Mr. LaFontaine. Nothing we have today at the Mount would have been possible without the monumental effort that cemented our college here in Central Massachusetts. So it is with a sad heart that I encourage you to not just remember the deeds of Raymond LaFontaine, but the current opportunity those deeds have created. Central Massachusetts would not have the educational opportunity currently available without Mr. LaFontaine's hard work and there are generations of students who have bettered their lives as a result of his tenacity.

JAMES VANDER HOOVEN, ED.D.
PRESIDENT MOUNT WACHUSETT
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Duffy: shoddy reporting

To the Editor:
Good afternoon - I have a big complaint that I will be writing publicly and to many papers as well as social media but thought you would like to hear it first - you recently covered the car accident on Tannery Hill involving two cars - I'm curious...did you know the woman you so made out to be a helpless victim had a previous assault charge? Did you consider what happened to the young adults SHE hit (one being MY CHILD)? Did you know the injuries my child sustained because of her carelessness? Or that she ALMOST took the lives of three young adults who are just stating their lives? The poor woman who couldn't pick up her daughter? SERIOUSLY? She DESTROYED the other vehicle - totaled - which he had just gotten - she hit his car so hard MY DAUGHTER had her entire seatbelt side of her neck fully bruised not To mention the cuts on her face from the airbag Impact...the young man in the backseat had just been involved with an accident (not driving) and the emotion-

al toll was A LOT. For you to undermine the severity of what THAT WOMAN had done and make her look like a victim - did you mention she drove through the stop sign and slammed the oncoming car with no regard ? Did you even find out what happened to the young adults who were hit by her? To make so little of their lives and her to come off as a victim is disgraceful and SHAME ON YOU Those young adults are children of people who live in YOUR town - I will be making anyone and everyone aware of your lack of compassion and caring for the youth and other citizens of Winchendon. I am beyond furious and disgusted by your paper - being that I am a parent of one of those young adults involved. I AM QUITE SURE IF IT WAS YOUR CHILD AND YOU READ THIS, ANGER WOULDN'T BEGIN TO COVER HOW YOU FELT.

ANDREA DUFFY
VIA FACEBOOK

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Losses and gains



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Tuesday afternoon, exactly five months after Courtney slipped away from us, Annie very suddenly, literally without warning, crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Sarcoma, we were told, not unusual for her elder age and breed. She did not suffer at all, which is no small blessing. I like to believe she has joined Courtney and Riley (and King and Power) in eternal peace.

We had Annie a month short of three years. As is frequently the cases with rescues, I didn't really know much of anything about her story other than what my old and dear friend Anne Eddy, the former ACO here in town and currently the executive director of the Springfield, VT SPCA, was able to piece together. But I knew if Anne felt like Annie was a good match, and believe me, I fell for her the instant I laid eyes on her on December 20, 2014, that was good enough for me.

We did not have enough time together but during the relatively brief time we shared, it was clear as is so often true that she was the one who rescued us. She adored her walks and her rides in the car maybe even

more. She sensed last June that something catastrophic had happened and her love and loyalty, always unconditional like most dogs, seemed to become ever fiercer. She brightened my life for sure and I will be forever grateful. See you someday over the Bridge.

There appears to be some real confusion regarding athletes who are kneeling when the National Anthem is played so let's try to clear that up. There seems to be this wrong-headed belief, egged on by conservatives, that the protests are about the military or the flag or the anthem.

No. No. No. The movement spawned by Colin Kaepernick originated is and has remained a peaceful and time-honored

protest against racism and police brutality aimed primarily at persons of color. Period. This is not, by the way, an indictment of all police departments of course. Let's make that clear as well.

Yes, the Administration and its media pawns and those who believe their nonsense are trying to tell you differently, trying to tell you those who kneel are unpatriotic at best and traitors at worst. That's the real fake news. Truth be told - peaceful protest has always been a hallmark of democracy. I've heard a lot of howling about football players but I heard no such outcry last weekend when, during the playing of the National Anthem (written by the way by a racist Baltimore lawyer who

was once shot by the angry husband of a girlfriend), a lot of gentrified white people did not stop their stroll to the betting windows at racing's season-climaxing Breeders Cup World Championships at Del Mar outside San Diego. Of course we heard nothing. After all, those well-heeled folks weren't part of "them."

As for those of you who have bought into the fiction these protests are about the military, flag, or a song, perhaps actually listening to those who are protesting might be educational? You might even learn something. And another thing - before you reflexively condemn, how much interaction have you had with minorities

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If you want to change things...

One of the gifts of living in a representative democracy is that voting is only one of the rights it confers. For ordinary people who want to make change — who in some way want to alter their neighborhood or town or state or even the nation — the promise exists that by dint of their own efforts they can do so. This is a precious gift. But it is not an easy one to enjoy. Even in a democracy, bringing about significant change requires hard work — a level of intensity and commitment beyond the ordinary responsibilities of citizenship. You need a workable, achievable remedy that will correct the problem you're worried about. You need patience and

perseverance, and a specific set of skills and capabilities. To begin with, you can't make change alone. You'll require the help of others. So you have to be able to listen carefully to people — and then identify the interest groups and individuals who can help you achieve what you want. This means you also need to be able to look around you and understand the political lay of the land. How intensely will this or that individual or group support you? Will they actually help, or just pay lip service?



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What are they willing to do — and, just as important, not willing to do? What about the lobbyists, the mayor's or governor's office — or the White House? What kind of reception can you expect from the media? And what will it take to get your allies to work in a coherent, coordinated way? You also have to take responsibility for being the expert on your proposal. You'll need to understand its weaknesses and strengths, its potential impact, and the arguments both for

and against it. There's nothing quite so challenging as appearing before a city council or congressional committee and answering questions from politicians who have their own agendas as they grill you. You have to know what you're talking about, and be willing constantly to update yourself on the facts. Facts drive the public dialogue, and you want always to be on the lookout for the most persuasive facts or developments that can support your proposal. This is because you'll also need to communicate constantly, whether you're trying to build support one on one or before a gathering of hundreds.

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Vying for a place at the college table

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

It's November which means a whole lot of high school seniors are putting the finishing touches on college applications and at Murdock, guidance counselors Mary Ann Borsky and Rachael Weinhold are hoping to see in the neighborhood of 90-percent of students not opting for military careers completing those forms within the next couple weeks before Thanksgiving.

To that end, they've scheduled a financial aid help event for next Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.

"Parents will be able to get help with FAFSA forms and get other information," said Borsky, who added there's even an incentive to show up.

That's because a turkey dinner with all the holiday trimmings will be raffled off.

"How can anyone resist that?" laughed Weinhold.

In a more serious vein, Weinhold pointed out the partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College has seen representatives from the

Mount meeting with seniors every other week to go through the application process. Last Thursday's sessions focused on filling out what's called the 'common app', which can be effective for job applications as well as college ones.

"We're trying to demystify the stress of the application process," explained the Mount's Marcia Rosbury-Henne, adding, "we have open enrollment," noting that students who enroll at MWCC and meet certain criteria would become eligible to take a free class at MWCC and get a significant price break on others.

Seniors were divided into two smaller groups and a power-point presentation helped guide them through the process.

"Some of our students are up-to-date on getting ready to apply. Others need some reminding and sometimes some help," said Borsky, who said the Robinson-Broadhurst grant funded pilot program is intended to meet the goal laid out by Rosbury-Henne. "For

students who might be the first in their family to go to college, the application process can be intimidating. We're trying to make that less so."

For many families, the mere thought of filling out the federal FAFSA form is daunting and though Weinhold said the document is much less intimidating than it has been in the past, Wednesday's session is an opportunity to break down lingering fears.

Meanwhile, 17 MHS students have been named recipients of the John and Abigail Scholarships, which provides a tuition waiver for up to eight semesters, that's normally the full four years, at a Massachusetts state university or college. Eligibility for the scholarship is based academically on a student's ability to score in the advanced category on one of their state exams in English, Math or STEM (biology, chemistry, intro to physics, or technology/engineering). Additionally, 'proficient' or 'advanced' scores must be attained in the other two



Greg Vine photos

Marcia Rosebury-Henne talks to students at Murdock High School about the college application process.

subjects and have a combined MCAS score that ranks in the top 25-percent in the district.

Murdock students who met the criteria are Michaela Benedict, Ariana Berman, Jason Bourgoins, Jacob Carter, Mary Desire, Samuel Drake,

Kate Hutton, Emily Kiber-Pervier, Joseph LaFord, Steve Lemieux, Marissa Losurdo, Alex Marshall, Hannah Morse, Molly Murphy, Shyla Palmer, Brandon Peterson, and Thomas Sutherland.

Winchendon School goes Jamaican mon

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Hosting a Community Dinner, students of the Winchendon School served a delectable Jamaican Creole to some 60 guests Monday, helping many not only expand on their palate, but learn a few new words and phrases from the island country.

