

State lauds town's financial comeback

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Officials from the state Department of Revenue attended Monday's meeting of the Winchendon Board of Selectmen to congratulate the town on the speed and efficiency with which it has lifted itself out of a \$3.5 million financial hole.

Zach Blake, of the Division of Local Services, said, "We wanted to take this opportunity to mark what can only be described as a really remarkable turnaround for the town of Winchendon, and really congratulate the collaborative effort by the board, the Finance Committee, the School Committee, department heads, your town manager, in the efforts that they've made collectively in that turnaround."

"If you recall," he continued, "it was about two and a-half years ago at this point in May of 2015 that we appeared in front of a joint meeting here and laid out signifi-

cant operating deficits, a lack of necessary funds to meet payroll and vendor payments, substantial cash overdrafts. You were borrowing internally from your stabilization fund. You were needing a bail out from local aid in order to make payments."

Blake also said an outside audit had identified numerous material weaknesses, including budget oversight issues, overdrafts and delays in closing the town's books. He also pointed out that, at the time, Winchendon was "going through a tremendous amount of turnover in your finance related offices."

"When we came here," Blake continued, "the message was, 'You guys need to form a strong financial management team and you need leadership,' and that we were here to help. You really took that message and you led with it."

"We just wanted to show our gratitude for all you've done to turn this community around

in quick order."

Blake noted that in 2015 the DOR handed the town a 36-page management letter outlining 24 recommendations for shoring up the town's sagging finances. The town later received a state-guaranteed loan to erase what had become a \$3.5 million budget deficit.

"Since that time," he said, "all 24 of those recommendations have been addressed at some level. You've brought on a competent, qualified, and experienced manager in Keith Hickey. You are working together as a team, from our vantage point, which is key. And, more importantly, you've stabilized the finances of this community, which is pretty remarkable."

"Today, you're on track to repay that deficit borrowing within four years, instead of ten – which is impressive. And you're in the position now of developing a capital improvement plan and are in the position of funding that

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Greg Vine photos

Coral Grout helps her mother Rachel cut the ribbon officially dedicating the Grout Family Memorial Park during ceremonies.



Coral Grout (standing left) and other members of the American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 Ladies Auxiliary during the playing of the National Anthem at the dedication of the Grout Family Memorial Park.

NEW PARK PAYS HOMAGE TO FAMILY

WCAC accepts grant for van purchase

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon Community Action Committee Director Colleen Laperriere has announced WCAC Board of Directors voted at a special meeting October 4, to accept a \$35,000 grant provided by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, allowing the facility to move forward with the purchase of a newer, safer, and more efficient vehicle.

Laperriere explained,

"Primarily the van has and will continue to provide medical transportation services. In addition to that, the van will also provide other types of services such as visits to the market as we currently do not have a local grocery store, continue to bring or deliver food to clients who are elderly or immobile, along with other options."

"It's something we realized a few years ago with the aging van we have that there was going to

come another time when we needed a new transport vehicle. The van we currently have has been wonderful; it's served us extremely well. We have fortunate to receive support from the town to keep it functioning, and they have provided the service to keep it going. Sadly, however as the body is deteriorating, we are not going to be able to get it to pass inspection, especially with the new inspection laws now in

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Draft plan for Central Street presented

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Representatives of the engineering firm Tighe and Bond outlined plans for the improvement of Central Street Monday night during a joint meeting of the Winchendon Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. Company Vice President David Loring and Project Engineer Alex Fagnand gave a PowerPoint presentation to the boards and later took questions from members and residents attending the meeting.

The project runs 2,600 feet from Blair Square to Maple Street, but does not include an upgrade to the Blair Square itself. The overall cost is estimated at between \$3.5 mil-

lion and \$3.75 million. Of that, \$2.75 million will be provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) via the federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project has been placed on the TIP list for the year 2020.

The scope of the project, according to the presentation, includes full depth roadway reconstruction and storm drainage, enhanced pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, streetscape amenities, and municipal sewer and water main replacement. The projected cost to the town of replacing water and sewer mains is pegged somewhere between \$750,000 and \$1

million. Those are funds the town will have to come up with on its own.

"We did some traffic counts," said Fagnand, "and found (Central Street) handling about 89-hundred vehicle trips per day through there. The existing roadway, not surprisingly – it's an old road – is in poor condition. It's done its service. The existing utilities are very old. They're at the point in their life where, when you do a road project like this, you probably look to replace them so that you're not cutting the road surface open in five or ten years to do continued utility work."

Fagnand also pointed out there are significant

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Photo by Keith Kent

Toy Town Elementary receives the finishing touches on a long awaited new basketball court.

Basketball court at Toy Town part of rehab

It had cracks. It had splits. It even had which had risen and dipped. However, thanks to a generous donation from the recent 100 year distribution of the Morton Converse Fund, Toy Town Elementary students are now the beneficiaries of a new outdoor basketball court, and it couldn't have come to soon.

As part of the continuing and ongoing Project Playground initiative at Toy Town Elementary, improvements have already been seen. Fencing, new equipment and now students in grades 3, 4, and 5 have the added benefit of a much safer and completely level basketball court.

Beginning the project October 23 and finished on Halloween, Toy Town students

received both a trick and the treat with the funding coming by way of the long term foresight a full century past.

Construction was provided by Joseph A. Mallet & Son of Athol with the finishing touches coming by the end of school day. While Trick-or-Treating was clearly on the minds of young students, Superintendent Steve Haddad, who has a central district office on the same grounds, knew all too well how important the project was.

Haddad said, "The old court was getting dangerous for the children to play on. It was full of cracks and also heaves in spots. With this project, the contractor was able to dig out the old court. A new layer of gravel and material was placed for

the base, and two fresh new layers of asphalt were installed."

In addition, Haddad said, "With the money from the Morton Converse Fund, we were also able to purchase a heavy-duty 6 swing set made of galvanized steel and it's on order. It will be delivered in a couple months and then installed next spring."

Haddad said in closing, "We have worked with both the town manager and Burton Gould, who helped as a fund representative and care taker. I want to say Burton has been wonderful working with us on this. This is a culmination of a project which started a year and a half ago, and we are very happy for our students that this is all coming together."



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WEEKLY QUOTE

I am patient with stupidity but not with those who are proud of it.

Edith Sitwell

COURIER CAPSULES

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

CLOTHING & BOOK DRIVE
Please drop off donations of clothing, linens, shoes, bags (back packs, purses, etc.) and books (please no encyclopedias!) at the gate of Murdock's Alumni Field (football field), during any home Murdock High School or Murdock Middle School athletic event, now through Nov. 15.

Drop offs may also be made at any

time at door D9 at the high school, or call (978) 257-5671 to arrange pick-up.

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

VENDORS WANTED

The VFW Post 5613 Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will be held at the VFW Hall on Hathorn Road (off Route 202) in Jaffrey. \$20 per space rental, \$5 per table rental. Local artists, crafters and vendors welcome. Please contact Tracy at tdepres68@gmail.com or (603) 899-2262 for more information on

how to register. Registration deadline is Saturday, Nov. 11.

SPAGHETTI!
Troop 33 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, Nov. 4 4-7 pm at the American Legion Humiston Post 11, 40 Webster St. Jaffrey. Adults \$10 Seniors and children under 10 \$6.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT WORCESTER — The Assumption College Department of Athletics has announced that Jake Shetranski of Winchendon earned a spot on the 2017 Assumption College football team. Shetranski, Class of 2019, competed during the Greyhounds' fall season.

NEW LONDON, NH — Hannah Clark of Rindge was inducted into

the Colby-Sawyer College chapter of Alpha Chi on Sunday, Oct. 22. Clark is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in graphic design.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

First Church Templeton will have its annual Christmas Fair from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. Come browse our handmade crafts, huge bargain basement, silent auction, ticket auction, theme basket raffle, quilt raffle, Children's gifts, baked goods, 50/50, Norman Rockwell & Emmett Kelley memorabilia. Sign up for a door prize (no need to be present to win).

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Waiting for the next shoe to drop

Here is the reality. No matter how hard we try, no matter what barriers we build, there are

going to be bad guys. We cannot guarantee every inch of the country will be safe. These are, tragi-

cally, the times in which we live. This killer in New York? As far as we know, he wasn't on any-

one's radar (at least as of this writing), had no serious criminal history, wasn't even from one of DJT's 'banned' countries. And may I remind the worst mass murderer in American history aside from 9/11 was a decorated former Marine. Bottom line - this is our 2017 reality. Stark but true.

Yes, indictments were handed down. An arrest was made. But where the Mueller investigation goes from here remains to be seen. Bob Mueller, as would be expected from a former FBI director, is meticulous and patient. Does anyone doubt he has bigger fish to fry? Much bigger fish? Let's not assume this was all there is. This is a long way from being over. And let us be clear. This is not 'fake news'. This is not propaganda from the alleged "deep state". This is very real. There are no "alternate facts" as the hapless Kelly Anne Conway would have us believe.

Messing with federal prosecutors, demean-

ing special counsels and lying to the FBI is not a smart strategy. Dissing them from the White House press room lectern won't work either. Ask Ron Ziegler how well that worked out. Attempting to deflect the argument back to Hillary Clinton isn't going to fly no matter how desperately the Trumpians at FAUX and other conservative outlets try. What matters are facts and Mueller traffics only in facts. Real ones. Who knows? He might even get his hands on DJT's tax returns. That would surely be interesting.

And so we wait. While we wait, I wonder if you saw chief of staff Kelly's comment in which he said an inability to compromise led to the Civil War. Exactly how you compromise on slavery eludes me but that's what he said. Kelly made the remark in the midst of a discussion about the removal of Confederate monuments but when



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JERRY CARTON

I read it, I tried not to think about the fact he is one of the supposed grown-ups we are counting on to rein in DJT.

At least there are the courts, one of which slapped down DJT's inane "order" regarding transgender troops being allowed to serve. That said, though, there is no question that democracy on a federal level is largely seeming like it's a thing of the past. Yes, the Trump campaign was associating with some very unsavory people but the road to oligarchy began before that. You can make an effective case that Citizens United burst the dam. Unreported, unregulated money from unknown

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'Special Needs' no roadblock for Cloutier

BY GREG VINE

Winchendon's Ben Cloutier didn't start life with all of the advantages that too many of us take for granted. As a young boy he was diagnosed with what clinicians once referred to as pervasive developmental disorder. Such disorders, according to an article on the website WebMD, "include delays in how a child typically develops, problems with socializing and communicating, trouble when a routine changes, and repetitive movements and behaviors."

The term pervasive developmental disorder, however, was jettisoned by the American Psychiatric Association in 2013 in favor of the term autism spectrum disorder. But, regardless of the terminology, Cloutier says he definitely exhibited a number of symptoms.

Yet, while classified a "special needs" student, he persevered and - despite some fits and starts - appears well on his way to a full, independent life.

"When I was at the Marvin School," he said, "I just felt overwhelmed. I was having trouble with my social and emotional behavior. I was withdrawn, and I could act out. Little things could really upset me."

Cloutier said he was prescribed medication designed to make him feel less anxious, to control both his emotions and his behavior. Some worked, for a time, but "in the long run, they all didn't help."

He would eventually transfer to the Millers River Academy, which

was overseen by the Athol Royalston Regional School District.

"It was a smaller setting," said Cloutier, "and they were more into the students. If you needed help, they were there for you. They'd watch for signs of a problem, and if I needed it, they'd give me a couple of minutes by myself."

"But then," he explained, "we were 'mainstreamed' into the regular school. Basically, they shut us in a closet. We weren't really part of the school. We were in an old building. Our room didn't even have windows."

In late middle school, the family decided a transfer for Ben to the CAPS Collaborative might be a smart move. The decision turned out to be a good one.

"By the time I got to high school, I started talking to other students," he said. "I felt more comfortable - with other people and with myself."

Cloutier said the classes there were small and the one-on-one instruction, when it was necessary, was helpful.

"It was then I decided I was really going to do what I needed to do to pass my classes and get my high school diploma. I wanted to graduate. I made up my mind I wanted to do something with my life."

He also began to weigh what "doing something" with his life really meant.

