

## End of an era

CUMBY'S CLOSED... FOR NOW

BY: KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Cumberland Farms at 95 Front St. locked the door and closed for good at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 16 in order to facilitate the beginning steps of its demolition and upcoming construction of its new facility scheduled to be completed in late summer.

Acting Store Manager Alan Couture said the stores current 14 employees will still have work, as they will be temporarily reassigned to Cumberland Farms stores located in Gardner, East Templeton, and the Main Street store in Athol, where currently the Winchendon manager William Stewart is still training for his new store.

Shelves were nearly empty at the stores final closing, Couture said the majority of the product had either been picked up by other Cumberland Farms Stores, or would be procured by vendors on Monday, with a final inventory.

When asked if the new store was still scheduled to be on time Couture replied, "The new Cumberland Farms should be ready to be opened in Winchendon in either August or September of this year depending on how things go. I will be reassigned as the new store manager at the Cumberland Farms Brookside Road location in Athol across the street from McDonald's."

The gas pumps were closed late Saturday, April 15 as the store was not sure how much fuel was left in the tanks. The pumps were turned back on for

a while on Sunday, April 16 as Couture explained, "We had to drain the tanks as much as possible."

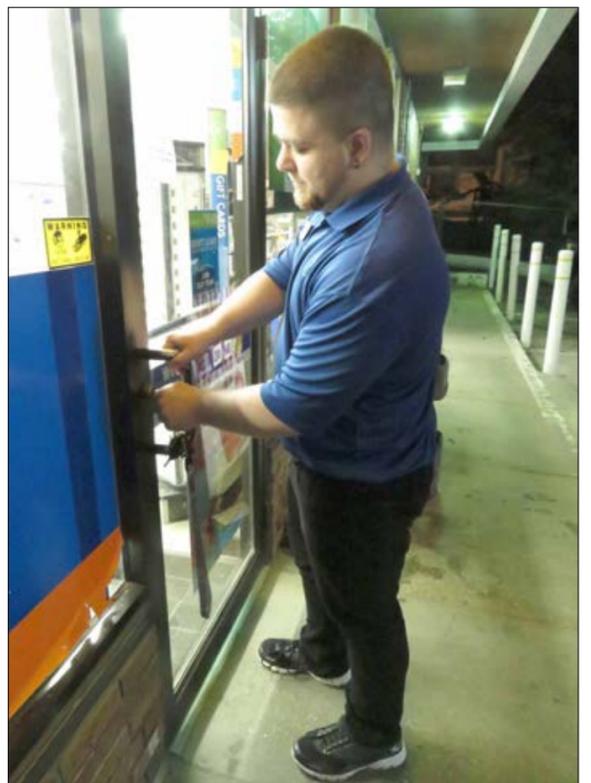
Fellow employee Kyle Connors of Baldwinville who was closing with Couture for the last time said, "I will kind of miss being here as I will be gone for a while and I made some friends here. I plan on coming back here to the new store when it is done being built and reopens."

By 9:45 p.m., the registers were counted for the last time, rubbish had been taken out, though customers both in vehicles and on foot were still approaching the store only to find they were too late.

A small note posted on the entrance door read, "We are currently closed, see you in the new store!"

With the temporary closure of Cumberland Farms, gasoline along with other staples such as milk, bread, and eggs will now have to be purchased at other businesses. Currently there are four other options including are Gateway Convenience, which sells Citgo gas, at 670 Spring St. near the intersection of Routes 12 & 140; Mr. Mike's Market, which sells Mobile gas, at 234 Spring St. across from McDonalds, Value Gas located at Gourmet Donuts at 110 Spring St., and One Stop Plaza Convenience located at 16 Main St. in Waterville.

In closing Couture said, "We want to thank everybody for their patronage, and hope to see you all in the bigger and better new store later on this year."



Keith Kent photo

Acting store manager Alan Couture locks the door for the last time.

## Firefighters take a deep breath

DISCUSS  
RESPONSE

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It happens, not too frequently, but often enough that the training has to be continuous, expectations must remain high, and those responding on behalf of the public must be ready.

At 4:14 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12 members of both the Winchendon Fire Department and police were called to a motor vehicle accident on Gardner Road and Route 140 just before the intersection of Route 12. While WFD members will tell you they train for anything and everything, some calls they attend are much tougher to deal with than others.

A tractor and trailer was seemingly struck by an SUV leaving two people dead. The impact, according to both Deputy Chief Ricci Ruschioni and Captain Marty Brooks, ripped through the tractor's suspension, battery boxes, and fuel tank combining 120 gallons of diesel and spark, and igniting a fire that eventually spread to a 100 foot long path of flames on the road as well as the vehicle. The fire so hot, it melted the plastic and damaged several new vehicles at the neighboring Jeep dealership.

Fire fighters don't just put out fires, but have visual images burned in to their minds for many years to come. As Ruschioni put it, "We often see your worst nightmares, and they are simply

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## MACC recognizes Cloutier

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT



Staff photo

Lionel Cloutier with his certificate of achievement. He swears he'll never stop learning.

WINCHENDON — The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions has recognized Lionel Cloutier for completing a training program called Fundamentals for Massachusetts Conservation Commissioners. Cloutier is vice chairman of the Winchendon Conservation Commission, to which he was first appointed in 2009. The MACC said the certificate presented to Cloutier is to recognize him for his "dedication to protecting the natural environment and to the work of (his) conservation commission."

"I'm interested in conservation," he said. "Always have been."

Cloutier first sought appointment to the commission because "I saw a lot of waste. I saw a lot of things that shouldn't happen."

He said the kind of waste he observed had nothing to do with money or finances.

"I saw a lot of good wetlands going to waste because people were building too close," he said. "They'd build without even thinking about going to the Conservation Commission, because conservation was the last thing on their mind. They just wanted what they wanted, and they figured there was no law to stop them."

Cloutier said much of the problem could be chalked up to a lack of knowledge.

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## Monomonac drawdown OK'd

BY GREG VINE  
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WINCHENDON — Following extensive discussion, the Conservation Commission last week approved a request from the Winchendon Springs Lake Association that the Lake Monomonac be lowered by three feet, with the process to begin in mid-October. The vote came during a public hearing regarding the matter.

The association has argued that lowering the lake by a yard would help avoid damage to lakefront properties during the winter ice-over and better facilitate the killing of invasive milfoil. Last year, the commission would approve only a two-foot drawdown.

Most of the discussion centered around two issues: the effect lowering the water level would have on the wells of lakefront property owners, and its potential impact on the White's Pond Dam, deemed by the state to be in poor condition. The commission conditioned its approval on a ruling from town counsel that the town won't be held liable if the dam should fail during the drawdown operation.

John Lewandowski and Renee Tambling, represented the WSLA before the commission.

"The last time we were here we were asked to provide a mitigation plan in case a well went dry when we drew the lake down three feet," said Lewandowski, "and we have that here. We've contacted every member of the Winchendon Springs Lake Association multiple times."

Lewandowski explained the association had "contracted with a well company to provide a free inspection for anyone who worried that their well might be affected. We continue to have that person under contract going forward."

He also explained the association was going to keep a supply of 50 gallons of bottled water on hand for anyone whose well might go dry as a result of the three-foot drawdown. In addition, several vacant homes have been secured as sites where homeowners whose wells go dry — and their family members — would be able to take showers. These steps, he explained, would serve as a short-term solution until a more permanent solution, such as drilling the dry wells deeper, could be found.

Lewandowski added that, of the two residents who had expressed concern last year regarding the drawdown, one

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## It takes two

AGREEMENTS  
REACHED WITH  
SOLAR COMPANY

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Board of Selectmen agreed to have the town sign two host agreements with Clean Footprint LLC, the solar power company which plans to establish a solar array at 580 River St. The town, however, has already signed such an agreement regarding that project. Those approved Monday night actually relate to two projects taking place out of town; one just off Theodore Drive in Westminster, the other in the town of Brookfield.

State law says "the maximum amount of generating capacity eligible for net metering by a municipality or other governmental agency shall be 10 megawatts."

Clean Footprint John Kluwin told the board that, between the town's new solar array and the facility his company plans to construct on River

Street, the town will reach just over half the metering cap allowed by the state, or 5.1 megawatts. He asked the board to allow Clean Footprint to host "up to an additional 1.44 megawatts" of the power generated by the two out-of-town projects. That would leave the town about 3.5 megawatts for accommodating any other solar arrays that may be constructed in Winchendon.

Last week, representatives of Borrego Solar Systems of Lowell appeared before the Planning Board, seeking approval for the construction

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WEEKLY QUOTE

Hold fast to dreams,  
for if dreams die, life is a  
broken-winged bird  
that cannot fly.

— Langston Hughes

# Fitzwilliam church plans series of events

FITZWILLIAM — The Fitzwilliam Community Church is hosting a rummage sale tomorrow.

Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At noon, brown bags full for \$1!

Later in the month, the church is hosting Ronald Meck and his son Adrian with traditional and contemporary Celtic and folk ballads. There will also be a reception with lots of good food downstairs after the concert so you can fraternize with the performers. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and our music program.

Ronald Meck is a veteran performer of four decades residing in Shutesbury, Massachusetts. His soulful baritone and masterful guitar work give full vent to the passion of the Traditional

and Contemporary Celtic and Folk Ballads he presents. Meck's solo career has been intertwined with participation in numerous bands including Occam's Razor of Massachusetts and the tremendously popular Vermont Celtic quartet, Gypsy Reel. But most audiences would agree his solo art is his most enticing work, strongly influenced by such greats as Dick Gaughan, Stan Rogers, and Martin Carthy. He has been an opening act for Taj Mahal, Pure Prairie League and Ossian.

His primary instruments are 6- and 12-string guitars, supplemented with tenor banjo and bouzouki. He has played across the states and in Europe, where for several summers, he taught Creative Arts Therapy at the European Graduate

School in Saas Fee, Switzerland where he was often a featured performer at the International Festival of the Arts. He is a practicing Creative Arts Therapist who understands the innate healing capacities of the arts, a perspective he brings to his concerts. In the early 80's he was a strong presence in the folk music community around Middlebury, Vermont where he hosted a traditional music program on WRMC Radio and was the founder and director of the well regarded Renaissance Folk Club.

Though his political leanings may seem clear, Meck's repertoire favors historical, mythical and relational storytelling, focusing intently on the emotional lives of real people caught up in a world beyond their fashioning and their

responses to it. He is adept at weaving a soothing trance with compelling vocal melodies and open chords, interspersed with driving up tempo selections. The repertoire favors Celtic and English ballads and tunes, but varies in ethnicity and includes many styles and contemporary references as well.

Ronald is very pleased to perform most often now accompanied by his son Adrian, an accomplished fiddler and symphonic violinist with 20 years' playing experience. Adrian is a blossoming musician whose sensitivity to the emotional timbre of the lyrics and penetrating, toe-tapping interpretation of traditional dance tunes add an exquisite and exciting dimension to their performances.

## COURIER CAPSULES

### ART RECEPTION

The Greater Gardner Artists Association is having the annual spring show with over 100 paintings by local artists. Come celebrate spring at the Boland Room, Heywood Place in Gardner. Opening reception is Friday, April 21 from 7-9 p.m. The show is free and open to the public. The show will also be open. Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (978) 632-8455. Funded by Mass Cultural Council.

