

## Veterans honored for service and sacrifice

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Veterans were honored for sacrifice and service to both their nation and fellow countrymen Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

One of two such facilities with the second located in Agawam, both represent the only state cemeteries in the Commonwealth, with a national cemetery also located in Bourne.

The ceremony, always held November 11, commemorates the armistice between Allied Forces and Germany, bringing both the fighting and an end to World War I on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918.

During the opening Saturday, with 120 people in attendance, began with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a POW/MIA candle lighting and invocation by Father Francis Roberge of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Baldwinville. An official reading of a Governor's Proclamation by Gov. Charlie



Photos by Keith Kent

State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik addresses veterans' contributions and discusses how necessary it is to always be there for our Veterans needs and causes.

Baker by Dr. Coral Grout followed, to a room full of those paying respect and tribute to veterans.

MSGT John Masaitis Sr. of the United States Air Force and Westover AFB, who is a veteran with 33 years of service, provided the address. Masaitis, who has currently

served 20 years active duty, and 13 reserve, has managed over 6,000 military funerals and will be retiring fall 2018.

Masaitis said, "To my brothers and sisters in the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, whether you are active, guard or reserve, or

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## Voters (mostly) breeze through town meeting

Voters at Monday's special town meeting approved all 12 articles on the warrant by large margins. The only "no" vote came when the town's Finance Committee attempted to reduce the amount of free cash sought to pay for eight capital items.

Article 2 asked voters to approve spending \$286,995 for items for the fire, police, and school departments. Finance Committee Chairman Tom Kane moved that the amount be cut by \$52,900, the amount being sought by the school department to upgrade the phone system at Murdock Middle High School.

Kane explained the FinCom thought it would be better to set aside a total of \$150,000 in the town's reserve account. That's the amount in additional free cash the State Department of Revenue allowed the town to keep this year, for a total of \$550,000.

By expending \$52,900 for the school's phone, less than \$100,000 would be placed in the reserve fund. Kane argued it had been several years since the town has had the flexibility to deposit funds into that account.

Town Manager Keith Hickey argued against the Finance

Committee's motion, stressing that the phone system at the school is antiquated. He said even with the expenditure of \$52,900 for the system, more than \$95,000 could still be placed in the reserve account.

School Superintendent Steven Haddad noted the phone system at Murdock is 24 years old, the same age as the school. Last year, he explained, the department took money out of its budget to upgrade the phone systems at Memorial and Toy Town elementary schools.

"We really need the phones to be improved here," he said.

Finance Committee member Maureen Ward asked Hickey why the school's phone system should take priority over other items on the town's capital improvement plan, such as an upgrade to the septic system at the public works department.

Hickey said while the septic system does need to be upgraded, it's not an item that needs immediate attention. The phone system at Murdock, he said, is another matter.

When the vote on the amendment was called, only the members of the Finance Committee and one voter stood in support.

Voters ultimately approved

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## WCAC provides families with a big Thanksgiving boost



Photos by Keith Kent

Winchendon Community Action Committee volunteers stop to pose for a quick photo demonstrating just some of the many food items being provided to families during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

It's that time of year again, when snow begins to cover the grass, and planning for the holidays seems to arrive so very fast. Family meals and gatherings are being planned, and some good souls just need a little helping hand. Donations and volunteers are now in full swing, and the WCAC is providing at least 170 families with the meaning of Thanksgiving.

With the need for food assistance and a lack of food security increasing each year, there can be little argument the fight to defeat hunger is among the most truly noble and worthy causes. Both the director and

volunteers of the Winchendon Community Action Committee have been very busy in their efforts to help make sure families are provided for during Thanksgiving, and with full awareness Christmas is just around the corner.

Recently, WCAC members worked diligently picking up and then offloading a large amount of food donated by the Worcester County Food Bank, as well as receiving local donations either in the form of food or monetary donations, with one anonymous donor even recently donating \$1,000 in \$10 gift cards to assist.

WCAC Director Colleen Laperriere confirmed as of

Tuesday, Nov. 13, some 100 Thanksgiving baskets had already been picked up, and bags and boxes full of food donations will be received by at least 170 families to take home for the Thanksgiving holiday by week's end. Laperriere has also projected the number could increase, as those who may have unexpectedly fallen on hard times may need to approach the WCAC for a last minute helping hand.

The work to prepare the donations, and variety of it, is quite a sight; as up to a dozen volunteers have been picking and sorting like the well-oiled charity driven machine they are.

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## Local Auxiliary members recognized

WINCHENDON — Members of the Eugene M. Connor Unit #193 American Legion Auxiliary gathered at Post #193 Oct. 29 to recognize 56 members with membership of 20 to 80 years.

The event began with a dinner of salad, beef stroganoff, pasta, beans, and a variety of desserts

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Courtesy photo

Pictured are (front row, left to right): Maureen Cragen (Department of Massachusetts President), Sharline Ford, Patricia Maillot, Catherine Winn, Rachel A. Grout, and Coral Grout. (back row, left to right): Lorraine Adams, Nancy LeBlanc, Camille Shack, Marilyn Parks, Arlene Therrien, Martha Minckler, O. Anne Coderre, Priscilla Johnson, Monique Connor (District IV Director), and Lisa Gauthier (Unit #193 President).



Greg Vine photo

Winchendon Cumberland Farms store manager Bill Stewart prepares to cut the ribbon, held by Winchendon Community Action Committee Executive Director Colleen Laperriere and Winchendon Historical Commission Chairman Corey Bohan, at the new store's official grand opening last Wednesday, Nov. 8.

## Cumbys cuts ribbon on new store

BY GREG VINE  
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A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last Wednesday, Nov. 8 to celebrate the official grand opening of the new Cumberland Farms store and gas station at the corner of Central and Front streets. The event also kicked off a month-long fundraiser for the Winchendon Community Action Committee, a local social service agency that assists families and individuals in crisis.

According to company statement, 10¢ from all dispensed beverages purchased at the store throughout the four-week period will go directly to the CAC.

The company's release says Cumberland Farms has, since 2011, opened or updated over 285 stores and donated more than "\$450,000 to community organizations across the northeast and Florida."

The company began operations in 1939, when the nation was still in the throes of the Great Depression, and has since grown to nearly 600 locations in eight states.

Those holding either end of the ceremonial ribbon included CAC Executive Director Colleen LaPerriere and Winchendon Historical

Commission Chairman Corey Bohan. The ribbon was cut by store manager Bill Stewart, who is also president of the CAC's board of directors.

The Historical Commission was instrumental in getting the convenience store chain to change its original design for the new store. Concerned that the first design failed to fit the historic character of downtown Winchendon, the commission convinced Cumberland Farms to come up with a design that mimicked the appearance of the building razed to make way for the new store; the former Joseph's variety store, long known for its penny candy and ice cream soda fountain.

Cumberland Farms also donated \$10,000 to the Historical Commission to assist in its efforts, which include the establishment of a downtown historic district. The neighboring Fairbank House also had to be demolished to make way for the new Cumbys.

The new 5,000 square foot store nearly doubles the size of the old store. The new facility also more than doubles the number of parking spaces to 11 and adds a third double sided fueling pump.



### WEEKLY QUOTE

I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual.

— Henry David Thoreau



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# Local country artist inks record deal

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Darren Bessette chuckled when it was pointed out that the first words out of his mouth when asked about growing up in the Winchendon area: "My parents separated when I was 10" – sounds like the perfect subject of a country song.

"Yeah, my parents split and my dog ran away," he laughed.

Then he proceeded to discuss his local roots.

"My dad purchased a home

on Lake Monomonac, and I spent most of my time there. I spent time hanging around downtown, going to the Clark Memorial. So, while I may have lived in Ashby until I was 10, I really 'grew up' in Winchendon."

Bessette, who graduate from Monty Tech in 1995, said music has always been an important part of his life. Now, with the signing of a recording contract, it has taken on added importance.

"Karaoke got me hooked on singing," he said. "I grew up listening to country. Mom was crazy about Elvis and so was I. My grandmother even made me a sequined Elvis outfit when I was a kid. And I went to a ton of concerts back in the early '90s. When most of my friends were listening to Metallica, I was listening to Garth Brooks. After I went to see him in concert, I was hooked. He was a huge inspiration."

Anyone who's heard Bessette knows he has an unmistakable southern lilt that accentuates his singing, even though he grew up in the Winchendon area. He said, "I don't even notice it, really. I guess I probably developed a bit of an accent after moving to Nashville. And listening to Garth certainly had an influence on how I wanted to sound."

Asked if he agrees with the criticism from some corners that today's country music is nothing more than pop music with a country twang and a slide guitar, Bessette answered,

"Yes, and no."

"I do think a lot of what comes out today isn't what I'd call country. But I still like a lot of the new stuff from groups like Georgia Alabama line. And Tim McGraw's 'Humble and Kind' absolutely blows my mind. Still, I really appreciate all the artist that are out there."

In the early years of the last decade, Bessette put together a group of musicians that became known as Darren Bessette and the Destination Bound Band. The band did some recording and their song "Great Being Alive" can still be found on YouTube.

But in July 2007, Grace Mackenzie Bessette, was born and he put down his guitar and left the recording studio for a while. After living in Nashville for two years, he moved back to Massachusetts to raise his daughter.

Eventually, he put together the Darren Bessette Band, a six-member band that has had great success touring the northeast. That success, he said, made

"Nashville take notice."

Indeed, it had. A month ago, it was announced the band has inked a record deal with an independent label owned by hit songwriter Max T. Barnes, Hypemedia Nashville. Barnes' songs have been recorded by such artists as Randy Travis, George Jones, Jo Dee Messina, Montgomery Gentry, and many others.

Bessette said an EP, which will likely include three songs – one of which will be released as a single – will be available in January or February, while a full album consisting of 13 or 14 tracks should be out in March or April. The recording is being done at Riverworks Studios in Haverhill and the editing is being completed in Nashville.

Hypermedia Nashville and 117 Entertainment Group, the label's promotion company, celebrated the band's signing by presenting An Evening with the Darren Bessette Band Nov. 11 at Great Wolf Lodge in Fitchburg.

To follow the band visit [www.darrenbessetteofficial.com](http://www.darrenbessetteofficial.com).



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Drop offs may also be made at any time at door D9 at the high school, or call (978) 257-5671 to arrange pick-up.

All items will be given to the Epilepsy Foundation, who in turn will reimburse the Murdock Sports Boosters per pound of donations. Thank you for your support!!

### NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL

People interested in learning more about preserving Templeton's history should join the Narragansett Historical Society. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, however November's meeting was a week early due to the holiday. We discussed our next event, the Jack Frost Festival set for Dec. 3 on the Common, from 3-5 p.m.

Our next big event to watch for will be after the holidays, our annual Cabin Fever event. For more information, follow us on Facebook or drop us an email.