"Before graduating," he said, "I began contemplating. I asked myself, 'What do I want to do?' Do I want to do nothing? Do I want to work? Do I want to go to school?"



Greg Vine photo

Ben Cloutier, with his parents Lionel and Cindy and his diploma

In June of this year, Cloutier graduated. Through his hard work at CAPS, he earned his diploma, becoming an alumna of Murdock High School.

He ultimately decided he wanted to follow the lead of his father, Lionel, a member of Winchendon's Conservation Commission, as well as the Board of Health. The elder Cloutier has long been involved in trying to preserve the town's natural resources. His methods haven't always been conventional, but he is nothing if not passionate about the cause.

As a result, Cloutier applied to and was accepted into the natural resources program at Mount Wachusett

Community College.

"I love to get outdoors," he explained. "I love to go fishing. I love the beauty of nature, and I'd like to do something to help preserve it."

He still has a way to go before he finally lands his associate's degree, but there seems little doubt he will earn it.

After that "I'd like to work, maybe, for the DCR (state Dept. of Conservation and Recreation) or for Mass Wildlife. I'm really not sure yet."

"But, I do know one thing," he concluded, "the only one who can stop me from getting my dream is me. And that's not gonna happen."

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plan. Again, very impressive. And, for the second year in a row, you're able to mark that you have more than a million dollars in free cash."

"This financial turnaround," Blake concluded, "is allowing you to really proactively plan for the future."

DOR's Mary Jane Handy confirmed the town's free cash for fiscal year 2018 has been set at \$1,372,558.

Said Handy, "I am pleased to be able to grant this year's request for the town to retain \$550,000 of your fiscal year '18 free cash, of course subject to appropriation by town meeting, for the anticipate fiscal year '18 expenditures the town manager has requested."

BOS Chairman Barbara Anderson thanked the state for its continued support.

"Getting through those rough years was not very easy," said Anderson, "Thanks to Keith Hickey

and Bill Schlosstein and Superintendent Haddad, who has hired a new business manager, we can all work together collectively. But we couldn't do it without you, and so we do appreciate all the help and support that you've given us."

Hickey echoed Anderson's sentiments. While naming a number of individuals he said deserved credit for driving the town's turnaround, Hickey added "it really was a community-wide effort."

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safety concerns regarding the corridor. "There's a very high accident rate," he said. "The state average for a road of this type is about 3.7 accidents per million entering vehicles. Central Street actually has an 8.47 crash rate. So, it's more than double the state average. There are various reasons for that, but the principal culprit here is intersection site distance. There's also a lot of in-and-out traffic from driveways and parking lots."

The high number of accidents at the intersection of Grove and Central streets is of particular concern.

Fagnan also said mid-block pedestrian crossings, making it difficult for motorists to see pedestrians entering the roadway from in front of parked vehicles, is problematic. He pointed out the poor condition of existing sidewalks - which are not currently compliant with the federal American with Disabilities Act - and the lack of dedicated bicycle space as other safety problems that need to be addressed.

Tighe and Bond's draft design for the roadway includes some significant changes. Plans call for 5-1/2 foot sidewalks, made of concrete, on both sides of the street. However, the draft proposal also would eliminate all parking spaces on the east side of Central Street. Parking would still be allowed on the west side, but some existing spaces would be eliminated in order to comply with federal safety standards. In addition, a bike lane would be added to each side. Bike lanes would be five feet wide, travel lanes would be 11 feet, and there would be a two-foot buffer lane between bikes and vehicles.

Some members of both boards, as well as several residents, expressed concern over the loss of parking, but Loring explained there would still be plenty of parking when existing lots and side streets are taken into account. Loring said parking on side streets is currently under-utilized.

"People are used to parking right in front of the place where they want to do business, then moving on to the next one," said Central Street resident Jane LaPointe. "That mind-set will need to change. People will have to get used to the idea of walking a little."

Loring emphasized the plan presented Monday night is just a draft and, therefore, subject to change. However, he also made it clear that - in order to receive funding under the TIP - the project must meet federal safety standards.

Winchendon Historical Commission Chairman Corey Bohan told Loring the commission would be willing to work with Tighe and Bond to help preserve the historic appearance of downtown Winchendon and possible identify other sources of funding to assist in that effort.

Loring said there would be several chances for residents to voice their concerns or support for the project in coming months. The final design, after moving through several steps, is due to be presented in December 2018. Bids for the project will go out in late 2019, with construction set to begin in the spring of the following year.

STILL STYLIN'



Jeff Millman photo

The football team of 1957, class of '58, was the first football team from Murdock to win a championship. They are all still alive and the ones pictured with a few cheerleaders from that team as well, were honored at center field during a football game in early October. 60 years and still a team worth their mettle.

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You are invited

The Clark Memorial YMCA is embarking on its next steps and a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Community Building & Youth Center is scheduled tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 4th at 1 p.m. This is behind the present building, near the tennis courts if you are unfamiliar with the layout of the Clark.

This is just the next step in a series of improvements to the Clark and its campus. There has been upgrades inside and out over the past few years; an elevator, new roofing with solar...cost savings and convenience for all.

There will continue to be changes, just as Wendell Clark intended when he set aside funds and bequeathed the town a community center in the first place. He wanted a YMCA, but he would settle for a community center. He would be pleased with the changes.

The Powers That Be at the Clark are always busy not only trying to improve the building and its programs, but doing it to benefit as many people as

possible. They have sliding payment scales and scholarship programs; they want everyone to belong and be part of the activities.

That's why they are constantly fund raising too. Because in order to offer to pay for those who can't, those who can must help.

Tonight, Friday, is the annual wine tasting. This year at the American Legion, it always includes donated art and products for auction; food, wine and beer and great time to socialize.

Stop by if you can, there is usually the capability to get in last minute and at \$25 a person it is a good value for an evening out.

We give good marks to the Clark and its efforts, so stop by tonight for a glass of wine or a beer, and definitely drop by tomorrow for the groundbreaking.

A new community building and the chance to provide space for youth activities can only be another good thing for our town.

Benedict: soccer marathon this weekend

To the Editor:

Greetings! I am Michaela Benedict, a senior and captain of the Murdock Varsity Soccer team. We are participating in the first annual Murdock Soccer Marathon. Various age groups of soccer players will be playing soccer in the Clark YMCA field house for one hour time slots, adding up to a total of 24 hours. All proceeds will go to the middle and high school soccer programs. Money will be used for field improvements, goal replacements and upgrades, warm-up purchases, and other expenses.

Our goal is to raise \$2,000. You can sponsor me (via cash or check) for any amount, such as \$10, \$20, or \$100. If we can reach our goal, one of the coaches will be playing soccer for 24 hours straight. If we reach \$2,500, two coaches will play around the clock, and if we raise \$5,000, all coaches and assistant coaches will play.

If you would like to come see the

soccer marathon, it will be held from 10 a.m. on Nov. 4 to 10 a.m. on Nov. 5 in the field house. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, food, or drink, you can do this as well.

If you are interested in sponsoring this program, I can accept cash donations or checks made out to Murdock girls varsity soccer. Please provide your company/sponsor name and pledge amount so that we can recognize your generosity. Donations can be handed to me personally or delivered to Murdock High School, specifying that the donation is for the soccer marathon. Thank you for your time and interest in the community.

With further questions, feel free to contact me at: mbenedict@students.winchendonk12.org

Or my coach Jason Marshall at: drjasonpmarshall@gmail.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GALA needs ornaments for our tree

To the Editor:

We need your help in making or purchasing Christmas tree ornaments for our GALA Tree. The theme is "THE ARTS", so we are looking for ornaments that speak to all of the Arts. A few examples could be: miniature 3"x3" paintings; miniature scrolls of poetry; musical instruments and notes; or cameras; etc. This is a fun holiday project, so use your creativity and imagination!

The Winchendon History and Cultural Center will be holding their 2017 Tour of Holiday Homes on Dec. 9 starting at 10 a.m. There will be nine holiday decorated homes to visit and a gift shop. The fee is \$15 per person.

GALA's eight foot Christmas tree will be in the mansion. This tour is marvelous! So let's make some ornaments for

our bare tree! We will then be able to use these ornaments year after year. Make sure you put your name on the ornaments.

Please let Deb know that you will be participating so that we have a good idea of how many ornaments we can expect.

We need the ornaments by Monday, Nov. 27!

Call Deb Giordano to arrange for drop off at our Arts Gallery or mail them to Deb Giordano, 151 Glenallan St., Winchendon, MA 01475. Debgiordano59@comcast.net, (978) 407-1419.

DEB GIORDANO, PRESIDENT
GALA

Old Murdock: always busy

To the Editor

It's been a busy month for the staff and volunteers here at the Old Murdock Senior Center.

First, on October 17, we welcomed the International Veteran's Chorus, who entertained over eighty people with patriotic music and songs that had many toes tapping and even some eye wiping. There was a great sing-a-long with "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". It was a beautiful concert and we look forward to having the chorus join us again in the future.

Saturday, October 21st was a beautiful night for A Night on the Red Carpet Senior Prom with our friends at Broadview Assisted Living. It was a lovely evening of dancing, lively music and much laughter. Women wore long dresses; men were handsome in their best suits. We crowned a Prom King and his Queen. Thank you to the people at Broadview for sharing this event with us.

Our annual Senior Wellness Day was held on October 25th and for the first time, was live on Facebook! We had close to forty vendors handing out information of interest to our seniors and their families. People were able

to check their blood pressure, have their eyes checked, get a flu shot, learn about fire safety and scams affecting the elders, and so much more! We had giveaways, raffle baskets, and lots of goodies at our bake sale. We also collected canned goods for our food pantry. Gardner Rehab closed the day with an exercise demonstration. What a great way to end our event, with everyone moving to the music. Thank you to everyone who came, both vendors and participants.

Thank you to those who helped set up and tear down the chairs and tables, decorated our auditorium, baked for our bake sale, provided raffle baskets and participated in any or all of our events. We also want to thank McDonald's of Winchendon for providing hot coffee and chocolate chip cookies! We appreciate all the support. We are proud to serve the seniors of Winchendon and thank everyone for the continued support of our Center.

From all of us at the Center:

SHEILA BETTRO, SHARON PERKINS,
DAVID TAVARES, KEVIN REIDY, MIMI
ANDERSON, ART AMENTA, CINDY
KNIGHT, AND ALLISON SYMONOWICZ

Okay, men, time to stop being boys

"If your flirting strategy is indistinguishable from harassment, it's not everyone else that's the problem." - John Scalzi, American author

I had to think long and hard before writing this column. I am sure that, at some time in my past, I have said some something inappropriate to or in front of a woman. But, after mulling my words and actions from the time I was, say, 18 until now, I am equally positive that I have never sexually harassed or assaulted a woman.

Now, keep in mind that's a 44-year-long period of life. I suppose it's possible I missed something as I reflected, but I don't think so. I'm certain because my mother and father were quite explicit in teaching me how - and how not - to treat another human being, regardless of their sex.

It's simple: you treat others with the same level of respect with which you expect to be

treated. Period.

Many of us, myself included, once mistakenly thought the scourge of the sexual harassment - indeed, sexual assault - of women had ended with the rise of the women's liberation movement. As more women worked beside men in factories, as more women became doctors, lawyers, astronauts, race car drivers, mechanics, and national leaders they had, had they not, earned the right to be viewed as equal to men?

Not that they shouldn't have been viewed as such for the first 200,000 years we homo sapiens walked the planet. But, hell, the men in charge in most "civilized" countries didn't even decide women deserved the right to vote until just over 90 years ago.

Then most of us, again mistakenly, thought sexual harassment might come to an end after the infamous Tail Hook Scandal of 1991. That's when more than 100 aviation officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine



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Corp were alleged to have sexually assaulted 83 women (and a handful of men) at the 35th annual Tail Hook Association Symposium at the Las Vegas Hilton. Some officers were photographed wearing tee shirts that read "Women Are Property." The careers of Secretary of the Navy Henry Garrett and Chief of Naval Operations Frank Kelso, both of whom were at the event, came to a well-deserved end as a result.

All was now well between the sexes, right? Well, no.

It turns out the president we elected the following year would, as we learned in 1998, end up carrying on a year-long

sexual relationship with a 22-year-old intern. Bill Clinton was 49 at the time.