### PLAY AT MWCC

Mount Wachusett Community College's Mount Players present GO ASK ALICE by Frank Shiras for two performances on Wednesday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the theatre at Mount Wachusett Community College. This powerful play explores the mind and experience of a high

school girl who inadvertently gets into drugs. "A raindrop just splashed on my forehead," Alice wrote in her diary, "and it was like a tear from heaven. Am I really alone? Is it possible that even God is crying for me?" Alice is a fairly typical girl from an average family with parents who love her. What makes Alice different is that she's tricked into trying drugs and then becomes addicted. She fights against her addiction, but by the time she has learned the answers, it's already too late.

The Mount Players is a student organization. Admission is free but free will offerings will be accepted to support the troupe. Running time is about 45 minutes - catch the show on your lunch hour or supper break! For additional information contact Professor Gail Steele at (978) 630-9162 or [g\\_steele@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu)

### FITZWILLIAM RUMMAGE SALE

The Fitzwilliam Community Church is hosting a rummage sale tomorrow, Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At noon, brown bags full for \$1!

## KITTY KORNER



Fran and Smokey are best friends. They were recently surrendered to the shelter because their family lost their home. Smokey is a 12 year old very sweet and affectionate boy. Fran is a 13 year old boy who is a bit more shy but with a gentle approach warms up to you and enjoys being petted.

They are a bonded pair and will need to be adopted together.

Both boys have been examined by a veterinarian, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

If you would like to meet them, A Better Tomorrow Shelter for Cats, 202 Central St., is open Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon-2 p.m., and by appointment. For an adoption application, please visit [www.shelterforcats.org](http://www.shelterforcats.org) or call (774) 641-1271.

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### SOLAR

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of a 7 megawatt solar farm off Happy Hollow Road.

Town Manager Keith Hickey said he was unsure how that project might be affected by the metering cap.

"If they plan on going online this year," he said, "then in all likelihood we would need to help them find another community, perhaps Ashburnham or Westminster, to see if they'd be willing to sign a host agreement similar to the one we agreed to (Monday night). If they don't plan

on going online until next year there shouldn't be a problem."

The net metering cap currently imposed on Massachusetts municipalities is currently set to be dropped as of January 1, 2018.

Under the agreement approved by selectmen, the town of Winchendon will receive a one-time payment of \$11,613.

The board also discussed an article for the annual town meeting warrant which would allow the town to take ownership of the streetlights through-

out from Winchendon. In a memo to the board, Hickey said "the estimated cost to purchase and install the LED lighting is \$253,905."

He explained the article would give the town the opportunity to upgrade the lighting from incandescent to LED, leading to an annual cost savings of just over \$51,000. The savings, he said, would be used to help pay down the town's debt. He also said the cost savings, couple with a utility incentive of \$38,000, would allow the lighting project to be paid off within four years.

In other action Monday, selectmen approved a voluntary toll booth application for Alternatives Unlimited. The toll booth will take place on Saturday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Also approved were the renewal of junk dealers - second hand articles licenses for Pattie's Jewelry, Ed's Scrap Metal, Daniel Brewer, and Second Impressions.

Finally, Richard Stancombe was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Greg Vine was named to the Ingleside Utilization Committee.

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**MAKING PROGRESS**

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The Harris Road bridge is a little closer to completion as the 115-foot I-beams now span Tarbell Brook.

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**IT'S GOIN' DOWN!**

**CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!**



# CLYDE'S CORNER

## Friday, April 21

**MAD SCIENTIST:** science experiments fun for kids of all ages, 2-3 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. Come learn about science with hands on experiments!! Free vacation week program.

**OUT OF DARKNESS:** We are ready to rock the second annual Out of the Darkness Campus Walk/Suicide Prevention Benefit with special guest, Ryan Hood, on keyboards. In addition to some classic rock from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s that will be getting you on the dance floor, there are going to be some BIG raffles, a door prize and a 50/50. Donation is \$10 per person, or \$15 per couple at the Winchendon American Legion, 8 p.m.-midnight. We will also be doing our TBR Jukebox Karaoke...where you get to choose a song from our list for \$5, and for \$5 more, you and your friends can sing it with us! All proceeds from this event will go to Team Silver Linings, led by Brittany LaPointe, and Team Peace of

Mind, led by Mariah Ackert. Let's make sure no one has to walk alone in the darkness...end the stigma!

## Saturday, April 22

**GALA ART EXHIBIT:** opening reception and art awards at Old Murdock Senior Center 2nd floor auditorium, 52 Murdock Ave. 2-5 p.m. More Info: [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org)

**EARTH DAY:** in Winchendon, roll off dumpster will again be sited on Pleasant Street 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Seeking volunteers and donations toward drinks and snacks for workers. Clean up a street, clean up an acre, help keep our town green.

## Sunday, April 23

**VETERANS:** Working Wonders in Winchendon is holding a free Veterans' Lunch in the basement back room at the American Legion between 1 and 5 p.m. on April 23. Veterans and their families are invited for an Italian buffet and dessert. There will also be a free raffle for veterans. For more information,

visit [workingwondersinwinchendon@gmail.com](mailto:workingwondersinwinchendon@gmail.com).

## Tuesday, April 25

**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.

## Wednesday, April 26

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

## Thursday, April 27

**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:** On Thursday, April 27 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon for a hearty dinner of scalloped potatoes and pork chops, with peas and dessert, cooked by Rev. Inanna Arthen and assistants. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. We can always use more volunteers! If you'd like to help with set-up, come to the church around 4 p.m. If you want to help with serving, come at around 5:15 p.m. so we can go over any special protocols for the night's menu. Clean-up starts around 6:15 p.m. and is usually done shortly after 7 p.m. Volunteers have a chance to sit down to socialize and enjoy the meal.

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# NHS at work



National Honor Society students were working on school grounds to celebrate the 47th Earth Day, planting vegetables for animals in the science department's live lab as well as putting together rain barrels and a composting center. Also receiv-

ing work under faculty adviser Sherri Fairbanks' students was the Toshiba-donated greenhouse.

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# VIEWS

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## EDITORIAL

### End of an era

The only other time the Cumberland Farms was closed, it was because of a crime. They had to find the key. Now it is closed for good. The shelves are cleaned off, and some shelving is being kept for elsewhere.

Fencing is up, some destruction has been going on right along, with care because it was hazardous materials like asbestos.

Keep snapping photos, send them along. This is historic. We'll keep printing them, maybe do a documentary at some point.

Remember its Earth Day tomorrow. The dumpster will be on Pleasant Street, Gloves and bags have been donated. Snacks and drinks too. Join in, clean a street, clean a park, clean Central, clean your own area, just be a part of it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Jarvis: more thoughts on roads

To the Editor:  
I have read in a March (March 24, 2017) issue of our Winchendon Courier about the issues involving road improvements for Route 140 due to safety concerns and due to the recent fatal accidents. Also, on page 5, I read that a 1.1 mile section of 140 is to be resurfaced in May of this year.  
To start with on that 1.1 mile stretch, that section between the traffic signals and the Teel Road intersection, I wish to say that there is permitted passing on 90% of this section of road to be resurfaced. Can the town have the length of the permitted passing reduced to not more than 1/2 of a mile in total that length? I do not believe that this to be safe at all, especially whereas this entire section is not straight, having some minor curvature and hills, there

is still permitted passing, even within the junction of Old Gardner Road, very close to Teel Road!

I have also noted that there is permitted passing on the descents where there are two lanes ascending the hills, the far right lane being for slower traffic climbing these hills. Nowhere in New Hampshire have I noted any permitted passing on the descents where there are two lanes, one being for the slower heavier loaded trucks so not to bog down the following vehicles. Route 140 seems to be the exception.

Lastly, in closing, I would like to say that the improvements at the junction of Betty Spring Road were done.

WILLIAM H. JARVIS  
WINCHENDON

## LETTERS POLICY



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To the Editor:  
On the evening of Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, the Winchendon Lions along with their largest sponsor, the Athol Savings Bank, brought James Montgomery and his Blues Band back to Toy Town for their fourth appearance.

For the second year in a row, James brought the Sax Attack Horns with him from Boston, who rocked the show.

This is typically our club's largest fundraiser. And once again the evening turned out to be a great success. But an event like this can only be successful through the generosity of the many businesses, organizations and individuals who donated items for our mini auction. And of course, I can't forget all the people who bought tickets and showed up and danced to the blues and celebrated St. Patty's Day with the Lions!

The Winchendon Lions want to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their support of our event. If by chance I miss any one, I do apologize, but I assure you it was not done intentionally!

Athol Savings Bank, Chick's Tavern, Reflections Country Collections, The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton, American

Legion Post 193, Tony Lafreniere, Winchendon Furniture Co., Pattie's Jewelry, Dugan's Salon & Spa, Donelan's Supermarkets, Lifebrands, Carriage House Restaurant, Crusin' 12 Diner, Harbour Restaurant, Lisa's Diner, Sandwich Master, The River's Edge, Little Anthony's, Belletetes Inc., Brooks Automotive Service, Not Just Produced, Kathy's Hair Salon, Tina Schoales, Boxboxo Regency Hotel, Eastern Propane & Oil, Horse & Buggy Feeds, David A LaPointe Law Office, and Wendell P Clark Memorial YMCA.

Your support was greatly appreciated. Here's something you may not have known. Every penny the Lions Club raises from community events goes back to the community either directly or through Lions Charities. So the money you donated is being used wisely to help those in need and just a little less fortunate than ourselves.

The Winchendon Lions Cub "Small in number, Large in Results." We are Lions. WE SERVE!

MARK DESMARAIS  
WINCHENDON LIONS CLUB  
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## Personal impacts of North Korea

Our daughter and her family spent a lovely decade in England. She and her husband work in international schools.

This year they took positions in South Korea. Since this seemingly places them in a more dangerous spot my interest in US relations with North Korea has grown. Many of our friends have expressed concern and I



NOTES OF CONCERN

JACK BLAIR

admit to some worry also.

Having said that, it occurs to me that South Korea might be a very safe place to live. Our President has ordered a sizeable fleet to that area. He has not failed to notice the bomb tests. He repeats a resolve to take care of things if the North Korean dictator does not behave. He demonstrated his unwillingness for the con-

tinued diplomatic efforts that have failed miserably ever since the end of the Korean War.

The North Korean president has murdered members of his own family. Fatally shot his generals. Spread fear throughout the land. But he is great at sabre rattling. He has always felt the Chinese would back him if push came to shove so he struts around like the diabolical dictator he is.

I have no doubts that Trump has the military on standby to take out this upstart if he

actually continues on his current path. In fact, I think the little private talk at Mar a Lago between Trump and the Chinese president may well have set them on a course to discipline this errant child.

So three very obvious signals to North Korea. Missiles destroy 20 percent of ISIS aircraft in Syria. The "mother of all bombs" takes out at least 100 ISIS/Taliban fighters in Afghanistan. And Trump sends the Vice President to the demilitarized zone, looking right into North Korea and

announces that patient efforts of the past are over.

We may soon be rid of this boil on the backside of the world. And not one minute too soon.

As for my family, of course the North could invade the South but to do so they would have to overrun thousands of American soldiers who guard that border and that, my readers, would be an act of war against the United States which would bring down on the North total devastation.



