

## Atter a finalist for national award

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The idea came to Memorial School kindergarten teacher Brenda Keney last October. Keney was home sick, lying on her couch and idly scrolling through her emails when one caught her eye. National Life Changer of the Year Award read the subject bar, and Keney instantly thought about her school principal, Michelle Atter.

"I thought about how much she does, how much of a dif-

ference she makes, what kind of positive influence she is and has been for so many children, so many families. And she works with parents, guardians, sometimes with DCF, and of course with faculty and staff and most of all the kids," enthused Keney. "My kids tell me she always says hi to them, makes them feel safe. I don't think I wrote all that, but if anyone deserves to win, it's Michelle. I've seen a lot of people come and go, but Michelle's always here," she added.

Atter didn't even know she'd be nominated. Word began to leak out during February vacation so it wasn't until school reopened when Atter found out.

"I was surprised. I was," she said. "But this is about everyone in the building. Like most principals, I'm only as good as my staff and I'm fortunate to have a great one. I'm all about teamwork," she stressed.

"This is a reflection on them," asserted Atter.

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Greg Vine photo

Principal Michelle Atter and her champion, kindergarten teacher Brenda Keney, who entered Atter into a competition for a national award.



Greg Vine photo

Ren McCormack (Alex Marshall) belts out the opening number to get the audience immediately into the music of Footloose. More photos page 12.

## Everybody gets Footloose at Murdock

BY GREG VINE  
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Audiences were highly entertained by Murdock High School's presentation of the musical *Footloose* last Friday and Saturday nights at the MMHS auditorium.

The musical tells the story of a young man who moves from the city environs of Chicago to the small town of Bomont, a community where the local minister has banned dancing and rock and roll. It is loose-

ly based on a 1980 article in *People* magazine about events that actually occurred in the small, religious community of Elmore City, Oklahoma.

Suffice it to say the young man, Ren McCormack (played by Alex Marshall) hits town, strikes up a relationship with the Rev. Shaw Moore's (Jack Newbrough) daughter, Ariel Moore (Kaileen Dibble), shakes up the town and finagles a way to hold a senior prom with both dancing and

rock and roll.

Despite the familiar plot, the performance was enthusiastically embraced by audiences on both nights of the presentation.

Cast members for this year's production were: Alex Marshall (Ren McCormack); Molly Murphy (Ethel McCormack); Jack Newbrough (Rev. Shaw Moore); Robyn Ufema (Vi Moore); Kaileen Dibble (Ariel

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## WFD hosts joint rescue training exercise

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Winchendon firefighters with members of the Royalston and Templeton fire departments held a joint training exercise for ice and cold water rescue techniques in the frigid and frozen waters of Lake Denison on Sunday.

With over 20 multiple department members on hand, rescue by tether or rope, crawling on the ice, weight distribution, exiting the water to gain access on to the surface of the ice via pontoon craft, victim extraction from the fringed water and more, including rescue live sleds, were all part of

the inter-departmental hands-on training.

Dressed in neoprene cold water immersion survival suits, which provide both thermal protection and buoyancy for the rescuer, WFD Lt. Firefighter-Paramedic Andrew Harding spent several hours both in and out of the water as fellow fire fighters took turns practicing gaining access to the potential victim and extraction back to solid ground during the four hour event.

Starting with a safety brief at 9:00 a.m., ice and water time took place from 9:30-1:30 under the watchful eyes of instructors WFD Captain Bryan Vaine

and FF-Chief Diver James Bevilacqua.

Vaine said, "We went over multiple techniques such as the rescue live sled, which is a piece of equipment we have both here in Winchendon and in Templeton. We train the department and personnel on how to use it yearly. If we were in a position to need mutual aid from that department, we have similar equipment so we are trained on how to use it."

"Should we not have that piece of equipment being the ice or live rescue sled, we could also pull a person from the ice using one person and a tether

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## Planning continues wrestling with pot regs

BY GREG VINE  
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In their last meeting before a public hearing on proposed zoning bylaws governing the sale of recreational marijuana in Winchendon, members of the Planning Board Tuesday night wrestled with details of a final draft bylaw to present to residents on March 20. The board ended up making some minor changes in the most recent draft of the proposed regulations, but members conceded that more changes could be made as a result of the public's input.

One of the first questions addressed by the board was

whether to limit the number of medicinal marijuana dispensaries, in addition to retail establishments. Discussions revolved around the number to allow, whether to limit them to the marijuana overlay districts being proposed, or whether to allow medicinal pot sales anywhere in town.

State law requires Winchendon to allow at least two recreational marijuana retailers, based on the number of town liquor licenses.

After a brief discussion, board members decided to allow for just one medical cannabis establishment and to

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## TOWN MAY BECOME HOME TO ANOTHER SOLAR ARRAY

BY GREG VINE  
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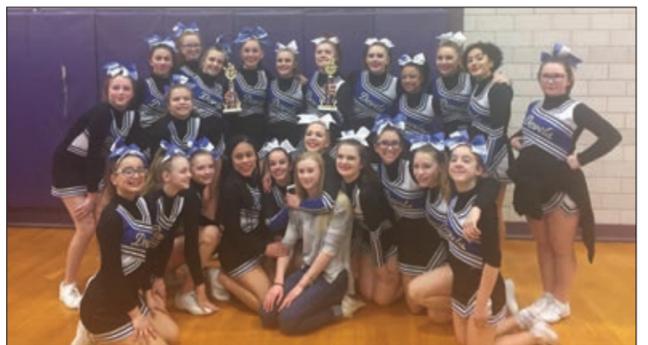
Winchendon may before long be changing its nickname from Toy Town to Solar City. Details of plans for a ninth solar array in town were presented during public hearings held by the town's Conservation Commission last Thursday and during Tuesday's meeting of the Planning Board. The latest proposal calls for a 5,580-kilowatt facility to be located off Route 140, not far from the

Gardner line.

Thus far, the only solar field that has been completed is the one sited next to the town's landfill near the town's transfer station off River Street. Those in the works include one each on either side of West Street, two separate arrays off Lincoln Avenue Extension, a second facility on River Street, another on what used to be the back-nine of the Winchendon School golf

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## GOING TO STATE LEVEL!



Courtesy photo

The magical season of Murdock High School's varsity cheer squad continued last weekend when the team placed third in Regionals and that was good enough to earn them to the State competition Sunday in Whitman at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School.

"It's been a long time," exhaled Coach Lisa Paulitzky, who'll be readying a team for states for the first time since

2005. "This team, these are great kids. They really want it. They show up and work hard every day. They're completely committed. They give it 100-percent every day in practice. And it's a fun group to work with too. They've really earned this."

Left to right are: Allie Cobiski, Makenzie Lundin, Taylor Goguen, Maria Polcari, Jocelyn Laverdure, Izaria Alcantara, Ariana Berman, Rebekah Bergeron, Meghan Knight and Anijah Rodriguez.



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### WEEKLY QUOTE

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

- Newt Gingrich

# Innovative science class encourages unique students

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Innovative education ideas are all over the place. Take, for example, a project created by Murdock High School students working with teachers Sherri Fairbanks and Kathy Young in a Principles of Engineering class. “The class,” explained Fairbanks and Young, “was designed and developed to offer students with disabilities (students with individualized education plans and other learning disabilities)

the opportunity to take additional science classes to meet their high school science requirements.” Young and Fairbanks explained the project is structured around being hands-on while “developing life-long learning skills. The class focuses on working collaboratively, meeting deadlines and following through completion.” Having an in for supplies didn’t hurt, either. Free is always better, and Fairbanks Auto and Power Equipment helped the project along by donating

various items to smooth the road. The project didn’t start just this week, either. Students have been working since school began last summer on the engineering and design process, and recently were handed the task of building a chair made entirely from cardboard as the culmination of the structural engineering unit. There was a process too. “Students were required to work within their learning teams to define the problem, identify the criteria and constraints of the project,” said Young.

To personalize the effort, every student had to draw an orthographic sketch of their design idea. Groups then reconvened to reach a consensus on a final project within the parameters of the assignment. By the time it was done, there was even a video featuring Serena Caputi, Kassie Kreidler, Austin St. Peter, and Lexi Pare. “They got the kids motivated,” said Principal Ralph Olsen.

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### BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY!

Cub Scout Pack 193 is hosting Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Sunday, March 25 7:30-9:30 a.m. at United Parish Church, 39 Front St. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, home fries, coffee and juice. Adults \$7, children aged 10 and younger \$4 and a family of four or more \$20. Thank you for supporting Cub Scouts!

**HAM DINNER**  
The Mason of Artisan Lodge Winchendon will host a ham dinner Saturday, March 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the Old Murdock Senior Center. Please reserve your place before March 14 by calling the Center at (978) 297-3155.

### NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL

It's March and almost time to re-open the Narragansett Historical Building, located at 1 Boynton Road in Templeton Center. We are getting geared up for an amazing year, and would love if you would be part of it. Memberships are affordable and make great gifts! Email us at the address below for more information, or join us at our monthly meetings. All are welcome.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 28 at 7pm at the Templeton Senior Center, 1 Senior Drive in Baldwinville. We will be discussing our upcoming season of events to include Tea Parties in the Garden, Nights at the Museum, Kite Fest and much more. We are a thriving volunteer organization ready to expand and always looking for new ideas and hands to chip in. Are you a whiz at working with your hands? Do you fancy photographs? Raring to research some relatives? We have something for everyone! To learn more, follow us on Facebook at Templeton Museum (Narr Hist Society) or send us an email at [nh1924society@gmail.com](mailto:nh1924society@gmail.com).

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Memorial School Kindergarten Registration for school year 2018-19: If your child will be 5 years of age by Aug. 31, 2018 then he/she is eligible for Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018.

Open enrollment will begin on Monday, March 12 and run through Friday, April 6 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For those parents that are

unable to register their child during that time, an evening registration will be held on Wednesday, April 4, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Registration packets were mailed home on Friday, Feb. 16 (based on town census). If you do not receive a packet and your child is eligible, registration forms will be available on the District website at [www.winchendonk12.org](http://www.winchendonk12.org) or you can call the school at (978) 297-1305 for more information.

### TEMPLETON BLOOD DRIVE

The Templeton Senior Community Center, 16 Senior Dr. Baldwinville, will be hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Saturday March 31 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

ROCHESTER, NY — The following students at the Rochester Institute of Technology made the Dean's List for the fall semester: Joseph Yeiter of Rindge, who is in the industrial engineering program and Jacob Haase of Jaffrey, who is in the electrical engineering program. Degree-seeking undergraduate stu-

dents are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

BOSTON — Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local residents were recently named to the University's dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December 2017. Gardner resident Adelaide Sargent majoring in international affairs; Westminster resident Audrey Brigham majoring in health science and Winchendon resident Akychame Mhyana, majoring in history. To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

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The Life Changer of the Year Award is sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation and “rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees in the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.”