Wah Gwan, or "Welcome" in Jamaican was the greeting for all those who entered, as Jamaican food was served by some 25 students to some five dozen strong, representing diverse age groups ranging from 5 to 85.

Third year student Allesandra Adams hails from Nantucket Island of

Massachusetts, but was raised in Jamaica. Adams, whose parent's Jamaican home recently suffered hurricane damage, showed no sign of wavering from her path as a team leader as she lead a group of a dozen of her fellow students with the community dinner.

"We have a program called 'Service Learning' and each team leader gets to choose a topic to focus on as they go through the school year. My group is the 'Cultural Empowerment Group' so my partner and I decided it's important for people to embrace not only their own cultures but he cultures around them. We decided to demonstrate cultures though food because we

know everyone loves food and this evening people will get the chance to experience part of the Jamaican culture through its food" said Adams.

Fellow student Cam Cullen is a senior at the Winchendon School who grew up in Manchester, NH and moved to Haverhill. His team consisted of 13 students with a few faculty members. Cullen said, "Several years ago Service Learning was for students who were inspired, but as more students became involved it was adapted in to the school curriculum and it has really taken off."

"More students wanted to do this kind of thing. Now the entire school is involved and the leadership program here at the school is more developed. It's broken off in to more branches of what students do, but each student is very interested

and very inspired by what they each do in their own group. We have been to churches to spread the word, and for me this is my specific way of giv-

ing back to the community" explained Cullen.

Miranda Jennings who

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Winchendon School students happily serve Jamaican Creole to dinner guests.



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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CLUES ACROSS

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- Longtime sports columnist Cook
- Tributary of the Rio Grande
- Geological time
- About ilium
- Religion
- Beverage holder
- Its largest city is Fargo
- Attaches muscle to a bone
- Hindu queens
- Sir __ Newton
- Developments
- British thermal unit
- The Ocean State
- Smell
- Line
- Seizure
- Where vets are tended to
- Goddess of the dawn
- Pear-shaped fruit
- Taxi
- Where injured ballplayers end up
- Preceding period
- Uncovers
- Smudge
- Dad
- Peyton's little bro
- Flawless
- Judges
- Expressed one's displeasure
- Immature
- PBS interviewer
- Hat
- Cover with wood
- Acts dejectedly
- Perform
- Where people store their tools
- Sulfuric and citric are two
- Long-term memory

CLUES DOWN

- Muscles that control eyeball movement
- Hillsides
- The dried leaves of the hemp plant
- Used to see far away things
- Inventor Musk
- We all need it
- __ King Cole
- Earthy pigment
- Stringed instrument
- A language of the Inuit
- Shuttered
- Cereal plant
- Senior officer
- Sportscaster Patrick
- What day it is
- Petrels with saw-toothed bills
- Bumps in the road
- Stars
- Riding horses
- Swamp plant
- Type of bear
- Style of cuisine
- Home of the Flyers
- Serious-mindedness
- Velvet Underground album
- Highly important
- Winged
- Cultured
- Fastened
- __ Royce
- Wreath
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- Ninth month
- Deployed
- Cycles per second
- Expresses surprise
- Mythological bird
- Open payment initiative

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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-victimimized through indirect identification.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

12:16 a.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Road), verbal warning; 12:30-12:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:45 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), secure; 12:48-4:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:44 a.m.: harassment (Central Street), report taken; 7:12 a.m.: traffic hazard (Alger Street), assisted; 8:00 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 8:02 a.m.: burglar alarm (Joslin Road), false alarm; 8:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street), returned to owner; 8:22 a.m.: accident (Sibley Road), report taken; 8:51 a.m.: welfare check (Grove Street), spoken to; 9:43 a.m.: investigation (River Street), info given; 9:58 a.m.: fraud (Alger Street), report taken; 10:13 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), transported; 10:18 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road), report taken; 10:30 a.m.: investigation (West Street), unable to locate; 11:34 a.m.: larceny (Lakeview Drive), report taken; 12:25 p.m.: assist citizen (Laurel Street); 12:58 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Glenallan Street), report taken; 1:05 p.m.: info/general (Vaine Street), spoken to; 1:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North), referred to ACO; 1:34 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 1:43 p.m.: assault (Polly's Drive), report taken; 2:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road), spoken to; 3:39 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), services rendered; 4:02 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 4:41 p.m.: wires down (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 5:34 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 7:35 p.m.: mv stop (Jackson Avenue), citation issued; 7:58 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 8:00 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Royalston Road North), report taken; 8:18 p.m.: suspicious person (Jackson Avenue), spoken to; 8:43 p.m.: registration check (Murdock Avenue), services rendered; 9:03 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 9:04 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:11 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 11:37 p.m.: disturbance (Glenallan Street), protective custody; 11:48 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), report taken.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:16 a.m.: ambulance (Gardner Road), transported; 9:09 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 9:19 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 10:51 a.m.: summons service

(Front Street), unable to serve; 11:01 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 11:13 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 11:39 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), Gina Marie Nolette, 25, 4 Sunset Court, #4, Winchendon, larceny under \$250 by false pretense, report taken; 12:20 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), Gerson Luis Lopes, 29, 49 Alpine Street, #2, Roxbury, MA, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, uninsured mv, failing to stop for police, negligent operation, no inspection sticker, disorderly conduct, theft of registration plate, arrest; 1:11 p.m.: keep the peace (Royalston Road North), no service necessary; 2:22 p.m.: illegal dumping (West Street), report taken; 2:50 p.m.: burglar alarm (Otter River Road), accidental; 4:29 p.m.: custody dispute (Brown Street), spoken to; 5:18-5:26 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:51 p.m.: unwanted party (Cardinal Lane), no cause; 6:46 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Central Street), report taken; 7:25-7:39 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:39 p.m.: threats (Walnut Street), report taken; 7:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:49 p.m.: suspicious person (Juniper Street), no cause; 9:02 p.m.: keep the peace (Walnut Street), assisted; 9:15 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:18 p.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), gone on arrival.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:10-2:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:20a.m.: mv stop (School Street), written warning; 6:28 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), citation issued; 7:26 a.m.: keep the peace (Walnut Street), assisted; 8:10 a.m.: harassment (Walnut Street), report taken; 8:16 a.m.: animal complaint (Oak Street), referred ACO; 8:26 a.m.: investigation (West Street), services rendered; 9:51 a.m.: harassment order service (Juniper Street), unable to serve; 10:07 a.m.: investigation (Polly's Drive), 11:00 a.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), advised officer; 11:30 a.m.: investigation (Robbins Road), services rendered; 11:44 a.m.: assist other agency (Clark Road), unable to serve; 12:12 p.m.: welfare check (Mill Street), assisted; 12:36 p.m.: structure fire (Central Street), services rendered; 1:37 p.m.: structure fire (Central Street), services rendered; 2:21 p.m.: suspicious mv (Alger Street), spoken to; 3:16 p.m.: fire alarm (Spring Street), services rendered; 3:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Mill Street), referred to ACO; 4:22 p.m.: assist other PD (Maynard Street); 5:07 p.m.: animal complaint (Summer Drive), unable to locate; 5:09 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 5:30 p.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 6:14 p.m.: intoxicated person (Railroad Street), transported; 6:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Hitchcock Road), referred to ACO; 8:42 p.m.: lift assist (Lakeview Drive), services rendered; 9:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), unable to locate.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:41-2:53 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:59 a.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), assisted; 7:37 a.m.: investigation (West Street), unable to locate; 9:48 a.m.: extra patrols (Front Street), secure; 9:53 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:56 a.m.: info/general (River Street), info taken; 10:17 a.m.: property found (Goodrich Drive), returned to owner; 10:33 a.m.: extra patrols (Front Street), secure; 10:36 a.m.: building checked, secure; 10:47 a.m.: fraud (Woodlawn Street), report taken; 10:51 a.m.: summons service (Royalston Road South), served; 11:00 a.m.: summons service (Mill Glen Road), served; 11:11 a.m.: summons service (Joslin Road), served; 12:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), spoken to; 12:08 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), advised officer; 12:56 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), canceled; 2:28 p.m.: extra patrols (Front Street), secure; 3:41 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 4:28 p.m.: suspicious mv (Oak Street), spoken to; 4:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (River Street), gone on arrival; 4:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Mason Street), spoken to; 4:40 p.m.: welfare check, child (Poland Avenue), secure; 5:15 p.m.: 911 hang up (Mill Street), secure; 5:57 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 6:37 p.m.: loitering (Central Street), advised officer; 6:48 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 7:36 p.m.: tree down (Woodlawn Street), referred to DPW; 7:42 p.m.: info/general (Lincoln Avenue Extension), info taken; 7:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), report taken; 7:56 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 8:13 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1:02-2:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:01 a.m.: investigation (Grove Street), spoken to; 2:15 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 7:42 a.m.: extra patrols (Front Street), secure; 8:47 a.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 10:37 p.m.: bolo (Elm Street), advised officer; 12:51 p.m.: welfare check/general (Bemis Road), services rendered; 1:48 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), false alarm; 2:10 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), verbal warning; 2:30 p.m.: loitering (Central Street), spoken to; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 5:29 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), written warning; 6:48 p.m.: ambulance (Cabot Road), transported; 7:33 p.m.: noise complaint (Ash Street), report taken; 8:51 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:08 p.m.: mv stop (Water Street), verbal warning; 9:41 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), written warning; 10:03 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Street), citation issued; 10:03 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), Sunny M. Khan, 29, 144 Lincoln Avenue, Winchendon, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, speeding, citation issued; 10:15 p.m.: noise complaint