The building is still open on Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m., until the snow starts in earnest. Stop by to visit the building at 1 Boynton Road, see interesting displays of local people and times gone by or, conduct your own research project. We love to help with Family Trees! To learn more or to create your membership, contact the Society at [narraganssethistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:narraganssethistoricalsociety@yahoo.com).

### HOLIDAY RECEPTION AT THE BLAKE HOUSE MUSEUM

Stop by before the tree lighting to warm up and join us for some holiday cheer. Free slices of holiday beads and cakes and hot apple cider await you at the Blake House Museum on the Fitzwilliam Common from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec.

3.

We will have beautiful, hand-crafted ornaments and small loaves of your favorite breads on sale at great prices. All proceeds go to fund the Fitzwilliam Historical Society. Get some of these goodies while they last! See you there... with bells on!

### TEMPLETON EVENTS

Come celebrate the Holiday season with the Templeton Historical Society's annual Jack Frost Festival on Dec. 3 from 3-5pm right on the Common in Templeton Center. You will see the Narragansett Marching Band, the Grinch, Buddy the Elf, and everyone's favorite—the Jolly Old Elf himself: Santa! We hear he will take visits from children and if everyone is good boys and girls, maybe he will pose for pictures taken by you!

Inside the Historical Building, at 1 Boynton Road, walk through and experience both Early American and Victorian style Holiday decorations, our amazing collections and a fun and festive Bake sale. Purchase a treat and hot drink to take out to watch the annual Templeton Tree Lighting at 4:30 p.m. and join us if you will for a few festive carols. Holidays have never been happier than with this free, fun event on the Common. If you have any questions, stop by the museum on one of our open Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. or email us at [narraganssethistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:narraganssethistoricalsociety@yahoo.com) OR follow us on Facebook!

### FHS: FOCUSING ON EVENTS FOR 2018

The next Member meeting of the Fitzwilliam Historical Society will be on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the library. Please make every attempt to attend. The Events Committee will present a proposal for events that might be scheduled in 2018. Your input will be greatly appreciated as we attempt to bring more events and more fun to Fitzwilliam in the name of history. All are invited, member or not.



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# Heywood Healthcare honors employees for years of service



Those honored for years of service, pictured L-R: Kaleigh Maio, Nancy Cloutier, Sue Sinclair, Mary Croteau and Win Brown, President & CEO.

GARDNER — Heywood Healthcare honored 159 employees on Nov. 9 during its annual Service Awards recognition dinner.

“We love to celebrate longevity and achievement because it is part of the culture,” said Heywood Healthcare President and CEO Win Brown. “Our employees give so much of themselves to our patients and our communities, often dedicating decades of their lives to healthcare. They deserve a night dedicated to recognizing their important contributions.”

Employees were treated to

a gourmet buffet before being recognized for their service, some as long as 50 years, to Heywood and Athol Hospitals, The Quabbin Retreat, Winchendon Health Center, Heywood Rehabilitation Center and Heywood Medical Group.

Mary Croteau and Sue Sinclair celebrated 40 years while Nancy Cloutier received recognition for 50 years at Heywood Hospital.

Employees are celebrated for their service every five years, and are able to choose a gift on each occasion.

The Daniel P. Moen

Employee Excellence award is also presented annually by Heywood Hospital to a five-year anniversary employee who most closely exemplifies the commitment, hard work, vision and dedication that are the legacy of past president Dan Moen’s administration. This year’s recipient was Sue Sinclair from finance, who was celebrating her 40-year anniversary.

Sue is well known at Heywood Hospital, and not just because she coordinates all of payroll! She started her career at Heywood as a cashier, moving on to a staff accountant position, and then on to her current position of payroll coordinator, which she’s held since 1991. Staff can always rely on Sue to go above and beyond and will do whatever is asked of her. She is a tremendous asset to the finance team. In addition to her critical role in finance, Sue is an active member of the Heywood Hospital Aid Association and chairs the annual Evergreen Fair.

Athol Hospital also honored Kaleigh Maio, a 10-year service anniversary employee with the second annual Meehan Award, which recognizes the five-year anniversary recipient who best exemplifies the work ethic, dedication, vision and outstanding

service that exemplifies Board of Trustee and long-time supporter of Athol Hospital, Jim Meehan.

Kaleigh has worn many hats over the last decade at Athol Hospital — she’s worked as assistant to the CEO, medical staff coordinator, HR coordinator, and now in her current role as senior HR business partner. In addition, Kaleigh has been instrumental in the success of the Athol Hospital Golf Classic, stepping in as

chairwoman five years ago to transform and grow the event and is still serving as an active committee member today.

She remains a constant resource for staff regarding any human resources issues for the Athol campus and truly does have an open door policy. She consistently works to support staff and to make the Athol Hospital a better place.

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## Route 140 crash leads to gun charges

BY GREG VINE  
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A New Hampshire man was arraigned in Winchendon District Court in Gardner Monday on motor vehicle and gun charges following a weekend crash on Route 140. Winchendon police were called to the scene just before 9:45 p.m. Saturday night.

Jorge Falette, age 22, of 9 Young Court #1, Keene, faces charges that include two counts of carrying a firearm without a license and one count of negligent operation of a motor vehicle. He was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing.

According to court documents, witnesses told Winchendon Police Sgt. Daniel Wolski that Falette passed them at what they estimated to be 90 miles per hour as they were headed southbound on Spring Street-Route 12. A short time later they came upon Falette’s car, overturned and into some trees across from the Salvadore Jeep dealership on Gardner Road-Route 140.

Two of the witnesses reportedly spotted Falette walking away from the accident. They followed the New Hampshire man, who they quoted as saying, “Why are you following me? My guns are back

there.”

He reportedly told the witnesses he was heading to Boston.

Falette also allegedly told Wolski he had weapons in his car.

Police retrieved an AK-47 style assault rifle, a Smith and Wesson 40 caliber pistol, and three large capacity clips. Falette reportedly told officers he had done some shooting earlier in the week and had forgotten the weapons were in his car.

The police report states that during his booking Falette made comments regarding President Trump and world events.

In addition to Wolski, Officer James Wironen also responded to the scene.

At his arraignment, Falette was ordered held without bail at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction pending a dangerousness hearing. That hearing was scheduled for yesterday.

Any updates will be reported in next week’s Courier.

## Tops closing its doors

BY JERRY CARTON  
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REGION — Now there’s one less grocery store in the region. Tops Friendly Market in Gardner (formerly Stop & Shop), a shopping destination for many in Winchendon given the absence of a market in town, will be closing next month at a cost of between 70 and 80 jobs.

Tops opened just last year after a merger with the parent company of Stop & Shop and Hannafords, but, “due to a number of factors including location, store size and lack of visibility, the store was not performing to Tops standards. The store will close on or around December 30, 2017,” said Kathy Romanowski, Tops’ public relations and media specialist.

Tops employees are members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1145. The union had been informed of the impending closure and Jim Carvalho, the group’s political director and business agent said, “we’re working on anything we can do to help them.”

While Winchendon has been without a grocery store for well over a year, area residents who choose to shop in Gardner still have Hannafords, Price Chopper and the Walmart super-store to choose from. While there have been sporadic reports about a new store in Winchendon, nothing definitive has as of yet developed, forcing local residents to go out of town for the big stores. If they chose to stay in town, Not Just Produced along with convenience stores have been the sole options. The Council on Aging has a shuttle service to Market Basket in Rindge.

It was back in 2015 when the parent companies of Stop & Shop and Hannafords joined forces but not before the Federal Trade Commission okayed the deal as long as the companies closed 81 stores nationwide. The Gardner Stop & Shop was among those sold.

Tops bought that store and reached a deal with Stop & Shop employees to continue to work at the Timpany Plaza site.

The Gardner location has been the sole Tops store in Massachusetts. Most are in New York with others in Pennsylvania and Vermont.

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## EDITORIAL

### Gratitude...and Ozzy

We usually do the what are we grateful for type column right about this time of year, just before or the week of Thanksgiving. It's sort of traditional, and we in Winchendon have a lot to be thankful for, especially this year.

Just look downtown. The new Cumby's anchoring one end of the street, and the new CVS at the opposite end really make the town look fresher and just possibly, a town worth the time of other retailers to look at. There are other small businesses making an impact, Crafty Cauldron is busy, as is the other craft business out on Gardner Road. Check both out as you start your holiday shopping.

As an intro to THAT, of course the town is once again doing a vendor fair at the town hall on Saturday, Nov. 25. Check the insert in this week's paper. It looks like fun, and a chance to meet several local businesses at one time.

The annual craft fairs and events at local churches, historical societies and museums are a vital part of this time of year, and we do encourage attendance at all of them. You just never know what a unique gift one might find among the treasures. Let alone the bake sales and hand crafted goodies for lunches.

It's a busy time of the year certainly, so for a relaxing (?) night out with friends, check out this Saturday night at the American Legion on School Street when the local Lions Club hosts the Ozzy Osbourne clones in concert. A different type of music perhaps, but definitely a great night out at a great venue, and of course a fundraiser for the local Lions who do such a wonderful job here in town.

Finally, this. We printed the letter to the editor in all sincerity last week. Willing to understand someone being upset by the way they felt things had happened with a situation in which family members were involved.

We let it stand as it was; choosing not to comment at that time.

But people need to understand just how it works. We as responsible journalists do not interfere with the police or ambulance in any way if at all possible. It isn't up to us to horn in on the privacy of people in pain, stressed and under considerable tension, particularly during the aftermath of an accident.

And there are many, many laws in place concerning exactly that. Privacy laws about medical information, and about how the investigation and the information can be shared.

The only way the journalist can (or should) be speaking to people involved is if they are approached themselves independently and voluntarily.

And even then, we are super cautious about releasing information.

The parameters of investigation are respected. We wouldn't want to be the ones responsible for messing up an investigation by the authorities by printing something we shouldn't.

So we don't. If we err the other direction by not printing enough, we'd rather.

And, just for the record and for our own protection, we've done a bit of research on our own. The letter was not entirely factual, or complete, or forthcoming, either.

Just so you know.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### OWC: holiday boxes are mailed

To the Editor:

First of all I would like to thank everyone who came to the American Legion to drop off donations or help sort the donations and get them packaged up to be shipped out for our Holiday Drive for Operation Winchendon Cares. Thank you to our "regulars"...Will Brown for our website ([www.winchendoncares.com](http://www.winchendoncares.com)); The American Legion Post 193 for their donation towards the postage as well as allowing us to use the hall; and Sweet Treat Bakery for baking, shrink wrapping and delivering the cookies!

This time I need to especially thank Ann Marie Slomcheck and Joni Gorecki for undertaking this monumental task in our absence. Job well done ladies!