...AND ONE MORE THING...

GREG VINE

Let's talk Turkey. Not the Thanksgiving kind of Turkey, but Turkey — the country.

For nearly a century, that country, which sits astride the Dardanelles — the body of water that joins the Black Sea to the Mediterranean — has fashioned itself a democratic republic, styled along western lines. As Steven Cook writes in the latest issue of Foreign Policy, under the Law of Fundamental Organization, enacted in 1921, Turkey — following the disintegration of the Ottoman Empire following World War I — "was to be administered by executive and legislative branches, as well as a Council of Ministers composed of elected representatives of the parliament." What had once been the authority of the sultan...was placed in the hands of legislators who represented the sovereignty of the people.

Well, as Christians around the world were celebrating Easter Sunday, Pres. Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his supporters were effectively snuffing out what remained of modern Turkey. Erdogan had already purged the military of those perceived to be opponents, stifled freedom of the press (he has jailed more journalists than even Vladimir Putin), and has done his best to repress politi-

cal opposition.

Then, on Sunday, in a referendum international election observers characterized as fundamentally flawed, Erdogan claimed that 51.4 percent of his nation's voters had agreed to give him sweeping, largely unchecked powers and disbanding the country's parliament. Opponents vow to challenge the results, but with Erdogan loyalists occupying the judiciary, their challenge is likely to fall on deaf ears.

Erdogan is setting himself as a present-day sultan and, not surprisingly, our despot-admiring president actually called to congratulate Erdogan on his seizure of power. Amazing!

So, why should Americans — why should anyone in Winchendon — give a damn?

Despite nearly a century of generally liberal government, Turkey appears to be resorting to an old pattern. Since 1952, it has been a reliable member of NATO, set up as a bulwark against Soviet expansionism. The U.S. flies sorties against ISIS out of the Incirlik airbase in southern Turkey.

But Erdogan has shown increasing friendliness toward Putin and, in October of last year, he gave the go-ahead for Turkish tanks to assist Syrian rebels in attacking U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters holding the city of Tel Rifaat in northwestern Syria.

He has exhibited the desire and the will to crush the Kurd's demands for

greater autonomy in the region of Turkey that so many call home. Other Kurds are calling for the establishment of a Kurdish state made up of territory from Turkey, Syria, and Iraq. They have been battling the Turkish military since 1978.

It is not a religious conflict, since most Kurds are Muslim, with a smattering of Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrianists among them. It is an ethnic struggle, with the Kurds more closely related to the Iranians than to the Turks.

But Turkey in the past has shown a willingness to slaughter those of different races within their borders.

After joining with Imperial Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire as an ally in World War I, Turkish Minister of War Enver Pasha came up with a plan to encircle and destroy Russia's Army of the Caucasus. Foolishly, he tried to carry out his plan in the high mountains in the middle of winter. At the battle of Sarikamish, his forces were routed and nearly completely wiped out. Upon his return to the Turkish capital of Constantinople, he blamed the debacle on Armenian Christians living in the region, claiming they had sided with the enemy.

Between 1915 and the end of the war in 1918, Turkey carried out a genocide that claimed the lives of anywhere between 800,000 and 1.5 million Armenians.

Is Erdogan capable of carrying out such an atrocity against the Kurds? In

this day and age when it is much more difficult to hide such carnage, probably not.

Is he capable of a brutal, bloody crack-down on restive minorities within his borders? No doubt.

In 1939, Pres. Franklin Roosevelt reportedly said of brutal Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza, "He may be a (SOB), but he's our (SOB)."

For now, Recep Tayyip Erdogan by be our — and NATO's — SOB, but for how long can that remain the case?

Throughout its history, the U.S. has backed or maintained good relations with more than its share of SOBs: Augusto Pinochet in Chile, Jose Rios Mott in Guatemala, Francisco Franco in Spain, even Saddam Hussein in Iraq — as long as he was battling the Iranians.

But increasing numbers of U.S. forces are quietly being sent to Syria and northern Iraq. Some 500 Special Operations forces have joined 250 Marines and 250 Rangers in support of the Kurdish and Arab Syrian Democratic Forces. And, according to CBS News, "More than 100 U.S. Special Operations forces are embedded with Iraqi units, and hundreds more are playing a support role in staging bases" in northern Iraq.

Could a power-hungry authoritarian in Turkey decide it's in his narrow political interests to bring his troops into direct conflict with a nation which



# Can you free yourself of some investment-related taxes?

Tax Freedom Day generally falls around this time each year. This is the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year, according to the calculations made by the Tax Foundation. So you may want to use Tax Freedom Day to think about ways you can liberate yourself from some of the investment-related taxes you may incur. Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes, because your tax dollars are used in many ways – law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education, and so on – that benefit society. Still,



FINANCIAL FOCUS  
CAITIE KELLEY

you may be able to reduce those taxes associated with your investments, leaving you more money available to help you work toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Here are some suggestions for making investing less “taxing”:

Contribute regularly to tax-advantaged retirement plans. Contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Traditional IRA earnings grow tax deferred, and your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income. (Taxes will be due upon withdrawal, however, and withdrawals made before you turn 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Your 401(k) or similar plan also provides the

opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don’t take withdrawals until you’re 59½ and you’ve had your account at least five years.

Follow a “buy-and-hold” strategy. If you sell investments you’ve owned for less than a year, and their value has increased, you will have to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in early 2017, could be as high as 39.6%. But if you hold investments for at least a year before selling them, you’d be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which tops out at 20%. Be aware, though, that the Trump administration and Congress seem likely to change the tax rates. Early plans call for a maximum personal income tax rate of 33%, with the top rate for capital gains and dividends

either staying at 20%, or possibly being reduced to 16.5%. In any case, you’ll still come out ahead, tax-wise, by holding your investments long enough to receive the long-term capital gains rate.

Consider municipal bonds. If you are in one of the higher income brackets, you might benefit from investing in municipal bonds, which are typically used to finance public projects, such as roads, schools, airports and infrastructure-related repairs. Interest payments from “munis” are typically exempt from federal income taxes and may also be exempt from state and local taxes, depending on the state in which the bond issuer is located. Interest payments from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Again, though, watch for developments from Washington, as both the Trump administra-

tion and some congressional leaders favor eliminating the AMT.

When charting your investment strategy, consider your risk tolerance, time horizon, family situation and estate plans. But investment-related taxes should also be in your strategic mix – so look for opportunities to keep these taxes under control.

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JOURNEY OF THE HEART  
JERRY CARTON

In the end, they put you in the ground. Or they cremate you. That’s not meant to be morbid – it’s just a fact. Death is inevitable, and again, that’s meant to be neither morbid nor melancholy. But as we age, we probably tend to think about it more and so the question becomes – what have you done before that inevitability to make an impact?

See, I think we all have a responsibility to pitch in and try to make even a small difference. Our unwritten social contract demands no less. Not everyone will accept that challenge of course. There are those who will self-isolate in anger, visibly seething rage and resentment for whatever reason. There are those who might think they’re too good to mingle with the rest of us, but for a lot of us, service and commitment comes as naturally as breathing.

I chose this topic this week for a couple reasons. Last week, my parents’ next door neighbor of many decades, there when my sister and I were kids, passed away. Danny was 87, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather,

attorney, and a rabid, sometimes even overly rabid Colts and Orioles fan. No wonder he and my father, who’s 90 now, got along so well. During our reasonably idyllic childhood years, when our neighborhood in Baltimore County felt like its own small town, Danny would be one of the adults who would be out there playing ball with us (we had some epic whiffle ball contests in our cul-de-sac and in the backyard). We even created a league and wrote a game program for our All-Star and Father-Kid games. Danny treated all the kids like royalty. And, there was always food at their house too. Playing whiffle ball might seem so small. It was and it wasn’t. It was pitching in, being involved in the community.

In an actual small town, people tend to wear various hats. In my case, I’m a reporter and columnist but I’ve also had the opportunity to participate in a myriad of other activities. My way of pitching in a little, you know? Twice in the last couple weeks, I’ve been a member of panels evaluating mock Power Point presentations of students who are preparing to ask the United Way Youth Venture team to help fund their own community projects. These practice sessions hopefully and presumably helped these kids sharpen and clarify their messages; and what struck me the

most is how firmly committed they are to making the aforementioned impact.

There was a common thread, too. For Lily LeBlanc, Alec Hart and Cassidy Stadfeld’s ‘Benches’ project (the benches on each floor of the high school representing a “safe space” for kids who had been bullied or for members of the LGBT community, etc.) and for Hannah Turner and Marissa Losurdo’s ‘Blue Hands’ project (blue hand posters outside classrooms signifying it was okay to go in and talk to teachers about whatever issues the kids might be grappling with), these projects demonstrated an activism which deserves to be emulated and the fact that they share a theme regarding mental illness should be noted too.

Plenty of kids are plenty aware.

The same kudos goes for those NHS kids who were outside the school last Friday for Earth Day. It was heartening to see that generation out there pitching in. As an aside, though, it’d be nice to see new faces out there too. It really does take a village.

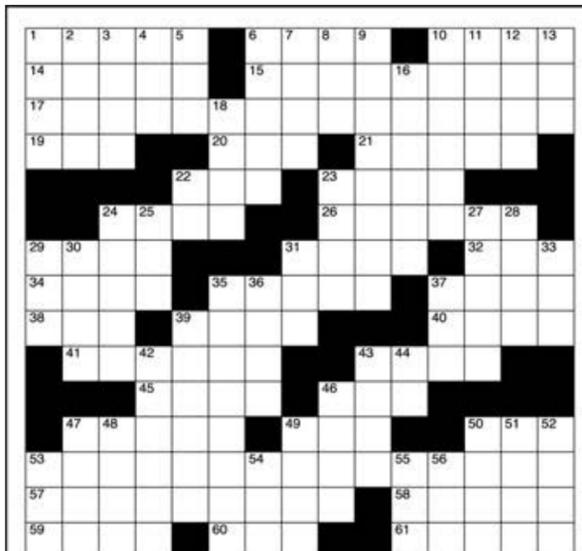
They’re just examples, of course. They’re hardly the only kids out there. And it’s not just kids. Plenty of people are volunteering in a wide range of organizations, in Winchendon and in Wyoming. Whatever public policy we may support,

it’s really hard to get those enacted. It’s worth trying, of course; in fact, it’s essential to press elected representatives on a continual basis, hence the rise of the Indivisible Project now, just like the Tea Partiers worked successfully top down in ‘09-‘10, and it says here we all have an obligation to do “something.”

We really do. I believe passionately in that social con-

tract I mentioned. It doesn’t matter what you do so long as you’re doing something. We can’t easily change what’s going on in Washington, but we sure can change things in our own communities, wherever we live. In the end, that’s the kind of thing you’ll be remembered for. Make the legacy count. See you next week.