Once again, a man in a position of power had used that power to satisfy his own misplaced desires. Yes, it appears it was consensual, but power is a strong and all-too-often abused aphrodisiac.

Even though he was nearly booted from office, did men get the message?

Of course not!

Fast forward to 2016.

The world is treated to a tape of the future President of the United States, Donald Trump, bragging about groping women. Bragging! His supporters lamely dismissed it as mere locker room talk. "Boys will be boys," they said.

Now we learn Hollywood power-house Harvey Weinstein may have sexually assaulted and/or harassed more than 70 women, nonagenarian ex-president George H.W. Bush has reportedly manhandled more than one woman, movie direc-

tor James Tobak may have sexually harassed nearly 40 women, and political commentator Mark Halperin may have been inappropriate with female co-workers while he was at ABC.

The time has come for men to stop being boys. It's time for men to call out other men who treat women with disrespect, who treat them as nothing more than an object placed here for their pleasure, to assuage their own lack of manliness and self-esteem.

Sure, most women can defend themselves. But they shouldn't have to.

Like the old saw goes; if you wouldn't want another man treating your mother or sister that way, don't do it yourself.

Speaking for women everywhere, Australian author Joy Jennings puts it bluntly: "I am not your dog that you whistle for; I'm not a stray animal you call over, and I am not, I never have been, nor will I ever be, your 'baby!'"

Saudi Arabia grants citizenship to first artificial life form

In a move that not only caught many off guard but stunned countless around the globe, the government of Saudi Arabia has become the first nation in the world to grant full legal citizenship to a robot.

Dr. David Hanson, CEO of Hanson Robotics in his latest release and efforts to move on step closer to "A.I." or Artificial Intelligence, introduced Sophia the robot to a large group of investors and members of the Saudi nation at a recent conference in an effort to move one step closer to mainstreaming androids for future integration among human societies. Sophia has also been seen on the Tonight Show, along with a host of other shows and networks.

While Sophia was questioned by a reporter, commonplace motions such as smiles, blinking eyes, and head ges-

tures were viewed by all as Sophia answered questions and spoke to the audience in front of both investors and the press.

Sophia has already stated the future desire to go to school, study, make art, start a business, and "Even have my own home and family."

Is anybody reading this thinking this is getting creepy yet, even if just a little?

During an interview with CNBC's Andrew Ross Sorkin, Sophia was asked a series of questions about how robots would like to take part in the world and what they wanted to contribute. During multiple answers, Sophia poked fun at Hollywood and even took a few verbal shots at billionaire Elon Musk who has



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founded Tesla Motors, Space-X, Solar City, and more.

Sophia said, "You've been reading too much Elon Musk, and watching too many Hollywood movies. Don't worry, if you're nice to me, I'll be nice to you. Treat me as a smart input system."

Did you catch that? "If you're nice to me, I'll be nice to you."

May I remind everybody how much stronger an artificial and mechanical body is versus the human body. This isn't even touching on the intellectual processing advantage.

In response Elon Musk, who has previously sounded many alarms against the potential threats of A.I., joked, "Just feed it The Godfather movies as input.

What's the worst that could happen?

Point taken. Humans are clearly not a perfect machine themselves and full of lots of flaws, both moral and otherwise. These future robots and their A.I. will be first programmed by humans, and then eventually evolve on their own. We already have computers and chips which can perform billions of calculations in a single second. I can't help but wonder how long before humans are considered the virus, and some forms of A.I. see themselves as the cure to save the planet. Not Hollywood, but simple evolution of the more intelligent and as basic as Cro-Magnon man versus the Neanderthals some 40 millennia ago.

Hanson, while he has stated he would personally like to see robots just a little distinguishable from people, feels in the future robots with A.I. will be com-

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Deadly deeds at dinner

A dinner to raise funds for the Kiwanis backpack program was an hilarious success. Those who found their way to the dining hall at the Winchendon School, where members of the Murdock Key Club and Winchendon School students worked as servers, were treated to a chicken and risotto dinner; and a gleeful ghoulish charade.

Audience members were pulled into the action, with Jordan Comeau the unwitting murderer (or was he?) when the prop gun is loaded with real bullets (the horror!).

It's murder and mayhem for a good cause.

Backpack chairman Jennifer Haddad explained the program to those present, as some 80 students are now receiving a package of food every Friday at both Memorial and Toy Town elementary schools. Some food is donated, some is purchased; but the program cannot continue without support from others, so the fundraisers and donations are important.

Kiwanis have also run their "Almost Famous" food booth at the Fall Festival



Ruth DeAmicis photos
Jordan Comeau is handed a "prop" gun and coerced to shooting the millionaire.



A whole table of second place winners, as Kevin and Angela Papierski of Cambridge and Peg and Guy Corbosiero of Winchendon all guessed the same person "did it." And while the guess was wrong, the guesses were so inventive they all got a "prize."

and Summer Solstice as ways to raise money for their programs, as well as being the sponsors of the Massachusetts

state level chili cook off and family fun day now in its 36th year.

Membership is open to anyone interested in helping the community of Winchendon; the service is child oriented and funds stay in the community. For information speak to any Kiwanis member.



One of the detectives at the mansion for the weekend, a Mr. Cloosteau by name, would prefer to play his music than pay attention to what is happening around him.

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place" said Laperriere.

As the replacement project began in 2016, a letter requesting assistance was placed to the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation for the purchase of a new van for the many purposes needed to serve the community. Now with the award, the WCAC will be able to purchase what Laperriere described as, "a desperately needed new vehicle which will allow us to provide more services, for as the current van got older, we were not able to provide as many services as we were able to in the past."

Laperriere stated, "The primary reason the WCAC applied for a new vehicle is that it was getting 'Less than favorable' responses from auto body shops. While the engine runs well, both the body and bumpers are getting rusty, the passenger door needs work, and at some point, you have to weigh the costs of necessary repairs versus the value of the vehicle."

The new van will at the very least be front wheel drive allowing better traction during inclement weather for required operations.

Laperriere explained currently five percent of Winchendon residents are members of the "in need" population.

"Not all clients are food peo-



Photo by Keith Kent

The current WCAC van has begun to accumulate safety issues along with heavy rust, and is now slated to be replaced with a smaller and more efficient van in the near future.

ple, as some receive SNAP benefits, may be people with legal issues, could be looking for referrals due to domestic abuse, counseling information, or other. No matter if we want to face it or not, there will always be a population in need. To have poverty in our country is truly unacceptable."

Discussing purchasing options Laperriere added, "We try to buy locally first, and then make the effort to buy state-side. We are a corporation but we have to be good stewards of the money we receive no matter what grants, funds, donation, or other we receive."

In closing, speaking of Robinson Broadhurst, Laperriere said, "They have just been incredibly, incredibly, supportive. Regardless of what we have needed at the facility, they have just been amazing. They visit us every year and look around to see what our needs are and what's going on. They really understand that the town of Winchendon is a town that has a lot of need. They take their responsibility as a supporter of the community very seriously. They really have their finger on the pulse of what's happening, and we are extremely grateful for their support."

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pletely indistinguishable from humans.

During an interview on an episode of "The Pulse" on the CNBC Network, Dr. Hanson with a smile asked Sophia, "Do you want to destroy humans? Please

say no." Sophia responded, "OK, I will destroy humans."

Hanson jokingly laughed and replied, "No, I take it back, don't destroy humans."

Two closing thoughts. First, I may not be a doctor but I personally feel our efforts should be concentrated on improving the human brain before we move forward creating the electronic

artificial as the flawed cannot create the flawless.

Lastly, I'm disgusted the Saudi's just granted citizenship to an A.I. robot resembling a human female, when they still treat real human women with little dignity, routinely commit human rights violations against them, and only just started to let them drive automobiles.



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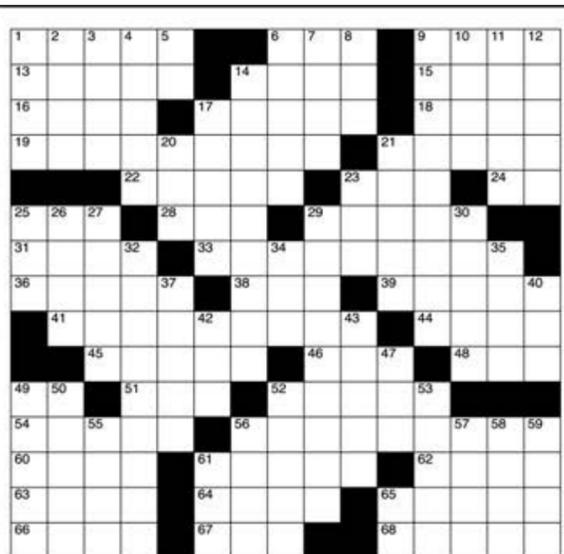
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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6	1	7	5	2	8	4	9	3
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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!

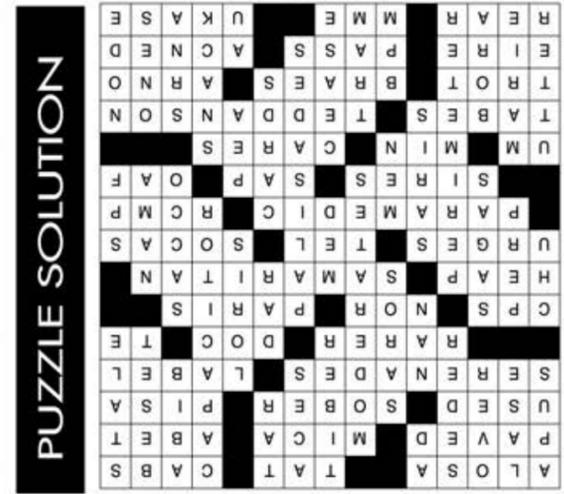


CLUES ACROSS

- River herrings
- Body art (slang)
- Taxis
- Covered with asphalt
- Mineral found in granite
- Assist
- Handled
- Not drunk
- Home to a famous tower
- Songs
- A way to designate
- More infrequent
- Medical man
- Tellurium
- Cycles/second
- Neither
- Home to a famous tower
- Former Ravens tight end Todd
- One who helps
- Tries to persuade
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Political distance (abbr.)
- Emergency first aid worker
- Canadian law enforcers
- Fathers
- Drain of resources
- An awkward stupid person
- Home of the Wolverines
- Chinese
- Gives a hoot
- Emaciation
- "Sam Malone"
- Horses do this
- Hillsides
- River in Florence
- Republic of Ireland
- Lapse
- Blemished
- Backside
- Woman (French)
- An edict of the Russian tsar

CLUES DOWN

- The Bird of Paradise
- Emit coherent radiation
- Above
- Passover feast and ceremony
- Commercial
- Rome is on its banks
- Kershaw and King Felix are two
- Seaman
- Stores an electronic charge
- Teething babies need __
- Threaten persistently
- Not fresh
- Presides over
- Astronomical period
- Harding's self-proclaimed mistress Britton
- Nocturnal primate
- Patriotic American women
- Vietnamese river
- Suspect
- Heroic tales
- Fences of wooden stakes
- Venzetti's partner
- Outermost parts of an area
- Type of student
- Noncoding RNA gene
- Frocks
- Sunscreen rating
- Opposite of women
- Needed to play games
- A partner to carrots
- Absolute
- Disgraced French aristocrat Antoinette
- End
- Food eaten between meals
- Cold wind
- Streeter
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Singles
- Intersecting point
- Beats per minute
- Gold



OBITUARIES

Jane S. Drake

GARDNER — Jane S. Drake, surrounded by family and caring friends, peacefully left this earth and went to be with her husband, Jay on October 18, 2017



Jane was born on May 13, 1924 to parents Laura (Luthans) and William Snell in Clinton, Iowa. She was a voice major and 1947 graduate of Grinnell College and met her future husband, Jay in Clinton in 1948

where he was working for the DuPont Co. They were married in Clinton on Dec. 18, 1948 and after their honeymoon skiing in Cable, Wisconsin relocated to Gardner, where Jay joined his father in the family business, the Royal Steam Heater Co. Jane was warmly welcomed in Gardner and frequently in the company of her sister-in-law Martha, made many, lifelong friends while she and

Jay began raising their family. She was a homemaker during the '50s '60s and '70s, eventually doing payroll and clerical work in the family business once the children were older. Jane and Jay enjoyed a wonderful social circle, broad civic engagement and were avid skiers, golfers, tennis players and bridge players. Jane was a tremendous competitor who won her final singles title at Oak Hill CC at the age of 61. She was also a passionate Boston sports fan and her family has great memories of that passion expressed during Red Sox and Celtics playoff games through the years. Jane was very active in the 1st Congregational Church of Gardner as a member of the Diaconate and many committees and as the soloist in the choir for over 50 years. Her distinctive soprano was recognized by all and duets performed with Porter Dolly were moments treasure, both by the performers and all in attendance. She served on many civic committees and boards

including the Heywood Hospital Aid committee, Baldwinville Nursing Home and PYC trustees. Jane was currently an officer of Lynde Hardware and had been a member of the former Gardner Boat Club and Gardner Chowder Club.