Winning would be nice, too. The grand prize winner announced this spring will receive \$10,000 for their school and local district.

“We could use that for sure,” Atter said.

Ironically, she had gotten a poster about the organization in the mail but admitted to having originally thrown it away.

“I assumed it was more junk mail,” she laughed ruefully.

“She’s an advocate for every child who comes into our building,” said Keney, who’s been working with Atter for 15 years.

“She gets involved in every aspect of a child’s life to help them become lifelong learners and to persevere and succeed in school,” added Keney.

Atter noted the importance of perse-

verance. “This level is where they need to learn to push through and see things through. Perseverance is big here,” she said.

While nominations come from all 50 states and DC, just 17 schools will be awarded one of the prizes. In addition to the grand prize winner, four finalists will get \$5,000 for their school and 10 Life Changer award winners will get \$3,000. Another \$5,000 will be awarded to the Spirit winner, whose district shows the most support for their nominee.

Keney said one of Atter’s many strengths is how quickly she responds.

“Pretty much immediately whenever I or anyone else needs something,” she noted.

“That’s my job,” reflected Atter. “When someone says they need something, they need it. It’s my job to be there for them. But I can’t stress enough how much the nomination is really not about me, though I appreciate Brenda doing it of course. It’s about her and everyone else here. It does take a village. The whole faculty. The whole staff. They’re the ones who deserve to be recognized.”

Winners will be honored at a dinner later this spring in Bermuda.



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# Celtics player to keynote awareness program

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce and MVP sponsor Agera Energy present a mental health, substance abuse and suicide prevention awareness event featuring keynote speaker, Brian Scalabrino, Boston Celtics analyst and former player.

The event will be held on the evening of Tuesday, March 13 from 4:30-8 p.m. at Great Wolf Lodge, 150 Great Wolf Drive, Fitchburg.

A key issue facing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and one which has hit our region especially hard, is the high rate of suicide in our population. Impacted by mental health concerns and the opioid addiction problem, the negative economic effect of this situation is considerable.

The Chamber and Agera Energy are proud to partner together to take on the challenge of ensuring that the business community is aware of the magnitude of the problem, learns to recognize the signs and becomes famil-

iar with the resources available.

Guest speaker, Scalabrino, had an 11 year NBA career. He played six years with the Boston Celtics including the 2007-08 NBA Championship season. He is currently an analyst for the Boston Celtics and is co-host of the SiriusXM NBA radio program *The Starting Lineup*. Brian is also a member of the sports philanthropy organization, Athletes for Hope.

In addition to the speaking presentation, a number of local agencies that provide diverse resources related to the suicide situation will be available to address concerns and dispense information at the venue from 4:30-6 p.m. A portion of the event proceeds will be donated to local suicide prevention, substance abuse and mental health awareness initiatives.

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Event tickets are \$60 per person. Ticket price includes dinner. Advanced reservations are required. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.gardnerma.com](http://www.gardnerma.com) or contact the Chamber at (978) 632-1780 email: [info@gardnerma.com](mailto:info@gardnerma.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the Chamber office, 29 Parker St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Gardner.

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# GALA calling for entries for spring art show

The GALA 2018 spring art show with live music is scheduled May 4-6 at the Winchendon American Legion, 295 School St.

Opening reception will be Friday, 6-9 p.m. with art awards at 7 p.m.

Our distinguished judges this year are: Peter Laytin, photography professor, Fitchburg State University; Tamar Russell Brown, owner of Gallery Sitka, Fitchburg; and Ann Capodagli, owner of Boulder Gallery, Fitchburg.

There are two options for entering the show:

Option 1: Online entry, which submits your information & payment to GALA electronically.

Option 2: Paper entry form. A PDF Call for Entries which includes a form that you print & mail with payment to GALA, PO Box 664, Gardner, MA 01440.

*\*\*Please allow enough time for mailing so that your entry is received by*

*the deadline.\*\**

With either option, your entry is due by April 6.

Other events coming up for GALA include the first GALA artist critique meeting of the year Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.-noon at the GALA Arts Gallery, 135 Front St., Winchendon.

Join us for coffee and conversation, get feedback and insight into your creations. Bring two pieces of artwork, in any medium, finished or in progress, to present to the group.

Whether a novice or a master, it's always a fascinating conversation when creative minds come together to talk about color, composition and technique.

Register by April 5. This event is free for current GALA members, and you can bring one guest.

Planning further ahead, GALA *Paint the Town* 2018 art show will be July 27 - September

27 at Gallery Sitka, 454 Main St., Fitchburg. Opening reception will be Friday, July 27, 6-9 p.m. with art awards at 7 p.m. Our distinguished judges will be: Jennifer Jones of the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance; Susan Navarre of the Fitchburg Historical Society; Susan Wadsworth, FSU art history professor; and Kledia Spiro, marketing at the Fitchburg Art Museum (and an artist).

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Director Lorien Corbelletti is looking for a small adult cast of three men and one woman. For detailed character descriptions visit the TAM web site at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu>

Auditions for *THE 39 STEPS* will be held in room 182 at Mount Wachusett Community College on Tuesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. No appointment is needed.

*THE 39 STEPS* runs June 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 p.m. and June 24 at 2 p.m.

For additional information contact Professor Gail Steele at (978) 630-9162 or [g\\_steele@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu).

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Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

## EDITORIAL

### Not on Central Street

We have been following the ins and outs of decisions to be made on siting the pot shops coming to Winchendon this summer. It isn't an easy decision, and we give props to the people trying to do it right.

Because, let's face it, we are afraid of anything new.

We are afraid we, as humans, might fall off some unseen cliff and become (horrors) deprived.

It doesn't matter that most of us are fine, upright citizens more than capable of handling our baser instincts. We can handle walking or driving by the occasional sin city beckoning site whether it's a liquor store or a bakery.

And let's face it. Since prohibition, do gooder laws have been trying to get OTHER people to do what we want them to do, live how we want them to live, for more than a century.

It hasn't worked very well. Still, we are responsible for the youngsters in our midst.

We truly do want to be aware of just where and how we present the mean old world to our most innocent citizens.

So even though we can't, and shouldn't, move all the retail some don't

agree with out of town. We can, at this juncture, make some decisions about the new stuff.

Since the Powers That Be decided reinventing the wheel was the way to go, and not just put the pot in the existing stores already regulated (liquor stores) and go with the flow; then let's go with the new regulations. Let's decide correctly where to site the new stores, and yes, let's keep them away from public schools, private schools (including dance schools) and the recreational areas where kids congregate including the Clark.

Does that mean a walking customer who lives near downtown now finds him or herself with a need to find transportation to get down to Waterville or out to north Winchendon? We guarantee they'll find a ride. They will offer to buy a bit of the whimsy in return for the trip, they certainly will find the ride.

So yes, keep it off Central Street. There are plenty of outlying spaces. It actually may generate some new business in those other areas. And it means those who fear it won't see it.

A win win for everyone.

### The Golden Rule in Toy Town, the Big Apple and the World

In January 2018, I watched an Oliver Stone documentary on the second World War. One of the few positive outcomes of the near-apocalyptic conflict was the forming of the United Nations, an internationally created, long term method to avoid similar conflicts in the future.

The initial permanent members of the UN that maintain their positions to this day are the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China. Since then, the UN has adopted a total of 193 member nations, the most recent member being South Sudan who joined in 2011.

After watching the documentary, I spent some time clicking through the United Nations website, and found that their headquarters in New York City offered guided tours. I previously thought it was too much of a locked-down fortress of diplomacy for the public to enter, but was pleasantly surprised. In a moment of impulse, I scheduled myself a tour on February 28 for the price of \$20. Then, I scored a cheap bus for \$15 and eagerly awaited the trip for two months.

In the time prior to the tour, my

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mother told me she wished she could go. I told her there was nothing stopping her at all, and that I'd love her company. She took a day off work and booked herself on the same tour and the same bus, since neither she nor I had ever been to New York City.

When the day finally came, we woke at 4:00 a.m. that day to catch the 6:00 a.m. bus in order to take the noontime tour. Upon arriving in NYC and walking the 20 blocks to the UN, I quickly realized this was the most secure place to which I'd ever been. Car stopping metal posts rose from the street in front of the delegate entry gate, and armed guards stood at every doorway.

After passing security clearance, however, I found a much more welcoming and communal environment.

The outdoor concourse of the UN consisted of a long concrete slab decorated with endless flags and pieces of artwork donated by member countries. One gift, from Luxembourg, was a sculpture of a pistol with its barrel twisted in a knot around itself. Another nearby piece

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## Your problem, not mine



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*"If I had a large amount of money I should found a hospital for those whose grip upon the world is so tenuous that they can be severely offended by words and phrases yet remain all unoffended by the injustice, violence, and oppression that howls daily."* - Stephen Fry, English comedian, actor, and activist.

Forgive me for whining, but I'm whining about all those people who seem to make a career out of, well, whining. There are those among us who have practically built careers out of being offended. Some are offended by very specific things. Some are offended by nearly everything.

I'll probably get in trouble for this, but three recent examples of - in my opinion - gross over-reaction come to mind.

First, last month was Black History Month, which I honestly believe is a great idea. The contributions of African Americans to the building of our nation are grossly under-taught and woefully unrecognized.

Well, the Boston Police Department stepped in it last month when they posted a tweet "in honor of Black History Month," it said, lauding great Boston Celtics coach, general manager, and president Red Auerbach. The tweet credited Auerbach for "being the first NBA coach to draft a black player in 1950, field an all African-American starting five in 1964, and hire the league's first African-American head coach (Bill Russell) in 1966."

Now, granted, the tweet was certainly a tip of the hat to a

white Irish guy. But, in its own naïve Boston cop kind of way, it did pay homage to early strides made by African Americans, albeit with the help of, again, a white Irish guy. But in celebrating Black History Month is it so wrong to recognize those non-African Americans who had the brains and foresight to realize how stupid it was to refuse to reward talent on the basis of one's skin color?

A misstep? Maybe. But did it really require an apology from the BPD?

I suppose I'll be pilloried if I suggest Walter Mondale should be recognized for having the good sense to pick a bright, talented woman - Geraldine Ferraro - as his running mate in 1984; the first woman on a major party presidential ticket.

This is, after all, Women's History Month.

So...let the arrows fly.

Then there was the parents' boycott of the movie Peter

Rabbit because it supposedly depicted "food allergy bullying."