## Before the end



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Volcanic craters
- 6. Makes nervous
- 10. Long strip of cloth
- 14. Expressions of surprise
- 15. Perception
- 17. 2016 World Series runner-up
- 19. Former Communist power
- 20. Consume
- 21. Abyss
- 22. Regulator gene
- 23. Card game
- 24. Women (French)
- 26. State capital
- 29. Nursemaid
- 31. Surface opening
- 32. Second sight
- 34. Beloved Mexican dish
- 35. Discounts
- 37. Ceremonial staff
- 38. Support with difficulty
- 39. Reluctant to share information
- 40. Song
- 41. Relating to songbirds
- 43. Conductance units
- 45. Breezes through
- 46. Supervises flying
- 47. Chemical ring
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Not happy
- 53. Surgery (slang)
- 57. Let go
- 58. Take effect
- 59. \_\_\_ and greet
- 60. Male offspring
- 61. Notes

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vertebrate oncogenes
- 2. Troubles
- 3. Imitator
- 4. Increase motor speed
- 5. Midway between south and southeast
- 6. Sir \_\_\_ Newton
- 7. Penny
- 8. Ultimate
- 9. Gummed labels
- 10. Quiet and dull
- 11. Cuckoos
- 12. Dishonest scheme
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 16. Breathe in
- 18. Pieces of land
- 22. Of I
- 23. Type of footwear
- 24. Heavy clubs
- 25. Conductance unit
- 27. Approaches
- 28. Fungi cells
- 29. Devoured
- 30. Type of shark.
- 31. Work steady at one’s trade
- 33. Vegetable
- 35. Sound-mindedness
- 36. Matured
- 37. Chinese communist revolutionary
- 39. Large insect
- 42. Transportation tickets book
- 43. Female horse
- 44. Expresses surprise
- 46. Saudi Arabian king
- 47. Unleavened bread
- 48. Christmas
- 49. Deity of monotheistic cult
- 50. Flowering plant genus
- 51. Hairstyle
- 52. Radio personality Rick
- 53. Something you chew
- 54. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 55. \_\_\_ Basinger, actress
- 56. Midway between north and northeast

## Clark Y announces string of programs

WINCHENDON — The Clark Memorial YMCA has announced a number of programs and events in the coming weeks.

On Saturday, April 22 10 a.m.-2 p.m., a car wash will be held in the lower parking lot. Wash winter off your car with a donation of your choice.

On the same day at 11 a.m., Celebrate Earth Day and join us as we prepare our Community Garden for the upcoming growing season. Upper field near Laundromat

On Saturday, April 29 from noon to 2 p.m., Healthy Kids Day, Free to public, Kids activities including: Zumba, Gardening and Story Time and a visit from Clyde the K-9 Cop. Robinson Broadhurst Field House.

But if you are a runner, on the same date, April 29 beginning at 10 a.m., Spring Fling 5

Miler, Scenic 5 Mile Race, Pre-registration \$35, Race Day \$40 beginning at the Robinson Broadhurst Field House

In May, date to be determined, Make your own American Flag Palette at the Crafty Cauldron

Bringing back a favorite, on Saturday, May 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Lucky Pro Wrestling, Spring Village Stampede, \$15 per person, family friendly, tickets available at the front desk, Not Just Produced, Playaway Lanes and Dugan’s Wild Cuts or call 978-297-9622 x112. Robinson Broadhurst Field House

At the end of May, May 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., a Boot Drive, to support our annual campaign, Building Brighter Futures. Our annual campaign funds subsidies for memberships, before and after school and summer camp.

### LAKE

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has since deepened their well, while the other no longer resides on the lake.

Commission member Tony George wanted to know what would happen if someone’s well did run dry. Lewandowski and Tambling explained that, if it is determined the well has failed due to the drawdown, the level of the lake would have to be raised.

Last year, the commission agreed to a drawdown of only two feet over concerns the additional flow of water into White’s Mill Pond would put added pressure on the old mill dam. At last week’s meeting, Public Works Director Al Gallant said

he believed the dam presented a liability issue, an opinion with which commission Vice Chairman Lionel Cloutier agreed.

“I have to agree with you a hundred percent, because if you lower the water level on that side and that dam bursts, who’s at fault?”

While John and Amelia Giovanoni, the owners of the White’s Mill complex, did send a letter to the commission stating their opposition to the drawdown due to concerns over the dam, George wasn’t buying it.

“There’s been very little cooperation from them,” he said. “I think, personally, they have two boards in their dam that they could simply take out themselves to lower White’s Mill

Pond. If they were really concerned about the people down river, like they say, that they would take those boards out and relieve the pressure.”

Town Conservation Agent David Koonce noted that, during a recent meeting at the state Department of Environmental Protection office in Worcester, state officials said while the dam is in poor condition it is not an imminent threat to fail.

Ultimately, the three commissioners in attendance voted unanimously to allow the three-foot drawdown. They also decided, however, to continue the public hearing to their meeting in May to give the town’s lawyer time to craft an opinion regarding the town’s liability relative to the dam.

### TURKEY

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is – on paper, anyway – an ally? Could a standoff with the U.S. serve to boost his popularity at

home?

Who knows. But Americans – indeed, residents of Winchendon – would do well to pay attention to what’s happening in Turkey. It is not improbable to believe that our

sons and daughters in the service may, in the not too distant future, find themselves facing off against someone who was supposed to be our friend.

Dictators are funny that way.



## 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.*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 11

12:41-12:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:58 a.m.: registration check (Commercial Dr.), secure; 1:01-1:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:29 a.m.: investigation (Main St.), spoken to; 2:38 a.m.: burglar alarm (School St.), false alarm; 5:34 a.m.: extra patrols (Central St.), secure; 6:14 a.m.: ambulance (Pearl St.), removed; 7:29 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), removed; 7:43 a.m.: fight (Front St.), info taken; 9:03 a.m.: harassment (Maynard St.), spoken to; 9:22 a.m.: property found (Elmwood Rd.), returned to owner; 12:15 p.m.: summons service (Cedar St.), unable to serve; 12:26 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Dr.), info taken; 12:53 p.m.: dog bite (Main St.), report taken; 1:57 p.m.: investigation (Memorial Dr.), report taken; 2:11 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 2:16 p.m.: mental health issue (Ready Dr.), removed; 2:24 p.m.: larceny (Joslin Rd.), report taken; 3:16 p.m.: officer wanted (Monadnock Ave.), spoken to; 3:41 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 3:51 p.m.: assist other agency (Goodrich St.); 4:16 p.m.: officer wanted (River St.), spoken to; 4:21 p.m.: fight (Central St.), spoken to; 4:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland St.), assisted; 4:30 p.m.: FD call (Alger St.), services rendered; 5:09 p.m.: investigation (Whitney St.), spoken to; 5:33 p.m.: brush fire (West St.), extinguished; 5:48 p.m.: runaway (River St.), report taken; 5:52 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Central St.), spoken to; 6:08 p.m.: extra patrols (Black Bridge), secure; 6:36 p.m.: disturbance (Black Bridge), gathering dispersed; 11:06 p.m.: noise complaint (Teel Rd.), spoken to; 11:14 p.m.: suspicious person (River St.), transport.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

12:44-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: extra patrols (Benjamin St.), secure; 1:43-1:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:28 a.m.: suspicious auto (Alger St.), unable to locate; 4:15 a.m.: accident (Gardner Rd.), report taken; 6:09 a.m.: ambulance (Sibley Rd.), removed; 7:52 a.m.: erratic operation (Glenallan St.), advised officer; 7:56 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Dr.), removed; 9:52 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), removed; 10:07 a.m.: disabled auto (Glenallan St.), assisted; 10:24 a.m.: open door (Front St.), no service needed; 10:50 a.m.: vin inspection (School St.), assisted; 10:55 a.m.: mv stop (School Sq.), Austin Bogosian, 18, 65 Maple St., Winchendon, operating with suspended license; 11:00 a.m.: vandalism (Whitney St.), report taken; 11:29 a.m.: investigation (Cedar St.), info taken; 11:56 a.m.: harassment (Juniper St.), assisted; 12:21 p.m.: investigation (Whitney St.), info taken; 2:21 p.m.: ambulance (E. Monomac Rd.), removed; 3:32 p.m.: assist other agency (Lakeshore Rd.), spoken to; 4:01 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan St.), citation issued; 4:43 a.m.: assist other agency (Ipswich Dr.), report taken; 5:17 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning; 5:31 p.m.: investigation (Maple St.), unable to locate; 5:42 p.m.: investigation (Maynard St.), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: mv stop (River St.),

verbal warning; 7:43 p.m.: investigation (Maple St.), unable to locate; 8:18 a.m.: investigation (Cedar St.), spoken to; 11:42 p.m.: extra patrols (Benjamin St.), secure; 11:50-11:57 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 13

12:01-1:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:40 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), removed; 8:29 a.m.: keep the peace (Mechanic St.), assisted; 9:45 a.m.: extra patrols (West St.), secure; 9:52 a.m.: fire alarm (Central St.), false alarm; 10:14 a.m.: summons service (Cedar St.), unable to serve; 10:56 a.m.: investigation (Cross St.), info given; 11:48 a.m.: fraud (Central St.), report taken; 11:53 a.m.: mv stop (High St.), verbal warning; 12:04 p.m.: suspicious person (Juniper St.), spoken to; 12:25 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), verbal warning; 12:37 p.m.: assist other agency (Lakeshore Dr.); 1:43 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Alger St.), no service necessary; 3:03 p.m.: summon service (Monadnock Ave.), served; 4:49 p.m.: summons service (Cedar St.), served; 5:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Monadnock Ave.), unable to locate; 5:49 p.m.: FD call (Phyllis Rd.), no service necessary; 6:14 p.m.: mv stop (High St.), verbal warning; 6:40 p.m.: missing person (So. Royalston Rd.), assisted; 7:26 p.m. ambulance (Mill St.), removed; 7:50 p.m.: suspicious auto (River St.), unable to locate; 8:19 p.m. mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 8:29 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 8:42 p.m.: registration check (Gardner Rd.), no service necessary; 9:59 p.m.: extra patrols (Benjamin St.), secure; 10:12 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Dr.), removed; 11:17 p.m.: suspicious person (Water St.), unable to locate; 11:39 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic St.), services rendered; 11:45-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12:02 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:03 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), spoken to; 12:07 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Rd.), services rendered; 2:01-2:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:19 a.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Dr.), secured; 5:26 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), written warning; 5:32 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 5:38 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 5:48 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 6:02 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 6:11 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 6:24 a.m.: suspicious auto (Monadnock Dr.), services rendered; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (School St.), referred; 8:44 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 8:58 a.m.: officer wanted (Mill St.), report taken; 9:03 a.m.: disturbance (Elmwood Rd.), report taken; 10:20 a.m.: vandalism (Murdock Ave.), report taken; 10:48 a.m.: open door (Front St.), info taken; 10:57 a.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Rd.), removed; 12:22 p.m.: brush fire (Royalston Rd. No.), extinguished; 12:31 p.m.: fire/mutual aid (Royalston Rd. No.), assisted; 1:02 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central St.), no service necessary; 1:50 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Dr.), removed; 1:58 p.m.: keep the peace (Mill St.), unable to locate; 2:22 p.m.: custody dispute (Laurel St.), assisted; 3:38 p.m.: trespass notice (Front St.), services rendered; 4:13 p.m.: vandalism (Rice Rd.), report taken; 4:25 p.m.: investigation (Murdock Ave.), info taken; 5:01 p.m.: extra patrols (Black Bridge), services rendered; 5:30 p.m.: private property tow