(Brown Street), dispersed gathering; 10:19 p.m.: loitering (Central Street), dispersed gathering; 10:34 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 10:41 p.m.: trespassing (Front Street), services rendered; 11:51 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:02 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:08-12:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:32 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), services rendered; 3:31-3:36 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:38 a.m.: mv stop (Morse Avenue), verbal warning; 9:18 a.m.: accident (Old Gardner Road), transported to hospital; 9:50 a.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street), transported; 11:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), referred to ACO; 2:10 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), citation issued; 3:50 p.m.: keep the peace (Walnut Street), services rendered; 4:05 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 4:06 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street), spoken to; 6:02 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 7:06 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 7:46 p.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road), transported; 8:04 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 8:25 p.m.: threats (Badwinville State Road), report taken; 9:23 p.m.: mv stop (Railroad Street), verbal warning; 9:37 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:42 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

12:27 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), secure; 12:29-1:10 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:44 a.m.: illegal dumping (Mill Glen Road), referred to DPW; 8:01 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), spoken to; 8:25 a.m.: info/general (School Street), assisted; 9:46 a.m.: summons service (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 10:22 a.m.: info/general (Lincoln Avenue), info taken; 11:45 a.m.: burglar alarm (Brown Avenue), false alarm; 12:17 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 12:23 p.m.: info/general (Spruce Street), info taken; 1:42 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported; 3:43 p.m.: officer wanted (Laurel Street), spoken to; 4:49 p.m.: parking violation (Central Street), citation issued; 5:14 p.m.: accident (Front Street), transported to hospital; 6:34 p.m.: fire/CO incident (Lakeview Drive), referred to FD; 6:36 p.m.: fire/CO incident (Mill Glen Road), referred to FD; 7:19 p.m.: transport (Baldwinville Road); 7:21 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Ash Street), referred to FD; 7:59 p.m.: suspicious person (Alger Street), unable to locate; 8:43 p.m.: summons service (Royalston Road North), unable to serve; 9:02 p.m.: intoxicated person (unable to locate); 9:24 p.m.: unwanted party (Central Street), spoken to; 10:38 p.m.: fire alarm (Railroad Street), services rendered.

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The construction of the community center, along with the renovation of part of the field house into a teen center, is expected to cost in the vicinity of \$2 million. About \$1.7 million will be spent on the new complex, with the remainder going to the teen center.

Clark Executive Director Mike Quinn said the community center will include three rooms for after-school programs for children in grades kindergarten through six. K through 2 will use one room, while grades 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, respectively,

will utilize the other two. Quinn also said space would be made available for community events such as blood drives, babysitting classes, CPR classes, and other workshops and events.

About half the community center will be dedicated to gymnastics. It will include a spring floor and tumble track, as well as space for equipment like parallel bars, a pommel horse, balance beams, rings, and uneven bars. There will also be room for child care and for office and storage space.

Moving gymnastics to the new facility will free up the gymnasium in the original Clark building for use by men's, women's,

Trustee Ernest 'Bud' Fletcher speaks about what the Clark means to him, and how pleased his late wife Carla would be with the new changes even though the beloved walking track would change.

and co-rec basketball and volleyball leagues and/or tournaments, as well as exercise classes and special events.

The land currently occupied by the Clark Memorial YMCA was purchased from town in 1921 for \$1. The dedication of the impressive building which can still be seen today on Central Street took place on September 16, 1954.



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Harper Grace Lawler

NEW IPSWICH, NH — Harper Grace Lawler, infant daughter of Peter and Amanda (Carvill) Lawler of New Ipswich, NH, died peacefully Saturday morning, Nov. 4, 2017 in the arms of her parents watching the beautiful sunrise in Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

She was born in Monadnock Community Hospital, Peterborough, NH on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017. In addition to her parents, she leaves her maternal grandmother, Cynthia L. Carvill of Winchendon; her maternal grandfather, Raymond E. Carvill Sr. of Boxboro; her paternal grandparents, Daniel W. and Sherry Lawler of New Ipswich; four uncles, Raymond E. Carvill Jr. and his wife Mara Jimenez, James Carvill and

his wife Valerie, Adam Carvill and his wife Margot and Douglas Lawler and his wife Colleen, as well as her great grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and family friends.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon were Monday, Nov. 6, 2017.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 in the United Parish, 39 Front St., Winchendon.

Private burial will be in Center Cemetery, New Ipswich, NH.

Donations in her memory may be made to Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHaD), 1 Medical Center Dr, Lebanon, NH 03756.

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Florence (Snead) Pedini, 92

BRIDGEWATER — Florence (Snead) Pedini, 92, formerly of Winchendon, died peacefully Monday, November 6, 2017 in South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth.

She was born in Staten Island, New York on November 4, 1925 and had lived in Winchendon most of her adult life. For the last four months, she lived in Bridgewater with her daughter Beverly.

Florence worked for many years at Simplex Time Recorder until her retirement. Prior to that time, she had worked at Troy Blanket Mills. Over the years, she was active in various activi-

ties at the Wendell P. Clark Memorial. She was very fond of her cat Patches.

Her husband, Ottovio Pedini, died in 2014. She leaves behind her daughters, Beverly Mitchell of Bridgewater, and Ginger Richardson and her husband John of Bayou Vista, TX, grandsons, Brian Greig, Don and Bradley Mitchell, five great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

It is a heartache to lose someone so dear to all of us. We will miss you Great Grammy Flo Flo.

A private family graveside service will be held in Old Centre Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

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

Alison L. Symonowicz, 34

HUBBARDSTON — Alison L. Symonowicz, age 34, of Hubbardston died Thursday, November 2, 2017.

She was born in Southbridge on December 15, 1982, daughter of Sheila (Davis) Bettro of Hubbardston and the late Mark Symonowicz. Alison was a 2000 graduate of Quabbin Regional High School. She also graduated from Mt. Wachusett Community College and University of Massachusetts, Lowell. She had received certification as an assistant veterinarian.

Alison had worked as a volunteer at Gardner Animal Shelter and for the last year had worked at the Winchendon

Council on Aging. She loved animals and enjoyed jewelry making, fishing, volleyball and hiking.

In addition to her mother, she leaves her stepfather Joseph Bettro of Hubbardston and a stepsister, Danielle Bettro of Lunenburg.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 2 P.M. in Winchendon Council on Aging, 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Council on Aging, 52 Murdock Avenue, Winchendon, MA 01475 or to Ahimsa Haven Animal Rescue, 381 Baldwinville Road, Templeton, MA 01468.

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

Lynne M. Vaughan, 63

WELLS ME — Lynne M. Vaughan lived 63 fulfilling years with her adoring family until she passed away after a yearlong battle with cancer on November 6, 2017.

Lynne, the daughter of the late Harvey and Helen (Simoneau) Desmarais, was born in Winchendon on January 16, 1954. Raised in Winchendon, she attended Murdock High School and graduated from Westfield State College with a degree in teaching. Lynne also received a Master's degree in education from Simmons College. She taught for over 30 years at the elementary level in Wilmington, Peabody, North Reading and Andover. She retired from Andover Public Schools on the same day her first grandchild was born in 2012.

After college, Lynne moved to Andover to Colonial Drive Apartments after landing her first teaching job. It was there that she met the love of her life, Eric Vaughan. After becoming engaged during the "Blizzard of '78" they married on August 19, 1978 and celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary with dinner on Drake's Island just this past August. Lynne always called Eric her "rock" and they made a loving home on Pleasant Street in North Reading, until they retired to Wells, Maine in 2011 permanently.

Lynne lived life finding joy in her heart in every endeavor she undertook. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi International Woman's Sorority, a service organization. She always counted her blessings and was thankful for every person that walked into her life. Lynne would knit a sweater or blanket for anyone she knew getting married or having children. She loved knitting,

crocheting and was beyond talented. Her family and friends cherished every piece of her work knowing it had been touched by Lynne's hands with a full heart. Other loves in Lynne's life were working with children and teaching them the skill of reading. Her garden at their home in Wells was always blooming. She spent many days tending and pruning to make the most beautiful setting for all to gather. The ocean was a special place for Lynne. The sand and sun called her to Maine after many summers vacationing with her family in the "Sunglow" beach house.