Thanks to our donators & volunteers: Penny Allen; Anonymous; Mrs. Barbara and Mrs. McDonald's Classes TTE; Rebecca Blatz; Blue Star Mothers - Leominster Chapter; Megan Bohan & Family; Sue Cochran; Kelly Desgroseilliers; Deven's Recycling Center; Robert Drapeau with Kaiya Jess, Damon Jess & Carter Mayer; John, Antonio & Vincenzo Fantasia; Anthony & Elizabeth Findley; Bud Fletcher in memory of Carla with Jayne Stacey - Flip Side Grille & Emerson School in Fitzwilliam; Alicyn Gormley; Burt Gould Jr.; Coral Grout; Susan & Tom Hadley; Higbee Family; Linda Keckler; Tony LaPointe; Life Skills Program - Winchendon Public Schools; June Longe; Kayla & Mikey Maine; Bridgette Marinelli; Adam McDermott; Memorial School - Mrs. Lyons - Grade 1, Mrs. Duprey - Grade 2, Mrs. Robichaud - Grade 2, & Marie Blake with Speech; Lynn Murray and her 5th Graders; Paul & Ethan Musgrove; The Nasiatka Family; Derek & Bradeigh Peabody; Angie Knights-Pelletier; Mrs. Puutio's

5th Grade Class; Mark Robichaud; Michelle Rose; Matt Slomcheck; Nicole, Colby & Abby St. Pierre; Tracey Tenney and Stephen Wood with Scott Amber & Stacey Savan.

A lot of hard work goes into planning and carrying out these "drives" which are held four times a year. We appreciate each and every donation that comes in to us. PLEASE REMEMBER...we cannot take your donation if you box it up for shipment. We separate items by those that are going stateside versus those that are going overseas. We are legally responsible for every item that is in each box and need to sign our confirmations for the overseas boxes. Plus, shipping costs vary depending on what type of box is used. So please, just bring your donations down and we will take care of getting them boxed up.

If you know of anyone who is not on our list or someone whose address we don't have, please contact us so that we can add/update them. We contact people one month prior to our collection date. Usually, I can do the customs forms and labels up to a day before the mailing. This time I was out of state and had to mail everything one week prior to our drive. PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to send me an address. Unfortunately, several people did not get a package this time and it was the first time that this has ever happened. We need time to print labels and fill out forms and these cannot be done at the Legion on the day of the drive.

Thank you again for everyone's support. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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### Pogo was right

"We have met the enemy and he is us." - Pogo

Unfortunately, the now well-known phrase attributed to cartoonist Walt Kelly's swamp-dwelling possum still holds up. Those now-famous nine words first appeared on a poster Kelly did to commemorate the inaugural Earth Day in 1970, but they certainly hold a different and even more profound meaning when considered in the context of today's political and social climate.

Post a political opinion or late night political joke on Facebook - or any other social media site - and just wait for the feedback.

Granted, most of the responses, both pro and con, will probably be reasonable and well thought out. But just wait until those on opposing sides of any given issue start to reply to one another. The vitriol can go through the roof.

I truly believe social media has helped stoke the fires of ultrapartisanship in this day and age. People tap out opinions and arguments at their computers or cell phones as they debate each other, but the nuance in a person's voice cannot be heard in the letters on a monitor, be it large or small. Words and phrases that might otherwise seem harmless, or



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even trivial, when heard by the human ear are instead interpreted as outrageous illogic or a personal affront. Tempers become inflamed and one can almost hear the two combatants screaming at one another as they pound away on their keyboards.

I don't blame social media for

the dizzying depths to which our political and social discourse has descended; it began two or three decades ago. Yes, politicians and their supporters have always bantered back and forth with those with whom they disagreed. But, as I remember it anyway, there used to be some civility in the exchange. Those on the "other side" were not looked upon as the enemy, or as evil.

That, however, has changed. Look at the situation in Alabama. Evangelical Christians continue to embrace a senatorial candidate accused of being a pedophile, not because he is a truly good man

but because they sincerely hate what his opponents represent. And it was liberals, many of them women, who went to the mat defending Bill Clinton after it became clear he'd had an affair with a 22-year-old intern. Now, I'm not equating the two, but what I am saying is there's enough hypocrisy on both sides to go around.

What happens when we begin to see those with whom we disagree as the enemy, or as evil, is we begin to see them as no longer human. They are no longer one of "us," whoever the hell "we" are.

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## Motor vehicle accidents and the free press

Motor vehicle accidents. Stressful for those involved, and often, just as stressful for those affected. When loved ones or friends are hurt or injured, emotions can run high and understandably so. Sometimes it can be all too easy to lash out at others as we suffer from a traumatic experience, even though the law limits what they are allowed to do, and it is simply out of their control.

When reporters and correspondents cover a motor vehicle accident, known by all branches of emergency response as an MVA, a full system of legal checks and balances come in to play. They are there to protect the rights of all parties involved, including the rights of the victims, and those who may have violated the law. This applies to any

municipality, city, town, or village, throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in every state.

As members of the press, we are held to very high standards. When certain information is left out, it could appear that we are not doing our job to those who do not either know or understand the law. In reality, there is much we are not free, or legally eligible, to acquire. Please understand, we do not get to choose, we must abide by the laws in place.

When covering an MVA, there are immediate boundaries to respect.



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Acceptable distances, encroachment, and allowing for privacy both moral and lawful, are all necessary to protect the rights of both the victims and those who may have violated the law. If a party who was either struck by or struck another and is visibly injured, it is unethical to take a photo of that person or persons. If one of these potential parties is already at an ambulance, it is illegal to enter the ambulance or approach according to Massachusetts medical HIPPA laws. It is a legal violation of their HIPPA medical rights, and no matter how bad we want to get info,

we are not allowed to, and will not ethically or legally violate the law, or their right to privacy.

If members of emergency response need to take a party or parties to a hospital for treatment or evaluation, again, we as members of the free press have no legal right to any information what so ever. The hospitals, and justifiably so, would immediately tell us that it is illegal to do so, and a violation of the patients medical HIPPA rights. If violated, the hospital, the reporter, and news agency could face significant potential legal action.

The information the police are allowed to provide members of the free press

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### How far have we sunk?

By the time you read this, I suppose it's possible Judge Roy Moore might, might have done the decent thing and withdrawn from the Alabama Senate race after the absolutely credible accusations of sexual misconduct leveled against him by a woman with absolutely no axe to grind, a woman who has in fact voted for the last three Republican candidates for President.

Leigh Corfman didn't go to the Washington Post. Nor did other women. The Post's reporters covering the race heard stories, checked them out and wrote a detailed, meticulously researched piece after using 30, yes, 30, sources. Ben Bradlee would have been proud.

I can't imagine how much courage it took Corfman, who was 14 at the time (Moore was a 32 year-old assistant district attorney) and the others, to speak up. I just can't. They deserve enormous respect. Even after the Harvey Weinstein scandal opened the floodgates, it could not have been easy for them, or for other victims of sexual assault or misconduct to say so out loud. Sadly, the stigma remains.

That said, I'm thinking the more likely end result is that Moore, will in



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fact, be elected to the US Senate next month. So the bottom line question is whether the Republican majority caucus will have the guts to refuse to seat him. Don't hold your breath. An accused and alleged pedophile in the Senate? Hey, if that assures one more vote for their agenda, why not?

This is how far we have sunk? We? No. Not 'we'. Not by any means. This is how far 'they' have sunk. Maybe, hopefully, I'm wrong. Maybe Moore will withdraw. Maybe he will lose if

he doesn't. Are there enough voters in Alabama willing to reject a candidate accused of pedophilia and who, even before that, has made a career of extremism? Maybe the GOP will decline to have him in their midst. Maybe? Probably not. Morality and decency? Seriously? These people who are defending/supporting Roy Moore can justifiably be called the American Taliban.

I also don't know what to make of those female conservative commentators who are either stoutly defending Moore or trying to cast blame elsewhere. Ana Navarro has been an

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# A bit of wine, a chunk of cheese and the blues

With the Souled Out Showband in the background, a silent auction, a ticket auction and the camaraderie of friends, the annual fundraiser of the Clark Memorial YMCA packed the American Legion.

Wine provided by Westminster Pharmacy, beer by Wachusett Brewery, the catering by Sean Patrick's, desserts by Sweet Treats and the cheese variety by Smith's Country Cheese, those who chose to attend the annual event found themselves comfortably sated and soon out on the dance floor.

The Legion also had the cash bar open for those who wanted a bit more than just a taste of wine.

The annual support campaign provides youth and families with financial assistance to the Clark. This support allows children to participate in youth sports, swim lessons, attend summer camp and enroll in the before- and after-school childcare programs or the gymnastics program.

Adults and families can join the Y, attend group exercise classes, swim, improve overall health and become involved.

Silent auction sponsors included Silver Ranch, Winchendon History and



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Selling lottery tickets and encouraging patrons to try the cheese from Smith's Country Cheese were Tom Kane and Christian Orbello, both board members of the Clark.

Culture Center, Playaway Lanes, Winchendon Garden Club, paintings by local artists and services and gifts provided by the YMCA and its members.

Raffle sponsors included Fitzwilliam Inn, Carriage House, Playaway Lanes, Gabby's, Kathy's Salon, Gibbet Hill Grille, Reflections Country Collections, Flip Side Grill, Red Apple Farm,

Wachusett Brewery, Horse & Buggy Feeds, Dugan's Salon, Wood's of Westminster, Not Just Produced, American Legion Post 193, To Each His Own Design, and members of the Clark.

This year's event was planned by Susan Knight, Charlotte Rheault, Tom Kane, Jen Heisel, Christian Orbello, and Amanda Tousignant.



Ken and Vicki LaBrack visit with Ernest "Bud" Fletcher at the annual Clark YMCA fundraiser.



Rep. Jon Zlotnik and the assistant to the town administrator in Ayer Carly Antonellis enjoy the evening.

## Silliness unleashed

I cannot avoid this subject anymore.

Here is something I read today: "Leaders at the church that George Washington attended decided that a plaque honoring the first president of the United States must be removed."

Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia, will take down a memorial marking the pew where Washington sat with his family, saying it is not acceptable to all worshipers.

"The plaques in our sanctuary make some in our presence feel unsafe or unwelcome," leaders said, a reference to the fact that Washington was a slaveholder.

"Some visitors and guests who worship with us choose not to return because they receive an unintended message from the prominent presence of the plaques."

PLEASE NOTE: if you would care to register your opinion of this church decision you can email the Rector there as follows: [rector@ccalex.org](mailto:rector@ccalex.org)

I happen to reside in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I have driven down Monument Avenue in Richmond, admiring the statues that remind us of history. In Richmond and many other southern cities, such monuments are being torn down, defaced, or officially removed.