(Spring Cir.), info taken; 5:33 p.m.: mv stop (West St.), citation issued; 5:48 p.m.: mv stop (School St.), citation issued; 6:00 p.m.: juvenile/general (Black Bridge), dispersed gathering; 6:05 p.m.: ambulance (Front St.), no service necessary; 6:50 p.m.: officer wanted (Joslin Rd.), spoken to; 7:20 p.m.: registration check (Spring St.), no service necessary; 7:30 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), Joshua Purvis, 37, 38 Oriole St., #2, Gardner, OUI liquor, 2nd offense, arrest; 8:03 p.m.: recovered property (Central St.), info taken; 9:26 p.m.: ambulance (Spruce St.), removed; 10:34 p.m.: lift assist (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 11:20 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

12:32 a.m.: investigation (Spruce St.), spoken to; 12:41-12:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:47 a.m.: extra patrols (Crime Watch Area), secure; 1:04 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:07 a.m.: extra patrols (Pearl Dr.), secure; 1:11 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:13 a.m.: extra patrols (GAR Park), secure; 1:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: registration check (School St.), no service necessary; 1:32-1:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:36 a.m.: building check (Glenallan St.), services rendered; 1:47-1:56 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:21 a.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 2:23 a.m.: warrant check (Spring St.), info given; 5:47 a.m.: ambulance (Baldwinville State Rd.), removed; 7:24 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 8:52 a.m.: b&e mv (Winter St.), report taken; 9:04 a.m.: fire/mutual aid (Dublin Lake), canceled; 10:13 a.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic St.), unable to locate; 11:21 a.m.: assist citizen (Front St.), advised civil action; 11:23 a.m.: keep the peace (Oak St.), assisted; 1:27 p.m.: investigation (Murdock Ave.); info taken; 1:59 p.m.: property found (Water St.), info taken; 3:46 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 3:56 p.m.: assist citizen (River St.), spoken to; 3:59 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Front Pl.), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: custody dispute (Laurel St.), report taken; 5:09 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Lincoln Ave. Ext.), extinguished; 5:21 p.m.: alarm (Hyde Park Dr.), services rendered; 5:59 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 6:21 p.m.: property damage (Glenallan St.), no service necessary; 6:43 p.m.: mental health issue (Juniper St.), report taken; 9:12 p.m.: extra patrols (Central St.), services rendered; 9:56 p.m.: mv stop (Front St.), written warning; 10:01 p.m.: noise complaint (Franklin St.), unable to locate; 11:29 p.m.: mv stop (Central St.), verbal warning.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

12:03 a.m.: noise complaint (Alger St.), Jobe Robert DeLarosa, 20, 1277 Alger St., Winchendon, disturbing the peace; Devin W. Berndt, 20, 67 Glenallan St., Winchendon, disturbing the peace; 12:06 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:32 a.m.: investigation (Alger St.), spoken to; 1:28 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 1:47-1:55 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:02 a.m.: extra patrols (Calvary Cemetery), secure; 2:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:05 a.m.: investigation (Maple St.), secure; 3:39 a.m.: extra patrols (Central St.), secure; 5:36 a.m.: disable auto (Gardner Rd.), secure; BOLO (Gardner Rd.), unable to locate; 5:48 a.m.: disabled auto (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 9:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Brown Ave.); 9:39 a.m.: patrol (Black Bridge), secure; 9:51 a.m.: ambulance (Central St.), removed; 10:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Brown St.), returned to family; 11:40 a.m.: ambulance

(Maple St.), removed; 12:07 p.m.: assist citizen (Pearl Dr.), spoken to; 1:04 p.m.: extra patrols (Benjamin St.), secure; 1:35 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), verbal warning; 1:46 p.m.: assist other department (Front St.), message delivered; 2:00 p.m.: traffic hazard (Academy St.), spoken to; 3:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Teel Rd.), info taken; 3:46 p.m.: assist citizen (Carriage Ln.), services rendered; 3:57 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Central St.), report taken; 4:07 p.m.: info/general (Central St.), info taken; 4:37 p.m.: vandalism (Glenallan St.), report taken; 4:42 p.m.: traffic hazard (Highland St.), services rendered; 4:46 p.m.: extra patrols (Riverside Cemetery), services rendered; 5:06 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Rd.), citation issued; 5:18 p.m.: suspicious/other (Belmont Ave.), building secured; 5:32 p.m.: assist citizen (Phyllis Rd.), spoken to; 5:32 p.m.: erratic operation (Alger St.), unable to locate; 6:53 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.), services rendered; 7:01 p.m.: assist citizen (Central St.), services rendered; 8:40 p.m.: DPW call (Hall Rd.), services rendered; 9:47 p.m.: extra patrols (Summer St.), services rendered; 9:57 p.m.: mv stop (Front St.), citation issued; 9:58 p.m.: extra patrols (Neighborhood Crime Watch Area), secure; 10:13 p.m.: extra patrols (GAR Park), secure; 10:24 p.m.: mv stop (Maple St.), citation issued; 10:35 p.m.: mv stop (Spruce St.), spoken to.

### MONDAY, APRIL 17

12:06 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 12:44 a.m.: burglar alarm (Gardner Rd.), secure; 12:56-3:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:54 a.m.: investigation (Jackson Ave.), no service necessary; 4:05 a.m.: extra patrols (Goodrich St.), secure; 7:39 a.m.: extra patrols (Blair Sq.), services rendered; 7:45 a.m.: DPW call (Hall & Spring), assisted; 7:54 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), written warning; 8:12 a.m.: mv stop (Front St.), written warning; 8:42 a.m.: mv stop (Central & Front), written warning; 9:09 a.m.: mv stop (River St.), written warning; 9:20 a.m.: extra patrols (Front & Central), services rendered; 9:43 a.m.: accident (Central St.), spoken to; 10:08 a.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), citation issued; 10:18 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 10:35 a.m.: fire/mutual aid (WFD), no service necessary; 10:39 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), written warning; 11:05 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), written warning; 11:13 a.m.: mv stop (Front St.), written warning; 11:22 a.m.: mv stop (Central St.), citation issued; 11:46 a.m.: larceny (Chestnut St.), report taken; 12:30 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant St.), no service necessary; 12:48 p.m.: investigation (Central St.), info taken; 12:55 p.m.: ambulance (Mill St.), removed; 1:01 p.m.: mv stop (Spring St.), written warning; 1:16 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Ave.), written warning; 1:37 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan St.), removed; 1:42 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), written warning; 3:09 p.m.: fraud (Spruce St.), report taken; 3:33 p.m.: alarm (Spring St.), referred; 3:41 p.m.: larceny (Spring St.), report taken; 4:39 p.m.: officer wanted (Clark Rd.), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Rd.), citation issued; 5:09 p.m.: drug/narcotic violations (Goodrich St.), unfounded; 5:18 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Dr.), removed; 5:44 p.m.: disabled auto (Gardner Rd.), spoken to; 6:28-6:32 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:40 p.m.: registration check (Baldwinville Rd.), no service necessary; 7:52 p.m.: animal complaint (Beech St.), spoken to; 10:53 p.m.: investigation (Beech St.), spoken to; 11:27 p.m.: fire alarm (Spring St.), secure.

# Blouin: 'Just Couldn't' Make Marathon

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon resident Tim Blouin, a member of the Murdock High School cross country team in the early '70s, has run the Boston Marathon 29 times. That's 29 times from Hopkinton to Boston. That's just over 760 miles run – jogged, slogged – along the historic path through Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, up and over

Heartbreak Hill in Newton, through Kenmore Square, and finally crossing the finish line near the John Hancock Tower.

His best finish was 75th, which isn't at all bad when you consider there are tens of thousands of other runners shooting for their best time as well. His best time was, he said, 2:31, which he accomplished in 1984.

This year, however, Blouin felt compelled to watch the 121st

running of the historic race from the comfort of home.

Asked Monday following the race how he was doing, Blouin responded "just okay," with just a hint of resignation in his voice.

You see, the running enthusiast has, against his own wishes, had to reduce the amount of time he spends out on the roads or tracks or running paths. He says he just doesn't have the strength or the stamina it takes to train

to traverse the 26-mile, 385-yard course.

It's not because he has reached the age of 60. It's not because he just can't get his head into the game anymore. It's not because he can't commit to the rigors of months of training for the event.

It's because, in 2005, his doctor gave him the news that he had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Blouin said the diagnosis came after he had suffered a bout of optic neuritis.

"I lost vision in my right eye for a couple of weeks," he said. "I said to myself 'this ain't right.' I had also experienced some weakness that I really couldn't account for. That's when I was in my early 40s. It really wasn't that significant. At first I didn't really think anything of it. I thought it might be because I was getting a little older – but it turned out that wasn't it. But it was the sort of thing that came on gradually."

But it was after he had his eye problem that a neurologist ordered an MRI on his brain. That's what confirmed the diagnosis. The disease, he said, attacks the brain and the nervous system.

But, just because he's not marathons, don't for a minute think the illness hasn't stopped Blouin from lacing up his Nikes (New Balance, maybe?) and hitting the pavement.

"This year I just couldn't do the training," he said. "When you run a marathon

it's a lot of miles you have to do to train. You've gotta do the long ones on weekends – if you want to do it right. You start about three months ahead, and try to get in three or four 20-mile runs. That just wasn't in the cards this year. But I still try to get out every day. I generally do two or three miles. There are some days that I don't get out, but not too many."

He explained, however, that running with MS is not as simple as putting one foot in front of the other.

"I really have to concentrate," he said, "to pay attention to what I'm doing. My right leg can get weak and I really have to concentrate. I have taken a couple of good falls."

Blouin did qualify for Boston last year, but didn't run.

"I think last year was my last open window where I actually could have finished. I did register this year. I had high expectations, but it just wasn't going to happen."

He says he does miss the camaraderie of the other runners, the cheering throngs gathered along the route, the City Hall pasta dinner the night before the race – when all the runners "carb up" – pretty much everything associated with the Boston Marathon.

But, he stresses, "Don't feel sorry for me."

"People consider themselves lucky to run one Boston," he said. "I've run 29. How lucky is that? I may have to watch my step a bit more closely, but I'm still running, I'm still doing something I really like."

Says Blouin: "As long as I can run, you'll see me out there."



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# OBITUARIES

## Gus G. Bakas, 53

BELLINGHAM — Gus G. Bakas, age 53, of Bellingham passed away on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in Winchendon in a tragic auto accident.



He is the beloved husband for 27 years of Therese M. (Pothier) Bakas, and the loving father of Matthew G., Christopher G., Jessica S. and Sarah E. Bakas all of Bellingham. He is the son of the late George S. and Sophie (Andoulos) Bakas and son-in-law of Elizabeth (Carew) Pothier and the late Gerard F. Pothier. He is the brother of Steve Bakas and

his wife, Maria of Duxbury, and Athena Butler and her husband, Gregory of Chatham.

Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, April 19 at Saint Catherine Greek Orthodox Church, 119 Common St., Braintree. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations to the Bakas Family Benefit Fund, c/o Rockland Trust Company, 4 North Main St., Bellingham, MA 02019 would be appreciated.

Cartiers Funeral Home, 151 So. Main St. (Rte 126), Bellingham was entrusted with arrangements.