In addition to her parents, Lynne was predeceased by her brother, Kevin Desmarais

She is survived by her husband, Eric, and their daughter, Elizabeth (Vaughan) Dalby and her husband, Spencer Dalby, of Wakefield; her twin sons, Mark Vaughan and his wife, Cassie Vaughan, of Lyman, ME and Scott Vaughan and his wife, Melinda Vaughan, of Saco, ME; her sister, Laurie Hallquist and her husband, Alan Hallquist; as well as her sister in-law, Linda Vaughan. Lynne was the adoring Mimi to seven grandchildren. She is now the special angel to Samuel, Skylar, Shea, Bentley, Weston, Jackson and Madelynn.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her calling hours on Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 4-7 pm at the Bibber Memorial Chapel, 111 Chapel Road, Wells, ME and a funeral held at the Congregational Church of Wells, 1695 post Road, Wells, ME on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 10AM.

Contributions in Lynne's memory may be made to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 180 US Route One, Scarborough, ME 04074.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Lynne's Book of Memories page at www.bibber-funeral.com.

Lee C. Tompkins, 49

SPENCER- Lee C. Tompkins, 49, of Smithville Road, died on Friday, November 3, 2017 at Harrington Memorial Hospital with his family by his side following a brief illness.

He leaves his wife of 14 years, Nicole N. (Brewer) Tompkins; two daughters, Faith M. Tompkins, and Leah C. Tompkins; his parents, Leo Tompkins and Deborah (Perry) Tompkins of Bolton; his twin brother, David Tompkins and his wife Lori of Hudson, NH, his brother, Christopher Tompkins and his wife Michelle of Winchendon; his sister-in-law, Jessica Ross and her husband Scott of Franklin; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Lee was born in Boston, and lived in the Marlboro and Hudson area prior to moving to Spencer 13 years ago.



Lee was a Welder at Polyfoam in Northbridge, but really was a jack of all trades who could fix anything. He enjoyed doing anything recreational – motorcycles, boating, snowmobiling, camping, and hunting and fishing were many of his outdoor passions.

Lee was a loving, caring and devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend who is gone too soon. He had a great sense of humor with a quick wit, and will be missed by all those who loved or knew him.

A Funeral Service for Lee was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:00PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Calling hours were held from 5 to 7PM prior to the Service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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Robert J. Smith, 69

GARDNER — Robert J. Smith, age 69, of 153 Conant Street, died peacefully Friday morning, November 3, 2017 in Rose Monahan Hospice, Worcester, with his family at his side.

He was born in Winchendon on December 24, 1947, son of the late Ernest and Helen (Rocheleau) Smith and attended Murdock High School. Bob proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal, Vietnam Service medal, Vietnam Campaign ribbon and National Defense Service medal.

Bob worked as a shipper and receiver at Digital and later worked as a manager at Simplex Time Recorder. He lived



in Winchendon and Gardner for most of his life and had lived in Marlboro and Milford at one time. Bob was a member of the American Legion in Gardner and was an active member of AA, both locally and regionally.

He leaves two sons, David Smith of Texas and Robert Smith of Gardner; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Ernest Smith and Gerald Smith and a sister, Cynthia Stowell.

Military funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at 11 a.m.. in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon. The Rev. Francis A. Roberge will officiate. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, 268 Central Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

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CLYDE’S CORNER

Thursday, November 9-Saturday, December 2

IT'S COMING: Annual Festival of Trees at The Gardner Museum, 28 Pearl St. Nov. 9 to Dec. 2. Open Wednesday & Thursday: 1-4 p.m.; Friday 1-7 p.m.; and Weekends: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Limited hours Dec. 2: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to allow for drawing at 2 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving Day.

Holiday Coffee with free refreshments Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to noon; Santa visit Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., take your own photos.

Over 100 trees, baskets, quilted, woodcraft, dollhouse and more to be raffled to benefit The Gardner Museum a non-profit. Need not be present to win. Admission \$3, children under 12 free. Raffle tickets available. For information (978) 632-3277, www.gardnermuseuminc.com or email: info@gardnermuseuminc.com

Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12

VETERANS DAY: Saturday November 11 at the American Legion Post 193. 10:30 a.m. all participants should arrive; 11:00 ceremony begins. Sunday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m.: flag removal from cemeteries starting in Calvary cemetery then to Riverside.

THIS WEEKEND: Immaculate Heart of Mary Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12 in the Rivier Center, 52 Spruce St. Grandma's Attic, Country Kitchen, Christmas Shop, Silent Auction and the Country Kitchen. Theme baskets, ticket auction and raffles too.

Saturday, November 18

WIZARD OF OZZ: a night of Ozzy and Black Sabbath metal classics sponsored by the Winchendon Lions Club. It all begins at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Early tickets \$20 available from Lions members, at the door \$25. Raffles and live auction. Opening act is Whiskey Johnson. Proceeds benefit the local Lions Club and its activities.

Thursday, November 24

OPEN MIC: at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9

p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.

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

Saturday, December 2

WINTERFEST: the annual display of decorated holiday tables, a decorated wreath raffle, basket raffle and bake sale all take place at Old Murdock Senior Center, 52 Murdock Ave., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission and lunch available

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: the annual buffet breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Kiwanis of Winchendon is scheduled 8-11 a.m. at the Carriage House Restaurant. Bring your camera for a photo with the jolly fellow himself. Every child receives a gift courtesy of the Kiwanis.

Thursday, December 7

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Saturday, December 9

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR: the Winchendon History and Cultural

Center hosts its holiday house tour with nine places to visit in full holiday regalia this year. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person. Don't miss this excellent holiday event.

Thursday, December 14

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BOOK DISCUSSION: Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting is Thursday Dec. 14. Books are available at the library.

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAY

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

townofwinchendon.com/bealmemoriallibrary.

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.

TOWER

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public gatherings were all the rage and the original social media of getting outside reigned supreme.

Clock management responsibilities have seen its share of teams over the years. In more recent decades, Armenta shared this labor of love with James D. Abare, along with other teams such as brothers David and James Connor, and Rocky Flint and Bob Soucy rounding out the time keeping roster. Not to be forgotten were the earlier services of James R. Abare and Bob Labarge, who also diligently served the towering cause among many others in the past.

Armenta, now at 76 years young, has for the last dozen years accepted the task and climbed his fair share of stairs at 85 steps each trip. Only in the last two years did he start taking the elevator to the top floor reducing the count to 26 for maintaining the clock. If winding the clock only once a week, Armenta has climbed more than 49,000 steps, equaled hiking Mount Everest, the highest point in the world, to help Winchendon keep time. This notable feat alone doesn't include his team efforts in years past.

In addition, Armenta both by himself and in previous teams combined, has now hand cranked the tower clock over 100,000 revolutions at 100 turns per week which he jokingly said with a smile were repeatedly done, "On the clock."

Escorted up in the tower by Armenta to view the old clock, which now keeps

freezing up, the viewing was not of just any old clock, but an 1880s E. Howard Watch & Clock Company of Boston.

Town Manager Keith Hickey was told the town is in possession of a true treasure, as these clocks when restored along with their original pendulum, counter weights, cables and pulleys, are valued between \$25K and as high as nearly \$40,000.

Brian Tanguay of Gardner's Tanguay Jewelers and Narragansett Historical Society saved a similar E. Howard tower clock from total destruction when carefully extracting it from an abandoned church in Baldwinville several years ago. Now fully restored, the time keeping marvel graces Templeton's old Grange Hall building of the NHS for future generations to view.

Tanguay was contacted as he is a master watchmaker and assisted with helping make adjustments with ringing of the Old Murdock bell. Tanguay also possess valuable experience and knowledge with E. Howard clocks, dealing with the older technology known as Yestertech. Tanguay was asked if he would evaluate the tower clock's current issues, and he was all too happy to quickly comply.

Armenta, who has willingly toiled many hours oiling, adjusting, and maintaining the old tower clock, feels there is a chance hidden friction is currently causing enough resistance to stop the clocks movement. Now with his good grace and true love for Winchendon's time keeping masterpiece, Armenta will meet with Tanguay Nov. 20 at Old Murdock to begin inspecting any possi-



Art Amenta at the winding mechanism inside the tower. The E. Howard clock will be examined to see if it can be repaired later this month.

ble causes of mechanical delay.

In addition, Armenta explained when viewing the clocks four faces from high up inside the tower, cracks have formed and daylight can now be seen piercing through. Armenta stated the cracks are going to need to be filled at the very least, and other repairs will need to be addressed in the future which will cost some amount of money which is yet to be determined. If one thing is for sure, the clock is worth far more than it would cost to repair in both its commu-

nity and intrinsic values.

In closing Armenta said with a smile, "I used to take the steps all the time, but lately I take the elevator more. Being able to look after the clock means a lot to me. I like being able to keep everything set at the right time. I look after all the clocks in the building, not just the one in the tower. This entire building means a lot to me, and I have really enjoyed helping here."