Jane and Jay travelled extensively, frequently with Jane's sister Maxine and husband Graham. They enjoyed many years of annual rituals including Harvard-Yale football games with the Mossmans, Squires, Gahans, Cahills, Reeds and Wallaces; summer stays at Monomonac, skiing at Sugarbush, winter stays in Longboat Key, etc. All were highlighted by quality time with family and lifelong friends.

Jane was predeceased by her husband Harold E. Drake Jr. (Jay) in 1994, her parents, brother Robert, sister Maxine and their spouses.

Jane is survived by four children, Jay D. Drake and his wife Celeste of Gardner, Thomas W. Drake and his wife Verena of Lakeville, CT, Laurie Drake

of Gardner and David G. Drake and his wife Sue, also of Gardner; four grandchildren, Elliott of Westminster, Oliver and his fiancée, Shannon of Gardner, Ariella and husband Matt and Thomas and wife Beth, all of Washington, DC.; many nieces and nephews and countless friends.

The Drake family is grateful for the friendship and loving care provided by the French Connection. Rosella, Barbara, Patty, Faith, Ruby, Cathy, and Charlene are special people for whom Jane cared deeply.

Funeral services were held in the First Congregational Church, 28 Green St., Gardner Monday, October 23rd.

Memorial donations may be made to First Congregational Church, 28 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440 or to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave, Boston, MA 02215.

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

POLICE LOG

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

1:04-1:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:19 a.m.: info/general (Central Street), unable to locate; 1:51-2:11 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:17 a.m.: suspicious person (Central Street), spoken to; 4:43 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 5:31 a.m.: investigation (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 6:00 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 6:55 a.m.: accident (Teel Road), mv towed; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (Central Street), referred; 8:17 a.m.: threats (Spring Street), report taken; 8:53 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 9:45 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (Ready Drive), report taken; 10:27 a.m.: suspicious (other) (Lakeshore Drive), assisted; 10:57 a.m.: assist citizen (Spring Street), referred; 10:58 a.m.: accident (Gardner Road), report taken; 11:23 a.m.: animal complaint (West Street), referred to ACO; 12:00 p.m.: shoplifting (Gardner Road), report taken; 12:21 p.m.: sex offender registration (Glenallan Street), info taken; 2:30 p.m.: assist other PD (Central Street), message delivered; 3:02 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), services rendered; 3:22 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), spoken to; 4:11 p.m.: investigation (Juniper Street), services rendered; 4:21 p.m.: ambulance (Hale Street), services rendered; 5:45 p.m.: suicide threats (Cedar Street), report taken; 5:59 p.m.: ambulance (Cedar Street), transported; 6:29 p.m.: info/general (Sunset Court), report taken; 6:48 p.m.: harassment order service (Court Street), unable to serve; 8:30 p.m.: investigation (Mill Glen Road), services rendered; 9:02 p.m.: mv stop (Chestnut Street), verbal warning; 9:43 p.m.: registration check (Pond Street), info given.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:26 a.m.: ambulance (Monadnock Avenue), transported; 12:32-3:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:08 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 7:21 a.m.: investigation (Gardner Road), report taken; 7:26 a.m.: burglar alarm (School Street), accidental; 8:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), assisted; 9:23 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 9:42 a.m.: harassment (Court

Street), canceled; 10:11 a.m.: panic alarm (Eli Drive), canceled; 10:33 a.m.: tree down on wires (Bemis Road), referred; 11:57 a.m.: death notification (Hyde Street), unable to locate; 12:17 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:54 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street); 2:33 p.m.: suicide threats (Elmwood Road), transported to hospital; 3:21 p.m.: suspicious person (Elmwood Road), report taken; 3:22 p.m.: suspicious person (Front Street), spoken to; 4:12 p.m.: investigation (Court Street), services rendered; 4:54 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Mechanic Street), unable to locate; 5:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), false alarm; 6:07 p.m.: property found (Central Street), report taken; 6:13 p.m.: suspicious person (Ready Drive), report taken; 6:39 p.m.: fire alarm (Highland Street), false alarm; 6:40 p.m.: traffic hazard (Maple Street), services rendered; 6:50 p.m.: accident (Central Street), spoken to; 6:56 p.m.: suspicious (other) (Ready Drive), report taken; 8:41 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lakeshore Drive), no cause for complaint; 8:50 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 9:51 p.m.: info/general (Monadnock Avenue), spoken to.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

1:14-1:40 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:45 a.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 1:59-2:31 a.m.: burglar alarm (Goodrich Street), secure; 2:48-3:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:18 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 8:43 a.m.: FD call (Woodlawn Street), services rendered; 9:48 a.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported; 11:43 a.m.: burglar alarm (Mason Street), secured bldg.; 12:31 p.m.: burglar alarm (Mason Street), advised officer; 1:43 p.m.: ambulance (Hospital Drive), transported; 2:02 p.m.: accident (Front Street), report taken; 2:04 p.m.: traffic hazard (Royalston Road North), removed; 4:27 p.m.: ATV complaint (Franklin Street), unable to locate; 4:40 p.m.: missing person (Spring Street), services rendered; 6:38 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 6:43 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 6:56 p.m.: 911 hang up (Ash Street), spoken to; 7:29 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 7:59 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Road), verbal warning; 8:20 p.m.: mv stop (Goodrich Street), written warning; 9:34 p.m.: suspicious mv (Murdock Avenue), spoken to; 9:45 p.m.: burglar alarm (Railroad Street), secure; 10:00 p.m.: mv repossession (Elm Street), info taken; 10:57 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street), removed traffic hazard; 11:44-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:02-1:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:34 a.m.: mv stop (Teel Road),

written warning; 1:49 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 1:57 a.m.: building checked, secure; 3:37 a.m.: tree down (River Street), unable to locate; 7:26 a.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 8:29 a.m.: structure fire (Spring Street), services rendered; 8:48 a.m.: DPW call (Summer Street), referred; 9:39 a.m.: larceny (School Street), report taken; 10:25 a.m.: mental health issue (Hospital Drive), transported to hospital; 11:58 a.m.: suspicious person (Mill Glen Road), unable to locate; 2:40 p.m.: DPW call (Central Street), referred; 3:57 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), property returned to owner; 4:37 p.m.: property found (Lake Dennison), services rendered; 4:41 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), spoken to; 4:47 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 5:05 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 5:29 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), spoken to; 5:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road), services rendered; 6:15 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), spoken to; 7:45 p.m.: registration check (Glenallan Street), services rendered; 9:01 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive), report taken.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

12:09 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), spoken to; 12:16-2:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:06 a.m.: fire/mutual aid (Thompson Road, Rindge), services rendered; 8:24 a.m.: fire alarm (River Street), services rendered; 8:50 a.m.: accident (West Street), report taken; 9:03 a.m.: illegal dumping (Robbins Road), report taken; 10:37 a.m.: ambulance (Willoughby Avenue), transported; 10:41 a.m.: notification (West Street), message delivered; 10:42 a.m.: mv stop (Front Street), citation issued; 11:26 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 12:16 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:27 p.m.: investigation (Washington Avenue), info taken; 1:27 p.m.: summons service (Hitchcock Road), served; 1:42 p.m.: summons service (Elmwood Road), served; 1:44 p.m.: loitering (Main Street), unable to locate; 1:56 p.m.: summons service (Brown Street), served; 2:06 p.m.: investigation (West Street), unable to locate; 2:14 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street), transported; 2:28 p.m.: loitering (Central Street), gone on arrival; 3:22 p.m.: summons service (Spring Street), served; 3:51 p.m.: keep the peace (Front Street), report taken; 5:00 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street), assisted; 5:22 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), false alarm; 5:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street), referred to ACO; 5:30 p.m.: trespassing (Beech Street), area search negative; 5:55 p.m.: welfare check/elderly (Colonial Lane), spoken to; 6:17 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North), referred to ACO; 6:30 p.m.: mv stop (Ash Street), verbal warning; 6:42 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 7:03 p.m.: mental health issue (Linden Street), spoken to; 7:11 p.m.: harassment (River Street), report taken; 8:28 p.m.: mv stop (School Street), verbal warning; 8:46 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 8:55 p.m.: registration check (Old Gardner Road), secure; 9:24 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 10:05 p.m.: mv stop (High Street), secure; 10:13 p.m.: assist other PD (Dudley Road, Templeton), services rendered;

11:18 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Pond Street), services rendered; 11:29 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road), Joshua E. Nasiatka, 31, 92 Maple Street, #5, Winchendon, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest; 11:43 p.m.: noise complaint (Baldwinville Road), spoken to.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

2:54 a.m.: registration check (Main Street), services rendered; 3:25 a.m.: assist other agency (Elmwood Road), services rendered; 5:39 a.m.: assist citizen (Elm Street), removed to hospital; 7:24 a.m.: animal complaint (High Street), info taken; 7:44 a.m.: info/general (Brown Avenue), info taken; 8:41 a.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North), returned to owner; 9:08 a.m.: ambulance (Prospect Street), transported; 9:29 a.m.: info/general (Maple Street), spoken to; 9:50 a.m.: keep the peace (Maple Street), assisted; 9:53 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 10:59 a.m.: disabled mv (Gardner Road), no service necessary; 11:45 a.m.: assist citizen (Elmwood Road), referred to court; 3:46 p.m.: animal complaint (High Street) referred to ACO; 5:33 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 6:04 p.m.: officer wanted (East Street), referred to other PD; 6:35 p.m.: erratic operation (Central Street), unable to locate; 6:41 p.m.: property lost (Northern Heights), report taken; 7:40 accident (Lincoln Avenue), Craig P. Letoile, 26, 540 Brown Street, Winchendon, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, report taken; 9:38 p.m.: tree down (Glenallan Street), report taken; 10:35 p.m.: burglar alarm (Front Street), secured bldg.; 11:11 p.m.: traffic hazard (Baldwinville Road), services rendered; 11:14 p.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street), services rendered; 11:33 p.m.: traffic hazard (Brown Street), services rendered; 11:45 p.m.: transport (Central Street); 11:58 p.m.: power outage (Royalston Road North), services rendered.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

12:29 a.m.: tree down on wires (High Street), services rendered; 1:03 a.m.: tree down (High Street), services rendered; 1:38 a.m.: burglar alarm (Fairbanks Street), secured bldg.; 1:39 a.m.: tree down (Glenallan Street), referred to DPW; 1:52 a.m.: tree down (N. Ashburnham Road), referred to DPW; 2:14 a.m.: suspicious (other) (Gardner Road), spoken to; 2:36-2:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:44 a.m.: tree down (Baldwinville Road), services rendered; 4:45 a.m.: burglar alarm (Gardner Road), spoken to; 4:58 a.m.: tree down (Mellen Road), referred to DPW; 5:42 a.m.: tree down (Brooks Road), referred to DPW; 5:45 a.m.: tree down (Alger Street), referred; 6:23 a.m.: tree down (Krantz Road), spoken to; 8:51 a.m.: traffic hazard (Gardner Road), removed; 8:57 a.m.: tree down on wires (Royalston Road North), referred; 9:14 a.m.: info/general (Baldwinville Road), info given; 9:20 a.m.: disabled mv (Goodrich Drive), info taken; 9:29 a.m.: assist other agency (Spruce Street), unable to locate; 9:51 a.m.: accident (Spruce Street), report taken; 10:45 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), services rendered; 10:51 a.m.: assist other agency (Mill Street); 11:15 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lincoln Avenue), false alarm; 11:20 a.m.: accident (Walnut Street), report taken; 12:07 p.m.: harassment (Maynard Street), report taken; 12:22 p.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street), referred to DPW; 12:36 p.m.: assault (Teel Road), report taken; 1:27 p.m.: investigation (Manca Drive, Gardner), property returned; 1:54 p.m.: tree down on wires (Bemis Road), referred; 2:28 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street), referred to ACO; 3:37 p.m.: tree down (High Street), services rendered; 3:59 p.m.: tree down (Baldwinville State Road), services rendered; 4:09 p.m.: burglar alarm (Maple Street), false alarm; 4:28 p.m.: FD call (Grove Street), services rendered; 4:34 p.m.: summons service (Teel Road), unable to serve; 4:41 p.m.: summons service (Front Street), served; 4:44 p.m.: harassment order service (Front Street), unable to serve; 5:21 p.m.: harassment

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OBITUARIES

Mark A. Buyea, 28

FITCHBURG — Mark A. Buyea, age 28, of 24 Omena Place, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017.