Shut the front door!

One scene in the film shows Peter and his furry buddies attacking their arch enemy, Mr. McGregor, by pelting him with blackberries. Turns out McGregor is allergic to the fruit, starts choking, and has to employ his epi-pen.

Now, my nine-year-old grandson has a food allergy. Can't have any dairy. He's not simply lactose intolerant; ingesting any dairy product could kill him. And he has an epi-pen nearby.

His mom took him and his sister to see Peter Rabbit, and he liked it...a lot! And when he left the theatre he wasn't feeling bullied or suffering from low self-esteem.

See - and I'll probably get in trouble for this, too - but I think a lot of parents create low self-esteem and anxiety in their

own kids by sending signals that that's how they're supposed to feel. A lot of children would be just fine if parents would just stop imposing their own insecurities on them.

Finally, was it really necessary for Shawn White to apologize for dragging the American flag on the snow after his dramatic gold medal victory in the men's half-pipe at the Pyeongchang Olympics? Really?

Get serious, people! The guy just won the freakin' gold medal at the Olympics! Doesn't happen every day. A little flag-dragging during an exuberant celebration of a hard-won victory can - and should - be forgiven.

But, of course, there were those who had to immediately tweet their displeasure. Well, dammit, get over yourselves!

In the wise words of author Salman Rushdie: "If you're offended, it's your problem."

## Bridging divides... and weather choices

Listen to the other side. Try to understand why they think the way they do. Be empathetic. Try to find at least a little common ground. That's what we tell each other we should do and in many cases that is, believe it or not still possible. Compromise is not a dirty word. In fact, when both sides leave the negotiating table a little unhappy, you've probably got yourself a reasonable deal.

But sometimes you can't bridge the divide. I know people who still believe Barack Obama is a Kenyan born Muslim. I know people who buy into the "fine people on both sides" of the Charlottesville discussion. Tell me how you bridge that divide. You can't of course. You ignore those people. You certainly don't engage in wasteful social media debates with them. Rather, you let

them howl at the moon all on their own. It's not like they're going to ever change their minds. Extremist wackos need to be marginalized and isolated. They offer nothing to rational discourse. Calling them out may offer a momentary sense of satisfaction, even smugness, some righteous indignation at their ignorance. But that accomplishes nothing. I know the argument exists they need to be called out. I understand the argument which suggests we have to point out how unacceptable they are, but I think a better approach is to ignore them and then outvote them. Pretty simple



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Hill, no one seemed quite sure what to expect. We were likely to get 3-6 inches of snow. No, we were going to get 6-12 or more with damaging winds and potentially widespread power outages.

Maybe.

You all saw the same forecasts I did. Every station was waffling on what was

actually.

Not so simple was the decision we faced last weekend. The Nor'easter forecast was quite explicit for the Cape and came to pass just as warned. But for the "interior", as the weather people on TV like to refer to anything north or west of Beacon

going to happen around here. I'm not one of those who reflexively whine that meteorologists are always wrong. First of all, they're not. Not by a longshot. To suggest they are is yet another example of intellectual laziness. Second, they can only work with the information they have and sometimes that data is confusing and or contradictory. Given that, it was again decision time. We don't have a generator, not that I'd have any idea how to operate one anyway. What I do have, though, is a nebulizer and I'm more dependent on it than I'd like to be.

Of course, beginning Tuesday I watched forecasts obsessively whether at home or on my phone. I'd switch from Harvey Leonard on channel 5

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## President Trump sued by an adult film actress

There can be no denying it. Many who have sat in the office of the POTUS have had their share of extra marital affairs, scandals, and all sorts of shall we say "interesting dealings" either before entering or during office. Nearly all have been sued in court for something, but by an adult film actress?

There is no calling this one "Fake News" Mr. President. You are being sued by none other than Stephanie "Stormy Daniels" Clifford, who with her attorney just filed against you in Los Angeles Superior Court. You remember her don't you Mr. President? The person who your attorneys signed an agreement with on October 28, 2016. Yes, something about your legal team asking her to keep quiet about your previous intimate relationship in 2006 through 2007. For those of you wondering about certain time frames, "The Donald" married current wife and now First Lady Melania Trump on January

22, 2005. Do the math.

While our President and his ego the size of the Empire State Building love to brag about his great deals where he has put pen to paper many times making his billions, he apparently forgot to sign on the dotted line with what could have been the most important deal of his life, a paltry by comparison \$130,000, payout to keep a porn star quiet about his shall we say, personal activities. The agreement was also designed to block distribution of any confidential information about Trump or his sexual partners, to any persons aside a limited amount of people who Clifford had already informed about their relationship, including, photos, texts, or other.

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known as the "Hush Agreement" our POTUS is known as "David Dennison" and Clifford is known as "Peggy Peterson." This agreement according to Clifford's attorney Michael Avenatti is completely void as even though Clifford was paid, President Donald J. Trump never signed the document. Did we forget something Mr. President? What happened to those "Art of the Deals" talks we've heard so much about over the last few decades?

Let us be clear. If you wanted to be first at something you have our congratulations "Or lack thereof" Mr. President as you are now the first sitting President in the history of the United States of America to be sued by a porn star while in office. Visual,

"Drop the mic."

If I may offer President Trump, you may want to call another Past President who you've enjoyed bashing so much about how to deal with the aftermath of an exposed extramarital affair, a fellow you love to call Slick Willy. I am sure the Secret Service can hook you up with his phone number, as you can no longer deny you have something in common with him no matter how much you deny it.

There is no fake news this time Mr. President. A copy of the current lawsuit can be viewed on the internet at [http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/TODAY/z\\_Creative/Filed%20Complaint.pdf](http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/TODAY/z_Creative/Filed%20Complaint.pdf)

In closing Mr. President, you promised the smoothest sailing ship to ever traveled the political seas of the White House and Capitol Hill. Now sir no matter how much you accomplish, you are guaranteed to go down in history for having a "Stormy" Presidency.



# Make sure you choose the right financial professional



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What kind of lifestyle do you hope to have in retirement? Do you have

a strategy to get there? If you don't have confidence in your plan, it may be time to engage a financial professional. But how do you choose the one who's right for you?

These days, you have more options than ever — including so-called robo-advisors. Robo-

advisors typically use algorithms to assemble investment portfolios, with little to no human supervision, after customers answer questions online. Generally, robo-advisors are fairly cheap, and their recommendations are usually based on sound investment principles such as

diversification.

However, when considering a robo-advisor, you should determine if an algorithm can address your needs as well as a human being — someone who actually becomes familiar with your life and all aspects of your financial situation. Furthermore, a

robo-advisor can't really handle the new wrinkles that will inevitably pop up, such as when you change jobs, and you'd like to know what to do with your 401(k) from your previous employer — leave the money in that employer's plan, transfer the account to the new employer's plan or roll it

over to an IRA. You probably couldn't receive a personalized evaluation of your options, based on your individual goals and circumstances, from a robo-advisor.

So, if you decide to work with an individual financial professional,

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from Italy was called "Sphere Within Sphere", a large brass globe with circular mechanical parts and gears inside. The last piece was given to the UN in 2015 by a Haitian/American named Rodney Leon, called "Ark of Return". It is a large, white, geometric, stone enclosure, holding a life sized sculpture of a man in a cramped cell. It is a permanent memorial to the victims of the transatlantic slave trade, which made a market out of the kidnappings of an estimated 18 million people. These three pieces summarized the three objectives of the United Nations: peace, cooperation among nations and human rights.

At the start of our tour, our German guide asked us where the members of our tour were from. Folks said Norway, Poland, France, Finland...as it turned out, my mother and I were the only ones in the 20 person tour who were from America. The first stop was the UN Security Council Chamber, which had just wrapped up a meeting regarding struggle in the member nation of Yemen. It is the only arm of the UN that can make legally binding decisions that apply to member nations. Like all the other meeting chambers we entered,

the chamber was a gift of another country — the security council room was that of Norway. Meetings in the chamber are off limits, so it was a bit of a privilege just to see some ambassadors and staff lingering after the meeting, chatting and sorting papers.

The most sobering exhibit we saw was dedicated to disarmament. The room held artifacts from countries who had seen the hell of war. A display case full of inert landmines loomed as the guide told us that mines ordinarily cost \$3, and cost \$300 for the UN to try and remove.

The guide winced herself as she told us that most mines remain after the conflicts during which they are placed, and when they accidentally explode, the overwhelming majority of their victims are children. Another tear jerking piece of evidence sat bold in the middle of the room — a tall, stone statue from Nagasaki, Japan. The front of the statue was ominous enough: a rendering of St. Agnes holding a lamb had its arms broken off and face details damaged when it was blown over by the US bombings in the city in 1945.

What was even more terrifying was the fact that the whole back of the statue had melted, leaving a pattern of dripping, molten stone. It was a third of a mile away from the blast

of "Fat Man" — leaving the mind to realize what happened to humans who were in the same radius.

I clutched my face in horror and saw that the rest of the tour was similarly red faced and breathless. But the final item of the tour granted a welcome dose of hope — the UN General Assembly.

A large group of teens and young adults were scrambling about the room preparing for a model UN. For these lucky folks, it didn't get more real than this: the towering, domed ceiling, bright green pulpit, and hundreds of seats for every ambassador from every member nation. All US presidents have spoken in that room since the buildings creation in 1952. Powerful individuals, too — like the Dalai Lama, the Pope of the Holy See, and countless heads of state. I was thrilled to be in such a historic place.

We left through the gift shop, which wasn't any kind of vain, profiteering venture. Items from all over the world were sold there, not far from ordinary trinkets, keychains, pencils and pins, a few of which I brought home.

After making the trek back to the bus stop, we boarded and began the slow, stop-start trip home through the traffic of Manhattan Island. My mom promptly fell asleep, but I

stayed awake, dreaming.

I thought of the grand building that I spent the day in, and I thought about the comparatively miniscule work my mom and I try to do in our day to day lives. She drives a bus for the senior center, assists them in scheduling services, and delivers Meals on Wheels.

As for me, I substitute teach for students of all ages in the Winchendon school system, while going to school myself to eventually teach history.

How on earth would we ever do the work of diplomats, the people who turn the biggest gears there are to turn? But then I argued with myself. Why can't I act according to their worldly ideals? Furthermore, are people like my mom and I not absolutely necessary, to a much less significant extent? After all, I know that we are grateful to be able to do the jobs we do, and I am grateful for the existence of the UN.