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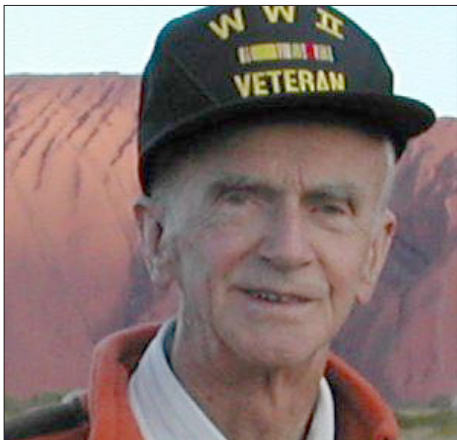


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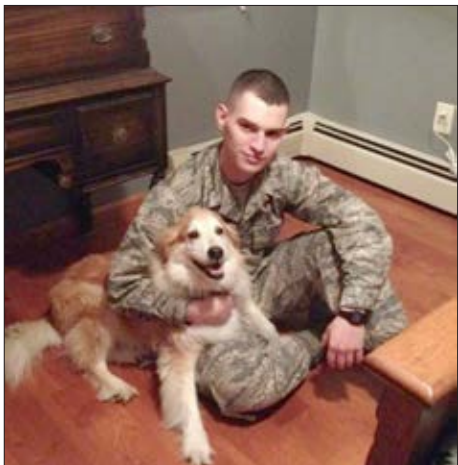
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CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY

*The Winchendon Courier salutes our Veterans
for their service to this country.
Below are submitted photos of local veterans
from past and present*



Charles E. Grout, served during World War 2 in the Pacific Theatre. He was a Sergeant with Gen. MacArthur's crew in the Philippines and Australia. Dad served with the US Air Force. He came from Winchendon, MA.



Cody Slomcheck. He is a currently active duty as a Staff Sargent in the Air Force. He is stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. He is from Winchendon, MA.



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In hardest situations
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Throughout this great Nation

Mind, body, too often spent
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For what they have given
I stand with hand on heart
Proudly placed not hidden
Honored to do my part

Don't stand for our anthem?
They've paid for that choice as well
I stand to salute them
Liberty sounds the bell

Jahala Beaupre



Julia A Kime, E3, Aviation Ordnance
United States Navy
From Winchendon, MA



LCpl. Sutton Sean M. USMC
Winchendon , MA



Michael Senecal
Infantryman with the national guard.
His rank is E4 also known as specialist.
Athol, Massachusetts.



World War II Veteran
Corporal Technician Kenneth B. Ward,
U.S. Army, from Winchendon



Sergeant Brett J. Goldsmith.
Military Police Officer North Brookfield



SPC Melissa J. (Raymond) Cruise
MA Army National Guard, Winchendon



Jesse Algarin US Navel Chief,
Winchendon, MA





Falling asleep...

How many of you out there in readership land have been pretty much bored by most of what you've seen this football season? You can argue the protest issue all you want but the primary reason ratings are down is simply because the games are so unwatchable. We didn't see it here, fortunately, but I was told the Redskins-Seahawks game was even more dreadful than the score suggested. The Ravens are painful to watch. The Packers minus Aaron Rodgers? The obviously-having-quit New York Football Giants? Sure, if you're an Eagles fan, or a Rams fan, or a Pats fan, or even a Jaguars fan, provincially you might be having fun but on a broader scale, not so much. This has been happen-

ing the last few years. Truth is - college ball is far more entertaining. Of course, this season neared the midway point competing with an awesome World Series. Game Seven might have been as routine as a Tuesday night game in mid-May but as a whole, the Series was as dramatic as we've seen since last year which was as dramatic as we've seen in a while. Baseball is on a roll with a flashy powerful new champion and a number of young improving teams like the Yankees, Brewers, Phillies, Rockies and others. The NFL is stagnant by comparison. A new college basketball season begins tonight. For people like me, that matters



TALKING SPORTS
JERRY CARTON

a lot. For me personally, it means it's Maryland v Stony Brook in a game which will tell us absolutely nothing about how the season will go. What will constitute a success for the Terps? You mean realistically? How about this - finish in the top four in the Big Ten. Win 20 games. Make a fourth straight NCAA tournament appearance. Advance at least one and preferably two rounds. Anything beyond

that is house money. Duke, of course begins the season ranked 1st. Big deal. Don't they always? No doubt college hoops has a multitude of problems. Rick Pitino's firing at Louisville was the latest and greatest mess but everyone knows the whole recruiting thing is scandalous and slimy. No one ever argues to the contrary. Why bother? So as fans we acknowledge and accept and go on rooting, right? Yes. Fear the Turtle. Horseracing crowned its champions last weekend. The undisputed Horse of the Year is Breeders Cup Classic winner Gun Runner who had an outstanding season. 18 months ago, at the top of the 2016 Kentucky Derby stretch,

I thought GR was the winner. He wound up a good third and parlayed that into a brilliant four year old campaign in 2017. Some years there is debate about Horse of the Year. Not this time. And as all that was going on, a Massachusetts woman (from Marblehead I believe) became the first American victor in the New York Marathon in the last 40 years. A week or so ago, a girl named Katie Nash finished first in the Massachusetts boys golf championship but alas, the rules stipulated that girls can't take top honors during the fall season. The boy who finished second graciously offered Nash his trophy. Classy.

Legion field getting a facelift

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

When spring rolls around some six months from now, there will be changes at the American Legion baseball/softball field as the facility undergoes something of a renovation this fall. The most dramatic of those changes will be the new dugouts, replacing ones which have lasted more than 25 years. "Mother nature won out," said Little League board member Tony LaPointe, who is overseeing the project on behalf of Winchendon Little League. A \$40,000 grant from Robinson-Broadhurst is enabling Little League to not only fund new dugouts but to expand and extend fencing along the first and third base lines and improve the audio system at a site about which visiting teams have raved throughout

the years. Players, of course, will be most impacted by the dugouts as the new ones will be wider, taller, be handicap-accessible and have better lighting. With more players than ever bringing their own equipment bags, and sometimes multiple bags at that, they need more room, LaPointe noted. Of the now razed dugouts, LaPointe credited long-time LL President Jack Smith with having had the vision more than a quarter-century ago to make sure structures were built which would last a long time. Additionally, new and raised fencing will run 50 feet past each dugout. That means fans will no longer be leaning against the fence, a practice which frequently drew complaints from people in the bleachers. A new storage unit will be placed on the third base side of the

field as well. The sound system will be enhanced too. Work on the project began last month and if the weather cooperates, which has been a hit-or-miss proposition to this point, it may well be done before Christmas. A couple years ago, a new, brighter scoreboard was installed. LaPointe emphasized it takes a slew of volunteers to complete this kind of project, and there are professionals involved too. John LePlante and his company have been doing the excavating while Vaughn Saevell has been working the concrete and, said LaPointe, locally-based Powell Stone and Gravel and Belletetes have also partnered to get the job done. Before any of this could happen though, there were bureaucratic issues to resolve and LaPointe stressed town

manager Keith Hickey's office and the town building department were "completely cooperative" in green-lighting the project. The Legion field, which has been around for in the neighborhood of a half-century (Winchendon Little League itself began in 1961, softball coming along about a decade later) "is home to high quality baseball and softball," LaPointe reflected, noting recent softball state championships were held at the facility in part because lights assure games can be played after sunset on hot summer nights and because of the overall amenities the facility offers. "We're doing this work, and it's a volunteer effort, to continue to maintain and improve our field to add to the safety of the players and fans to make sure all have an enjoyable experience," he said.

CHEER SQUAD MOVING FORWARD WITH STRONG FINISHES



Murdock Middle School's cheer team recently took down first and second place finishes in regional competitions and are preparing for their winter campaign. Team members include: Capt. Jessica Higbee, Kelsey Boucher, Co-Captain Marissa Keeney, Dezzy Schindler-Roberts, Arielle Benedict, Abigail Bradley, Madison Cosentino, Rickelle Divoll-Tieu, Tiana Graessle, Jasmine Hardy, Cassidy Lauziere, Jillian Labarge, Annabella Merrante, Min-D Merritt, Emily Michaud, Madison Montana, Emily Wightman, and Ruth Adams.

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News

Murdock soccer season ends with marathon

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Murdock High School's varsity soccer season ended last weekend with an unusual twist — a marathon fund-raising event which collected some \$1,200.

The idea, created by girls' coaches Jason Marshall and Alex Burke, was enthusiastically adopted by their team and so from Saturday morning through the wee hours into Sunday, one-hour games were contested at the Clark Memorial YMCA fieldhouse.

It turned out night was the most popular time to play. As Marshall put it, "around 9 p.m., players started pouring in and we had a waiting list for teams to play."

That prompted Marshall to reflect that future events are likely to begin in the evening.

"Most teams were more interested in playing at night. In any event, we did have games going for 15 straight hours after a slow start," he remarked.

In one respect, a break was appreciated. Marshall and Burke snuck in dinner between playing or officiating.

"With donations from family, friends, and businesses, we raised about \$1,200 which wasn't bad for the first go-round. There were no injuries and participants had a blast. Nothing like playing soccer all day long," exulted Marshall, who added, "we want to thank Noah and the Y for use of the field house."