At a time, I lived in Georgia. People there have suggested the famous sculpture on Stone Mountain should be removed.

There are too many instances of political correctness for me to list them all. But we are, in my view, foolish to go down this road. Trying to rid the nation of memorials to past leaders, fallen soldiers, or any part of our history is to me unspeakable.

The most recent example, the one I mentioned above referencing George Washington, is a case worth expanding.

Many of the founders of this great country were slave owners. They were



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slave owners at a time when it was a common practice in order to operate the huge plantations. Although some of those enslaved were harshly or even brutally treated and lived in miserable circumstances, and slavery is an abominable institution, that misses the point.

Do you really believe any of these great men of history could have anticipated the way civil rights would evolve in this nation? Do you really believe, if they existed today, living by today's standards, they would be racists?

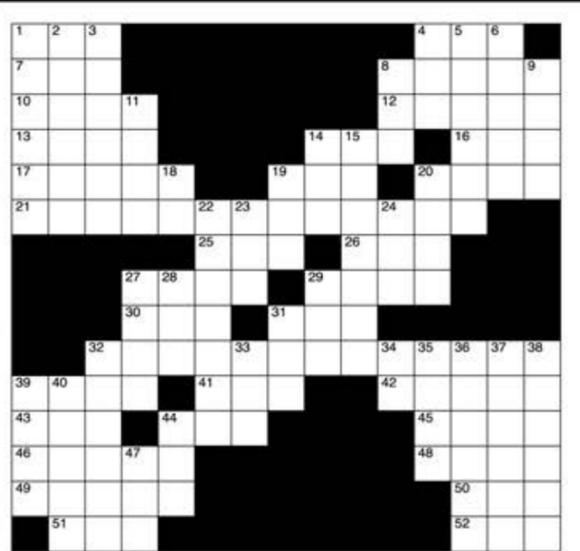
And for those who would see all remembrance of things past that today make us uncomfortable removed from our sight, let me ask you: Where do we stop? A statue in Richmond? All the statues? Shall we rename the Lee Highway? Perhaps we should haul down the Washington Monument in our capital. We cannot stop there, we have to bring down the Jefferson Monument, too. We will be quite busy removing names from highways, schools, government buildings, parks, places of worship.

I would personally be embarrassed to be part of those who suggest these steps. I firmly believe, with George Santayana, "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

Every time one passes something that permits a discussion of history, a teachable moment presents itself. If a statue reminds you of something distasteful, discuss it with your children, friends, and family. Turn the unpleasantness of that memory into something positive, something enlightening.

Keep up the current approach, and before long we will be burning the books that we find distasteful and joining with those societies who did that in the past.

We are better than that!



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Be back later"
- 4. Zhou dynasty state
- 7. Mineral
- 8. \_\_\_ and gagged
- 10. One of Lebron's former sidekicks
- 12. Ivory Coast village
- 13. Caffeinated beverage
- 14. Without armies
- 16. Intention
- 17. Sulfuric and citric are two
- 19. Supplement with difficulty
- 20. & & &
- 21. George and Weezie
- 25. Liquefied petroleum gas
- 26. Immortal act
- 27. Ancient Greek sophist
- 29. Aids digestion
- 30. Comedy routine
- 31. Actress Thurman
- 32. Adult beverage
- 39. Amounts of time
- 41. An awkward stupid person
- 42. \_\_\_ Walker, "The Color Purple"
- 43. Covers babies' chests
- 44. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 45. Ottoman military title
- 46. More skilled
- 48. Natives to New Mexico
- 49. Indigent
- 50. Illuminated
- 51. Very fast airplane
- 52. Devoid of cordiality

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Comedian Goldthwait
- 2. Worn by women
- 3. "Naked Gun" actor Nielsen
- 4. Processes fatty acids
- 5. Mortals
- 6. Not invited
- 8. Show \_\_\_: entertainment
- 9. Darkens
- 11. Pilgrimage
- 14. Danish krone
- 15. Savior
- 18. Midway between south and east
- 19. Electroencephalograph
- 20. Henry's wife Boleyn
- 22. Hairstyle
- 23. Frames per second
- 24. Sinclair novel
- 27. Basics
- 28. A person's life story
- 29. Luxury automaker
- 31. Ultrahigh frequency
- 32. Island and antelope are two
- 33. Taxi
- 34. Farm state
- 35. Fence part
- 36. Rwandan capital
- 37. Onomatopoeic
- 38. In a state of turbulence
- 39. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 40. Flowering plants
- 44. Inquire too closely
- 47. Sun up in New York

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9	5	1	4	3	8	2	6	7
6	3	2	9	5	7	8	4	1
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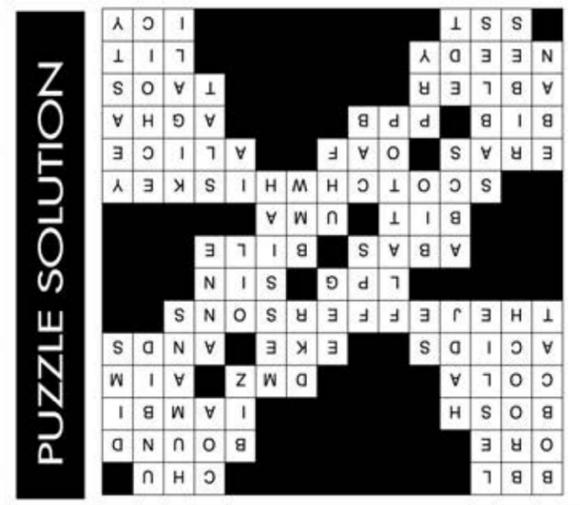
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# OBITUARIES

## Dante S.A. Piermattei, 87

Worcester- Dante S.A. Piermattei age 87 died Sunday Oct. 29, 2017 at the St. Francis Rehab. & Nursing Center.



He was the husband of the late Irene M. (Perron) Piermattei who died in 2009.

He leaves a son Mark Piermattei of Worcester, four daughters; Donna Piermattei of Mashpee, Joann Moore of Worcester, Lisa Piermattei and her finace James Fournier of E. Falmouth and Nadine Piermattei of Worcester and a sister Nadina Kotors of Winchendon. He had three sons that

predeceased him, Dante Piermattei of Worcester, William M Paolini and

Phillip Paolini and a brother Lindo Piermattei of Winchendon.

He was born in Winchendon son of the late Guerino and Justina (Mannone) Piermattei and lived in Worcester since 1955 prior to that living in Winchendon. He worked construction for many years. He served in the US Army as well as the US Navy and is veteran of Korea. There are no calling hours a celebration of life will be held Nov 24, 2017 Friday, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Cub. 53 Norfolk St., Worcester, MA burial will be private in the Veterans Cemetery, Winchendon, MA with military honors.. Donations may be made to your local veterans organization in his memory. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

## Betty E. (Gormley) Ashmore, 90

WINCHENDON — Betty E. (Gormley) Ashmore, age 90, formerly of 112 Ipswich Drive, died peacefully Thursday evening, Nov. 9, 2017 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



She was born in Winchendon on March 2, 1927, daughter of the late Charles E. and Ruth M. (Gordon) Gormley and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon. Betty was a graduate of Murdock High

School.

Betty had worked as a bank teller at the former Winchendon Savings Bank and had also worked as a waitress at the Old Mill Restaurant and as a tour guide for Wilson Bus Lines. She enjoyed playing music and loved

spending time in the Wells, Maine and York, Maine areas. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family.

Her husband, Harold E. Ashmore, died in 1992. She leaves a son, Kerry F. Ashmore and his wife Lise of Leominster; a grandson Jayson Ashmore of Leominster as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by two sons, Michael G. Ashmore, who died in 1993 and J. Peter Ashmore, who died in infancy; a brother, Gordon W. "Bill" Gormley and a sister Anne E. Mable.

There are no funeral services or calling hours planned.

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

## POLICE LOG

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

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

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

12:24-12:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:59 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:03 a.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), spoken to; 1:17-1:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:30 a.m.: fire/unknown type (School Street), services rendered; 9:28 a.m.: warrant arrest (Highland Street), services rendered; 9:46 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Highland Street), arrest; 10:12 a.m.: property found (Spring Street), message delivered; 10:49 a.m.: info/general (Otter River Road), info taken; 10:59 a.m.: drug/narcotics violations (Lincoln Avenue),

Eugene W. Duffy, 46, 24 North Main Street, #1, Orange, possession Class B drug w/intent to distribute, trafficking in heroin/morphine/opium, arrest; 11:53 a.m.: VIN inspection (School Street), assisted; 1:23 p.m.: assist other agency (Lincoln Avenue), services rendered; 2:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North), canceled; 2:35 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 2:37 p.m.: juvenile/general (Harvard Street), info taken; 3:20 p.m.: warrant of apprehension (Summer Drive), arrest; 3:55 p.m.: FD call (Summer Drive), services rendered; 4:26 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Bemis Road), services rendered; 4:33 p.m.: assist citizen (Brown Street), canceled; 4:34 p.m.: threats (Mill Glen Road), report taken; 5:47 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 6:01 p.m.: extra patrols (Walnut Street), secure; 6:12 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 6:26 p.m.: extra patrols (Juniper Street), secure; 6:49 p.m.: disturbance (Polly's Drive), transported to hospital; 7:10 p.m.: suspicious person (Russell Farm Road), unable to locate; 9:17-9:35 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

12:39-1:38 a.m.: buildings checked,

secure; 1:41 a.m.: ambulance (Winter Street), transported; 1:48-2:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:08 a.m.: transport (Ash Street); 8:21 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 8:43 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:54 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 11:08 a.m.: mv stop (Court Street), verbal warning; 11:54 a.m.: larceny (Hyde Park Drive), report taken; 12:01 p.m.: 911 hang up (Memorial Drive), no service necessary; 12:18 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 12:36 p.m.: assist citizen (Center Lane); 12:37 p.m.: summons service (Front Street), unable to serve; 2:00 p.m.: extra patrols (Harvard Street), services rendered; 2:16 p.m.: mental health issue (Linden Street), transported; 4:12 p.m.: suspicious person (Mill Street), report taken; 4:34 p.m.: summons service (Front Street), served; 4:40 p.m.: trespassing (Laurel Street), unable to locate; 4:57 p.m.: fraud (Central Street), spoken to; 6:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street), no service necessary; 10:30 p.m.: mv repossession (Spring Street), info taken; 10:34 p.m.: mv repossession (West Street), info taken; 10:53 p.m.: mv repossession (Ipswich Drive), impounded; 11:47-11:48 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