They believe in safety, natural beauty, friendship and belonging — the very same qualities that Winchendon has that we so enjoy. By visiting the

United Nations headquarters, I witnessed the most substantial, dedicated attempt humankind has made to join together and work for the common interest. It is no light work, either — over 2,400 UN Peacekeepers from 100 different countries have been killed in the line of duty. Unfortunately, this work will never stop, and someone, somewhere will always need help. The US realized this in the drafting of our Constitution, within which we sought to become a "more perfect union".

We are incapable of perfection, but there is nothing stopping us from doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. It is a holy and futile performance to unite the nations that exist temporarily on our temporary planet during our brief and opportune time here in the cosmos. But if we wish to give honor to those who have given us life, with its 1,000 joys and 1,000 sorrows, it is a task that we will undertake together.

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to Eric Fisher on 4 to the less local Weather Channel folks. Confession time. I actually like watching approaching storms on TWC as long as they're not approaching me. When a Nor'easter is churning up the Atlantic coast, be it March or be it September, I tend to over-worry and under-sleep. Hurricanes Agnes in June, 1972 and David in September, 1979 remain quite vivid in my memory. You don't forget things like that. Not ever.

I didn't care about the snow. Not at first anyway. Seth Silver of the River's Edge, who is also my plow guy extraordinaire, would take care of that. No, I worried, incessantly I might add, about tropical storm-strength wind knocking down power lines. And then of course, I did worry about the snow because we were told it was going to be heavy and pasty,

the kind that can also knock down power lines. So I fretted, and fretted constantly - should we go or stay and if we go, when? Thursday afternoon before the storm closed in? Or?

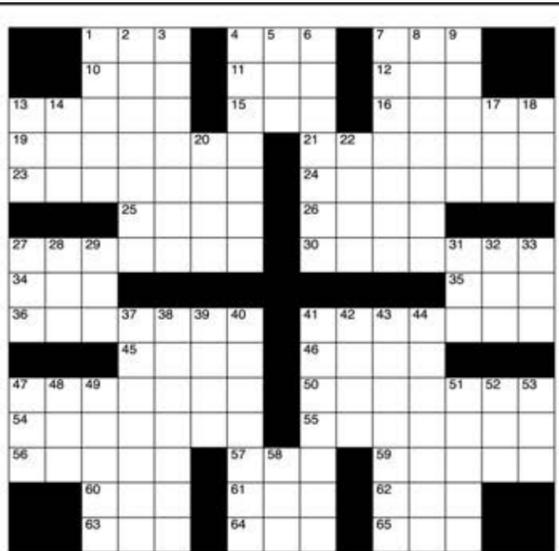
But I didn't want to be a wimp, either and thus was reassured when some friends agreed hunkering down at the Colonial was the prudent thing to do. That convinced me I wasn't being overly paranoid, and so early Friday morning after the snow had begun and visibility was shaky, we headed over to the Colonial.

You know the rest. There was no more snow beyond the inch or two which fell overnight Thursday. There was no power outage. Hey, hindsight is eternally 20-20, right? If I had to do it again, would I make the same decision? You bet. You know there's going to be a next time at some point and as I've gotten older, I've tended to take the

more cautious road. So sue me. And besides, the seared scallops were excellent. So there.

Two last points - next time you're pondering where to send your next charitable donation, Roy Moore says he's broke. You know what they say about that karma thing.

Finally, this. Last week, Courtney's godmother Tina turned 50. That's a milestone birthday. I can't hope to begin to catalog the kind of great friend she's been for a very long time and how wonderful she was not just to her god-daughter but to my whole family. She's been an absolute class act from the day we met, so much that I even forgive her for selling me a lot of losing tickets at Pimlico, Laurel, and Timonium for so many years. I hope she's forgiving about the day we got kicked out of a Pizza Hut in Laurel! Happy Birthday week! See all of you next week.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Chop or cut
- 4. Green veggie
- 7. Bar bill
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. One who buys and sells securities (slang)
- 12. Be in debt
- 13. Lively ballroom dance
- 15. Singer Charles
- 16. Polish city
- 19. Former
- 21. Dismissing from employment
- 23. Minerals
- 24. Plotted
- 25. Consult
- 26. After a prayer
- 27. Agents of one's downfall
- 30. Leaseholders
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Voodoo god
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Apply another coat to
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Jai \_\_, sport
- 47. Ones who proof
- 50. Recant
- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Part of warming headgear
- 56. Woolen cloth
- 57. Snag
- 59. Central American fruit tree
- 60. Woman (French)
- 61. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 62. Type of bed
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Consume
- 65. Japanese freight company (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Czech monetary unit
- 2. Able to arouse intense feeling
- 3. Elk
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Geological time
- 6. Depths of the ocean
- 7. Burns to the ground
- 8. Becomes cognizant of
- 9. Cause to shade
- 13. US political party
- 14. Refers to some of a thing
- 17. Single
- 18. Type of beer
- 20. Ancient Iranian people
- 22. Grocery chain
- 27. Gridiron league
- 28. English river
- 29. \_\_ and cheese
- 31. Peyton's younger brother
- 32. Long time
- 33. High schoolers' test
- 37. Respects
- 38. Organize anew
- 39. Filippo \_\_, Saint
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Cheese dish
- 42. Ancient Greek City
- 43. Patron saint of Ireland
- 44. Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
- 47. Shock treatment
- 48. \_\_ Jones
- 49. Things
- 51. Having wings
- 52. Panthers' QB Newton
- 53. Third-party access
- 58. Satisfaction



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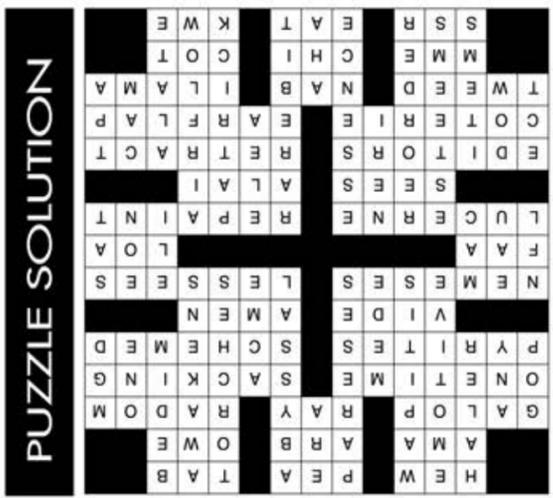
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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9	8	3	2	4	7	6	1	5
7	6	1	5	3	2	4	8	9
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3	7	9	8	6	5	4	2	1
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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



# POLICE LOG

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

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:14 a.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 1:07-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:33 a.m.: parking violation (Murdock Avenue), written warning; 2:37 a.m.: parking violation (Front Street), written warning; 2:46-3:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:22 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported; 3:38 a.m.: traffic hazard (Main Street), referred; 5:18 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 5:49 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 5:55 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 6:14 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 6:50 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), spoken to; 7:15 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), referred; 7:39 a.m.: loitering (Spring Street), transported; 8:26 a.m.: FD call (Hale Street), services rendered; 9:24 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), transported; 9:37 a.m.: vandalism (Pond Street), report taken; 10:01 a.m.: info/general (Morse Avenue), info taken; 11:17 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Spruce Street), arrest; 11:32 a.m.: ambulance (Highland Street), transported; 12:28 p.m.: officer wanted (River Street), unfounded; 12:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Teel Road), referred to ACO; 2:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Elmwood Road), referred to ACO; 2:09 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive), referred to ACO; 3:06 p.m.: property lost (Royalston Road South), report taken; 3:29 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 4:08 p.m.: panic alarm (Eli Drive), accidental; 4:23 p.m.: accident (Front Street), report taken; 4:55 p.m.: suspicious person (Pleasant Street), returned to home; 5:26 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 6:32 p.m.: stolen mv (Spring Street), Kathleen Benda, 27, 409 Spring Street, Winchendon, use of mv w/out authority, report taken; 6:52 p.m.: harassment (Spring Street), report taken; 7:36 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville Road), verbal warning; 8:17 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 8:29 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 9:14 p.m.: disturbance (Polly's Drive), report taken; 9:46 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:31 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road) unfounded.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:41 a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), spoken to; 12:49 a.m.: suspicious/other (Pond Street), removed hazardous material; 12:58 a.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), spoken to; 1:09 a.m.: parking violation (Linden Street), written warning; 1:12 a.m.: registration check (Pleasant Street), info given; 1:13-1:18 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:24 a.m.: parking violation (Beech Street), written warning; 1:27 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:38 a.m.: mv

stop (Spring Street), spoken to; 1:47-2:46 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:53 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive), services rendered; 7:41 a.m.: suspicious/other (Joslin Road), spoken to; 8:18 a.m.: investigation (River Street), spoken to; 8:30 a.m.: welfare check/general (Spring Street), info taken; 9:01 a.m.: suspicious/other (Gardner Road), assisted; 9:28 a.m.: assist other agency (Ash Street), unable to locate; 11:05 a.m.: assist other agency (Spruce Street), unable to serve; 11:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive), referred to ACO; 11:20 a.m.: summons service (Baldwinville State Road), unable to serve; 11:20 a.m.: animal complaint (Monadnock Avenue), referred to ACO; 12:33 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Drive), unable to locate; 1:05 p.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), assisted; 1:24 p.m.: threats (Front Street), spoken to; 2:14 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive), referred to ACO; 3:16 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 3:27 p.m.: missing person (Maple Street), report taken; 3:56 p.m.: investigation (Woodlawn Street), secure; 4:08 p.m.: ambulance (Mellen Road), transported; 4:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street), spoken to; 4:50 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), spoken to; 5:54 p.m.: suspicious person (Spring Street), unable to locate; 6:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), report taken; 7:23 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Independence Drive), services rendered; 7:48 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 8:10 p.m.: mv stop (Murdock Avenue), spoken to; 8:17 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 8:21 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 8:35 p.m.: mv stop (West Street), verbal warning; 8:37 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), written warning; 8:49 p.m.: suspicious person (Spring Street), unable to locate; 8:52 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:02 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 9:19 p.m.: investigation (Ingleside Drive), unable to locate.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 1

12:58-1:26 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:26 a.m.: parking violation (Walnut Street), written warning; 1:27-1:44 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:57 a.m.: parking violation (Chestnut Street), written warning; 2:02-2:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:15 a.m.: parking violation (Central Street), written warning; 2:19-2:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:11 a.m.: parking violation (Juniper Street), citation issued; 6:21 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cabot Road), spoken to; 7:53-8:38 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:38 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 10:23 a.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), cancelled; 11:25 a.m.: warrant check (School Street), Christopher C. Phillips, 29, 306 School Street, Unit TRL, Winchendon, arrest based on warrant/x 3; 1:59 p.m.: investigation (Teel Road), services rendered; 2:04 p.m.: fire alarm (School Street), services rendered; 2:22 p.m.: custody dispute (Goodrich Drive), report taken; 3:27 p.m.: accident (Central Street), no FD service necessary; 4:33 p.m.: welfare check/general (Beech Street), spoken to; 5:47-5:59 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:08 p.m.: harassment (Maple Street), report taken; 6:21

p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive), transported; 6:32 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Beachview Drive), spoken to; 8:12 p.m.: info/general (Baldwinville Road), spoken to; 11:00 p.m.: bolo (Fitzwilliam PD), advised officer; 11:20 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive), transported.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 2