Marshall indicated next time, the event is likely to be scheduled as a pre-season kickoff in July or August 2018.

On the field, the girls tallied 15 goals for the season, a boost



of three from last year. Assists rose to 12 from three.

"The assists were the most promising," said Marshall, "because it signifies we were not relying on single break-away goals. We did have extended offensive pressure in several of our games this year."

The Lady Devils picked up a pair of wins during the regular season, added a tie, compiling MHS' best record since 2009 and the second best since 2005.

Most impressively, Murdock split its last four games, outscoring opponents 9-8 during that span, giving Marshall some optimism heading into next year.

As for end of year honors, Marissa Losurdo was named Most Improved "from freshman year to senior year." Marshall anticipates Marissa's sister Kaitlyn will play a big role next fall.

Mary Desire ("her spir-

it carried her to every practice and every game, the only player to do so") and Hannah Turner ("provided the team with leadership in recognizing others") shared the Team Spirit award. Cassidy Stadtfeld was goalie of the year.

"Our goalies faced more than 300 shots. She led the trio with the lowest goals allowed per game average and most saves



and most shots faced."

Michaela Benedict was awarded the Hustle Award.

"This is one of my favorite awards to give out as it reflects how I want our team to play, all out never giving up."

Maria Polcari was named Player of the Year.

"We changed this from Most Valuable Player to go along with Player of the Match. Maria carried our team offensively with her 10 goals (tied for second most in a single season) and by playing selflessly and including others in the play."



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educate people about mental health and suicide and Youth Venture enabled me to meet new people and hopefully educate some of them."

The event was attended by between 350-400 middle and high school students. Murdock students included Turner, Hutton and Yesenia Infante from Project Blue Hands, Lily LeBlanc representing The Bench, Mary Desire from the Purple Pinky Project (more on this in a future story) and Julio Rodriguez and Sara Solórzano from Regame Your Health.

Additionally, teacher Chris LeBlanc was honored as "Ally of the Year," for his work with Project Blue Hands, which came as a surprise to him.

"It's a big honor. There were a lot of impressive venture projects and a lot of great faculty 'allies' out there," remarked LeBlanc.

Michael King, the national director of outreach and engagement for the Facing Addiction organization was the keynote speaker, telling attendees, "Speaking up is the first step when it comes to facing addiction. So

just standing up and saying this is something you want to talk about, something you want to address, is step one," he told the crowd.

"That's the whole concept of Youth Venture," said Provost. "Students start with an idea, an issue that matters to them, and they stand up and say, 'let's talk about it'."

That's what the students at MHS have done, he pointed out.

"For Blue Hands, it began with a documentary Chris showed and Hannah and her team ran with it. Julio picked up on an idea from his brother. They're the catalysts," he said.

On the following Monday, Eden Shaveet, the Commonwealth Corps Venture retention and engagement innovator ("yes, that's a long title", she laughed) came to MHS and heard Turner explain the status of Project Blue Hands.

"That's an important kind of project. It's good you took the initiative. Keep at it," she urged.

United Way Youth Venture of North Central Massachusetts, based at MWCC, was created in 2002 and 15 years later remains independently funded and relies on community support to continue its efforts.



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serves as the Service Learning initiative director said, “Last year we had six community dinners, and this year we have eight planned. We hold them on the first Monday of every month, except for a few months due to being on vacation. We get to know many of the people very well, and in return they get to know us.”

She continued, “I think this type of event centered around food gets to our common humanity and what we need most in this world which is to understand and appreciate one another. While we are serving a free meal it’s really so much more than that. It’s about bringing people together who would not normally be together, while at the same time have our students develop a relationship with the people in town and not function in a bubble.”

It was pointed out that additional credit was due to nearly 80 students as they skipped their own meals as

part of what is called a “Donate your lunch day” allowing the money that would have paid for the meals be diverted to pay for the meals served at the Community Dinner.

When asking Adams what she was taking away from the event she responded, “I think it’s really amazing for me to see everyone I am close with going out and helping other people. Where I come from in Jamaica, there are a lot of families who are ‘Food Insecure Families’ who wish they had this kind of help, and this is amazing for me to have the chance to give that kind of help to other people.”

Cullen added, “We have had a lot of good feedback from our faculty that our groups are doing such a great job with inclusion, and that all the students who are doing this work to make this happen are doing it on their own time. Our students love to do this as we are close as a community and we are very happy that the people like the food at these events.”

During the meal guests were provid-

ed with a slide show introducing them to Jamaican words and phrases such as “It is mine” which is spelled as “AH FE ME” or that “Manish Water” is Goat’s Head Soup. Those who answered the questions correctly were able to select prizes for their answers.

Laurie Lambert previous served as the Associate Head of School is now the new Head of the School for the Winchendon campus as former Head of School John Kerney has been promoted to CEO and is now overseeing the creation of a second campus in Brooklyn, slated to open in September 2018.

Lambert said about the event and the students, “It’s something that is incredibly important particularly in this day and age. Teaching students not only how to be leaders, but how to make a difference in the world. Service Learning helps teach students how to make a difference in the world, while also learning how to lead other students and lead groups and continue the mindset. It’s not just about the individual’s way in the world. If we can instill it in

the students so it becomes a habit, then we are educating in a way which will always stay with the students.”

“I love math, I love science, I love English, but are you going to remember your pre-cal 20 years from now? Maybe or maybe not. But will you still remember taking part in the improving the live lives of others? Hopefully. These are life skills and they are connected to our character attributes we talk about to the kids all the time” added Lambert.

In closing Lambert said, “Our students come together every Wednesday and work together to plan what their new goal is. We have 35 to 40 students in Service Learning who actually run the classes. The faculty is there, but it’s the kids. Miranda Jennings trains the leaders, and then they train the rest of the students. It’s a great way to trickle down. Students get to choose the group they are interested in, and there are 25 groups who have their own goals. This community dinner is just one microcosm of the Service Learning Program and we are happy to host these events.”

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in large cities? How much of their concerns can you relate to? What experiences have you had which might in any way mirror theirs? Yes, those are serious and not merely rhetorical questions. Unfortunately, we live in an era where too many people rely on gut instincts and, let’s face it, feeling like their bigotry is not-so-quietly cheered by those in charge in DC. Those polls showing about 35-37% of voters

remaining firmly in DJT’s corner? They’re going nowhere. As long as they insist on believing these kneeling protests are about flag, anthem, and the military, do you really think they’re going to change? The fact that they’re indisputably and factually wrong means nothing to them. You go try changing their minds.

Speaking of, “I never thought it could happen here. This only happens in big cities.” That from an employee at the coffee shop in Sutherland Springs, TX Sunday. Really? These kind of senseless, horrific tragedies

can happen anywhere. And they do. America, 2017. Land of the gun. And yet again, children. Maybe it’s time to call the NRA the terrorist organization they are. I know nothing will happen regarding gun laws. You know it too. Once more, again, children. To those parents who lost a child, I get it. Different circumstances but I get it. My heart goes out to you. What will it take for rationality to win out? Aren’t we better than this? Oh, and the shooter. A 26 year-old white male. Not Muslim. Not an immigrant. But what he is, is the face of

domestic terrorism. Period. And yes, there’s a pattern. Charleston. Aurora. Sandy Hook. Las Vegas. Sutherland Springs. Angry white guys with guns. That doesn’t fit the narrative the Right is peddling but there it is. The woman referenced above who thought it couldn’t happen there was on CNN Monday morning lamenting the Devil is everywhere. She’s entitled to have and express her beliefs, but I bet you she doesn’t vote for anyone progressive on guns. The thing is - thoughts and prayers aren’t enough.

DJT tweeted this wasn’t a gun issue but a mental health one. If he believes that, why hasn’t he recommended increased funding for mental health clinics and faster access for mental health treatment? It is a mental health issue to be sure, but it’s also very much a gun issue. And it’s an economic and educational issue. We’ve made incredible technical progress and yet in so many other areas we’ve failed miserably. We should be collectively ashamed.

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On radio, television, in print, online — it’s impossible to over-communicate.

And though amplifying the reach of your voice has value, so does retail persuading — plain one-on-one conversations that teach you which arguments carry weight and which don’t. Because although

you might be starting with like-minded allies, inevitably you’ll need to broaden your coalition to include people who were initially skeptical or saw the issue differently from you.

Which is why you also should always be open to the idea that you could be wrong, that your proposal could be improved and strengthened, that others might have better ideas both on substance and on strategy. Part of

the art of building coalitions is being open to proposals that alter or change your proposal. You may have put a lot of work into designing and drafting it, but one of the first things you’ll encounter is someone who’s got an amendment.

No one possesses all the skills needed to persuade, cajole, negotiate, and strategize his or her way to success. Especially when it comes

to pushing a cause at the state or national level, it will take money: to communicate, to advertise, to travel. It takes resources to accomplish changes of consequence, which means raising money — and dealing with donors who want a role to play, with all the challenges that brings.