12:01 a.m.: unwanted party (River Street), services rendered; 2:14-3:22 a.m.: buildings checked; 3:36 a.m.: accident (Lakeview Drive), Jeremy Blouin, 25, 9 Pine Terrace, Rindge, NH, op w/suspended license, negligent operation, arrest; 7:52 a.m.: unwanted party (Ready Drive), gone on arrival; 8:13 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 8:22 a.m.: larceny (Ipswich Drive), report taken; 9:10 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), services rendered; 9:23 a.m.: investigation (Laurel Street), no service necessary; 9:34 a.m.: investigation (Pearl Street), no service necessary; 10:11 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 10:29 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 10:51 a.m.: threats (Maple Street), assisted; 11:07 a.m.: investigation (Ipswich Drive), services rendered; 12:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Toy Town Lane), no cause for complaint; 12:56 p.m.: keep the peace (E. Monomac Road), assisted; 1:42 p.m.: civil complaint (Green Street), advised civil action; 3:20 p.m.: assist citizen (School Street); 3:25 p.m.: info/general (Mill Street), info taken; 3:37 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 4:47 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), report taken; 5:15 p.m.: mv stop (Forristall Road), written warning; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 6:10 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street), assisted; 6:15 p.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), citation issued; 6:48 p.m.: mv stop (Old Gardner Road), spoken to; 7:54 p.m.: ambulance (Royalston Road North), false alarm; 8:16 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Mill Glen Road), spoken to; 8:19 p.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street), Garrett Brandon Fletcher, 19, 63 Vaine Street, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, number plate violation to conceal ID, unlicensed op of mv, unregistered mv, citation issued; 10:35 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 11:16-11:55 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 11:56 p.m.: property lost (Central Street), report taken.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

12:00 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported; 12:26-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:44 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), Sarah D. Rockel, 40, 61 Exeter Street, Fitchburg, arrest based on warrant, misleading a police officer, Frank Harrington, 54, 183 Boutelle Street, Fitchburg, negligent operation, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, op w/suspended registration, marked lanes violation, passing violation, transported to police station; 2:24 a.m.: welfare check/general (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 8:31 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 9:22 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive), assisted; 9:39 a.m.: Section 12/35 (Homeless), arrested; 9:42 a.m.: officer wanted (Willoughby Avenue), spoken to; 12:36 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), report taken; 12:40 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Baldwinville State Road), info taken;

12:56 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 1:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Front Street), referred to ACO; 1:56 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Main Street), info taken; 1:58 p.m.: trespass notice entry (Memorial Drive), info taken; 2:16 p.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), services rendered; 2:52 p.m.: civil complaint (Grove Street), advised civil action; 5:23 p.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial Drive), false alarm; 5:33 p.m.: suspicious auto (Northern Heights), gone on arrival; 6:00 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), written warning; 6:18 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 9:03 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 10:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), report taken; 10:57 p.m.: investigation (School Street), unable to locate.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:31-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:30 a.m.: registration check (Poland Avenue), info given; 2:04 a.m.: building checked, secure; 8:07 a.m.: property found (Central Street), info taken; 8:34 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), false alarm; 9:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Oakland Street), returned to owner; 10:17 a.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 10:42 a.m.: property damage (E. Monomac Road), no service necessary; 10:50 a.m.: mutual aid (North Street, Rindge), services rendered; 11:44 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 3:42 p.m.: suspicious person (Goodrich Drive), gone on arrival; 5:33 p.m.: erratic operation (Hyde Park Drive), Serena Holmes, 26, 191 Richmond Road, Winchester, NH, OUI drugs, summons; 7:07 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 7:42 p.m.: accident (Central Street), services rendered; 7:49 p.m.: mv stop (Grove Street), verbal warning; 7:53 p.m.: investigation (School Street), services rendered; 9:43 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), Jorge A. Falette, 22, 9 Young Court, #1, Keene, NH, carrying firearm w/o a license (2 counts), possession of firearm (ammunition) w/o FID card, possession of large capacity feeding device, reckless op of a mv, arrest; 9:56 p.m.: panic alarm (Railroad Street), false alarm.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

2:30 a.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), spoken to; 2:53 a.m.: accident (West Street), Wendy Thompson, 58, 68 Fullam Hill Road, Fitzwilliam, negligent operation, speeding, summons; 4:39 a.m.: burglar alarm (Ash Street), secure; 4:42 a.m.: runaway (Alger Street), Section 12; 8:35 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:12 a.m.: summons service (Park Street), served; 9:13 a.m.: assist other PD (Central Street); 9:22 a.m.: summons service (West Street), unable to serve; 9:29 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), unable to serve; 9:42 a.m.: summons service (Whitney Street), unable to serve; 9:50 a.m.: sex offender registration (Tolman Road), info taken; 9:52 a.m.: summons service (River Street), served; 10:10 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), served; 10:15 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), served; 10:18 a.m.: summons service (Ash Street), served; 10:32 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street), unable to serve; 10:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street), gone on arrival; 10:45 a.m.: property found (N. Vine Street), returned to owner; 10:57 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 11:51 a.m.: animal complaint (River Street), unable to locate; 12:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Doyle Avenue), info taken; 12:20 p.m.: property found (Glenallan Street), returned to owner; 12:27 p.m.: summons service (Spruce Street), served; 12:37 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), assisted; 1:20 p.m.: vandalism (Juniper Street), report taken; 1:24 p.m.: lift assist (Baldwinville Road), assisted; 2:58 p.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street), services rendered; 4:10 p.m.: summons service (Front Street), served; 5:35 p.m.: disabled mv (Gardner Road), spoken to; 6:39 p.m.: welfare check/general (Brown Street), spoken to; 8:11

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# OBITUARIES

## Charles H. Howe, 88

WINCHENDON — Charles H. Howe, age 88, of 50 Monadnock Ave., died peacefully Tuesday morning, November 14, 2017 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Gardner.



He was born in Sanford, Maine on November 27, 1928, son of the late Earl K. and Lena (Mosher) Howe and had graduated from Sanford High School. Charlie later graduated from University of Gorham and received his Master's degree from Columbia University. Charlie proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Charlie was a physical education teacher in Winchendon public schools for many years until his retirement. Before teaching in Winchendon, Charlie had teaching stints in Jaffrey, Cornish, NH and in the state of Minnesota. In recent years, Charlie had worked as a courier for

Mathieu Ford. Charlie enjoyed walking in the woods and along Lake Denison with his dog Spencer and he especially enjoyed assisting his dear friend Kenneth Girouard at Murdock Farm.

An excellent athlete, Charlie was a third baseman and played semi-professional baseball. He was a member of Artisan Lodge of Masons, the United Parish and was a former member of the Unitarian Church in Winchendon. He was especially fond of dogs, including his current dog Spencer. He was a resident of Winchendon for 58 years.

He leaves his wife, Marilyn (Whittaker) Howe; three children, Terry S. Howe, Charles H. Howe III and his wife Corrine of Raleigh, NH and Heather L. Howe-Despres and her husband Roger of Lehigh Acres, FL and two grandchildren, Brooks Ervin and Matthew Howe.

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

Memorial donations may be made to Worcester Animal Rescue League, 139 Holden St., Worcester, MA 01606.

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

## Noella M. LeBlanc, 68

GARDNER — Noella M. LeBlanc, age 68, of 258 Pine St., died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at her residence.



She was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada on Dec. 23, 1948, daughter of the late Camille and Anita (Richards) LeBlanc and was a resident of Gardner for most of her life.

Noella worked for many years as an assembler at the Cass Toy Factory in Athol. She was a graduate of Gardner High School. She enjoyed puzzles, crocheting, knitting and playing cards.

Noella was the wife of the late Harry Bennett. She leaves seven siblings, Jeanette LeBlanc of Alberta, Canada, Maria LeBlanc of Gardner, Theresa Lajoie of Gardner, Yvonne LeBlanc of Alberta, Canada, Romeo LeBlanc of St. Marie, Canada, Ivan LeBlanc of Maine and Leo-Paul LeBlanc of Calvary, Alberta, Canada; her long time friend Ronald Russell, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held in Wildwood Cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017.

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

## Yvette J. Ray

MELBOURNE, FL — Yvette J. Ray, formerly of Leominster, passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2017.



Yvette was born in Leominster to the late Phillip and Beatrice (Comeau) Doyon on November 21, 1930. She grew up in Leominster and graduated from St. Bernard's High School.

Yvette was employed as a teller at Merchant's Bank and Bank of America and was also a sales associate for Sage Allen. She was a former member of St. Leo's Church in Leominster. She very much enjoyed gardening, reading, puzzles and spending her time hunting for sand dollars in Kennebunk, Maine.

She leaves two daughters; Dr. Ellen M. Ray and her husband Brian Mack of Winchendon; Jacqueline Kudzma and her husband Stanley of Leominster, sister, Lucille Conner of Melbourne, FL;

grandchildren, John Mack and his wife Emalee of Ashburnham and Erin Mack of Winchendon; great-grandchildren, Maycee, Benjamin, and Finlee, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Yvette was predeceased by her husband William A. Ray and brothers, Paul & Ernest Doyon.

Calling hours were held Saturday, November 4, 2017 in the Lamoureux-Smith & Poliks Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner with a Memorial Service following. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Gardner Relay For Life, 43 Nagog Park, Suite 110, Acton, MA 01720 or the Oncology Department at Heywood Hospital, 242 Green St., Gardner, MA 01440.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.mackfamilyfh.com](http://www.mackfamilyfh.com).

Lamoureux-Smith & Poliks - A Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner is directing arrangements.

## Paul Maurice Leslie Sr., 85

CONCORD — Paul Maurice Leslie Sr., age 85, of Concord, formerly of Lincoln, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017 at Life Care Center of Acton.

He leaves his beloved wife of 62 years Betty (Lips) Leslie; his son Paul M. Leslie Jr. and his girlfriend Michelle Art of Winchendon; his daughter Cynthia Shaw of Templeton; his son Peter Leslie of Kentucky; his daughter Betsy Olivo and her husband Tom of Leicester; his daughter Mary of Concord; grandchildren: Valerie Ellison (Dwayne) Amy Fagan (Justin), Melissa Kearney (Nathan), Christopher Shaw (Laura), Amanda Shaw, Joshua Leslie, Jacob Leslie, Morgan Leslie, Michael Olivo, Shawn Olivo; great grandchildren: Victoria and Gabriella Proctor; Kaleigh Shaw; Alana Bonilla; and Emma and Justin Fagan; loving brother of the late Bernard Leslie, Helen Macone, and Martha Doyle and grandfather to the late Julie Shaw, our little angel in heaven. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Born September 25, 1932 in Arlington, he was the son of the late Maurice and Annie (DeWolfe) Leslie. He was a lifelong resident of Lincoln and Concord. In his early years, he would help his father on the family owned turkey farm in Lincoln. He attended Lincoln and Concord public schools and graduated as class president from Concord High School in 1951 where he lettered in

football.