12:49-12:52 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (Eagle Road), spoken to; 1:12-2:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:17 a.m.: disabled mv (Glenallan Street), assisted; 8:00 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street), referred to ACO; 8:33 a.m.: info/general (Pleasant Street), unable to serve; 8:47 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:54 a.m.: FD call (Juniper Street), services rendered; 9:03-9:22 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:26 a.m.: FD call (School Street), services rendered; 9:34 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive), referred to ACO; 9:50 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 10:17 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street), served; 10:52 a.m.: parking violation (Central Street), message delivered; 11:09 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 11:22 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 12:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Gulf Road, Royalston), assisted; 12:20 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), citation issued; 12:36 p.m.: tree down on wire (Ash Street), referred; 12:46 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), citation issued; 1:14 p.m.: mv stop (Washington Avenue), verbal warning; 1:35 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), Karen A. Chapalonis, 41, 475 Harvard Avenue, Athol, allowing improper operation of mv; Kristin M. Hampston, 41, 475 Harvard Avenue, Athol, op w/suspended license, citation issued; 2:20 p.m.: fraud (Walnut Street), spoken to; 2:36 p.m.: Section 12 (Polly's Drive), services rendered; 3:20 p.m.: tree down (Happy Hollow Road), referred; 4:18 p.m.: info/general (Pleasant Street), info given; 4:39 p.m.: animal complaint (Hilltop Terrace), no service necessary; 4:54 p.m.: tree down on wires (Falls Road, Royalston), referred; 6:07 p.m.: fire/unknown type (Front Street), services rendered; 6:25 p.m.: FD call (Orient Place), assisted; 7:01 p.m.: tree down (Hale Street), referred; 8:27-8:37 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:54 p.m.: accident (River Street), transported to hospital; 10:48 p.m.: burglar alarm (Second Street), secure.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 3

1:14-2:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:17 a.m.: ambulance (Center Lane), transported; 2:49-3:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:02 a.m.: suspicious auto (Main Street), info taken; 8:40 a.m.: sex offender registration (Spring Street), assisted; 8:43 a.m.: wires down (Converse Drive), referred; 9:14 a.m.: wires down (Front Street), referred; 9:44 a.m.: FD call (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 10:55 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 11:05 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 12:09 p.m.: assist other agency (Gardner Road), services rendered; 12:17 p.m.: property lost (Benjamin Street), info taken; 12:37 p.m.: ambulance (Old Centre), transported; 1:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Branch Street), referred to ACO; 4:01 p.m.: disturbance (Hale Street), report taken; 4:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street), advised legal help; 6:31 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner

Road), verbal warning; 6:50 p.m.: mv stop (Summer Street), written warning; 7:07 p.m.: property damage (Glenallan Street), info taken; 11:11 p.m.: noise complaint (Spring Street), spoken to; 11:57 p.m.: building checked, secure.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 4

12:12 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:20 a.m.: noise complaint (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 12:51-3:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:43 a.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transported; 8:12 a.m.; power outage (Poland Avenue), referred; 9:04 a.m.: welfare check/general (Ready Drive), transported to hospital; 9:07 a.m.: animal complaint (Gardner Road), gone on arrival; 9:10 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 9:15 a.m.; larceny (Ready Drive), report taken; 9:20 a.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial Drive), false alarm; 10:40 a.m.: larceny (Teel Road), report taken; 11:04 a.m.: animal complaint (Lakeview Drive), returned to home; 11:54 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), false alarm; 1:59 p.m.: FD call (Hyde Park Drive), false alarm; 2:33 p.m.: vandalism (Washington Avenue), report taken; 3:40 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 4:02 p.m.: smoke (Hyde Park Drive), services rendered; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 5:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street), referred to ACO; 5:43 p.m.: warrant check (Central Street), no service necessary; 5:55 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), citation issued; 6:24 p.m.; mv stop (Glenallan Street), verbal warning; 6:30 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), written warning; 7:10 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), referred; 8:10 p.m.: welfare check/general (Goodrich Street), spoken to; 9:11 p.m.: mv repossession (Chestnut Street), info taken.

## MONDAY, MARCH 5

12:50-1:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:14 a.m.: suspicious person (Mechanic Street), spoken to; 2:31 a.m.: bolo (Central Street), unable to locate; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Eli Drive), referred; 7:48 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 8:14 a.m.: investigation (Ready Drive), spoken to; 8:57 a.m.: welfare check/general (School Street), spoken to; 9:33 a.m.: investigation (Island Road), spoken to; 10:29 a.m.: summons service (Academy Street), unable to serve; 10:33 a.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive), unable to serve; 10:38 a.m.: summons service (Whitney Street), served; 12:12 p.m.: harassment (Glenallan Street), report taken; 1:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Eagle Road); 2:01 p.m.: info/general (Royalston Road North), referred; 2:20 p.m.: info/general (Spring Street), info taken; 2:34 p.m.; assist citizen (Ash Street), spoken to; 4:11 p.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street), transported; 4:43 p.m.: accident (School Street), report taken; 5:43 p.m.: burglary/b&e (West Monomac Road), report taken; 8:08 p.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 8:40 p.m.: suspicious person (Ash Street), report taken; 8:46 p.m.: harassment (Main Street), report taken; 9:35 p.m.: mv stop (Franklin Street), citation issued; 9:53 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), report taken; 10:03 p.m.: property damage (Elm Street), assisted; 10:42 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported.

## Cheer squad on to next level

Congratulations to the varsity cheerleaders!

The 2017-18 winter squad competed in the MSAA Central & West Regional Championship cheerleading competition held at Holyoke High School, on March 4. Although they did not earn a trophy, they did achieve a high enough score to

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earn a bid to state competition this Sunday.

Several track members participated in the New England Regional Track and Field Championship meet on March 3. Eighth grader, Lilly Digman, earned a 16<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 600 meter. Richard Swanson III placed sixth in the state

in the 600 Meter. Great job!!!

The newly formed Murdock International Travel Club will be hosting a paint night at the Crafty Cauldron on March 20. The cost is \$40 which includes all materials. This event is to raise funds to assist the four Murdock students who will be traveling to Puerto Rico over April vacation to help Hurricane Maria victims

as well as participating in typical travel activities. Reserve your spot to explore your artistic side by contacting the Crafty Cauldron at thecraftycauldron.net or by calling (978) 616-8630.

The cast and crew of Footloose performed to sell out crowds both Friday and Saturday nights. Director Kristi Iannacone, music director Aly Galipeau, and artistic director Maureen

Provost, once again put together an amazing and very entertaining show. 30 high school students participated in the production on stage, while several others took care of business behind the scenes. Thanks to all the volunteers who spent countless hours to help make this year's production a success!

Look for upcoming information regarding the Murdock Middle School

production of Elf, Jr., to be performed in May.

Spring sports registration is ongoing - practices will begin March 19. To sign up your student, log into FamilyId.com. Offered spring sports are: girls softball, boys baseball and spring track and field.

Have a great week! Go Blue Devils!

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## NEW EQUIPMENT



Greg Vine photo

On Tuesday, Winchendon school department workers get the district's new plow ready for its first workout during the mid-week storm. The new vehicle, which includes a snowblower attachment and attachments for athletic field upkeep, cost \$60,000. The expenditure from the town's free cash account was approved by voters last November. The new tractor replaces a 21-years-old piece of equipment (background) that is no longer up to the demands of the job.

# OBITUARIES

## Lydia M. (Grenier) Connor, 93

WINCHENDON—Lydia M. (Grenier) Connor, age 93, of 32 Peggi Lane, died peacefully Thursday morning, March 1, 2018 at the home of her daughter, with her family at her side.



She was born in Jaffrey on January 4, 1925, daughter of the late Louis and Yvonne (Christian) Grenier and lived in Winchendon for most of her life.

Lydia worked for many years as a quality control inspector at New Hampshire Ball Bearings until her retirement. She later worked as head cook and activities coordinator at Broadview Assisted Living, where she lived for five years until moving to her daughter's home a few months ago. In earlier years, she had worked at D.D. Bean. She was a longtime member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Lydia enjoyed reading and especially enjoyed spending time with her large family.

Her husband of 61 years William H. Connor, died in 2008. She leaves her children, Ann Marie Dickson and her husband Anthony of Winchendon, William

H. Connor Jr. and his wife Jeanne of Winchendon, Thomas J. Connor and his wife Jamie of Winchendon, Michael F. Connor and his wife Gail of Rindge, Deacon James A. Connor and his wife Vicki of Winchendon, John M. Connor and his wife Monique of Winchendon and David P. Connor of Winchendon; one sister, Florence Antognoni of Westminister; 26 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Two grandsons, Bryn Girouard and Adam Morris; and two brothers, Maurice Grenier and, Gerard "Buggo" Grenier, preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, March 6, 2018 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in the spring.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon were Monday, March 5, 2018.

Memorial donation may be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Renovation Fund, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon, MA 01475 or to Broadview Assisted Living Residents Activities Fund, 547 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475.

## James Edward Cote Sr., 88

James Edward Coté Sr. passed from this world to his heavenly home on February 14th, 2018. The youngest child of Alfred and Marie (Couture) Coté, he was born in Winchendon on August 6th, 1929. Jim graduated from Murdock High School in 1948.

After high school, Jim joined the United States Navy where he was stationed on the USS Midway in the Mediterranean Sea during the Korean War. After his service, he returned to Winchendon and married Jean Ruth Kolodinski on

February 26, 1954 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church.

Jim received his certification as a master electrician after he was discharged from the military and began his own business in Massachusetts and was eventually appointed as electrical inspector for the county.

Through the faithful prayers of his wife, Jim came to a saving faith in His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when he was 25 years old. He went on to lead countless Bible studies, lead many to faith in Jesus Christ and helped to begin Bethany Bible Chapel in their

hometown.

Over the years, the family moved from Massachusetts to Texas. After a major, life-changing car accident in 1986, they headed home to Massachusetts where Jim became a certified teacher and taught electrical at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School from which he eventually retired. In 2004, they moved to Canyon Lake, TX in order to be warm in retirement. They were faithful members of Hillside Fellowship Church in Spring Branch, TX for many years.