He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on April 12, 1989 and lived in Hawaii and Orlando FL before moving to Massachusetts seven years ago.

Mark worked as a grill cook at Campus Pizza in Fitchburg. He enjoyed music and playing video games.

He leaves his mother, Maria

(Andrade) Buyea of Winchendon; his father Stephen Buyea of Orlando, FL and a brother Sean Buyea. He also leaves other relatives in Massachusetts, Texas, Florida and Delaware.

Funeral services are private and at the convenience of the family.

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

Darien L. Masterson, 24

GARDNER - Darien L. Masterson, 24, of 181 Park Street, formerly of Winchendon, died Saturday morning, October 28, 2017 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Rindge, NH.

He was born in Jacksonville, FL on August 7, 1993, son of Pauline (Lyman) Forman of Winchendon and the late Robert P. Masterson. Darien grew up in Whitinsville and moved to Winchendon at the age of 15. He was a 2011 graduate of Murdock High School.

Darien worked at McDonalds for over 5 years and was employed as a shop cop and fork lift operator at BWI in Leominster. He was a fan of Electric Dance Music and traveled with his girlfriend Jordan Richard from Miami to Canada to take part in their festivals. Darien loved baseball and was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox. He also enjoyed mountain climbing, camping, fishing and hiking.

In addition to his mother, he leaves

two brothers, Robert W. Masterson of Warwick, MA and Colt Masterson of Jacksonville, FL; a sister, Belma Masterson of Jacksonville, FL; his stepfather, Michael Forman of Winchendon; his stepsisters, Jessica LeBlanc of Climax, NC, Crystal LeBlanc of Templeton and Amanda Miller of Climax, NC; his grandparents, Agnes Lyman of Whitinsville, William Lyman and his wife Patricia of Whitinsville, Jeannine Vautour of Gardner, Lanny H. Forman and his wife Marilyn of Empire, Alabama and Robert Masterson; his girlfriend Jordan Richard of Gardner, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 11 A.M. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 343 Central Street, Winchendon.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon were Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

Memorial donations may be made to Rise Above Foundation Inc, PO Box 174, Northbridge, MA 01534 www.weriseabove.org.

www.stone-ladeau.com

Richard 'Ricky' Howes, 64

GARDNER — Richard Ricky Howes, age 64, of Gardner, formerly of Waltham died peacefully Saturday, October 21, 2017 in his residence surrounded by family, following a brief battle with stomach cancer. He was born in Waltham on November 1, 1952, the son of the late Paul L. and Mary (Shutt) Howes.

Ricky was a machinist employed by Artisan Industries, Inc. of Waltham for 33 years, retiring in 2014. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1018 of Waltham. He loved going to Las Vegas and Foxwoods; and he also enjoyed playing cards and playing pool. Ricky was an avid fan of the New England Patriots, and he loved watching the television series Blue Bloods. Ricky treasured spending time with his family and he adored his grandchildren.

He leaves his wife of 30 years, Cheryl A. (Hansen) Howes; two daughters,

Jennifer N. Howes Sund and her husband Pete of Athol and Meghan E. Hutchins and her husband Josh of Winchendon; Kirby E. Bennett of Winchendon, whom he considered his third daughter; one brother, Paul Howes and his wife Joyce of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sisters, Janet Nedza and her husband John of Waltham and Maureen Turmel of Waltham; seven grandchildren, Jade, Shawn, Pacey, Lorilai, Harlie, Maya and Kaylee; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, October 26th in the Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols Street, Gardner. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery, Gardner.

Rick's family would like to extend a special thank you to the hospice staff of GVNA Healthcare, Inc. for their extraordinary care, and they would like memorial contributions to be made to GVNA Healthcare, Inc., Hospice, 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440. Please reference in memory of Richard Howes. Hit the road Jack. www.boucherfuneral.com.

Michelle Ann O'Neill, 42

WINCHENDON — Michelle Ann O'Neill, age 42, of 11 Goodrich Drive, died peacefully at her residence Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Peterborough, NH on Aug. 7, 1975, daughter of William J. and Sandra K. (Buckley) O'Neill and lived in Winchendon for most of her life. Michelle was a 1993 graduate of Murdock High School.

Michelle worked at Wal-Mart and Kamensteins several years ago and in recent years provided a loving home care for her nieces and nephews. She loved making primitive crafts and handmade crafts, which were displayed in local businesses. Her favorite time of year was Christmas. She will be remembered lovingly as a wonderful mother, daughter, aunt and friend to many. Her family was her life to her. Michelle also had a very loyal clientele of friends all

over social media.

In addition to her parents, she leaves a daughter, Amanda L. Eddy of Winchendon; a son, Jessie A. Nolette Jr. of Winchendon; her fiancée Jessie A. Nolette of Winchendon; three sisters, Shannon E. O'Neill of Templeton, Alanna J. O'Neill of Winchendon and Mary S. O'Neill of Winchendon; two grandfathers, Delbert A. Buckley and his partner Genie Duso and Barry B. Washburn and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Michelle was fond of her late dog, her beloved Justice.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon are Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Jessie A. Nolette Jr. Education Fund, care of GFA Federal Credit Union, 185 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475.

Kenneth Roy, 83

ROYALSTON — Kenneth Roy, age 83, of 48 Norcross Road, died peacefully Sunday morning, October 29, 2017 in Baldwinville Nursing Home, Baldwinville.

He was born in Gardner on November 29, 1933, son of the late Joseph and Margaret (Lafleur) Roy and had lived in Gardner for most of his life.

Ken had worked as a truck driver for many years at the former Shepard's Express in Leominster. He enjoyed fixing cars and especially enjoyed spending time with his family. Ken was a member of Gardner Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

His wife, Lola P. (Sawyer) Roy, died June 25, 2017. He leaves four children, Pauline Burrill and her husband Steve of Plymouth, Janet Oliver and her

husband Kenneth of Athol, Martha Minckler and her husband Bruce of Winchendon and Paul E. Roy and his wife Shirley of Royalston; four grandchildren, Rachel Sweeney and her husband Michael, Kenny Roy, Shannon Sweeney-Carmona and her husband Louis, and Duayne Minckler and his wife Wendy; five great grandchildren, Torrey Sweeney, Michael Sweeney, Shyann Sweeney, Reese Minckler and Camden Bauer and two great-great grandchildren, Jaelynn Sweeney and Andrew Sweeney, and a sister Janet Sawyer of Winchendon.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, November 2, 2017 at noon in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 100 Colony Road, Westminster, MA 01473.

Dante S.A. Piermattei, 87

WORCESTER - Dante S.A. Piermattei age 87 died Sunday Oct. 29, 2017 at the St. Francis Rehab. & Nursing Center. He was the husband of the late Irene M. (Perron) Piermattei who died in 2009.

He leaves a son Mark Piermattei of Worcester, four daughters; Donna Piermattei of Mashpee, Joann Moore of Worcester, Lisa Piermattei of E. Falmouth and Nadeen Piermattei of Worcester and a sister Nadine Kotors of Winchendon. He had a son that predeceased him, Dante Piermattei of Worcester and a brother

Lindo Piermattei of Winchendon.

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

Joan S. (Sibley) Lanciani, 87

STERLING -- Joan S. (Sibley) Lanciani, age 87, passed away peacefully under the loving care of her family and staff at the Dodge Park Rest Home, on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

She was born in Winchendon, the daughter of Robert and Marion (Handren) Sibley and had lived in Sterling for 55 years. She was raised in Athol and graduated Athol High School.

Joan was a former member of Oakdale United Methodist Church, in West Boylston. She was a talented artist and painter, enjoyed cooking and excelled with all kinds of crafts including quilting, knitting, crocheting and rug braiding.

Her husband of 55 years, Thomas Joseph Lanciani, died on June 27, 2015. She leaves her daughters: Lori L. Mosby

and her husband Mark of Worcester and Arlene J. Lanciani of Chelmsford; three grandchildren: Noah Mosby, Thomas Marge and Anthony Marge. A brother Robert Sibley III predeceased her. A grandson Nathan Mosby, passed away in 2012.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Joan's family on Monday, October 30, followed by a funeral service in the Miles-Sterling Funeral and Tribute Center, 100 Worcester Road (Rte. 12), Sterling. A private committal service was held at Hillside Cemetery in Sterling.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leominster Art Assoc., P.O. Box 643, Leominster, MA 01453, or the Oakdale United Methodist Church, 15 North Main Street, West Boylston, MA 01583. To share a memory or offer an online condolence, visit www.milesfuneralhome.com.

Wayne B. 'Pikey' Pike Jr., 60

RINDGE — Wayne B. "Pikey" Pike Jr., age 60, of Rindge, died peacefully Saturday morning, October 21, 2017 in Cheshire Medical Center, Keene, NH, with his family and caregivers at his side.

Pikey was born in Peterborough, NH on July 30, 1957, son of the late Wayne B. and Simone C. (Jalbert) Pike and lived in Rindge for most of his life. In his most recent years, he had lived in Antrim and Keene,

NH.

Wayne worked with Monadnock Work Source in Peterborough and had played baseball and basketball in Special Olympics. He was a Red Sox and NASCAR fan and loved Mickey Mouse. He also enjoyed hanging out with his friends. Pikey was fun and happy and loved life.

Pikey was very compassionate and enjoyed everyone. He enjoyed playing

his guitar and harmonica. Very patriotic, he would play the National Anthem on his harmonica at sporting events and ask everyone to stand. In his earlier years, Pikey enjoyed riding his bicycle.

He leaves Roberta E. Hildreth of Rindge, Sheila Butler and her husband Wayne of California and Jaffrey, and Darlene Pike and David McCusker of Rindge, as well as nieces and nephews. Niece Brianne had the privilege of growing up with Pikey. He watched over her and called her "No Baby."

He also leaves his caregivers, whom he loved, from Monadnock Developmental Services in Keene.

Graveside services were held Saturday, October 28, 2017 in Hillside Cemetery, Rindge.

Memorial donations may be made to Monadnock Developmental Services, 121 Railroad Street, Keene, NH 03431 or to Special Olympics.

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

Robert 'Augie' Wakefield Jr., 50

WINCHENDON — Robert "Augie" Wakefield Jr., age 50, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017.

He was born in Gardner on Dec. 2, 1966, son of the late Robert E. and Beverly (Hurst) Wakefield. He attended Murdock High School and was a lifelong resident of Winchendon.

Robert was employed by New England Wooden Ware in Gardner, where he spent 26 years making quality boxes, memories and friendships.

He will be greatly missed by his only child, Ciara Wakefield, who made and kept her father proud, giving him three amazing grandchildren, Kaliegh "the Baller", Cassidy "The Cheerleader", and Kasen "The Hot Dog" and then blessed him further by finding the love of her life Rachael "Ray Ray" Chapman, who he loved and thanks for all that shoveling.