For 25 years, Mr. Leslie worked as a salesman for Lord and Burnham selling green houses. Most recently, he retired after 25 years of employment from Concord and Littleton Lumber Company. Mr. Leslie was a lifetime member of The Concord Lodge of Elks as well as a past member of the Concord Rod and Gun Club. In his younger days, he enjoyed late night card games with his wife, his dear cousin Bob and his wife Theresa along with their friends. He was often seen in Concord center during the Christmas season, helping out Santa. Paul's greatest gift was his love for his family. He will be remembered by his family as a hard working, genuine, loving man.

Family and friends gathered for visiting hours on Friday, Nov. 10 in the Dee Funeral Home, 27 Bedford Street, Concord Center. An Elks service took place at 6:30 pm. His funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Farrar Chapel of the Dee Funeral Home. Burial followed at Lincoln Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place, West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02455. The Leslie family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the caring staff at Life Care Center of Acton for their support over the past several months.

## Amanda Jean Sanderson, 35

BRATTLEBORO VT — Amanda Jean Sanderson, age 35, died tragically as the result of a malicious act on October 27, 2017.



She was born in Marietta, Georgia on January 25, 1982. Amanda grew up in Newfane and attended Newfane Elementary School and Leland & Gray Middle School. She graduated with high honors in 2000

from Brattleboro Union High School & Career Center where she was enrolled in the culinary arts and business programs.

Recently, Amanda lived in the Brattleboro area and worked for area businesses and restaurants. She loved animals of all kinds, especially her cat Riker, who died with her. She loved the Boston Celtics, bringing home stray cats, and cuddling with her son, Tyler, watching movies and listening

to music. Amanda was well known for her quick wit, beautiful smile and great sense of humor.

Amanda leaves behind her mother Pamela Lane of Ludlow, formally of Brattleboro and her husband Michael Eno; father, Curtis Sanderson of Bridgewater, formally of Newfane and his wife Ellen Quinn. She also leaves the love of her life, her son, Tyler Eugene Thomas, age 12, of Westminster, sister Kristina Sanderson and nephew Cole of Winchendon, Massachusetts and her grandmother, Ruth Lane of Brattleboro. She was pre-deceased by her Papa, Eugene Lane. Amanda also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, and cousins and many, many friends.

Service were held on November 13 at 4pm with a reception following at The Stone Church, 210 Main Street, Brattleboro.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Windham County Humane Society, 916 West River Road, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301.

## Robert R. Charland, 80

GARDNER — Robert R. Charland, age 80, of 193 Barthel Ave., died peacefully Friday afternoon, Nov. 10, 2017 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Gardner. His family was at his side.



He was born in Gardner on May 7, 1937, son of the late Louis and Rita (Moison) Charland and was a lifelong resident of Gardner. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War

Bob worked as a postal carrier in the city of Gardner for many years until his retirement. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He enjoyed walking and playing cribbage and pool as well as other activ-

ities at the Gardner Senior Center.

He leaves his wife of 28 years, Geraldine (Salo) Charland; four stepchildren, Katrina Hayko and her husband Stephen of Tega Cay, SC, Richard Buskey Jr and his wife Amy of Portsmouth, RI, Paul Buskey and his wife Sarah of Woonsocket, RI and Neil Buskey and his wife Kristie of Cumberland, RI; a brother, Francis Charland and his wife Sandra of Leominster; three sisters, Priscilla Valliere of East Templeton, Gloria Bourgeois of Gardner and Judith Roberts and her husband Sonny of Florida, eleven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 in Annunciation Parish, 135 Nichols Street, Gardner. Burial, with military honors, followed in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is entrusted with arrangements.

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



He leaves his wife of 14 years, Nicole N. (Brewer) Tompkins; two daughters, Faith M. Tompkins, and Leah C. Tompkins; his parents, Leo Tompkins and Deborah (Perry) Tompkins of Bolton; his twin brother,

David Tompkins and his wife Lori of Hudson, NH, his brother, Christopher Tompkins and his wife Michelle of Winchendon; his sister-in-law, Jessica Ross and her husband Scott of Franklin; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Lee was born in Boston, and lived in the Marlboro and Hudson area prior to moving to Spencer

13 years ago.

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

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

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

## Lucas J. White, 14

TROY NH — Lucas J. White age 14, of Troy, NH, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH from complications of asthma.



Lucas' parents, Spencer and Tonya (Patch) White, proudly welcomed their son into the world on February 23, 2003 in Peterborough, NH.

Lucas grew up in Troy attending Troy Elementary School and later Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey, NH where he was currently a freshman.

An aspiring football player, Lucas played on the Junior High football team at Monadnock and had started playing on the freshman football team until his asthma forced him to stop playing the game he loved.

An avid outdoorsman, Lucas loved to hunt and fish with his father. He also enjoyed snowmobiling and ice fishing during the winter months. He would also challenge himself at video games and paintball, and going with his friends to the Sky Zone. Lucas also dabbled a little in farming, raising his own chickens.

Lucas loved playing with his choco-

late lab puppy, Grizz, and he was constantly making people laugh with his silly antics.

Lucas will be greatly missed by so many friends and family, especially his parents of Troy; his brother, Keegan R. White of Troy; his maternal grandparents, Patricia Mazerolle of Winchendon, and Howard Patch Jr. of Winchendon; his paternal grandmother, Mary Jo White of North Swanzey, NH; his uncles, Kevin Patch of Troy, Donald Patch of Troy, Jeffrey Patch of Fitzwilliam, Morgan White and his wife, Heather of Swanzey; his aunts, Penny Davies of Fitzwilliam, Angela White of Laconia, NH, Giovanna Cunningham of Swanzey, Bianca Jacobson of Winchester, NH; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Glenn White and his step-grandfather, Grampy Alcide Mazerolle.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in St. Bernard Church, 185 Main Street, Keene. Burial followed in the Mountain View Cemetery, Route 12, Troy. Foley Funeral Home, 49 Court St., Keene was entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lucas' memory to the Lucas J. White Fund, c/o Savings Bank of Walpole, 84 Marlboro Street, Keene, NH 03431.

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## SPORTS

## Decency. Or why I don't write about kids' sports so much

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Let's talk a bit about youth sports. Yes, let's.

I've been writing about youth sports for a very long time. I covered a couple teams for our two papers, the monthly Calumet and weekly, mimeographed weekly Revelation, when I was in high school in Baltimore. In college at AU, I wrote for the Eagle. Among other things, I sometimes covered basketball at drafty and occasionally frigid Ft. Meyer in Virginia, where home hoops were played before Bender Arena was built. One of the most enthralling games I've ever covered was a field hockey contest between AU and Georgetown on a sunny

afternoon in the fall of 1975 and for the record I've written well over several thousand sports stories for this newspaper. I still cover girls' soccer and basketball, a little at least, primarily because of coaches Jason Marshall and Jim Abare respectively, who are class acts and are teaching more than just their sports. MHS is very fortunate to have them both. I assume readers will understand that I'm not going to cover softball anymore.

I pretty much stopped doing sports for several reasons. For one thing, like most journalists I know, I really like people and so getting to do profiles is a lot of fun. People fascinate me. Their stories are frequently compelling, sometimes funny, sometimes inspiring, sometimes sad, sometimes all those things. I like writing about education and social issues. But there's more.

Parents. Parents were a major factor in my decision to

significantly reduce how much I wrote about sports. I don't care if you live in Winchendon or Burke, VA or Chicago or Cherry Hill, NJ or wherever. We see it everywhere. Sports parents can be a problem, not all, obviously, but more and more of them are agitated and delusional and show no respect for coaches (many of whom are volunteers), officials, rules, even other kids. We've all seen a demise in decency.

It's no wonder the most obnoxious, bratty kids tend to be the offspring of obnoxious, bratty parents and it's a real tribute to young athletes who behave a million times better than their parents.

I mentioned delusion. Too many parents these days seem to be operating under the idea their kid is headed off to play D-1 sports as a prelude to their professional careers. Whether it's school or town sports, or travel leagues, too many parents have become confronta-

tional and abusive towards coaches whom they absurdly believe are hindering their precious prodigy's progress. Not so coincidentally that's driven good coaches away. Too many parents are resentful when supposedly lesser talented athletes actually get, gasp, playing time. I've walked off too many fields feeling like I need a shower. At my age, I don't need that anymore.

Sometimes it's not just the parents.

I've seen coaches too, who have no grasp of the concepts of humility and respect. They're great. Their team is great. They can guarantee D-1 scholarships. They run up scores. They rule their sport. Just ask them. I can't tell you how nauseating that is. I remember being so proud of the kids on those softball teams who, despite winning multiple state championships, maintained a respect for opponents and the game alike. I remember the

very first practice after they won their first state title in 2008. Practice was on the high school field and there were no banners, no signs and no yapping about how great they were. I've seen teams and coaches who've accomplished a lot less run their mouths a lot more and increasingly so.

I suppose this is a microcosm of declining standards in society as a whole? Maybe that's too easy. I don't know. I know there are great coaches, true role models, and great, supportive parents. No question. Thank God for them. But here's what else I know. I know these others - these arrogant, belligerent, and yes, delusional parents are doing their kids no favors and neither are arrogant and obnoxious coaches and there seems to be far, far too many of them than there used to be. That's a sad commentary. Agree? See you next week.

## United Sports includes all athletes



Mary Harrington photos

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

At the Winchendon School on Ash Street, every student participates in Service Learning projects. That's part of the deal and for seniors Justin Aldes and Seth Barrett, that meant doing something for special needs youngsters who weren't always able to participate in sports.

Together they formed 'United in Sports', a soccer program that wrapped up last week and are planning a basketball season during the winter.

How did it come about? "We all have to do something, and as soon as I heard 'sports', I was interested in this," recalled Barrett.

Creating the regional program was a task in

and of itself. For starters, the duo enlisted the support of superintendents of area school districts in Winchendon, Gardner and Narragansett. Next, they recruited volunteers to serve as 'buddies', making sure participants were safe and in September launched the Sunday afternoon games.

"Disabilities didn't matter. Playing mattered," said Aldes.

"In the beginning," he went on, "we were worried whether anyone would sign up. We thought we had this really good idea. We had talked to the public school districts about partnering with us, but you never know. We were relieved when there really was interest," laughed Aldes.

Aldes and Barrett were the student leaders but

they didn't do everything on their own. Fellow students joined the group as well. One of those, Dmitri, said he wanted to become involved because he had a friend, a good soccer player in Russia who was injured and subsequently became unable to play.

"That made me want to do this," he noted.

"Justin and Seth gave special needs kids a chance to be competitive," remarked college counselor and English instructor Mary Lee Harrington. "Students run these projects and Justin and Seth did a great job."

"I think everyone has a responsibility to give back," reflected Barrett. "Yes, it's required, service learning that is, but it's important to give back when you can."