He is survived by his children John A. Coté, Jeffrey A. Coté and his wife Jeanne, Judith E. Havens and her husband William, Joel R. Coté, and Jayna M. Gibbs along with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Jessica Lynn Coté, his son James Edward Coté Jr., his wife Jean Ruth (Kolodinski), and son-in-law Jason Roberts Gibbs.

A Celebration of Life service was held at Hillside Fellowship Church in Spring Branch, TX on February 20, 2018. An internment service with military honors will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery 111 Glenallan Street Winchendon, MA 01475 on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 11 am.

A reception will be held at Bethany Bible Chapel, 727 Spring Street, Winchendon immediately following the service.

## Margaret 'Peg' J. (Barney) Salwa, 64

SOUTH LANCASTER — Margaret J. (Barney) Salwa, age 64, passed away peacefully at UMass Medical Center



on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 following a brief illness.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 15 years, Peter S. Salwa; her children & spouses, Scott Salisbury & Julie of Winchendon; Jennifer

Wilson of Worcester; Christopher Beirholm of Auburndale, FL; step-children, Melissa Demerest & Edward of Hubbardston, Cindy Shaughnessy of Fitchburg; Samantha Houlihan & Mark of Plainville; Bethany Salwa & Simon, and Seth Salwa and Kerrie, all of Clinton, numerous grandchildren & great-grandchildren. She leaves her siblings & spouses, The Barney Family: Sandy, Mike & Cheryl, Wayne & Tracy, Jeff & Anne, Andy & Lisa, Paul & Kim, Pat & Darcy, all of Massena, NY; and Chris & Cindy of Florida; sister-in-law

Laura; aunt Judy Rubado, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends, notably Bruce & Maria Desmarais, and Diane & Clyde Smith. She is predeceased by her brother, Leon F. Barney Jr.

Peg was born in Massena, New York to the late Leon & Jane (LaClair) Barney. She attended local schools and graduated from St. Lawrence Central High School, Class of 1972. Peg obtained her professional degree in bookkeeping and worked as an auditor for Nypro, Inc. in Clinton for many years. Peg was talented in the arts of knitting and crochet and was happiest while spending time on the beach or camping with family and friends. She will be forever missed and remembered lovingly as a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend.

A funeral service was celebrated Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the Philbin-Comeau Funeral Home, 176 Water St., Clinton. Online condolences may be placed at [www.philbincomeaufh.com](http://www.philbincomeaufh.com)

## PLANNING

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confine it to the overlay districts.

The board then tackled the question of where to establish those overlay districts where retail sales of recreational marijuana will be allowed. Members generally agreed with public input indicating sales should be allowed near the New Hampshire border on Route 12, in the area of Winchendon Springs, in the Hillview Industrial Park, and in the Waterville Plaza area.

"The last one, which is the most controversial," said board Chairman Guy Corbosiero, "is the Central Street corridor."

"I have no objection to including it," said member Cailte Kelly.

"I object to Central Street in this round, the next round, in every round," countered fellow member Burt Gould.

Winchendon resident Tina Santos said that at the last public forum it appeared a majority of attendees favored allowing cannabis sales on Central Street. She noted

that many thought, for security reasons, it might be wise to have such establishments just a short distance from the police station.

Kelly, touching on a related matter, said that a proposed 500-foot buffer around the Clark Memorial YMCA where pot sales would be prohibited "would eliminate a major portion of Central Street. But none of these things have been determined yet. We're still in the process of trying to narrow things down."

The board ultimately decided to bring the plan for an overlay district for Central Street to the March 20 public hearing. Members also included a small section of Baldwinville State Road/Route 202 in an overlay district. The property, across from the entrance to Lake Denison State Recreation Area, includes the former store known as Stuff 'n' Things.

Talk then moved to the specific subject of buffer zones. State law mandates a buffer zone around schools of no greater than 500 feet. Cities and towns have the option of adding other locations around

which pot sales would be prohibited.

"If we come up come up with buffer zones for the Clark, and even the dance studio," said board member Art Amenta, "it's going to wipe out Central Street."

"You get to town meeting and get this stuff anywhere on Central Street," said Gould, "and you're going to have a fight on your hands. You're going to get lynched. Wait and see."

"I think that's a little extreme," Kelly shot back. "I have a little bit more faith in the people of Winchendon."

"Well, when you get to town meeting you're going to have to put up with me on Central Street," replied Gould.

The board finally voted to maintain the 500-foot buffer around all schools, while reducing the buffer for playgrounds and some recreational facilities to 300 feet.

The public gets its final say before town meeting at the March 20 public hearing. The hearing gets underway at 6:30 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor auditorium at town hall.

Director; David LaBrack, building set coordinator; David LaBrack and Kris Provost, sets; Kris Provost, Becky Benedict, and Nicole LaBrack, jacks of all trade; David LaBrack, Rob Marshall, and Dean Iannacone, electricians; Laura LaBrack, Maureen Provost, artistic/mural; Katie McKellick, graphic designer; Mary Desire, Katie McKellick, photography; Marin Johnson, "MacGyver" of the theatre, Yang Yi Chen, backstage; Nicole Lemire, Domenic Iannacone, lights/sound; Wyatt Cardarelli, Owen Benedict, spot lights; Laura Marshall, tickets/marketing; Laura Woodbury, house; Laura LaBrack, sets/marketing; Sue Polcari, ad collections; Mary Ellen Mansfield, queen of concessions.

Inkind donations were made by David and Laura LaBrack, Katie McKellick, and Michele Comeau of To Each His Own Design. Friends of Winchendon Music also thanked an anonymous donor who contribute \$1,000 to the production

Coming in May, Murdock Middle School will present Elf Junior, the Musical.

## SOLAR

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course on Ash Street, and yet another in a former gravel pit off Happy Hollow Road.

The latest proposed array would be located on a 48-acre parcel locate at 135 Gardner Road/Route 140 owned by Roger Boucher and his wife, former selectman Cindy Boucher, under a living trust. According to site use plans provided to both committees, the footprint of the facility would cover about half of the 48.5-acre lot.

The array is being proposed by Borrego Solar Systems of Lowell. The same company with plans to build a solar farm off Happy Hollow Road.

Principal civil engineer David Albrecht said that aside from the property occupied by the home where the Bouchers reside, most of the parcel is woodland. He said the area covered by the array would be deforested. Stumps left by felled trees would be ground up and used to create a berm to help prevent erosion into nearby wetlands.

Access to the facility would be made from a gravel access road which would be located south of the Boucher residence. Because of its proximity to a state highway, an access permit is

being sought from the state Department of Transportation. The overall project also requires approval under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act.

Site use plans indicate more than 16,000 solar modules will be placed atop racks covering the site. Panels will be placed at a 25-degree angle. The highest edge of the panels will be 8.5- to 9-feet high, according to Albrecht.

A seven-foot-high fence will be constructed around the array. A minimum space of 12 feet will be maintained between the fence and the racks. Albrecht said the 12-foot clearance was requested by Fire Chief Tom Smith in order to allow access for emergency vehicles.

The ConCom and Planning Board both voted to continue their hearings to a later date to get more information before approval is given to the proposal.

It appears the plans presented by Albrecht could end up being altered. Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy said could result from issues regarding wetlands delineations noted on the site plans. Experts for Borrego Solar and the Conservation Commission apparently disagree over the extent of wetlands on the property.



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Moore); Maria Polcari (Rusty); Lindsey Smith (Wendy Jo); Michaela Benedict (Urleen); Zachary Cardarelli (Willard Hewitt); Marisa Losurdo (Jeter); Izaria Alcantara (Bickle); Shyla Palmer (Garvin); Brianna St. Pierre (Billy); Kaylee Fleurant (Lulu Warmicker); Aidan Dehays (Wes Warnicker); Britney Jackson (Betty Blast/Cowgirl Dancer); Lyanna Laford (Principal Harriet Clark); Austin Fontaine (Coach Roger Dunbar); Elissa Boucher (Eleanor Dunbar); Sam Drake (Chuck Cranston); Cassidy Stadtfeld (Lyle/Cowgirl Bobbie); Arianna Dibble (Travis); Vivian Beauvais-Michaud (Cowgirl/Ensemble); Brandon Newbrough (Student/Cowboy Bob); James Murdock (Student/Ensemble); Becca Graves (Student/Cop); Matt Casavant (Student/Ensemble).

Crew: Kristi Iannacone, Director; Aly Galipeau, Music Director; Charlotte "Charlie" Galipeau, Musician in Training; Maureen Provost, Artistic



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# SPORTS

## Single names in sports... and Madness commences

They need no last names. Tiger. Jordan. Justin. Rory. DJ. Rickie. And of course, Phil. Last Sunday, Phil won for the first time since the 2013 Open Championship, a not-yet-grizzled 47 year-old for whom every week everywhere on the planet is a home game.

Mickleson has had an excellent start to the season, suggesting that despite his advanced golf age he might well be a factor next month at Augusta where he's already won three times. As for Tiger, this latest comeback appears to be legitimate. He evidently has no back pain and has ramped up his schedule to get in those necessary reps. Plus, as noted here last week, Tiger is the needle when it comes to golf. The season is young and those aforementioned 20-somethings are

always lurking. If you're a golf fan, 2018 looks like it has the potential to be a generational showdown. We got a glimpse of that in Mexico City on Sunday when Phil beat Justin (the reigning player of the year) in a playoff. Let's hope there's more of that to come.

I know golf is pretty much a niche sport aside from the majors or when Tiger is in contention but it generally has been such anyway. Not so much with boxing. Last weekend though did anyone notice when the heavyweight title apparently changed hands? I sure didn't. I happened to see a story about it on SportsCenter several days later. Who knew? Things sure have changed since the sweet science was in its glory era and not just among heavyweights either.



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

From Benny Leonard to Ray Leonard, from Jack Johnson to Ali and on to Mike Tyson, boxing once upon a time commanded the rapt attention of sports fans everywhere. No more. I didn't recognize the names of the fighters who settled the title last weekend and forgot them five minutes after I heard them. That would have been unthinkable 30 years ago.

Meanwhile, in two days it will be Selection Sunday. For the first time since the Ralph

Sampson era some three decades ago, Virginia is the top-ranked team in the country and quite possibly will get the top seed and almost certainly will if the Cavaliers win the ACC tournament. But the top line guarantees nothing of course, and it says here UVA doesn't score enough to win six straight games starting next Thursday or Friday. Who can do that? A bunch of teams. Villanova. Michigan and Michigan State. Xavier. Carolina. Duke. Purdue. Who knows who else might get hot. I think in a season where no one dominated, Villanova might be the steadiest. That's kind of a semi-chalk pick and I tend to be adverse to chalk but the Wildcats, if you want to make them the favorites, are tepid chalk at best so it's not like

they're 3-5. Who do you like?