## John R. 'Jack' Inman, 91

TEMPLETON — John R. "Jack" Inman, age 91, of 139 Elm St., Baldwinville, died peacefully Thursday morning, April 13, 2017 at his residence, with his family at his side.



He was born June 28, 1925 and graduated from Lynn English High School. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served in World War II.

Jack worked for over 30 years at General Electric in Lynn in its jet engine division. At the age of 62, he retired. Jack lived in Swampscott for 50 years and moved to Baldwinville 10 years ago. He was a member of Otter River Sportsman's Club and Templeton Golden Agers.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, Theresa J. (Zebart) Inman; five children, Joan

Bottomley and her husband Terrence of England, David Inman and his wife Doreen of Lynn, Peter Inman and his wife Laura of Templeton, Russell Inman and his wife Charlotte of Middleton and his wife Laura of Chester, NH; eight grandchildren, Chelsea, Jaime, Josie, Jonathan, Joy, Hannah, Christopher and Holly and a great grandson Oliver. A brother, Robert Inman, predeceased him.



Military funeral services were held Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

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

## Leonard J. Melanson, 74

WINCHENDON — Leonard J. Melanson, age 74, of 4 Melanson Drive, died peacefully Sunday morning, April 16, 2017 at his residence, with his family at his side.



He was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada on May 26, 1942, son of the late Henry and Florine (Landry) Melanson and lived in Winchendon for ten years after previously living in Gardner. Leonard had worked as a custodian for 16 years at Meetinghouse School in Westminster until his retirement. He had previously owned and operated a bar and restaurant in Waltham for 14 years and later operated Erving Country Store in Erving. Leonard was a member of the Snowbound Club and Turnpike Rod and Gun Club. He

enjoyed fishing.

He leaves his wife, Diane (Belliveau) Melanson; two sons, Corey Melanson of Winchendon and Christopher Melanson of Winchendon; three grandchildren, Isaac Melanson, Genevieve Melanson and Percival Melanson; a brother, Leo Melanson of Ashburnham; three sisters, Laura Hebert of Ontario, Canada, Louise Fribel of Vancouver, British Columbia and Linda Kraymer of Phoenix, AZ as well as several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of his Life will be held Friday, May 26, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. at his residence, 4 Melanson Drive, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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

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## May flowers already sprouting

BY TRACY GAMBILL  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Recently the Gardner Area League of Artists held a free May Basket making class at their Winchendon home at 135 Front St. The response was so overwhelming that two sessions were held to accommodate the number interested. Unfortunately, a few walk-ins were turned away, proving how important it is to pre-register to ensure a seat.

A few days before the scheduled class, instructor Louise Parmenter Hammerman visited Old Murdock Senior Center where a number of people created baskets in the activity room. Many there no doubt remember making and delivering May Baskets when they were young.

This springtime tradition dates back to Roman times, though many today have never heard of it.

Traditionally, a small home-made floral basket is filled with candies, nuts, flowers, or other tiny surprises and is secretly hung on someone's doorknob on May 1st. The giver knocks or rings the bell and quickly runs away to hide. The more amorous stories say that if the giver is caught, he or she is kissed. Others believe it is just a sweet gesture to let the receiver know that someone is thinking of them.

Baskets can be made from paper cups,

small plastic fruit baskets, woven construction paper, tin cans, or almost any container. Customarily, real flowers adorned the baskets but because New England usually doesn't have many flowers available this early in the spring, they are often adorned with paper flowers.

"It's almost a lost art now," said Parmenter Hammerman who is a GALA member and retired art teacher.

"I remember making these as a child and using the paste that my mother made on the stove with flour and water," she reminisced. She also recalled reading in her grandmother's diary about making and giving May baskets.

Participants in the workshop fashioned their special baskets with paper cups and colorful crepe paper which they cut and formed into floral shapes. As a final touch, a small bag of candy was placed in each basket.

GALA President Deb Giordano emphasized that they are happy to offer crafting classes to the community. She welcomes ideas from anyone who might like to take a particular lesson. Please check out their website at [galagardner.org/](http://galagardner.org/).

Tracy Gambill photos



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## SPORTS

## Memories... let's continue

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There was lots of nice feedback from last week's memories column. Let's continue.

New York horse photographer extraordinaire (and real estate professional and singer) Sue Kawczynski had no trouble choosing her favorite moments.

"Well, let me see. American Pharoah's Triple Crown or Rachel Alexandra's Preakness (2009). I'm sure that's a shocker to you," she laughed.

Well, not quite. Tie, said fellow native New Yorker and AU classmate Arthur Lerner.

"Super Bowl 3, where no one and I mean no one, gave the Jets a chance against the 13-1 Colts. The NFL had won the first two Super Bowls by 25 and 19 points and the Colts were seen as a wrecking machine. The subplot was the Jets were hated by many fans in New York who didn't want them to match or leapfrog the Giants. Then there was the brash party-going Broadway Joe who culturally challenged the Establishment's way of life. To them he was a no-talent drunk-

en playboy who had no respect for conventions. That's exactly why I loved him."

"The Yankees coming back from two down to win the '96 Series was major considering the 18-year drought and the travesty of '81 (a six game loss to the Dodgers after NY won the first two). Without (Jim) Leyritz's three run homer, it wouldn't have happened," he recalled.

Another World Series was on the mind of another AU classmate.

"One that sticks out for me even though my favorite team didn't win was the 2001 Series" between the Yankees and Arizona Diamondbacks, recalled Keith Steiner. "The fact the Series was held and the third game was played just 50 days after 9/11 is a reminder of the spirit and determination of the country. Although our lives were changed from that fateful day and some things might never be the same the players and the city of New York showed we could forward. In many ways, that game and Series provided some healing."

Where you live frequently dictates who you root for. Rich Kaufman lives in New Jersey. No wonder he cites the Philadelphia Flyers first Stanley Cup title in 1974 and the Phillies first World Series win in 1980 as his best memories.

Retired Murdock teacher Mark Nardini reached back into the '70s. "On Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1977, I was working my first radio job after college. My DJ show was pre-empted that night because we were carrying the World Series between the Yankees and Dodgers. My job was to operate the board and insert local commercials into the game broadcast. We had a policy which forbid us to watch the game because the breaks were different on TV and radio. But as a lifelong Yankee fan, I couldn't resist sneaking a small portable TV into the studio. I'm so glad I did as it allowed me to watch Reggie Jackson hit three homers on three consecutive pitches. My girlfriend at the time was a big Sox fan and I vividly remember phoning her after each HR. Now that I think of it, that was probably not all that good for the relationship," Nardini reminisced.

Former MHS basketball coach John Maliska recalled watching his son play in a multi-overtime high school football game, not just any multi-overtime, a tie for the most overtime in state history. Six of them, in fact, before Murdock finally won over Assabet. "It was a crazy night," he said.

For Courier colleague Greg Vine, it was the first time he saw Luis Tiant, he of the dis-

tinutive turn-his-back-to-the-plate delivery, pitch. "I'd never seen anything like that before. Or since," said Vine.

Jay Schreider and I were ballboys together for the old Baltimore Bullets and Jay remembered the dramatic game seven of the 1971 Eastern Conference finals at Madison Square Garden. New York had eliminated the Bullets in each of the previous two seasons and would again two of the next three but that night the ball bounced our way in a 93-91 upset to reach the NBA Finals for the first time. "Great memory," he recalled, adding the Orioles' completing a four game sweep of the heavily favored defending champion Dodgers in the 1966 World Series ranks right up there too.

Area sportswriter Ken Powers said he got to hold the Lombardi Trophy in the Patriots locker room in Houston after Super Bowl 38 in 2004.

"Just for a second, but, you know? And by the way, it's not that heavy." Ken got to write about that experience for a regional paper too.

My sister Cheryl pointed to a couple horses. One was an otherwise nondescript unknown maiden claimer named Mostly Legs. I don't imagine anyone outside our circle remembers his name after all these decades, but we do because he

was our first home-bred to win. She also mentioned a horse somewhat better known to say the least. In 1976, we got to go to the Kentucky Derby with On the Sly where he finished fifth. She added seeing him win (caps intended) The Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont a year later was pretty cool, too. It was. Both were.

Which brings me at last to, well, me. Having grown up around farms and racetracks, I share my sister's thrill of having gone to a Derby, but I have two other "best" memories, one equine, one not. On a spring day in 1984, I was the guest analyst on Pimlico's in-house closed circuit handicapping TV show. I did not have a great day. Naturally.

Finally, July, 2008. Courtney and her teammates won the first of what would become two Massachusetts state softball championships. Yes, it was a hoot to do karaoke with she and a few teammates in front of a few hundred people at the Eastern regionals in Syracuse two weeks later, but winning that championship game at Worcester State University, in the rain of course, of all my truly great sports memories and there have been some breathtaking ones, that still stands out above them all. Probably always will.

Thanks to all of you! Great stories!

## Lady Devils split first two

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Murdock varsity softball program sits at 1-1 after the Lady Devils opened the 2017 season by splitting their first two contests, beating North Brookfield, 8-2 behind a one-hit, 12 strikeout performance from sophomore pitcher Emily Smith, and falling 6-4 at Monty Tech on Monday.

MHS scored in the very first inning of the season when Maria Polcari led off the campaign with a single and then stole second. A couple hitters later, Jocelyn Garner singled to left and the Lady Devils were on the board. Garner

would go 3-4 on the day, thus sporting a hefty .750 batting average one game into the year.

After the Lady Indians evened things in the top of the third, Murdock regained the lead in the fourth when senior Sydney St. Pierre singled to right and Meghan Knight doubled to left. Polcari drove both home with a base hit.

North Brookfield got one run back in the fifth but MHS came back with two in the home half with Vicky St. Hillaire and St. Pierre delivering RBI hits and the Lady Devils sealed things by adding three more in the sixth thanks to a Kelly Murphy double and some defen-

sive miscues.

Smith meanwhile sailed along, yielding a sole single in the fourth.

"She pitched a really good game and she and Maria worked well," said Coach Mike Fontaine. "She got stronger towards the end."

Weather woes had kept the team inside until just 48 hours before the opener so, "it was good, considering. We're always happy to take the win, get the first one out of the way and get the jitters away for everyone," noted the third-year coach.

Of the two runs, fourth frame, "that was key. Sometimes when you get ahead that's all it takes. In years past,

sometimes if we got down a run or two, it really affected us. We're trying not to do that this year," he said.

At Monty Tech, MHS fell behind in the second when the Lady Bulldogs scored twice. MT added three more in the next frame before Murdock could get on the scoreboard. The locals rallied for three more before coming up short. Garner (now 5-7 for the young season) and Molly Murphy both went 2-3.

"I like how we battled back," reflected Fontaine. "We're a young team but we didn't quit. That was good to see."

Having visited Quabbin Wednesday, the Lady Devils are at North Middlesex this afternoon.



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## Murdock takes on...



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# Bunny comes to Toy Town

Postponed from an earlier day because of snow, the Bunny still managed to take time from a busy schedule (the day before Easter after all) to lead Winchendon

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# Scholarships available

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The Trevor Martin Engineering Scholarship is no longer available. Attorney Marcia Elliott and Bryan Elliott, parents of the late Trevor Martin, have announced their

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For more information contact the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce at 978-632-1780 [info@gardnerma.com](mailto:info@gardnerma.com)

## New edition of music festival planned

WINCHENDON — It was highly successful last year, and director Andrew Arceci is pleased to announce a new edition of the Winchendon Music Festival is planned for the weekend of June 22-24 with a preview performance May 6.