## SUNK

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exception but have you heard others? What is wrong with these people? What can possibly be going through their heads? I expected garbage from Steve Bannon, though he seems to have conveniently forgotten it wasn't the Post who outed DJT on women, but DJT himself, but from women? These people have no soul. None. These are the people who have sunk to levels once unimag-

inable. I hope what we saw last Tuesday, when inclusive and progressive candidates were winning elections coast to coast, is a harbinger of things to come. Last Tuesday was tangible proof the Resistance is alive, well, and voting in numbers unheard off for off-year elections. \ Last Tuesday was who we really are. Let's see if there's common decency among Alabama voters.

Changing gears. Next Thursday is Thanksgiving. I have been trying not to think

about it. I am trying to not make assumptions about what kind of day it will be for us. My philosophy has been to simply let it arrive and it will go however it goes. We've always gone to Baltimore for Thanksgiving but not this year. Too hard. Friends here have graciously invited us to spend the holiday with them. We're really appreciative to have been thought of and we accepted. Thanks Seth and Amber. Hope all of you have a nice holiday. See you next week.

## MEETING

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the \$286,995 for the proposed capital items by a margin of 80 to 20 percent. In addition to the phone system, that amount will pay for a new dump truck and sander, a tractor, and additional security cameras for the school department. It also provides the cash needed to repave the fire station, replace a police cruiser, purchase patrol rifles for the police department, and replace duty weapons for police officers.

Voters also approved the spending of \$50,000 from available funds for the reconstruction of sidewalks on Central Street, north of Maple Street, and Grove Street. The town wants to upgrade the sidewalks in part to improve safety for students walking to Toy Town Elementary School, as well as to Memorial Elementary and Murdock. The money would be used to supplement a state grant the town is seeking to cover most of the cost of the work. If the grant is not approved, the work will not be spent.

In addition, voters approved spending an additional \$17,742 to cover the cost of

electricity at several town-owned buildings, with another \$52,535 going to pay for electricity at the town's three school buildings. The funds were not included in this year's budget because it had been anticipated that the solar array built at the former town landfill would go online sometime during this past summer. The array will supply electricity to all town buildings, but the online date has been pushed back to May of next year. As a result, the town must continue to purchase electricity directly from National Grid until that time.

Also receiving a thumbs up from voters was a zoning bylaw proposed by the town's Planning Board to institute a moratorium on the granting of licenses for recreational marijuana retailers. Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero explained the moratorium, which will last until June 30 of next year, should give the town enough time to enact zoning restrictions on where such businesses may locate in Winchendon.

The moratorium, the last article on the warrant, was approved by an 88 to 12 percent margin.

It took voters just under an hour to complete the meeting.

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## Thursday, November 9-Saturday, December 2

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

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

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

## Saturday, November 11 and Sunday, November 12

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

# CLYDE'S CORNER

Calvary cemetery then to Riverside.

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

## Saturday, November 18

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

## Thursday, November 24

**OPEN MIC:** at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us

at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.

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

## Saturday, December 2

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

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** the annual buffet breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Kiwanis of Winchendon is scheduled 8-11 a.m. at the Carriage

House Restaurant. Bring your camera for a photo with the jolly fellow himself. Every child receives a gift courtesy of the Kiwanis.

## Thursday, December 7

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## Saturday, December 9

**HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR:** the Winchendon History and Cultural Center hosts its holiday house tour with nine places to visit in full holiday regalia this year. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person. Don't miss this excellent holiday event.

## POLICE

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p.m.: mv stop (Mill Glen Road), verbal warning; 8:25 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 8:50 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville Road), citation issued; 9:06 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), services rendered; 9:10 p.m.: extra patrols (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 10:42 p.m.: ambulance (Royalston Road South), transported.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:34 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), spoken to; 7:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street); 7:52 a.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), unable to locate; 8:46 a.m.: threats (Ready Drive), report taken; 10:58 a.m.: suspicious person (Ipswich Drive), unable to locate; 11:29 a.m.: summons service (West Street), unable to serve; 11:45 a.m.: summons service (Whitney Street), unable to serve; 11:56 a.m.: harassment order

service (Court Street), unable to serve; 12:22 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 12:50 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 1:09 p.m.: animal complaint (Oakland Street), referred to ACO; 2:06 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 2:11 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Central Street), services rendered; 2:16 p.m.: mv stop (Mill Street), citation issued; 3:04 p.m.: FD call (Grove Street), assisted; 3:21 p.m.: dog bit (Elmwood Road), report taken; 3:41 p.m.: accident

(West Street), Shelby L. Corkum, 18, 22 Monadnock Avenue, Winchendon, negligent operation, report taken; 5:22 p.m.: property found (Central Street), info taken; 7:38 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), unable to locate; 8:46 p.m.: animal complaint (Old County Road), advised officer; 8:53 p.m.: ambulance (Polly's Drive), referred; 8:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Juniper Street), report taken; 10:00 p.m.: burglar alarm (Elmwood Road), secure.

## POGO

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We forget that they, like us, have their own personal stories. We no longer consider that they may have a sick or handicapped child at home. We don't take into account they may be caring for a parent who doesn't even know who their child is

because they're in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease. We don't know if they may be wrestling with their own personal demons, such as alcoholism or drug addiction, or that they may be battling a terminal illness. And, what's worse, when we look at them only as "them," we don't care.

It's time we stopped giving

in to those who – whether it's deliberate or not – do their best to divide us; to separate us into warring camps.

It's a small world, and an even smaller country. We would do well to stop seeing our neighbors, our fellow countrymen and -women – just because they disagree with us – as someone to be reviled. A little understand-

ing would go a long way.

As we head into the holiday season we would, regardless of one's faith or lack thereof, do well to remember the lessons of all great religions; that we are indeed our brother's – and sister's – keeper. We are not here alone. We are not a world unto ourselves.

Treating one another with

a bit more respect and dignity and kindness, whatever one's station in life, would do none of us any harm.

Just remember, however we act – whether we're kind or cruel, joyful or angry, generous or close-fisted – our children and grandchildren are watching.

Let's teach them the enemy should no longer be "us."

## ACCIDENTS

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is also very limited, again to protect the legal rights of both victims and violators, along with any potential upcoming litigation. The police are doing their jobs with a level of professionalism, which is to be respected.

When the press seeks information regarding an MVA, the police by law must only give out information generalized, as required. The police can't provide any information no matter what requests submitted by the press, which could jeopardize any potential legal case, individual rights, or potential charges pending

for violations of the law. The press is not entitled to any previous criminal background information regarding any parties involved in an MVA, and will not be given any. We again, have no legal access to such information.

One of the only ways we can talk to any person involved in a MVA is give the press permis-

sion to speak with them, after they have exercised their right to refuse of medical treatment, which was recently the case. Otherwise, the press could not have spoken to that person involved.

In closing, we as the press must both morally and legally respect the rights of all individuals involved. When infor-

mation is not provided, it is not due to what could first appear to be shoddy or a lack of work, it is because we must obey Massachusetts law, HIPPA law, and respect the rights of all parties involved.

Please do not even think a lack of information equals a lack of caring or concern for those

who have been harmed, for when we cover MVAs, our hearts are also racing, praying that all involved will be well. Just because the law says we cannot ask or approach, in no way implies we never desired to so such, as we truly care for those who are in pain.

## VETERANS

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retired, this day is for you. As we live day after day in sharing the freedoms provided by individuals, who year after year make the ultimate promise by raising their right hand, and taking the oath that states they will offer their lives when the country calls for the freedom and safety of our nation."

Masaitis added, "It's a remarkable moment in a parent's life, when a young man or a young woman makes a choice to become one of America's best. They are no longer young adults. They are men and women that learn what it's about to become to be loyal to an organization of order and respect. To share with others you have never met before, and become brothers and sisters of a strength and trust of a special bond that they will share for the rest of their lives. I would also like to acknowledge the families of our veterans who play a major role in support and the success of our veterans. We thank them."

"Veterans are the people who do not just go out and fight in wars or conflicts, but who answer the nations call to support countries and humanitarian needs," added Masaitis, who also pointed out American veterans never ask for anything in return for the sacrifices.

Masaitis also spoke of how his own daughter, who as a little girl paraded around their family home in his boots, grew up to join the United States military at the age 18, only to have her career end at the age of 21 due to a horse accident saying, "My own daughter is the veteran I will always think of."

In closing Masaitis said, "I would like to say thank you to all the veterans both past and present. We thank you. To those who leave this country in the fight for freedom, we honor your commitment. To those who return from the long tours, welcome home. And to those who we lost along the way, we will honor your memory forever."

Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) spoke of the various ways we can all thank veterans. She gave an example of a 97 year old veteran she knew, who asked her for a tour of the Massachusetts State House to which she was all too happy to provide.

Gobi said, "We thank veterans. But sometimes we don't take that extra minute to say, 'What can we do for you, or what can we do for you or your family?' It made me so good to take this veteran I just spoke of around the State House, and see how good it felt to see people keeping coming up to him and thanking him for his service that day. As our veterans please know, if there is something we can do for you, we want to be able to do something for you in return and do those things for you. We truly do appreciate everything you have done and continue to do serving our families, our communities, and our nation. With a heartfelt request, if we can be a help to our veterans, please contact us."

Rep Jonathan Zlotnik, speaking next, said, "A point I really want to make is how we truly appreciate that service provided by veterans which has been done on our behalf. From the beginning in our own revolution, to our involvement in the European wars, decades of Americans manning posts across Europe and Asia, to the War on Terror. Countless

days, and countless hours. Yes, we need to thank them for their service. Yes, we need to thank them for what they did. Yes, we should absolutely make sure their needs are taken care of."

As part of society's obligation Zlotnik added, "We have to make sure we take ownership of that responsibility, and what was done on our behalf. This is part of our responsibility as being good citizens. Taking responsibility for our obligations with things such as being a good neighbor, not dodging jury duty, and remembering to vote. When you get that jury summons in the mail, or election day rolls around, thing about that young American soldier standing in the cold, at a check point in West Berlin in October of 1962, or the 30,000 Americans who are on the border of North Korea right now, or the other tens of thousands at bases all over the world making sure that harm is kept very far away from us."

Zlotnik closed with, "This is part of our obligation to our veterans, to be good Americans and live up to that sacrifice which they have given to us. It's not enough to say thank you once a year. We have to make sure we all live up to this great gift we have all been given."

Director of the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery Richard Bastien, who also manages a similar facility in Agawam, said, "This is not Winchendon's cemetery, this is the state's cemetery. Those who are interned here come from all around the state." Bastien who is a United States Navy veteran praised the men and women who rest eternally on the sacred grounds for their sacrifices to their nation, and thanked both those who have served and those who will serve in the future.