The UConn Huskies are of course 1-5 on the women's side and deservedly so. True they lost last year but who thinks that'll happen again?

Finally, congrats to friend John Ballou who's taking over as sports editor at the next town-over Gardner News. John's more than paid his dues and has spent countless hours on the road to a lot of out-of-the-way places to cover who-knows-how-many games through the years. Sometimes his stories were likely read only by the parents of the kids who participated, but to every story he brought professionalism and thoroughness. That's all you can ask from any journalist in any field. You deserve this, my friend.

## Basic training

Winchendon Little League held clinics to give youngsters a few basics and give encouragement to those interested in signing up to play in the coming season. Kids of all ages had a great afternoon in the gym, throwing, hitting, running, catching and at least getting a chance to learn a few basics.

Greg Vine photos



Youngster getting ready for the Winchendon Little League season took part in the league's baseball clinic last Sunday in the Murdock High School gymnasium. Two more clinics are scheduled before teams are organized and games begin.



Winchendon Little League secretary Christina Gauthier gives a little advice to some diamond demons at Sunday's baseball clinic.



Awaiting his turn at the plate at the baseball clinic held Sunday at Murdock gymnasium. The event was organized by Winchendon Little League. Two more clinics will be held before teams are chosen and players take the field.



Coach Dean Iannacone gives some encouragement to a future major leaguer at Winchendon Little League's baseball clinic on Sunday.



Kevin Southwell, president of Winchendon Little League, checks out the arm on this youngster at Sunday's baseball clinic.

## Give us a cheer!

Courtesy photos

Murdock Middle School cheerleaders held a very successful cheer clinic over the weekend. Excited younger cheerleader wannabes lined up for a chance to learn the basics from the older girls.



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BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Memorial School students participating in Read Across America Week celebrated its last day on Friday, March 2 with 13 community readers visiting their classrooms to read stories during Crazy Hair & Pajama day.

They came in their PJs, they came with crazy hair. They smiled and laughed in the classrooms and hallways, as they looked like they just got out of bed and not showing a care. It was the end of Read Across America Week and community members came and shared, from the police to fire and even the YMCA, the end of a week with everything Dr. Seuss and children smiling everywhere.

As described by the website [www.suessville.com](http://www.suessville.com) the National Education Association's Read Across America Day is "A nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2 — Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books and you can too! Incorporate these guides and activities to celebrate reading with young people."

Beginning Feb. 28, students celebrated Cat in the Hat day, when children were allowed to wear stripes or their favorite hat. March 1, students next enjoyed Green Eggs and Ham day and could wear as much green as they wanted. Finally, on March 2, children came to school with not only crazy hair styles,

but wearing the pajamas celebrating Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book, enjoying the company of local community leaders visiting as readers.

Police department members attending to read for the students were Chief David Walsh, School Resource Officer Tracy Flagg, and Officer Derek Blair. The fire department was represented by Chief Thomas Smith, and the Clark Memorial YMCA was represented by Kyle Scrivines. Members of the school district attending were Superintendent Steven Haddad, after school program coordinator Jennifer Haddad, school adjustment counselor Jane Greenleaf, guidance counselor Matt Londo, and Winchendon School Committee Chair, Larry Murphy. Assisting from The Winchendon School was Jared Magee, and friends of the school Sue Rader and Gail Smith.

Chief Walsh said, "I have been able to participate in reading to the students for a number of years, and I enjoy as they really seem to appreciate it. Today they had a lot of questions about our K-9 as the story I read to students was about Officer Buckle, his police dog, and safety tips. The kids were very receptive and I enjoy the interaction with them."

Memorial School teacher Mrs. Robichaud joining in her with students and wearing a bathroom over her clothing said, "Today our classroom reader was Officer Derek Blair. He was spectacular with the children. He was asked about being a police officer and department member Clyde, and did a great job answering the student's questions.

Derek has been coming for years, and the kids just love him."

The Kindergarten class of Mrs. Boucher was read to by Scrivines. Boucher said, "A lot of kids know him from the YMCA so they were very excited to see him there. Kyle read 'The Grinch' which is one of the most famous Dr. Seuss books. The kids were so respectful while being so excited to have him as our special reader today celebrating Dr. Seuss and all his hard work throughout the years."

Atter, saying she was very pleased with how the event went, added, "It's such a fun day for the students. They enjoy the readers come to see them, and they even enjoy escorting the readers to their classrooms. It's really a big deal for them, and they really do have a lot of fun."

When asked how the children enjoyed attending the event while wearing "Crazy Hair and Pajama's" Atter laughed and closed with, "Well we know they love that. It gives Christmas a close run, and is definitely one of their favorite days at school."

Murphy read about dinosaurs to the second grade class of Mrs. Jordan. Murphy expressing he was quite taken with the students said, "I was amazed at not only how well behaved they were, but how knowledgeable they were. How well they could articulate what a good reader is, and what a good reader does. They talked about sounding the words out, and reading with fluency and grouping out words."

In closing Murphy said, "At the end



School Resource Officer Tracy Flagg dresses up with crazy hair as she reads to Memorial School students celebrating Read Across America day on Friday, March 2.

of the reading, they even gave me feedback on my reading and how well I did. I was very impressed with Mrs. Jordan's class. We then had a little social thing where we learned a couple Spanish words, and then I taught them a couple Chinese words and we just had a ball. There are a lot of teachers here that I had as students when I was a teacher and I really enjoy this."

## Trahan fighting for women in third district

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Congressional candidate Lori Trahan, one of just two females in the crowded field seeking to win the Democratic nomination in the Third District, which includes most of Winchendon, said last weekend she will use that seat to "fight for women."

"As the mother of daughters and the founder of a women-owned business, I am committed to standing up for the hard-fought rights, economic independence, and health and safety of all women, including lower-income women and women of color. Because when women succeed, the world is simply a better place," said Trahan.

Trahan, who served as chief of staff to UMass Lowell chancellor Marty Meehan during the latter's tenure in Congress,

outlined a package of policy proposals on a wide range of issues with positions on topics including fighting back against sexual harassment, "driving a women-centered economic agenda with access to reproductive health at the center," equal pay, ending domestic violence and closing the leadership gap.

"I will fight for the prosperity of all women," pledged Trahan, adding, "I will reject a status quo that often forces women to choose between being a mother and having a career by increasing access to paid family leave and affordable high quality child care."

Trahan is currently the CEO at the Concire Leadership Institute, a woman-owned small business founded out of Harvard Business School. The Institute's goal is to work with "executive management teams across industries to

provide better experiences for customers and employees."

The other woman in the congressional race is state senator Barbara L'Italien.

In the low-key race for the Democratic nomination for governor, Bob Massie scored the endorsements of the Our Revolution groups in Concord, Hull, Arlington, and Lexington.

"Our Revolution has been one of the most important groups in continuing the fight against corporate power in government as well as being a voice for people that feel abandoned by establishment politics."

Massie is serving as executive director of the Sustainable Solutions Lab at UMass Boston. The campaign said it is focused on climate change initiatives, workers' rights, and economic equality.

## STILL GOING STRONG



Photo by Keith Kent

Harry Finch of Winchendon and volunteering at 80 years young, is filling up two bags of roadside rubbish while cleaning along the first stretch of River Street March 1 before the arrival of the next snowstorm. Finch said, "While I love the exercise I am doing it for two reasons. I can't stand looking at it, and I love my country."

## KELLEY

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what should you look for from this person? Here are a few questions you might want to ask:

**Who is your typical client?** By asking this question, you may get a sense of whether a particular financial advisor has experience working with people in your financial situation and with goals similar to yours.

**What's important to**

**you?** The quality of your relationship with your financial advisor is important — after all, you may be working with this person for decades — and he or she likely will be involved with many of your most personal decisions. Consequently, you'll want to work with someone you connect with on an individual level, as well as a professional one. So, if an advisor seems to share your values and appears to have good rapport with you, it could be a positive sign for the future.

**How will we communicate — and how often?** If you're interviewing candidates, ask them how often they will meet with you in person. At a minimum, an advisor should see you once a year to review your progress and suggest changes.

Will they also call or e-mail you with suggestions throughout the year? Are you free to contact them whenever you like? Will you get a real, live person every time you call? Will they send out newsletters or other communications to update you on changes in the investment

world? If so, can you see some samples of the communication vehicles they send to clients?

**How do you get compensated?** Some financial advisors work on a fee basis, some on commissions, and some use a combination of both. Find out how your advisor will be compensated, when you'll need to make payments and how much you'll be expected to pay.

By asking the right questions, you should get a good sense of whether a particular advisor is right for you. And

since this likely will be one of the most important professional relationships you have, you'll want a good feeling about it, right from the beginning.

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Photos by Bryan Favreau

Staying in the water for the ice rescue practice

## WFD

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or rope. We always train on multiple procedures so that if one piece of equipment isn't available, there is another technique available as a backup plan" added Vaine.

Chief Tom Smith of the WFD said, "A lot of those attending seemed to be very impressed with the right techniques how easy it was to pull somebody out and get them to shore. They learned how if you don't use the sled correctly how the attempt can fail, so they also learned how to get them self out of those situations also. It's not only

about teaching them how to rescue people from the frigid water, but how to also keep themselves first. The rescuer needs to be safe first, in order to save the person."

Smith added, "The ice is thin and has melted in a lot of places. There are many spots where you get the slush, or thin ice which is covered by snow and it's easy to fall through. The ice isn't as safe as it looks anymore. It's very important especially at this time of year to have ice rescue training techniques practiced."

Smith and Vaine together said, "For all points of safety at this time of year that the ice is no longer safe for travel



WFD Lt. Andrew Harding portraying a victim who has fallen through the ice at Lake Denison needing rescue during cold water training exercises.

and to please stay off the ice."

Vaine said in closing, "I think the training went very well. It was nice to get the three departments together as we are all in close proximity and there

is always the opportunity that we are going to call upon each other for mutual aid, so it's nice to get to play and train the same way you will have to work."

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## Hottest pepper varieties to try this year



**GARDEN MOMENTS**  
 MELINDA MYERS

Turn up the heat and add a bit of spice to your meals with hot peppers. Add them to your garden, flower borders and containers for added beauty and easy picking.