Fortunately, there is no single center of power in this country. It takes a complex effort within a complex system

to make change, which is why it’s such a challenge and why many people get discouraged. It’s built into the idea of representative democracy that making change is difficult. But most of us wouldn’t have it any other way. Few things can exceed the satisfaction of helping shape the direction and success of your community or nation.

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would transfer \$20,000 from available funds into the Special Duty Police Detail Agency Fund.

Article 6 calls for the transfer of \$17,472 from available funds to cover operating budget costs relative to electricity costs at several town-owned buildings and vehicle repair costs. This article received unanimous support from both boards.

Also receiving unanimous support was Article 7, which transfers \$52,535 from available funds to cover the cost of electricity at the town’s three public school buildings.

Article 8 and 9 would cover expenses in the water and sewer enterprise funds.

Article 10, recommended by both boards, calls for a land swap which would convey to the town a communication tower which would replace the tower currently used by the town for police and fire communications. The

existing town-owned tower, according to Hickey, is on its last legs and a new one is needed to ensure reliable communication town-wide.

Article 11 asks the town to rescind about \$100,000 in bond authorizations approved by the town at the annual town meetings in 2013 and 2014. This article has the full support of both committees.

The last article on the warrant, asks voters to enact a moratorium on the issuance of licenses to recreational marijuana retailers. The moratorium

would expire on June 30 of next year. The Planning Board is recommending the moratorium in hopes of giving the town time to enact zoning bylaws governing the placement of such businesses throughout the community. Without it, board members argue, the town would currently be unable to restrict a cannabis retailer from setting up shop virtually anywhere in town.

Selectmen voted 5-1 to support the moratorium. Finance Committee support for the proposal was unanimous.

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FOOD

Eat healthy at 50 and beyond

A balanced diet is an integral element of a healthy lifestyle for men, women and children alike. But while kids and young adults might be able to get away with an extra cheeseburger here or there, men and women approaching 50 have less leeway.

According to the National Institute on Aging, simply counting calories without regard for the foods being consumed is not enough for men and women 50 and older to maintain their long-term health. Rather, the NIA emphasizes the importance of choosing low-calorie foods that have a lot of the nutrients the body needs.

But counting calories can be an effective and simple way to maintain a healthy weight, provided those calories are coming from nutrient-rich foods. The NIA advises men and women over 50 adhere to the following daily calorie intake recommendations as they attempt to stay healthy into their golden years.

WOMEN

- Not physically active: 1,600 calories
- Somewhat active: 1,800 calories
- Active lifestyle: between 2,000 and 2,200



calories

MEN

- Not physically active: 2,000 calories
- Somewhat active: between 2,200 and 2,400 calories
- Active lifestyle: between 2,400 and 2,800 calories

When choosing foods to eat, the NIA recommends eating many different colors and types of vegetables and fruits. Phytochemicals are substances that occur naturally in plants, and there are thousands of these substances offering various benefits. The

Produce for Better Health Foundation notes that a varied, colorful diet incorporates lots of different types of phytochemicals, which the PBH says have disease-preventing properties.

The NIA also advises that men and women over 50 make sure at least half the grains in their

diets are whole grains. Numerous studies have discovered the various benefits of whole grains, which are loaded with protein, fiber, antioxidants and other nutrients. Whole grains have been shown to reduce the risk for diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer.

Another potential hurdle men and women over 50 may encounter is a change in their sense of smell and taste. A person's sense of smell may fade with age, and because smell and taste are so closely related, foods enjoyed for years may no longer tantalize the taste buds. That can be problematic, as many people instinctually add more salt to foods they find bland. According to the U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, older adults should consume no more than 1,500 milligrams of sodium per day. That equates to roughly 3/4 teaspoon of salt. Older men and women should resist the temptation to use salt to add flavor to foods, instead opting for healthy foods that they can still smell and taste. In addition, men and women should mention any loss of their sense of smell to their physicians, as such a loss may indicate the presence of Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's disease.

Maintaining a healthy diet after 50 may require some hard work and discipline. But the long-term benefits of a healthy diet make the extra effort well worth it.

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When buying amaryllis, purchase large bulbs for the biggest and longest lasting floral display. One jumbo bulb will send up multiple flower stems over several weeks. Smaller bulbs can be planted two or three to a pot to create a living bouquet.

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Grow your amaryllis in a pot with drainage holes and use a quality potting mix. Plant large bulbs in individual pots that are seven to eight inches deep and five to six inches across. Or group several bulbs together in a larger container.

Look for unique containers or decorative baskets to showcase these beauties. To see some creative ways to display and decorate your home with amaryllis, download a free Winter-Blooming Bulbs Inspiration Book (longfield-gardens.com).

When planting amaryllis bulbs, the top half of the bulb should stay above the soil surface. You can dress up the container by covering the soil surface with moss or decorative stones. Water the potting mix thoroughly after planting, and place the container in a cool (60-65°F), bright location. Water sparingly until the sprouts appear, and then start watering weekly, allowing the soil to dry out in between.

Or go soilless. Place several inches of pebbles in the bottom of a glass vase or water-tight container. Cover the pebbles with water. Set the bulb on top of the pebbles and add more stones around the bulb to hold it in place. Add water as needed, keeping the water level just below (almost touching) the bulb.

Now relax and wait the month or more needed for your amaryllis bulb to wake up and start growing. Flower buds usually emerge before the leaves, but sometimes the leaves come first. When the buds begin to open, move your amaryllis away from direct sunlight to extend the flower display.

You can also display these magnificent blooms in a vase. Wait until the buds are soft and showing a little color, then cut the stems to the desired length and place them in a clean vase with fresh water.

To keep your blooming plant looking its best, use scissors to remove individual flowers as they fade. Cut the entire stem back to the bulb once it has finished blooming. And watch for a second or third flower stem to appear. Some bulbs produce multiple stems at one time while others rest a week or two before sending up another flower stem.

That's all there is to it. Just plant, water and place in a



brightly lit location for weeks of fresh, colorful flowers this winter.

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Gary M. Tusia and Angelic M. Tusia to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., dated May 9, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 30063, Page 352 subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by Chase Bank USA, National Association f/k/a Chase Bank Manhattan USA, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55423, Page 362 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, in Trust for Registered Holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55423, Page 366; 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 11:00 AM on November 17, 2017 at 76 Krantz Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWN OF WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 26297, PAGE 369, ID# 32-17, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 63, SANDY HEIGHTS, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 667, PAGE 97 RECORDED 01/05/1993. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM RIDGEMONT PROPERTIES INC. AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 26297 PAGE 369 DATED 04/01/2002 AND RECORDED 04/02/2002, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. 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 pursu-

ant 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.

U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANDS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-012147 October 27, 2017 November 3, 2017 November 10, 2017



LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jared A. Scortico to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated March 28, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35970, Page 181 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2 is the present holder by assignment from New Century Liquidating Trust successor in interest to New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2 dated December 21, 2012 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50220, Page 292, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 86 Jackson Avenue, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 5, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
Parcel I.
The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point 81 feet southerly from a point in the southerly side of Jackson Avenue, which point on Jackson Avenue is 286 feet westerly from the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Webster Street; thence Southerly and parallel to and 286 feet distant from the westerly side of said Webster Street 45 feet; thence Westerly and parallel to and 45 feet distant from the southerly line of Chesley land 178 feet to a point that is 130 feet easterly from the center line of the main track of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence Northerly 45 feet to the southwesterly corner of Chesley land, which corner is 81 feet southerly from the southerly side of Jackson avenue; thence Easterly along the southerly line of said Chesley land and parallel to and 81 feet distant from the southerly line of Jackson Avenue about 178 feet to the point of beginning.
There is also hereby conveyed a right of way for the passage of men and vehicles over the westerly portion of said Chesley land, which westerly portion lies between the westerly boundary of, and the house now situated on the said Chesley land, and which runs from the southerly line of Jackson Avenue to the above described premises.
Parcel II.