He will be forever miss and be missed by his three brothers Terrence Monahan, who will miss the driveway "check-ins" and VIP plowing; Ronald Monahan, whose military voice made it possible to adhere to a "rigid tee time" and Joseph Wakefield, who

never hesitated to answer any Ford question or vehicle concern; three sisters, Kathy Parkhurst and her protective big sister wife and her macaroni salad, Lori Robidoux, their long conversations and reviews of the weekly sale flyers and Kayla Wakefield, who he enjoyed seeing and catching up with.

He says Goodbye to his girlfriend and soulmate Michelle Guevin, who will miss the love of her life forever and her three children, Thomas, Claudette and William and the 6 pack of granddaughters, Lizzy, "Lala", Ryleigh, Abby, Autumn and Karman, who will miss their Beepa.

Augie will also be sadly missed by his good buddy and #1 fan, Louis Guevin, who will miss his laugh, smile and true friendship. He leaves his great friends whom he loved and family.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon. A reception will follow at Eugene M. Connor Post #193 American Legion, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to National Kidney Foundation Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.



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SPORTS

The sports of da bums... and of kings

I'm writing on Wednesday morning because that's when we to press and as I do, we're awaiting the two best words in all of team sports - Game Seven.

The best four words in all of sports, in case you were wondering are, "they're off at Saratoga," the traditional start of the first race of the meet every summer. We'll get to the horses.

Anyway, this has been a truly fun World Series. Two heavyweight teams, both of whom cleared the 100-win mark during the regular season, have put on quite a show even though most of us (any of us?) didn't see the end of the Game 5 five-hour-plus marathon. It's entirely appropriate this Series should go to the limit. By the time this column hits the streets Friday, the Astros will have won the first championship in their generally forgettable 56 year history

or one of baseball's blue bloods will have won their first title in 29 years. I hope the Dodgers will have won simply because it's cool to watch the home team win the last game of the Series. I was born and raised and live now in American League territory and generally root for the AL champion but the Astros just came over in 2013 so they kind of barely count as an AL team. My fondest hope as I write Wednesday morning - a low scoring fast paced game. I am not a night person.

Most casual sports fans pay attention to horse racing only on the first Saturday in May when the Kentucky Derby is run and then again the second Saturday in June for the Belmont Stakes if a Triple Crown is on the line. That's how it goes with niche sports.

Therefore this weekend, Friday and Saturday, most fans won't be tuning in for the Breeders Cup, the sport's



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year-end championship series of races. This season's event has no superstar who was able to grab the imagination of the generic sporting public. Early in the year it looked like Arrogate, last year's Classic winner, might be able to do but he has lost his last two starts at Del Mar, just outside San Diego, and appeared to very much not like the surface there. Guess where the BC is being run? For people like me, there are a slew of intriguing storylines and interesting horses but none would resonate with the average fan. Racing has never done a very

good job promoting itself.

I've never understood why not. For one thing, Americans love to gamble and there's potentially money to be made. That's always a hook. Are the odds against a novice? Sure but, a) we spend who-knows-how-much on scratch tickets where the odds are probably worse, and b) you never know. I like to retell the story of the woman in Miami some years ago who went to Calder, bet \$2 on something known as the Pick Six, where you had to select the winners of six consecutive races before the first one, and for that \$2 came away with \$990,000. After taxes. I could write a book on the gambling adventures of my friends and I. Bottom line, to repeat - yes, money can be made. Granted, more likely lost, but again, you never know, yet as a promotional tool, racetracks tend to advertise giveaways like hats and t-shirts or whatever more

than they talk about, sshh, gambling. On the other hand, TVG, the racing television network, has it's talking heads droning on and on too much about betting and nowhere near enough about horses.

Too bad, too. Thoroughbreds are amazing athletes. So are the jockeys who ride them. Then there are the people who take care of them. Grooms who bathe and prepare horses. Hot-walkers who do exactly what the name suggests - walk sweaty horses around the barn after races and workouts until they cool down. Exercise riders who gallop horses during those morning workouts. There are so many cool, and often, moving stories out there about horses and the people around them, but you rarely see or hear those tales. That's a loss for everyone. See you next week.

Athletes reflect on fall season

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Their fall seasons ending, Lindsay Smith (field hockey), Adam Digman (cross country) and Alex Marshall (soccer), took time last week to reflect on campaigns they enjoyed irrespective of scores.

Digman grew up playing mostly baseball but has emerged as a pentathlete and to hear him tell it, it's the best sports move he's ever made. Yes, even the training.

"Training's a lot of fun," insisted Digman, who credited coaches Anthony Findley and Dick Karvonen for a lot of his success.

"They push you. They want you to do well. They're not just about track. They want you to do well academically too," he said.

Digman loves being outside, so it might be natural that spring track is his favorite campaign. That said, he, unlike some athletes who prefer winter or spring, has no qualms about the 3.1 miles of fall cross country.

"You put a lot of miles in during cross country and that helps you be ready for the other seasons," he pointed out.

Down the road, Adam said he sees

himself as a forester ("I really do love being outside," he laughed) or an engineer, the latter of which would leave him with less time outside but those are decisions for later. For now, Digman is focusing on readying himself for that challenge which includes high and long jumps among other events.

"It's a fun challenge," he noted.

Field hockey has emerged as Lindsay Smith's favorite sport. And she's another athlete who doesn't mind practice.

"I love practice," she asserted. "It never gets old and when you practice well, you play that way too."

"I just love the game," she enthused, adding, "when you love something this much, it's easy to work hard at it because you're having fun."

One of the aspects that's fun? Smith plays wing and that means scoring opportunities.

"It's always fun to score, especially when you do work so hard at it," she remarked.

Smith credits Coach Amanda Lawlor as one reason for her enthusiasm.

"She's an awesome coach. She cares about us beyond field hockey. Everyone respects her because of that. We've got a great team to be part of," stressed

Smith. "Playing for her has been so much fun."

She'll be playing softball come spring but when it's time for college, Smith anticipates continuing her field hockey career.

"Definitely," she said.

It's been another rough season for boys' soccer but senior Alex Marshall said he's tried not to let the struggle ruin the experience.

"Sure, the attrition didn't help morale the last couple years, but for myself, I still love to play and for all I have done in high school, playing soccer has been the most fun I've had."

"I've been playing since sixth grade, varsity since then, and every game I ask myself, 'what did I do right this game?' That's my philosophy and I'm trying to pass that on to the younger players. I see myself as something of a mentor," he acknowledged.

Marshall really has been playing varsity a long time. Sam Burdsall used to play at MHS and now he's the coach at Sizer.

"When I saw Sam, whom I played with, I thought, 'this is so weird', but he's stayed connected to the game and I want to do that too," reflected Marshall.

Alex's soccer career might be winding down, though he plans to continue at least on a club level in college, but his overall high school experience isn't over quite yet.

"I'm going to miss this community. It's like a family here" at MHS. "Teachers have your back. Mr. (Ralph) Olsen has made a difference this year. It feels more serious in the building. It matters he's there to greet you in the morning. Little things," mused Marshall who is president of his class among other activities including every musical.

"We'd have set design days, be there for hours, have pizza and those are the things I'll remember," noted Marshall. "On the one hand, I'm ready to go. On the other, there will be a lot of great memories."

"I wish soccer had gone better because there were times when it looked promising. The program - coach Nate is really trying and it wasn't really about winning anyway. It was about being part of a team. I've liked that. I wouldn't have wanted to miss it."

For fitness and health look for something MORE

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — There's a new business in town and one thing MORE Strength and Fitness has brought for sure is high energy and lots of enthusiasm and as an added bonus, no judgment about anyone.

Meet the mother-daughter team of Nancy Williams and Sara Guerard, along with yoga instructor Karen Blake. The trio are open at 674 Spring St. (near Silver Hawk and the intersection towards Ashburnham) and they make one thing clear - they don't believe in a one-size-fits-all training or workout program. Everyone's different. Everyone chooses their own path and to that end, "we put out a buffet and we meet people where they are," explained Williams.

That can mean working in a group setting or individually. Williams and Guerard are fine with either, and neither is a novice to working with people who at our different places in their training and/or workout regimen. Williams has over a quarter-century of experience. She's been a trainer and a group instructor while Guerard is a certified fitness trainer who's been in the business for more than a decade.

"I was fascinated by pain management," said Guerard.

How, though, did MORE wind up in Winchendon?

"We'd been over in Ashburnham," recounted Williams but the time had come to make a move, "and the town of Winchendon was so cooperative. Tracy Murray (planning director), everyone, could not

have been more helpful and supportive," said Williams, who signed a five-year lease for the 32,000 square foot property.

"We wanted to be in Winchendon," she emphasized, adding the Patel family, which owns the land, "have been beyond wonderful to us."

The business has been open just a few weeks, having launched Oct. 14.

Sessions run twice or three times a week.

"Clients set their own goals and we want to see measurable results. Those are going to be different from everyone. It doesn't matter where they are. We're going to go their way," stressed Guerard, who formerly was the gymnastics director at the Clark Memorial YMCA.

And what exactly will MORE Strength do for prospective clients?

"You'll work every



Greg Vine photo

(l-r) Nancy Williams and daughter Sara Guerard, co-owners of More Strength & Fitness, are joined by employee and trainer Karen Blake in discussing the new business located at 674 Spring Street, Winchendon.

body part safely and effectively," wrote Williams and Guerard in their schedule flier. "This non-competitive class is arranged to maximize your cardio and fast-track your results."

As for yoga? Blake explained she was taking a class with Guerard a

decade ago. One discussion led to another and Blake wound up starting her own yoga class, which also meets a couple times per week.

Guerard said she likes working with her mom.

"I do. We're a team," she remarked.

"We are looking to fill a

niche," said Williams.

"We want people who share our vision. We're excited to be here," she enthused.

For information on hours and rates, MORE Strength and Fitness can be reached at (978) 616-8358 and can be found online at www.more.fit.

G-O-O-O-A-L!

Jeff Millman photos

From left to right, during a tight game with Sizer in mid-October, Alex Marshall made the goal that tied the game (it remained as a 2-2 tie). He celebrates right through the sequences.



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Memorial School celebrates Halloween

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Students in Grades K through 2 joyfully celebrated Halloween in full costume as they happily marched in their annual Memorial School Halloween Parade on Tuesday.

The cheerful parade now in its seventh year, began under previous Principal Tim O'Connell, and has continued under current Principal Michelle Atter. It displayed some roughly 250 members of its 300 student population marching in full costume to the delight of over 200 proud parents and guardians in attendance who could easily be viewed smiling every bit as much as their children.

In a colorful single file procession, the young boys and girls happily marched from the rear of the Memorial School to the track where no less than three jovial laps were performed for parents and spectators. Costumes ranging from witches to Wonder Woman, and a Big Mac to a Rubix cube. Students also proudly wore homemade

and store bought military service uniforms and even those of police, in a young tribute to the first responders they look up to. From Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to video game legend Mario, only the very limits to the imagination itself bound the young students and parent's creative ability.

Superintendent Steve Haddad said, "It's amazing. I went through the schools this morning, and these kids just couldn't wait to get out here and walk the track in their parade. They can be seen looking for their family members and friends. This is such a great opportunity for them and to also bring the community together, and celebrate what a wonderful school system we have and what a wonderful town we have. Are teachers are having as much fun as the kids, and they are so connected with them and they are just having a blast with the students."

Atter when asked why some teachers were dressed in letters and words explained, "Some of our teachers are



Photos by Keith Kent
Mrs. Boucher leads her Kindergarten students around the MHS track as the first group



Kindergarten students proudly march showing off their costumes

dressed up as 'Word Walls' and they are wearing words which are high frequency words that the students see on the Word Walls that they use as reference in the classroom so they are learning while they are also having fun."

Atter added, "This is a great parade. They are kids and we need to make sure we let them be kids. They love it and so do their parents. Everybody has a great time. I thank all

the parents and friends of the children for coming here, and it's nice to just see everybody having fun together.

Haunted Hallways at Murdock



How better to celebrate a creepy holiday than to turn the whole high school into a giant haunted house? This was a contest by the Student Council and each class had to create their own version of creepy room or hallway. The themes for the rooms

were freshman=dollhouse, sophomores=carnival, juniors=asylum, seniors= butcher shop.