All events are at the Old Centre Church, the original First Congregational Church on the Old Centre common. All programs are free and open to the public.

The first program, Sunday May 6 at 3 p.m. will be a program of French baroque repertoire, including works by Marais, Francœur, Charpentier, and others. Violist da gamba, Andrew Arceci; sensational vocalist, Teresa Wakim; and ensemble: Teresa Wakim, soprano; Asako Takeuchi, baroque violin; Andrew Arceci, viola da gamba;

direction; Leon Schelhase, harpsichord; and John McKean, harpsichord.

Then, in June, an entire weekend of music is planned, with a collection of varied music from Highlander traditional to Baroque Italian to the Great American songbook.

On Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m., a program featuring Francesco Barsanti's A Collection of Old Scots Tunes (published 1742), with Andrew Arceci & WMF artists.

On Friday, June 23 at 7 p.m. it will be John Arcaro & Band with jazz interpretations of the "Great American Songbook" as well as contemporary jazz compositions.

On Saturday, June 24 at 7 p.m. the music of the entire early New England area, and early era composers; a program featur-

ing works by Jeremiah Ingalls (1764-1838), as well as other early New England composers with Andrew Arceci & WMF artists.

The final Sunday, June 25 at 7 p.m. will be a program of Italian baroque repertoire, including works by Vivaldi, Porpora, Broschi, and Bononcini with Andrew Arceci & WMF artists.

Concerts are free to the public. Supported in part by a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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**CLYDE'S**

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**Saturday, April 29**

**ANNIVERSARY BLOW OUT:** the 10th anniversary of Fire & Iron will be celebrated with the annual spring blow out at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 7 p.m. Come help us celebrate!

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

**RUN FOR THE ROSES:** the annual Kentucky Derby party hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193 kicks off at 6 p.m. at the Legion, 295 School St. Come watch the Derby with your friends on the big screen TV, which we will then raffle off (\$5 a chance, tickets already being sold, see an Auxiliary member), followed by dancing and games until midnight. \$20 per person. Food, fun, and more. To benefit the Soldier's Wish Foundation.

**Sunday, May 7**

**LOBSTERSHOOT:** at the Winchendon

American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 2 p.m. 25 games for \$15, side raffles and surprises. Sponsored by Eugene M. Connor Post 193 to benefit the annual Winchendon bonfire next January.

**Thursday, May 11**

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

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

**Friday, May 19**

**OPENING NIGHT:** GALA 2017 annual spring Art Show with live music opening reception and art awards 6-9 p.m. Show and reception at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Show runs May 19-21. More info and to enroll, [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org).

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

**COLLAGE WORKSHOP:** Instructor: Jill Pottle will teach a class on collage 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery, 135 Front St. For more information and to register visit [www.galagardner.org](http://www.galagardner.org).

**Saturday, August 19**

**ANNUAL FIREMEN'S MUSTER:** Begins at noon with a parade through downtown Winchendon ending at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. where the historic antique pumper equipment will vie for recognition as the best at aiming and distance with the pressured water. Barbecue chicken will luncheon will be sold by American Legion, entrance to watch the Muster is free. Other family activities available.

**ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**MONDAY**

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

visit [townofwinchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary](http://townofwinchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary).

**TUESDAY**

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

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**RESPONSE**

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part of the job.”

While the SUV operator was ejected, the driver of the tractor had to be extricated by WFD members after the fire was put out. While members call it simply part of the job, there is never anything simple about it.

Ruschioni, Brooks, and firefighter paramedic Andrew Harding together explained, “We can go from one extreme to another in the blink of an eye. One minute we could be administering CPR. The very next extricating a deceased individual from an accident. A person may have fallen and can’t get back up, an oil tank could be leaking, a home could have an emergency water issue, or their property could be on fire. A person could have fallen through the ice, the possibilities are nearly endless.”

Harding added, “The perception of what an emergency is, is what’s important to them personally. It’s different for everybody. We could get a call from an elderly individual that their cat is stuck up in a tree, but guess what, that cat may be the only loved one or thing that person has which makes it very important to them.”

Since October 2016, four people have now lost their lives within just a few miles of the recent death, a fact not lost on either WFD members or law enforcement.

When approaching any potential scene, Brooks said, “Sometimes we are able to see things from a distance as we are approaching, and while getting closer to the scene, your mind has a lot to think about.”

Brooks also quickly commented, “We

had the road blocked off, firetrucks and hoses across the road, we are trying to attend to the scene. We actually had drivers in cars tell us that we should let them through because they are trying to go to work, or that we should let them through because they can see where they ‘think’ they could drive past.”

Harding said, “We actually had the road blocked off, and we had people drive around the police cruiser and the cones.”

Ruschioni added, “They’re right. I had a few myself, and all I could think to myself is ‘are you kidding me?’ We obviously told them no. Some people just don’t seem to get it. We are trying to do our job as safely as humanly possible. When you see the road blocked, please do not try to driver through it as you’re endangering both your own safety and those responding to the emergency.”

Harding agreed and added, “It’s dark out and if they try to drive through, firefighters could get run over.”

Mental preparedness is just one of many key components of the job. When asked what firefighters can do to prepare for tragedies such as the accident, Ruschioni explained, “We use each other as a support mechanism. You need to talk about it, you need to discuss it. The adrenaline initially runs through you while you are doing the job you’re trained to do. After the fact, is when things all settle in and you then realize what you have done. Sometimes it takes days or even weeks, but it will settle in. We talk to each other, and we are also lucky to have a chaplain in Mike Clement who we reach out to. We also have the Montachusett Critical Stress Debriefing Team, which we did utilize that night to give all who were involved

a chance to discuss what they had seen. This is how we cope with the horrific bad things that we see. This particular call was probably a once every 20 years call.”

“Well I have seen a lot in the last 30 years, and it would take a lot to really upset me. You can’t get upset too bad because you know you have to do your job. Most people don’t know what is really going on” said Brooks.

Harding added, “The way I look at it, once there is nothing we could do to save them or help them, you need to do what’s next which is to protect what is ever next on the list, such as our safety, life safety first, and protect exposures. This job is not for the faint of heart. I don’t mean to sound heartless but I try not to get attached because you can’t and that’s part of my coping mechanism.”

It was then Harding made a powerful point by saying, “This is the irony of even this story today. You will often hear about the bad or bloody stories, but you almost never hear about the lady who we may have just saved with a cardiac machine and who is still here today because of it.”

Discussing challenges Ruschioni clarified, “There is no challenge we won’t accept. When the call comes in no matter what it is, we’re going to be there. I would also like to add when we have to extricate a person, that is a human being and they have to be treated with respect like it is one of our own family members, and we always treat them as such.”

In a strong vote of confidence and mutual respect for his paramedics Ruschioni said, “I want to make it clear. When it comes to the citizens and tax

payers of Winchendon, we have the very best paramedics you could ask for. I would want them there for my children, grandchildren, family, and myself. They have saved so many lives that people simply have no idea.”

Around the WFD there are photos of events responded to over the decades. Harding joked, “Marty is in all of them.” When asked if the photos were a way to help keep things in perspective all three agreed.

Factory fires, people falling through the ice trying to save a dog, home fires, brush fires, car fires, accidents, strokes, heart attacks and more. In a split second, firefighters must respond to anything, anytime, anywhere.

Describing crucial timelines Ruschioni explained, “The first four to six minutes in any emergency situation makes or breaks the call when it comes to being successful or a failure. At the same time, we have to worry about our safety, life safety, and exposures. Again, when you hear the lights and sirens coming, it means somebody is having a bad day. Please respect the job that we all do, and allow us the room we need to do it properly.”

Fire Chief Tom Smith in closing added, “So many people expect the fire department to be iron strong. What we need to remember is that it’s members are all humans too. There is a human side to this job, and we try to do our best to make sure that no matter what the next call is, the next person deserves the same amount of care. Our members train for all the emergencies, but there is always a human element mixed in, and we still have to give the same professionalism and same element to the next person and the next call.”

**MACC**

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“I think people are ignorant of the fact that if you build anywhere near wetlands you should come to the conservation office,” he said. “There is a setback – a 100-foot setback – and an automatic 50-foot no build zone. It’s automatic. And that’s just along streams. Along rivers you have a 200-foot setback, so you can’t build anywhere within that 200 feet unless you get a variance through the conservation commission and the DEP (state Department of Environmental Affairs).”

Cloutier also noted the commission, along with the town’s conservation agent, have become increasingly busy since he was first appointed.

“We’ve been a lot busier,” he said, “but a lot of the problem has been continuances.”

He said a lack of preparation on the part of variance applicants leads to public hearings being continued from one commission meeting to the next.

“I think, personally, we’re wasting a lot of time on continuances. If you’ve got a project you’re going to bring in front of the conservation board, you should be ready with what your project is going to be – what it’s going to entail, how close it is to the wetland, what you want to do with a layout of the plan – so we can understand it in plain English language.”

“I didn’t go to college,”

he continued. “I’m a GED graduate – that’s it. I go to the MACC conferences every year to learn. Finally, I’ve passed the eight classes that I needed to get a certificate. And I’m not done there. I’m going to keep going.”

Returning to the subject of continuances, Cloutier said “we’ve got one project that’s been in front of us – I’m not going to mention any names – on (Route) 140. That’s been in front of us every month for the last seven months. Why? I mean, it’s waste of time. We could be doing a lot of other projects that are in town.”

“We only have one agent,” said Cloutier, “he works 12 hours a week. If he has to keep doing continuance after continuance he doesn’t get any of his other work done. He has to do site visits. He has to pay attention to other projects.”

When asked if Koonce had enough time to do what he really needs to do, Cloutier answered with an emphatic “no.”

“I think he needs more time, but it’s just not in the budget and the proposal hasn’t been brought up to the town manager or to the board of selectmen for more time. In my opinion, he does not have enough time.”

Cloutier is up for re-appointment in June, along with two other members of the commission, and says he intends to seek another term on the panel.

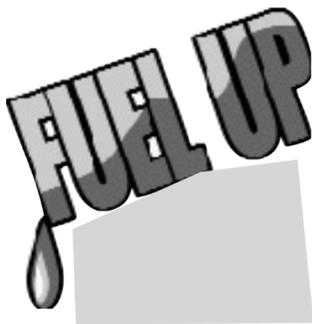
“As long as they’ll have me,” he said, “I’m not going anywhere.”