Bastien thanked every family of every veteran for the support they provide those who serve, and also said, "Every time you attend a state cemetery, you honor not just those who are buried here, but all who are buried here."

After the ceremony, Gobi said, "These are people who care, from communities who care. They value the service of our veterans, and also respect what our active military members are doing. It's an opportunity for everybody to come together and give back and say thank you to those who have given so much."

Zlotnik added, "This demonstration of support for Veterans Day despite what some may say is proof the American experiment is alive and well. I am leaving here to go to another packed room in another community, and support shown there as was here is a testament to what our veterans mean to so many for all they have given."

As part of the Winchendon "Wreaths Across America" Program, volunteers will be welcome to join in the laying of wreaths at Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, on Dec. 15, with a ceremony to follow on Dec. 17, at 11:45 a.m.

If you would like to donate to the cause, the cost of one wreath is \$15, and a donation of \$20 will allow one to designate a specific head stone in which a wreath would be placed. Please make checks payable to "Winchendon Wreath Fund" and mail donations to C/O Bridget Marinelli, 14 Winter Place, Winchendon, MA 01475

If you have any questions please contact Bridget by email at [bmarinelli4@msn.com](mailto:bmarinelli4@msn.com), or call (978) 895-0133.

## MEMBERS

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prepared by members of the Unit. The salad was prepared by Lisa Gauthier, Unit President, and the beef stroganoff was prepared by Monique Connor, Unit Senior Vice President and District IV Director. Each recipient received a carnation, courtesy of member, Michelle Comeau.

Coral May Grout, past Department President and member of Unit #193, welcomed

everyone to the recognition. She introduced several speakers: Gauthier, Connor, Ann Johnson, Massachusetts Auxiliary Membership Chairman, and Maureen Cragen, Massachusetts Department President.

The following members were recognized for 20 years of membership: O. Anne Coderre, Elizabeth Hunt, Sarah Lent, Suzanne Breton, Camille Shack, Donna Treshinsky, Martha Page and Marie Patch.

Fifteen members achieved 25 years of membership: Kelly Casavant, Pauline Lashua,

Janet Minckler, Juliette Floria, Nancy LeBlanc, Debra Ann LeRay, Joan Waterhouse, Sara Jane Cornier, Jennifer Coxall, Kathleen Rice, Vicky J. Gauthier, Toni Gilbert, Jessica Jess, Martha Minckler, and Erin O'Connor.

Lorraine Adam, Waunita Edson, Sandra LaJoie, Marilyn Parks, Irene Santini, Karen Sawyer, Sharline Ford, Marilyn Murphy, Vicki LaBrack, Catherine LeRay, and Dorothy Lupien were recognized for 30 years of membership.

Celebrating 35 years of mem-

bership were Martha O'Connor, Patricia Maillet, and Bonnie Betourney.

Lisa Holland and Lynne Rice achieved 40 years of membership.

Lisa Cosentino, Catherine Winn and Arlene Therrien were recognized for 45 years as members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Eight women were recognized for their golden membership of 50 years: Lorraine Hunt, Priscilla Johnson, Silvi Marinelli, Ann Clapp, Rochelle Doody, Gloria LaBrack, Barbara

Porter, and Aline LaFalam.

Virginia Raymond received recognition for 55 years of membership.

Coral May Grout celebrated 65 years of membership.

Rachel Chapman celebrated 75 years of membership.

And, the longest living member of the local Unit was Rachel A. Grout, with 80 years of membership.

In addition to receiving a carnation, each member received a bookmark, a pin with her years of membership and a certificate suitable for framing.

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## LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point 81 feet southerly from a point in the southerly side of Jackson Avenue, which point on Jackson Avenue is 286 feet westerly from the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Webster Street; thence Southerly and parallel to and 286 feet distant from the westerly side of said Webster Street 45 feet; thence Westerly and parallel to and 45 feet distant from the southerly line of Chesley land 178 feet to a point that is 130 feet easterly from the center line of the main track of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence Northerly 45 feet to the southwesterly corner of Chesley land, which corner is 81 feet southerly from the southerly side of Jackson Avenue; thence Easterly along the southerly line of said Chesley land and parallel to and 81 feet distant from the southerly line of Jackson Avenue about 178 feet to the point of beginning.

There is also hereby conveyed a right of way for the passage of men and vehicles over the westerly portion of said Chesley land, which westerly portion lies between the westerly boundary of, and the house now situated on the said Chesley land, and which runs from the southerly line of Jackson Avenue to the above described premises.

Parcel II.

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated southerly of Jackson Avenue in said Winchendon, being shown as Outlot "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of land prepared for James E. Richards, Trustee of the Richards Family Trust, Winchendon, MA, Scale: 1 inch = 20 feet, February 11, 2005, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, 4 Jolly Road, Royalston, MA 01368" which Plan is recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 822, Plan 125, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner thereof, at a gun barrel at the southeasterly corner of land of James E. Richards, Trustee of the Richards Family Realty Trust, a southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Roland J. and Janice M. Raymond and at a northwesterly corner of other land of the town of Winchendon; thence South 3° 17' 41" West, by said Town of Winchendon land, 25.80 feet to a gun

barrel; thence

North 86° 02' 43" West, by said Town of Winchendon land, 180.14 feet to a point at the southeasterly corner of Outlot "B" shown on said Plan; thence North 03° 17' 41" East, by said Outlot "B", 23.72 feet to a point at the southwesterly corner of land of said James E. Richards, Trustee; thence South 86° 42' 19" East, by said James E. Richards, Trustee land, 180.13 feet to a gun barrel at a corner of land of the aforementioned Town of Winchendon and the point of beginning.

Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying and Parcel I and Parcel II the same premises conveyed to me by deed of James E. Richards, Trustee, dated March 28, 2005, to be recorded herewith in said Deeds, Book 3S5970 - Page 178.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35970, Page 178.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2  
Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Scortico, Jared A., 17-028159  
November 3, 2017  
November 10, 2017  
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November 17, 2017

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54657, Page 211; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 1, 2017 at 30 Cross Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Two parcels of land with any building thereon situated on the easterly side of Cross Street, bounded and described as follows; Parcel I BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of the described tract, said iron pipe being 104 feet easterly from an iron pin in the easterly line of Cross Street, and in line of land now or formerly of one Quirk; THENCE Easterly on said Quirk land 57.70 feet to an iron pipe in line of land now or formerly by Toy Town Tavern; THENCE Southerly on said Toy Town Tavern land 66.97 feet to an iron pin at corner of land now or formerly one Cahill; THENCE Westerly on said Cahill land 46.595 feet to an iron pipe being 104 feet easterly from an iron pin in the easterly line of Cross Street; THENCE Northerly 66.667 feet to the place of beginning. Together with rights of way to lay and maintain water pipes legally in force in the year 1950. Said right of way for ingress and egress being 12 feet wide and running easterly from Cross Street to the above-described premises. Parcel II BEGINNING at a point that is distant eighty-four (84) feet northerly from the easterly line of Cross Street, which point of beginning is on the southerly line of land now or formerly of Quirk; THENCE Easterly by said Quirk land twenty (20) feet to the northwesterly corner of Parcel I herein; THENCE Southerly by said Parcel I fifteen (15) feet; THENCE Westerly on land now or formerly of Fern E. Tuttle and parallel with and fifteen (15) feet distant from the first described course twenty (20) feet; THENCE Northerly by said Parcel I fifteen (15) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of David M. LaFrennie date June 29, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 41410, Page 266 The mortgagor expressly reserves my rights of Homestead, if any, and does not wish to terminate my Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding my waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

### TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return

of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

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November 10, 2017

November 17, 2017

November 24, 2017

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

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### ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

**Daniel R. Sweet**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

**HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MASTR Reperforming Loan Trust 2005-1**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Winchendon**, numbered **67 Grove Street**, given by **Daniel R. Sweet to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., its successors and assigns**, dated **August 31, 2001**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **24759**, Page **379**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **December 11, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on October 25, 2017

Attest:

**Deborah J. Patterson**

Recorder

(17-009345 Orleans)

November 17, 2017

### WINCHENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BYOB PERMIT APPLICATION

The Winchendon **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, will hold a public hearing in the 2ND Floor Auditorium, Town Hall, 109 Front Street on Monday, November 27, 2017, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the application of **The River's Edge**, 302 Spring St., Winchendon, Mass., Seth Silver, Manager, on the application of a **BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle)**. Anyone wishing to make comments is encouraged to attend.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

Board of Selectmen

November 17, 2017

# Winchendon honors its own



Greg Vine photos

Adults and children gather flags from the graves of veterans last Sunday at Calvary Cemetery in Winchendon. Flags were also collected from graves in Riverside and Old Centre cemeteries. The flags are taken down before winter and will be burned in a ceremony on or around Flag Day, June 14 of next year. New flags will be placed at the graves prior to next Memorial Day, May 31. Sunday's flag collection was organized by American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 93 Senior Vice Commander Mark Demarais.



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Those receiving a meal have the choice of accepting one of roughly 80 turkeys, or a \$10 food gift card to assist with either purchasing a turkey, or something else such as a ham or whatever choice they prefer. Fresh vegetables are in abundance. Meals are available with carrots, 10 pound bags of potatoes, butternut squash, acorn squash, green beans, turnip, sweet potato, stuffing, cranberry sauce or dried cranberries, a loaf of bread, apple cider, gravy, and more including small holiday pies, cheese cake, or even cupcakes.

Small kitchen utensils were donated locally by Lifetime Brands, and according to Laperriere, "One anonymous lady, who is both a client and friend of the WCAC, was kind enough to donate 300 small, hand knit pot holders to aid others with their busy holiday cooking duties."

"We want people to know that even though you may not have been on the list for a Thanksgiving meal basket, there is always the possibility of food being left over, and if you need assistance you should check in with us" explained Laperriere who went on to say, "While we are trying to get the majority of baskets out this week, we are going to be available next week and if a person has encountered a situation they did not or could not anticipate, and have not already received a basket from another agency or entity, we encourage them to check with us to see what we have available."

In closing, Laperriere thanked both volunteers and donors by saying, "There are no words I can truly say to express the gratitude I have for my volunteers. With all of them, there is absolutely no way we could meet the needs of the community. These folks are dedicated, they care, and they work really hard to get the job done every day. I cannot express how grateful I am to both have them in my life, and at the WCAC. I would also like to very much thank our donors who have come through and helped us make it all come together to help those in need. I am so grateful for those who care and give so generously to help make a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate."

The WCAC is located at 273 Central St. in Winchendon. For any questions, it can be contacted by Telephone at (978) 297-1667, Fax at (978) 297-0390, by email at [director@winchendoncac.com](mailto:director@winchendoncac.com) or viewed on the internet at [www.winchendoncac.com](http://www.winchendoncac.com).

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