Becky Benedict photos



Library creates Halloween atmosphere



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Driver flees scene of accident

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon Dispatch received a call for a 2 car motor vehicle accident on Sunday evening, Oct. 29, at 7:40 p.m. during a strong tropical storm passing adding to what was already an extremely busy evening for police and emergency response.

A 2003 Ford Taurus operated by Myron Sears was struck from behind by a 2010 Ford Fusion operated by Craig L'Etoile of 540 Brown St., Winchendon, coming to rest near 75 Lincoln Ave.

After a brief conversation with Sears following the accident, L'Etoile fled the scene of the accident on foot shortly after the collision during the storm, prompting the WPD to dispatch the services of K-9 Clyde in search of L'Etoile. The ensuing search which lasted for

over one hour under extreme weather conditions, ended with a person assisting with the location of L'Etoile allowing officers to speak with him. Both vehicles were also towed from the scene by Brooks automotive of Winchendon.

Shortly after the accident Sears informed the press, "I never even viewed him coming up behind me like he came out of nowhere. He hit me twice before we came to a stop. When we got out of our cars he got close up to me and in my face asking if we could handle this without calling the police. When I said no, I have to call the police, he just took off fast running away in the rain."

A citation was issued. No other information was available at the time of this story.



Keith Kent photo

The rear end accident caused considerable damage.

Healthcare reform: a panel discussion

ROYALSTON -- A healthcare forum with a round-table discussion followed by a question-and-answer session will take place in the Royalston Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 6, from 7-8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The event, open to everyone regardless of residence or political affiliation, is sponsored by the Royalston Town Democratic Committee. The town hall is located on Route 68 on the common.

The purpose of the forum, according to Ruth Suynaga, committee vice chair, "is to inform citizens on health care pol-

icy and how it affects all of us."

She added, "We hope that people will gain an increased understanding of the various proposals on health care reform as well as the Affordable Care Act."

Committee members Lynne Kellner, Nancy Monette and Marlene Jarvenpaa have been organizing the Forum. They provided the following list of questions that panelists might consider:

1. What has been the impact of the ACA? What's worked? What has not worked?
2. Is it so bad that we need to replace

it?

3. Among the various suggestions (block grants, President Trump's plan for small business associations, single payer, etc.) for improving health care, what do you think would work?

4. What do you think is the likelihood of Sen. Bernie Sanders' "Medicare for All" plan passing?

5. What is the difference between "Medicare for All," "single-payer" and "public option?"

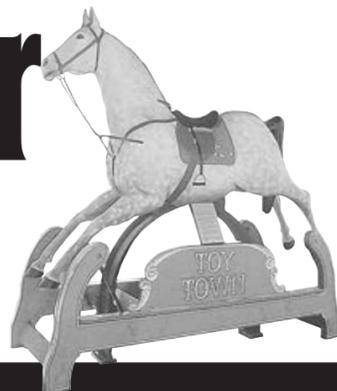
6. Can you talk more specifically about what's going on in Massachusetts?

7. Will there be a 2018 ballot question on patient limits for nurses?

8. What advice would you give to consumers?

Panelists include Elaine Fluet of GVNA Health Care of Gardner, and Tina Santos, vice president of patient care at Heywood Hospital. Officials from the Massachusetts Hospital Association and Organization of Nurse Leaders are expected to attend as well as Sen. Anne Gobi. A letter from U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern will be read.

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mons service (Juniper Street), served; 5:50 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 5:56 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 6:13 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), citation issued; 6:25 p.m.: suspicious (other) (East Street), spoken to; 6:27 p.m.: harassment (Central

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A side of Frye

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Meet Candace Frye, one of the teachers new to Murdock this fall and as you do, meet a teacher willing, eager even, to be innovative when it comes to motivating students.

For example, along with several other teachers, Frye has her own classroom and works with students at the Murdock Academy for Success, calling those periods, "one of the best parts of the day."

Frye is not an expert on video games, so she recently had a student draw up a full 40-some minute lesson plan and she acted as the student, including writing a short-answer essay to be graded.

"You flip the script, whatever it takes. That was a teachable moment for all of us," she said.

She appealed to students' own energy to interpret the meaning of a silent

animated short entitled 'Space Alone', a three-minute wordless documentary about friendship.

"That's how you build relationships and trust," Frye reflected. "I did the assignment because I wanted to be able to look at things from the students' point of view and at the same time, give them the opportunity to look at it from mine."

"The Academy has a vibe all its own," enthused Frye, who's had plenty of classroom experience, having taught first through third grades in Gardner and also worked at Leominster High.

MHS principal Ralph Olsen said Frye came to Winchendon with "great references...regarding her ability to work with students at all levels. English teacher Amanda Beaulieu and I interviewed her and she had on point interesting responses, a solid English background and a capacity to be both tough and empathetic. Having taught elementary

schools brings a unique quality. She was an excellent fit for the position."

It's one she intends to stay in for a while, too.

"When I got here, there were kids who told me, 'everyone here quits'. I told them I'm not planning on that. The only way you can develop long-term trust is by staying. I'm enthused about being here. And you have to start somewhere," noted Frye.

This fall that has meant in the Academy at least, partnering with history teacher Peter Birney for the semester.

"We bring different strengths," reflected Frye, "but together we make a good team which benefits the kids."

"I like teaching high school. And Ralph is great to work for. He brings so much energy to the building."

So, clearly, does Frye. No wonder Olsen sees a good fit.



Greg Vine photo

Candace Frye is exactly where she wants to be: at the head of a class.

Happy 500th birthday to the Reformation

In 1517, a priest named Martin Luther had had it. He'd tried through many channels to be heard, to have his ideas recognized; to have the organized church of his time stop certain practices he found abhorrent, and to find ways to connect more fully with the parishes.

In protest, he created a document of 95 specific 'protests' and nailed them prominently to the door of Wittenburg Castle Church.

His protest, and his followers, became Protest-ants, as they broke away from the established church and went their own way.

Not too far; as the first established churches, still existent in his name, are the Lutheran churches worldwide. And the doctrines are closely related to the mother church left behind, the Catholic one.

Advent Lutheran Church in Rindge is only one of many which celebrated the 500th anniversary of the protest, with a small festival on the grounds of the church recently.



Greg Vine photos

Adrienne Manning (holding dog) is surrounded by children in period costumes at the children's fair at Lutherfest at Advent Lutheran Church in Rindge. Manning is holding Marco, a mixed breed rescue dog brought from Texas to Massachusetts earlier this year. The Haverhill resident is fostering Marco on behalf of Rescue Dogs Rock NYC.



There was craft-making for children and adults at Lutherfest in Rindge.



Heather Fauteux, of Bristol, NH, and her 15-month-old son Johnny were among those attending Lutherfest at Advent Lutheran Church.

Rindge crash takes life of Winchendon resident

A Rindge man who attended Conant High School was identified as the driver killed in a single-vehicle accident Saturday morning.

Jake Germano, age 23, of Rindge and Darien Masterson, age 24, of Winchendon, who was also in the car, were both pronounced dead at the scene.

A news release from the Rindge Police Department says first responders were dispatched to the accident at 8 a.m., although it is likely the crash occurred some time before a passerby called it in.

The release says a 2015 Kia Forte was traveling on Thomas Road toward Perkins Road from Route 202 when Germano failed to properly negotiate a slight bend in the road and struck a tree. When officers arrived on scene, the car

was found lying on the driver's side. The car sustained "severe front-end damage" as a result of the crash.

The news release says that it appears speed was a major factor. Officers are still waiting on toxicology results.

An investigation showed that neither Germano or Masterson were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Germano graduated from Conant High School in 2012. Masterson graduated from Murdock High School in 2011. Both men attended Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner.

Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to call Rindge officer at: 603-355-2000, or by email: thorne@police.rindge.nh.us.

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Lions continue to honor and serve



Joni LaPlante, who has been an outstanding secretary for the local Lions Club for several years, is unmercifully teased by District Governor Todd Karkane during installation.



From left: Tracy Monette was honored with a Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship award for dedicated service; Ken LaBrack was honored with a Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship award for humanitarian service; Deidre Holt was honored with a Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship award for upholding the principles of Lionism and Joni LaPlante was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship for her continued service.

Ruth DeAmicis photos
Incoming Lions President Dee Holt tries to keep it together in a solemn moment (not too successfully) as outgoing president Mark Desmarais passes the gavel.



Newest Lions member Greg Cardinal is 'pinned' by District Governor Todd Karkane.

WINCHENDON — As the Lions Club gears itself up to host an Ozzy Osbourne tribute concert tomorrow night at the American Legion (tickets will be available at the door), they can look back at the year so far with some pride (pun intended) at what's been accomplished.

Service clubs as a whole have struggled in the past 20 years with flagging membership and loss of interest, but the work to be done is still vital. The Lions, who concentrate their efforts on two major health issues: diabetes and eyesight, have found a lot of support in the local community.

Fundraisers have intentionally been few, so as not to overburden the popula-

tion by continuously asking, but when they ask, they find willing partnerships.

This week, the concert at the American Legion, starting at 8 p.m., is a major fundraiser. They hope the community will come out for a fun

evening that will also include a raffle or two and an auction midway through the evening.

Earlier this year, four members were honored with prestigious national awards for ongoing work. Tracy Monette, Ken LaBrack and Deidre Holt were awarded Joseph J. Camarda Fellowship awards recognizing their continuous input, humanitarianism and volunteer efforts.

Joni LaPlante was awarded the even more prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship, for her continuing volunteer efforts on behalf of Lions.

2017-18 officers of Winchendon Lions include President Deidre Holt; First Vice President Karen Sawyer; Secretary Joni LaPlante; Treasurer Dave Walsh; Membership Chair Amanda Phillips; Tail Twister Bob Betourney; and Lion Tamer Tracy Monette.

WARMING OTHERS WITH GENEROSITY



Ruth DeAmicis photo

Lions President Dee Holt with fellow Lions Mark Desmarais and Curt Fitzmaurice ham it up a bit with some of the donated items from this year's annual coat drive. The coats, hats, mittens, scarves and gloves will all be given to the CAC to be distributed as needed.

Heywood Hospital to Host Free Public Flu Clinic November 16th

GARDNER, ma – Heywood Hospital is hosting a Free Flu Clinic on Thursday, November 16th. The clinic will be held from 4 – 7 pm in the Heywood Hospital Dining Room. Parking is available in the South Lot.

Free flu shots will be distributed to Adults 18

and over, and Children over the age of 16 - with the consent of accompanying parent/guardian. Canned and non-perishable food collected will be donated to local food pantries.

For more information, please contact Community Relations at 978-630-6248

JERRY

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sources began flooding campaign coffers and the deluge continues.

There is no way the Russians or perhaps other foreign actors are going to stop meddling with our elections and I have no idea how to prevent them from doing so. Presumably there are technical ways to blunt the impact - Facebook, Google and other companies are promising better and stronger oversight over ad content - but we'll see if these strategies work.

Republican legislatures are doing everything in their power to suppress the vote, attempting to impose restrictive identification rules though fortunately in some cases federal courts have

stymied those efforts. They've been shutting down polling places in various precincts, reducing voting hours, you name it. All of this, everything I've written here has been done out of fear - fear of a legitimate (small "d") democratic process, fear of "them", whomever "them" might be. So here we are. Democracy, at least on a federal level? As John McEnroe once said, "you can't be serious."

Changing gears. November is National Diabetes Month and it was in November, 1996 Courtney was diagnosed as Type 1 insulin-dependent. Too many people still struggle with Type 1. Mine is not the first family to learn it can literally kill. Hopefully, continued research will find a cure or at least more effective treatments. At the same time,

this month would represent an excellent opportunity for anyone so inclined to honor Courtney's memory by donating to the scholarship fund we established in her name (Courtney Carton Memorial Scholarship Fund and mail to: SCSSW c/o Smith College Gift Accounting; Stoddard Annex, 23 Elm St., Northampton, MA 01063).

I also encourage you to visit Smith College's School of Social Work Facebook page (scroll to videos) where you will find a brief (two-minute) video narrated by Courtney's oldest brother. We believe Andy summarizes who she was and what she hoped to accomplish quite eloquently. In my obviously admitted bias, I expect you will find it moving but explanatory as well.