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated southerly of Jackson Avenue in said Winchendon, being shown as Outlot "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of land prepared for James E. Richards, Trustee of the Richards Family Trust, Winchendon, MA, Scale: 1 inch = 20 feet, February 11, 2005, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, 4 Jolly Road, Royalston, MA 01368" which Plan is recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 822, Plan 125, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at the northeasterly corner thereof, at a gun barrel at the southeasterly corner of land of James E. Richards, Trustee of the Richards Family Realty Trust, a southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Roland J. and Janice M. Raymond and at a northwesterly corner of other land of the town of Winchendon; thence South 3° 17' 41" West, by said Town of Winchendon land, 25.80 feet to a gun barrel; thence North 86° 02' 43" West, by said Town of Winchendon land, 180.14 feet to a point at the southeasterly corner of Outlot "B" shown on said Plan; thence North 03° 17' 41" East, by said Outlot "B", 23.72 feet to a point at the southwesterly corner of land of said James E. Richards, Trustee; thence South 86° 42' 19" East, by said James E. Richards, Trustee land, 180.13 feet to a gun barrel at a corner of land of the aforementioned Town of Winchendon and the point of beginning.
Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying and Parcel I and Parcel II the same premises conveyed to me by deed of James E. Richards, Trustee, dated March 28, 2005, to be recorded herewith in said Deeds, Book 35970 - Page 178.
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35970, Page 178.
The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all

easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Scortico, Jared A., 17-028159
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017
November 17, 2017

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Kristopher A. Wyson to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated November 15, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35067, Page 138 ; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on November 17, 2017 at 260 Alger Street aka 694 Alger Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the Northerly side of Hitchcock Road and the Easterly line of Alger Street, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "6" on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land Surveyed for James L. Girard, Winchendon, MA, Scale: 1" =50', January 4, 1984, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440" recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 571, Plan 86, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeasterly corner thereof, at a point on a stone wall in the Northerly line of Hitchcock Road at a corner of other land now or formerly of James L. Girard, and being shown as Lot "7" on said plan; THENCE North 69° 07' 10" West, by a stone wall and said road line, 138.57 feet to a drill hole at the northeasterly intersection of said Hitchcock Road with the easterly line of Alger Street; THENCE North 5° 38' 02" East, by the easterly line of said Alger Street; 186.99 feet to a corner of other land of the first mentioned Girard and being shown as Lot "1 0" on said plan; THENCE South 84° 21' 58" East, by said Lot "10" 200.00 feet to a corner of the first mentioned Lot "7"; THENCE South 22° 09' 46" West, by said Lot "7" 233.06 feet to the northerly line of Hitchcock Road and the point of beginning. Lot 6 contains 34,842 square feet according to said plan. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, covenants, agreements and notations set forth or referred on the aforesaid plan, and of record, if any there by, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed recorded herewith, Book 35067 Page 136.
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.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-003394
October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

10 Vaine Street; Assessor's Map 5A-4, Lot 27
Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 20th, 2017 at 7:05 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by property owner Vincent Irizarry for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 10 Vaine Street; Assessor's Map 5A-4, Lot 27. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements for an existing subsurface sewage disposal system serving a two-bedroom house. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.
The Notice of Intent is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
November 10, 2017

Town of Winchendon Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to MGL, c.41, §81T, notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, to consider an Extension of and a Modification to the Definitive Plan subdivision entitled Miller's Run, submitted by Kathleen Van Dyke. The ongoing subdivision includes the roads of Pinewood Drive and Bayberry Circle, both roads are off of Brown Street in Winchendon, MA. All relevant materials, including site plans, may be viewed at the Dept. of P&D at Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. The Planning Board can arrange reasonable accommodations for persons with other disabilities. To request assistance, contact the Department of Planning & Development at 978-297-3537.
BY: Guy Corbosiero,
Planning Board Chairman
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Roseanna M. Nelson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Franklin Financial Corp., its successors and assigns, dated June 29, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41410, Page 269, as affected by Loan Modification recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 48251, Page 11 subsequently assigned to Chase Home Finance, LLC. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Franklin Financial Corp., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 46172, Page 93 and subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., S/B/M Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54657, Page 211; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of fore-

closing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 1, 2017 at 30 Cross Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
Two parcels of land with any building thereon situated on the easterly side of Cross Street, bounded and described as follows; Parcel I BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of the described tract, said iron pipe being 104 feet easterly from an iron pin in the easterly line of Cross Street, and in line of land now or formerly of one Quirk; THENCE Easterly on said Quirk land 57.70 feet to an iron pipe in line of land now or formerly by Toy Town Tavern; THENCE Southerly on said Toy Town Tavern land 66.97 feet to an iron pin at corner of land now or formerly one Cahill; THENCE Westerly on said Cahill land 46.595 feet to an iron pipe being 104 feet easterly from an iron pin in the easterly line of Cross Street; THENCE Northerly 66.667 feet to the place of beginning. Together withal rights of way to lay and maintain water pipes legally in force in the year 1950. Said right of way for ingress and egress being 12 feet wide and running easterly from Cross Street to the above-described premises. Parcel II BEGINNING at a point that is distant eighty-four (84) feet northerly from the easterly line of Cross Street, which point of beginning is on the southerly line of land now or formerly of Quirk; THENCE Easterly by said Quirk land twenty (20) feet to the northwesterly corner of Parcel I herein; THENCE Southerly by said Parcel I fifteen (15) feet; THENCE Westerly on land now or formerly of Fern E. Tuttle and parallel with and fifteen (15) feet distant from the first described course twenty (20) feet; THENCE Northerly by said Parcel I fifteen (15) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of David M. LaFrennie date June 29 , 2007 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 41410 , Page 266
The mortgagor expressly reserves my rights of Homestead, if any, and does not wish to terminate my Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding my waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage. 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.
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Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.
Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
16-006573
November 10, 2017
November 17, 2017
November 24, 2017



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meant their medications were not working properly. Any way we can get food in to their stomachs is good for the school, and good for me.”

Atter followed with, “We have seen the same things with what she (Aker) just described. Children who eat are coming in to school and have less belly aches and are not going to the school nurse as much. Also when we had breakfast in the cafeteria, we had to rush the children to get to class on time. We went to Leominster to study breakfast in the ‘Classroom’ and we observed more community building, more teacher time, and the children were much more settled. Breakfast in the classroom clearly works. There is also now less of a stigma for children who previously qualified for breakfast which then was in the cafeteria who are now eating with everybody in the classroom with everybody else.”

Jason Yeagle who is director of dining services for the WPS and a registered dietitian explained, “Children who are hungry are at greater risk for child obesity. They are far more likely to consume larger amounts of food when they have access to it, because they may not know when they are going to be able to eat again. For the last two years Toy Town and Memorial had a breakfast participation percentage of about 25 percent. There is a large gap regarding how many children are at risk for hun-

ger. That number of participants is now at 90 plus percent so now you know how many children we are reaching.

Students at both Toy Town and Memorial also have access to “Share Baskets” in the classrooms so if they find they are hungry during classes they have access to healthy snacks. Atter added, “Usually if there is any food left in them at the end of the week, we send it home with students.”

The Worcester County Food Bank was represented by Kali Coughlan, child nutrition coordinator, and director of advocacy Liz Sheehan Castro.

Coughlan explained, “We have worked with the Eos Foundation which provided the grant startup money for Breakfast in the Classrooms for schools. We partner with 11 different school districts throughout Worcester County that have free and reduced meal costs of 60 percent and higher. What has been found is these schools through the funding can get enough money to be able to do all of this for free for the students.

Castro added, “The food bank got involved just this past year for the first time because what we have seen without partners like the Winchendon Community Action Committee and other food pantry partners throughout the county is that we are only meeting a third of the need for meals, even though we are distribution 5 million meals throughout Worcester County during the year. We decided this would be a great partnership to expand with the Eos Foundation and try to expand the school breakfast in the classroom program as a way to help children of those families who are really struggling.”

Aker pointed

out an additional benefit of both breakfast in the classroom and classroom share baskets by saying, “Kids who were based on point systems previously wanted food, now they want things like gym time and computer time where as last year the number one thing was snacks.”

WCAC director Colleen Laperriere followed with, “I am really excited about this program. When you talk about children who were hoarding food that is a telltale sign that there is hunger. Children of these age groups process information differently than adults, and they can’t see far into the future like we can, and tend to see about a few weeks down the road. They see the food as how long is it going to be here. When they see the food in front of them every day like they now do at school, it is no longer so important for them to worry about stock piling the food and they can concentrate more on things like their classroom studies to increase their levels of success and a feeling of security.”

Laperriere also said, “Food security is a huge issue for not just Winchendon but throughout the nation. There is no excuse in our country for people to have food-insecurity. This program is very important to our community and all communities. Anything we can do to help our children and families to feel more ‘Food Secure’ is something we all have a responsibility to take part in.”

Toy Town third & fifth grade teachers Pamela Steffenberg and Jen Belanger each commented that the classroom breakfast and share basket programs have now created new kinds of bonds between teachers and students. Belanger said, “There is a new kind of teacher-student bond which has come from all this. Even though we are not



Share baskets are placed in classrooms as healthy snacks have been proven to contribute to both alertness and classroom participation.

the people buying it, they know the food is available in our classrooms.” Both Steffenberg and Belanger agreed that food security has become part of evolution of teaching in the classroom.

All in attendance agreed an additional benefit of having breakfast available to everybody in the classroom was being able to reduce the stigma felt by students who were in need of assistance which lends toward both a more positive outlook and student overall behavior.

In closing Aker said, “I used to be one of those students who had a reduced lunch card back in the day, and I know what it was like to feel that stigma of needing meal assistance. It was very important to me to fight for this program and get breakfast out of the cafeteria and into the classrooms because I would have been one of those kids that was hungry but didn’t want to go to the cafeteria.”

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