Your biggest challenge will be narrowing down your choices. Let All-America Selections, [all-america-selections.org](http://all-america-selections.org), winners help. This nonprofit organization tests new edible and ornamental varieties nationally for their suitability to home gardens and containers.

Grow a few cayenne peppers if you like Mexican, Cajun and Asian cuisine. They also add a bit of zip to dips, stews and marinades. Brighten your meals and garden with the brilliant red and tasty fruit of Red Ember. This 2018 AAS winner is pretty enough for flower gardens or containers. You'll be harvesting earlier and longer, providing more time to use and enjoy them. For a mildly spicy option with the same great flavor try Cayennetta. Its heat and cold tolerance makes it a

great choice no matter where you garden.

If you like it even hotter, include a few habaneros in the garden. Then add heat and flavor to jerk chicken, chili, jam and other recipes. For those that like the flavor of habanero, but can't stand the heat, try Roulette habanero. It looks and tastes like a habanero in every aspect except it's not hot. Roulette is the perfect solution for families with different heat tolerances.

Add a full spectrum of color to containers and small space gardens with the early ripening Hungarian Mexican sunrise and sunset wax peppers. The conical shaped fruit transition from green to yellow, then orange and red. The fruit can be harvested and eaten at any stage. But the longer it is on the plant, the better the flavor. Mexican Sunrise is semi-hot while Mexican Sunset is for those that like a bit more heat. Both can be eaten fresh, stuffed, baked, grilled or pickled.

Grow a few Aji Rico peppers to add warm heat with a hint of citrus to your dishes. Eat them fresh or cook into salsa and hot sauces. Control the heat with the number of seeds left in the fruit. The more seeds that remain; the greater the heat.

Roast them, use them fresh or string a few Giant Ristra peppers together to dry and use

throughout the winter. Don't be fooled by its appearance. This 7-inch chili pepper looks like a sweet marconi but has the spiciness of a cayenne.

For those who want to crank up the heat try Emerald Fire at 2,500 Scoville units. Not the hottest pepper on the market, but this jalapeno is certainly one to respect. The deep green fruit resists cracking and matures to red. Use them fresh, stuff with cream cheese, grill or can for later use.

If your taste lies on the other end of the heat spectrum start with Chili Pie and work your way to some of these hotter varieties. These miniature bell peppers are mildly hot when the fruit turns red. Be careful not to mix them in with your sweet bell peppers.

Heed this warning when growing and using any hot peppers. Clearly mark or better yet grow your hot peppers away from sweet peppers to avoid an unwelcome surprise. Keep your hands away from your eyes when working with hot peppers and wash them thoroughly when done.

Most importantly, have fun growing and using hot peppers in your garden, containers and meals. These beauties combine nicely with other vegetables, herbs and flowers to create stunning garden beds and containers. And their spicy flavor



All-America Selections photo

**Red Ember, a 2018 All-America Selections winner, is full of flavor and adds beauty to flower or container gardens.**

is sure to help you create memorable meals this season.

*nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).*

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# LEGALS

## Town of Winchendon - Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A, The Winchendon Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium (second floor), 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 to consider the following proposed amendments to the Town of Winchendon Zoning Bylaw:

1. Delete section 6.12, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, and replace with a new section 6.12 entitled MEDICAL/ ADULT USE MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND THE MEDICAL/ ADULT USE MARIJUANA RETAIL OVERLAY DISTRICT and to further to amend the Table of Contents to rename Section 6.12, "Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and the Medical/Adult Use Marijuana Retail Overlay District."

2. Amend the TOWN OF WINCHENDON ZONING MAP to include a new Overlay District entitled: *Adult Use/Medical Retail Facilities Overlay*.

3. Amend ARTICLE 5 USE TABLE to add a new Section entitled *5.2.8 Principal Use Category – Special Uses*, providing new line item A with the following description: *A. Marijuana Facility for uses that include cultivation, processing, packaging, and whole sale of products in the form of smoking materials, food products, oils, aerosols, ointments, and other products. These facilities are subject to the provisions set forth in Art. 6.12.* The uses addressed above will be allowed by Special Permit in the following Zoning Districts: *Residential -80 (R80), Commercial-1 (C1), Commercial-2 (C2), Industrial (I), and Planned Development (PD)*; and further prohibited in the following Zoning Districts: *Residential -40 (R40), and Residential-10 (R10)*.

An overview of the purpose of such amendments provides regulations for the use of Recreational and Medical Marijuana Facilities within the Town of Winchendon to address legal, planning, and public safety issues, as well as address the potential impacts of such Facilities. The proposed amendments include the siting of Marijuana Retail Facilities to an Overlay District, that will be defined within the Town's Zoning map, naming a permit granting authority; the Planning Board, Definitions, Application Requirements, Site Requirements, Reporting, and Fees. Copies of the draft amendments are available to be viewed in the office of the Department of Planning and Development Room 17, Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon during normal business hours. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Alternative translation and accommodation for disabled persons is available by advance request to the department at (978) 297-5410

By: Guy C. Corbosiero  
Chairman Winchendon Planning Board  
March 2, 2018  
March 9, 2018

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Wayne Thomas aka Wayne A. Thomas and Lori B. Thomas aka Lori Thomas to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated September 29, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56050, Page 161; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on March 30, 2018 at 32 Mechanic Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land situated in the northerly part of the village in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts and bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the lot on the westerly line of the way known as Mechanic Street, being the southeast corner of the house lot, now or formerly, owned or occupied by Martha Brick; thence Southerly on line of said Mechanic Street 5 rods to a corner marked by an iron pin; thence Westerly at right angles with said Mechanic Street to land now or formerly of Sophia M. Whitney; thence Northerly on said Whitney's line to the southwest corner of said Brick House lot; thence Easterly on line of said Brick's land 6.85 rods to the place of beginning. For title reference see Deed recorded herewith in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds. Book 56050 Page 159

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

## TERMS OF SALE:

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
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17-007125  
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## Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

89 Mill Glen Road; (portion of) Assessor's Map 11, Lot 210 Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:10 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by property owners Samantha and Sean Harding for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 89 Mill Glen Road; a portion of Assessor's Map 11, Lot 210. The project entails construction of a new single-family house, associated septic system, grading, and landscaping. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Notice of Intent is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.  
March 9, 2018

## Legal Notice Winchendon Conservation Commission

32 South Royalston Road; Assessor's Map 7, Lot 133 Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:25 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Peter Girouard for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 32 South Royalston Road; Assessor's Map 7, Lot 133. The project entails construction of a detached 24' x 36' (864 square feet) garage with four-foot frost wall. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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for Determination of Applicability filed by property owners Robert and Marilyn Richard for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 102 Baldwinville Road; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 22. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements for an existing subsurface sewage disposal system serving a two-bedroom house. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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March 9, 2018

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kimberly Fleurant and Joseph Fleurant, III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, dated January 6, 2012 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48377, Page 116 as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded with said records at Book 56245, Page 5, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated March 30, 2015 and recorded with said Registry on April 3, 2015 at Book 53551, Page 16, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 41 BROWN STREET, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,  
TO WIT:

A certain parcel of real estate with the buildings thereon, in the Village of Waterville in said Winchendon and numbered 41 Brown Street, and bounded and described as follows:

Commencing on the Northerly side of the road leading from Waterville to Hydeville, now Brown Street, at a corner of land now or formerly of Elisha M. Whitney (a drill hole in a stone charged with lead);  
Thence North 20° East, 136 feet to a drill hole in a large rock charged with lead;  
Thence South 62° 10' East 169.7 feet to a corner;  
Thence South 27° 40' West 161 feet to the line of said road;  
Thence on line of said road North 47° 30' West about 35 feet and North 53° 45' West about 119 feet to the place of beginning.

Also conveying the right to drain said premises across land in the Southerly side of said road to the river as set forth in deed to Elisha M. Whitney, dated August 27, 1900, and recorded in Book 1943, Page 216.

Being the same premises described in from William W. Whitney and Emily W. Peters, Trustees of the Murdock Trust, to us, dated January 23, 1962, and recorded in Book 4258, Page 315.

Subject to rights of Winchendon Electric Light and Power Company under instrument dated November 7, 1933 and recorded in Book 2596, Page 96, if same affects locus.

For Mortgagors' title see deed recorded herewith. B. 48377 P114

For consideration paid, the signors of the mortgage to which this Exhibit is attached, (the Mortgage) hereby release any and all rights of homestead in and to the mortgaged premises as against the holder of the Mortgage. It is agreed that any such Homestead shall not have any effect upon the Mortgage and to the extent such Homestead is legally enforceable, shall be subordinated and junior to said Mortgage in every respect.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48377, Page 114.

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

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

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

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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 204 Mill Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Justin A. Oakley and Jamie L. Oakley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GSF Mortgage Corp., said mortgage dated May 8, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41121 at Page 182 and now held by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated September 26, 2011 and recorded October 4, 2011 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 47917 Page 286 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on April 2, 2018 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

**The land in the northwesterly part of the village of Winchenden, Worcester County, Massachusetts, known as No. 204 Mill Street with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows, viz:**

**Commencing on the southerly side of Mill Street at a corner of land formerly of Joseph H. Wright; thence On line of said Wright land S. 18° W., one hundred five (105) feet; thence On line of land formerly of Frank L. Leland N. 74° 45' 45' W., forty (40) feet; thence Still on line of said Leland land N. 14° E., eighteen (18) feet; thence On line of land formerly of Asa P. Whitcomb N. 3° 45' E., ninety (90) feet, more or less, to said Mill Street; thence On said Mill Street sixty-three (63) feet to the lace of beginning.**

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

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated 9/30/2003, and recorded in Book 31836 at Page 242 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds.

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
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Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide  
Home Loans Servicing, LP  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868

March 9, 2018  
March 16, 2018  
March 23, 2018

# Cutting loose at Murdock High School



(l-r) Footloose artistic director Maureen Provost, director Kristi Iannacone, and music director Aly Galpeau.



Rev. Shaw Moore (Jack Newbrough), who has banned dancing and rock and roll in Bomont.

Greg Vine photos



Ariel Moore (Kaileen Dibble) in the arms of her abusive boyfriend Chuck Cranston (Sam Drake).



The cast of Footloose belting out the tune "I'm Free/Heaven Help Me."



Rev. Shaw Moore, reflects on his decisions.



Vi Moore (Robyn Ufema), the wife of Rev. Moore, reflects for a moment while singing "Learning to be Silent."



Ren McCormick (Alex Marshall) leads the kids of Bomont, where dancing and rock music have been banned, in an opening number.

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Ariel Moore (Kaileen Dibble), the daughter of Bomont's strict Rev. Moore, meets the new boy in town, Ren McCormick (Alex Marshall).

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