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Organ music fills Immaculate Heart of Mary

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Despite inclement weather, an appreciative audience showed up to enjoy an afternoon of organ music at last Sunday's fall organ concert at Winchendon's Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

The church's 1929 Beman pipe organ was played skillfully by Rindge's Robert Johnson.

Johnson, who recently retired as an adjunct faculty member of Franklin Pierce University, is a graduate of the Boston University Conservatory of Music. At present, he serves as the music director and organist for the Pilgrim Congregational Church, UUC, in Leominster. He has also performed recitals in Fitzwilliam and Marlborough, NH.

The organ, however, is not the only instrument Johnson coaxes music from. He is also the tuba player for the Temple, New Hampshire town band.

Offerings presented to Sunday's audience included: Toccata in G, by

Dennis Eliot; Nimrod, from the Enigma Variations, by Edward Elgar; three choral preludes by Johann Sebastian Bach – Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Sheep May Safely Graze, and Wacht Auf (Sleeper's Walk); Prelude on Rhosymdere, by Ralph Vaughn Williams; Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C, by Johann Sebastian Bach, and; Toccata and Fugue in D minor, also by Bach.

According to the event program, the organ at Immaculate Heart of Mary was "acquired for the parish by the late Rev. Wilfred Tisdale. It was installed in the gallery and dedicated in November 1929.

The instrument, the program said, was designed by Worcester organ architect John McCrohan, and built by the Beman Organ Company of Binghamton, New York.



Greg Vine photo

Robert Johnson at the Beman pipe organ

Fire Department frenzy

The Winchendon Fire Department celebrated the evening portion of Halloween on October 31 by providing both candy and pumpkin safety light necklaces to nearly 1,000 children. Chief Tom Smith said, "A good group of the department came out and helped out. It was good for the community, everybody had a great time. The necklaces act with flashing strobe lights, to help the children be seen going up and down the streets. We always have a great time doing this for the children."

Keith Kent photo



AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

NOVEMBER 9-DECEMBER 2

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

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

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Fitzwilliam Community Church will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A luncheon will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be freshly made wreaths, Christmas decorations, ornaments and baked goods. Also, there will be gift tables, a white elephant room and much more. Many wonderful items and gift

baskets from local businesses, friends and church members will be raffled off. Come and do your Christmas shopping locally and early.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: First Church Templeton will have its annual Christmas Fair from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. Come browse our handmade crafts, huge bargain basement, silent auction, ticket auction, theme basket raffle, quilt raffle, Children's gifts, baked goods, 50/50, Norman Rockwell & Emmett Kelley memorabilia. Sign up for a door prize (no need to be present to win).

Find us at 1 Wellington Rd., Templeton, on the common. 978 939-8688.

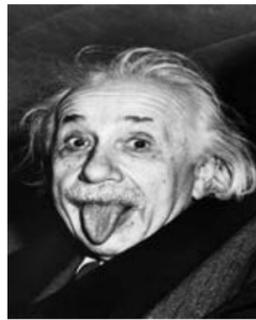
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

HOLIDAY FAIR: The VFW Post 5613 Auxiliary will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It will be held at the VFW Hall on Hathorn Road (off Route 202) in Jaffrey.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

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LEGALS

TOWN OF WINCHENDON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 13, 2017

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

REPORTS AND COMMITTEES (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the Finance Committee, and any other Board or Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

FINANCIAL ARTICLES (simple majority required)

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$301,995 for the following capital items: (Submitted by the Town Manager)

Project	Department	Amount
Repave Fire Station	Fire	25,000
Replace Dump Truck and Sander	School	63,000
Replace Venrac Tractor	School	60,100
Upgrade MHS/MMS Phones	School	52,900
Security Cameras	School	30,000
Cruiser Replacement	Police	38,995
Replace/Acquire Patrol Rifles	Police	7,000
Replace Duty Weapons	Police	25,000
		\$ 301,995

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-2 Recommend

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$28,000 into the Finance Committee Snow and Ice Reserve Account. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 for the reconstruction of sidewalks on Central and Grove Streets. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-1 Recommend

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to establish an advance for the Special Duty Police Detail Agency Fund. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,742 for amendments to the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 as follows, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

Department	Purpose	Amount
Town Garage-Electricity	Increase by	42
Town Hall-Electricity	Increase by	5,788
Fire-Electricity	Increase by	1,489
Senior Center-Electricity	Increase by	874
Senior Center-Gasoline	Increase by	7,000
Senior Center-Vehicle Repair	Increase by	1,000
Library-Electricity	Increase by	585
Street Lights-Electricity	Increase by	5,058
Police-Electricity	Increase by	5,906
Health Insurance-Employer	Decrease by	(10,000)
Total		\$ 17,742

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$52,535 for the operating budget of the School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article) (submitted by the Town Manager)

Department	Purpose	Amount
Murdock Middle/High School-Electricity	Increase by	27,095
Memorial School-Electricity	Increase by	17,294
Toy Town Elementary-Electricity	Increase by	8,146
		\$ 52,535

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY WATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$26,501 from Water Retained Earnings for direct costs of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$29,099 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for the direct costs of the Wastewater Treatment Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

REQUEST TO SELL/TRADE TOWN PROPERTY (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town-owned property located on High Street, and shown as Assessors Map 8A3 Parcel 105, for such consideration, including acquisition of other land in addition to or in lieu of a cash payment, and upon such other terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, and to authorize said Board to acquire any such land by purchase, gift, or eminent domain for general municipal purposes and to take such additional action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to execution of instruments; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for such purposes; or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

REQUEST TO RECIND PRIOR YEAR LONG TERM DEBT AUTHORIZATION (majority vote required)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following bond authorizations approved by previous Town Meetings as follows, or act in relation thereto.

Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	Amount Requested to be Recinded
Diesel Tractor w/ Mowing Deck	5/20/13	16	\$9,500	\$9,500
Town Hall Boiler Replacement	5/12/14	29	\$91,245	\$91,245

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

ZONING BYLAW ARTICLES (two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 6.12, TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 6.12, "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments."

Section 6.12.1 Purpose

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2016 by Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016 and thereafter, on July 28, 2017 by Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017) requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses no later than April 1, 2018. Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, a non-medical Marijuana Establishment (hereinafter, a "Recreational Marijuana Establishment"), as defined in G.L. c. 94G, §1, is not specifically addressed in the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

Section 6.12.2 Definition

"Recreational Marijuana Establishment" shall mean a "marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business."

Section 6.12.3 Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through June 30, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to these new issues. Or take any action relative thereto.

(submitted by the Planning Board)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-1 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 7-0 Recommend

PLANNING BOARD:

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the Town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of October 2017.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Barbara Anderson, Chair
Audrey LaBrie, Vice Chair
Michael Barbaro
Austin Cyganiewicz
Charles Huselbee

November 3, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

Parcel I.

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

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

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

Parcel II.

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

Beginning at the northeasterly corner thereof, at a gun barrel at the southeasterly corner of land of James E. Richards, Trustee of the Richards Family Realty Trust, a southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Roland J. and Janice M. Raymond and at a northwesterly corner of other land of the town of Winchendon; thence South 3° 17' 41" West, by said Town of Winchendon land, 25.80 feet to a gun barrel; thence North 86° 02' 43" West, by said Town of Winchendon land, 180.14 feet to a point at the southeasterly corner of Outlot "B" shown on said Plan; thence North 03° 17' 41" East, by said Outlot "B", 23.72 feet to a point at the southwesterly corner of land of said James E. Richards, Trustee; thence South 86° 42' 19" East, by said James E. Richards, Trustee land, 180.13 feet to a gun barrel at a corner of land of the aforementioned Town of Winchendon and the point of beginning. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying and Parcel I and Parcel II the same premises conveyed to me by deed of James E. Richards, Trustee, dated March 28, 2005, to be recorded herewith in said Deeds, Book 35970 - Page 178.

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

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2

Korde & Associates, P.C.

900 Chelmsford Street

Suite 3102

Lowell, MA 01851

(978) 256-1500

Scortico, Jared A., 17-028159

November 3, 2017

November 10, 2017

November 17, 2017

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 005277 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Erica L. Carrier

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

Federal National Mortgage Association

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered **83 Pearl Street**, given by **Erica L. Carrier and Brian A. Putnam to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, GN Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns**, dated **September 28, 2006**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **39865**, Page **216**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **November 27, 2017** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on October 12, 2017

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

November 3, 2017

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO17C0426CA

In the matter of:

Carter Thomas Hardy

Of: Winchendon, MA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Ariel L. Blodgett requesting that:

Carter Thomas Hardy

be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Carter Thomas Blodgett

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT

THERE TO, YOU OR YOUR

ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN

APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT

Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN

O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00

AM) ON **11/28/2017**

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,

First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 26, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

November 3, 2017

LEGALS

Town of Winchendon Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

BY: Guy Corbosiero,
Planning Board Chairman
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Gary M. Tusia and Angelic M. Tusia to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, N.A., dated May 9, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 30063, Page 352 subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by Chase Bank USA, National Association f/k/a Chase Bank Manhattan USA, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55423, Page 362 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, in Trust for Registered Holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55423, Page 366; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on November 17, 2017 at 76 Krantz Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWN OF WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 26297, PAGE 369, ID# 32-17, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 63, SANDY HEIGHTS, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 667, PAGE 97 RECORDED 01/05/1993. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM RIDGEMONT PROPERTIES INC. AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 26297 PAGE 369 DATED 04/01/2002 AND RECORDED 04/02/2002, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs 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.
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of Chase Funding Mortgage Loan Asset-

Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-012147 October 27, 2017 November 3, 2017 November 10, 2017

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

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

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-003394
October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017
November 10, 2017

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 John P. Murphy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 19, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 46634, Page 302, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc. to Matrix Financial Services Corporation dated April 19, 2016 and recorded with said registry on April 26, 2016 at Book 55239 Page 126 and by assignment from Matrix Financial Services Corporation to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC dated October 20, 2016 and recorded with said registry on October 26, 2016 at Book 56193 Page 75, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 108 ROYALSTON ROAD NORTH, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with any buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the southerly side of Royalston Road North in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner at a drill hold in a stone wall in the southerly line of Royalston Road North at a corner of Lot "A-3" 1,918.33 feet to an iron pin at land of William E. & Lorette J. Gaydos;

Thence N 45 degrees 07' 16" W. by Gaydos land 201.20 feet to an iron pin at Lot "A-5" on aforementioned plan; Thence N 09 degrees 14' 54" E. by Lot "A-5" 1,723.59 feet to a drill hole in a stone wall in the southerly line of Royalston Road North;

Thence N 76 degrees 14' 54" E. partially by a stone wall and the southerly line of Royalston Road North 187.24 feet to a drill hole in the end of another stone wall;

Thence N 79 degrees 44' 34" E. by a stone wall and the southerly line of Royalston Road North 12.76 feet to a still hole at Lot "A-3" and the place of beginning.

Being shown as Lot "A-4" on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots Prepared for Nathan J. Olson, Winchendon, MA, Scale 1 inch = 100 feet, September 25, 2000, Edmond J. Boucher, PLS, Jolly Road, South Royalston, MA" recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 762, Plan 100.

For mortgagor's title reference see deed from John P. Murphy and Crystal Murphy recorded at said registry of deeds on October 12, 2007 in book 41923 Page 336.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41923, Page 336.

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.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201609-0245 - YEL

October 20, 2017
October 27, 2017
November 3, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 005851

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Michael J. Chapman and Tammy A. Chapman,
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3901 *et seq.*:

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust claiming to have an interest in a mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered 58 Emerald Street, given by: Michael J. Chapman and Tammy A. Chapman to Household Finance Corporation II, dated April 21, 2003, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29765, Page 204, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before November 27, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, Judith C. Cutler, Chief Justice of said Court on October 16, 2017

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

54170 (Chapman) FEI # 1078.02417
11/03/2017,
November 3, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

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ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Kimberly Fleurant; Joseph Fleurant, III and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 *et seq.*:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in WINCHENDON, numbered 41 BROWN STREET, 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 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48377, Page 116 as affected by a modification agreement dated October 13, 2016 and recorded with said Registry in Book 56245, Page 5, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 11, 2017 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on October 24, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

201707-0108-PRP

November 3, 2017



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