**SPLISH SPLASH**



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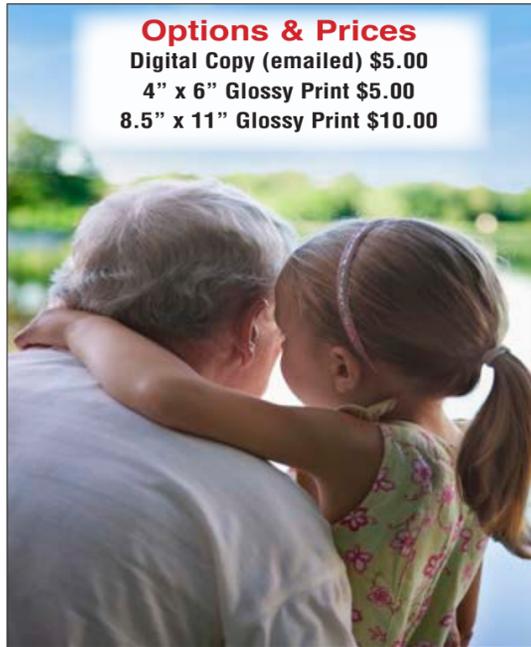
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# Dancers hit the dance floor during Spring Fever at the American Legion on Saturday

BY TARA VOCINO  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The classic rock band Neon Alley gave \$110 in T-shirt and CD sales back to three children's hospitals during a Spring Fever dance at the American Legion on Saturday night.

Sponsored by Post 193 Sons of the American Legion, the dance, which lasted well into the overnight hours into Sunday morning, benefited Children's Hospital Boston, Bay State Greenfield, and UMass Memorial Worcester as well as local disasters, such as the fatal accident along Route 140, funeral expenses, and sick veterans.

Besides Neon Alley, classic rock band Whiskey Johnson provided entertainment through a Battle of the Bands, where the bands switched off, performing 10 songs in a 45-minute set. According to Commander of Post 193 Mark Casavant, in excess of \$2,000 was raised, as they sold more than 150 tickets.

Carly Antonellis, of Winchendon, was dancing to a Neon Alley original, "It's How It Is," when she noted she is happy to support the band and a great cause. Antonellis said she is planning to dance the night away.

"Every time they do this event they get such a good crowd," Antonellis said, swinging back and forth. "The bands come so early to set up."

Fitzwilliam resident Karen Chalke was slow dancing with her husband, Vin, when they stopped for a sip of water.

"The bands are awesome," Karen Chalke said. "Everything is great, from the style of music to the cause."

Rindge resident Ed Whitcomb came to celebrate leukemia survivor Sam Dubois' 17th birthday, and the fact that she just returned home from Children's Hospital.

"Not that every family isn't great, but they're such a great family," Whitcomb said. "They really stepped up to the plate, even having the Boston Celtics and Red Sox players visit her in the hospital. She's home in stable condition. Before, she couldn't be around people since she was vulnerable to catching diseases."

According to guitarist/vocals Westborough resident Dave Vaccaro, of Neon Alley, the band sold T-shirts and CDs, donating \$5 of each sale back to the children's charities.

Vaccaro said the band wanted to play familiar music, such as "3 a.m." by Matchbox 20 and "Good Times, Bad Times" by Led Zeppelin and "Ramble On," also by them, and "It's My Life" by Bon Jovi, and original songs, such as "That's How It Is," which hit number 37 on the Friday Morning Quarterback Adult Contemporary chart.

"To reach under the Top 40 is a big deal," Vaccaro said. "The song is about



Tara Vocino photos

a lady who isn't comfortable in her skin. She explores being different people through putting on a headset. Mid-song, it then goes into an elected official saying the Earth is only 5,000 years old, and that we're entering the Dark Ages."

He said reaching that level on the chart lends itself to a lot of exposure with an estimate of 10,000 to 100,000 listeners.

Like Whitcomb, Kathy Jaillet, of Gardner, also enjoyed that Neon Alley was mostly music she has heard before.

"It's danceable music and a reason to go out to support a good cause," Jaillet said, who had just ordered a drink at the cash bar.

Jaillet heard Neon Alley play at the Southside Grille & Margarita Factory

in Gardner, where they will be playing on Saturday, April 22.

Keith Rice said the Sons donated \$5,000 to each of the three hospitals in 2016. A Son, his father, Paul, was a Vietnam veteran, who died from lung and bone cancers.

Casavant explained the Sons are members whose father or grandfather served in the armed forces. However, some Sons served themselves, and they identify themselves as dual members. He said the Winchendon chapter has the largest membership in state with 231 members. Casavant said children are at the top of their priority list.

"As a squadron, we continue to give to a worthy cause -- that's our future," Casavant said.

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# LEGALS

## Town of Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday May 3, 2017 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl., 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475, on the request to modify Special Permit #16-13 issued to Bryan Day of 35 Island Rd, Winchendon, MA 01475 for an addition more than 50% of footprint as afforded by Article 6 Sec 2.3A for property located at 35 Island Rd, Winchendon, MA 01475 identified as Winchendon Assessors Map M2 Parcel 10 and to hear an application for a Variance from the side and front setback dimensional requirements as outlined in Article 7.2 of the Winchendon Zoning Bylaw for the construction a garage. Said property is located in the R40 Suburban Residential – Neighborhood District. A copy of the application is available at the Dept. of P&D, Winchendon Town Hall. All interested persons should plan to attend.

BY:  
Cynthia Carville, Chair  
Winchendon Zoning Board of Appeals  
April 14, 2017  
April 21, 2017

## Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

86 Elmwood Road; Assessor's Map 2, Lot 43

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 meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:25 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Paula A. Whitaker for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 86 Elmwood Road; Assessor's Map 2, Lot 43. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements of a septic system serving an existing 3-bedroom house. The meeting will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on 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.

April 21, 2017

## Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

166 Bayberry Circle & 608 Brown Street; Assessor's Map 4, Lots 221 & 112, resp.

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 meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Kathleen Van Dyke, Executor of the Estate of property owner Robert Van Dyke, for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 166 Bayberry Circle and 608 Brown Street; Assessor's Map 4, Lots 221 & 112, respectively. The project entails the removal of an existing septic tank and pipe. The meeting will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on 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.

April 21, 2017

## Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

44 West Shore Drive; Assessor's Map 6, Lot 35

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 meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:10 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by William Schmick on behalf of property owner Ishikawa 2013 Revocable Trust for proposed work within 200-foot Riverfront Area and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Sunset Lake at 44 West Shore Drive; Assessor's Map 6, Lot 35. The project entails construction of a 3-bedroom single family home, associated septic system, driveway, waterline, grading and landscaping. The meeting will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on 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.

April 21, 2017

## Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

35 Island Road; Assessor's Map M-2, Lot 10

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:20 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Bryan Day for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Lake Monomonac at 35 Island Road; Assessor's Map M-2, Lot 10. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements of a septic system serving an existing 3-bedroom house. The meeting will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on 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.

April 21, 2017

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael L. Maghakian to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated December 23, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35410, Page 188 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 is the present holder by assignment from New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 dated May 31, 2011 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47468, Page 295 and corrective 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 2005-1 dated February 9, 2016 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54972, Page 283, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Munroe Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00PM on May 8, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in

said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with buildings and other improvements thereon, situated on the southerly side of Munroe Street, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING: at an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street at land now or formerly of Merida O. Tardiff;

THENCE: southerly on said Tardiff land, 129.5 feet to land or formerly of E. Murdock Company;

THENCE: easterly on line of said E. Murdock Company land, about 83 feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of one Beals;

THENCE: northeasterly on line of said Beals land and land now or formerly of one Spellman, 145 feet to an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street;

THENCE: westerly on said southerly line of Monroe Street, 123.25 feet to the place of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23330, Page 72.

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.

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Maghakian, Michael, 15-023812, April 14, 2017, April 21, 2017, April 28, 2017

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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lev R. Shvarts and Roman Schwartz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., dated July 29, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36944, Page 366, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. to Wells Fargo Bank, NA dated June 3, 2011 and recorded with said registry on June 7, 2011 at Book 47464 Page 377 and by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated April 8, 2016 and recorded with said registry on April 29, 2016 at Book 55256 Page 10, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on May 16, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 380 West Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "1" on a plan entitled, "Boundary Survey for Land/Vest Properties 1973 Limited Partnership, Winchendon, Mass., Scale: 1 inch = 100 ft., April 5, 1976, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Mass.,", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 425, Plan 125, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin in the ground on the Westerly side of West Street, in said Winchendon, at the Northeasterly corner of Lot 2 on said plan;

THENCE about South 65-1/2° West, by Lot 2 on said plan, seven hundred seventy (770) feet, more or less, to land of the United States of America, Birch Hill Reservoir;

THENCE North 54-1/4° West, three hundred fifty-six and 1/10 (356.1) feet to a point;

THENCE South 88° West, two hundred twenty-two and 1/10 (222.1) feet to a point;

THENCE North 42° West, one hundred eighty-five and 2/10 (185.2) feet to a point;

THENCE North 20-1/4° East, two hundred ninety four and 45/100 (294.45) feet to a point;

THENCE North 29-3/4° West, two hundred seventy eight and 3/10 (278.3) feet to a point at land now or formerly of New England Wildflower Preservation Society; said last point being sixty (60) feet Easterly of an iron pipe at a corner of land now or formerly of the Town of Winchendon.

The preceding five (5) courses being land of said United States of America, Birch Hill Reservoir;

THENCE South 73° East by land now or formerly of New England Wildflower Preservation Society one thousand three hundred fifty-six (1,356) feet to an iron pipe in the Westerly line of West Street;

THENCE Southeasterly by the Westerly line of West Street, one hundred sixty (160) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 14.0 acres, more or less.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36944, Page 364.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

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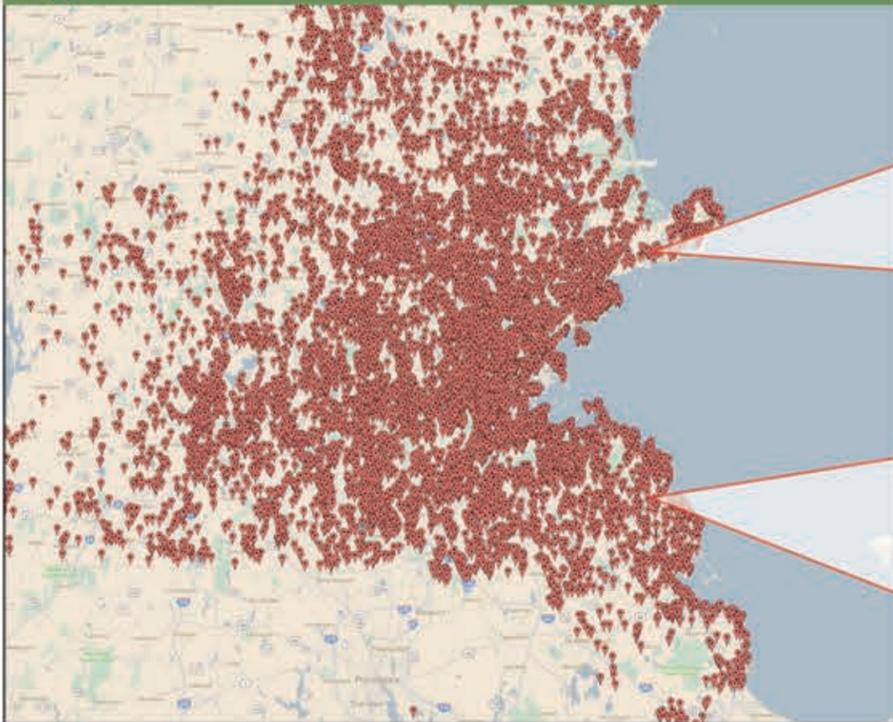
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