

Town manager responds to Brandywine Farms letter

BY KEITH KENT
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WINCHENDON — In response to a recent meeting between the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission regarding the severe structural and safety deficiencies at the Whites Mill Pond dam located at Mill Circle, John Giovanoni, president of Brandywine Farms Inc fired back in a letter addressed to Town Manager Keith Hickey Dec. 20.

The dam on the Brandywine Farms owned property was classified as a class one high hazard dam with potential for loss of life if breached by

Department of Conservation and Recreation, was estimated to cost anywhere between \$750K to \$1.5 million dollars to repair. Estimates were provided by both Tighe & Bond, and Pare Corporation.

Giovanoni states early in his letter, “We are not obligated to take either.”

Giovanoni levies many allegations in the letter, which is just over three pages. Claims such as being “Denied an opportunity to present you with a plan” and “I can only state that we have been treated in a fashion different than the previous owner and the concern expressed by the Town

in this vote was not expressed when Brandywine Farms requested drawdowns be halted until repairs could be made or at the very least, safety precautions be taken and the drawdown supervised by competent Professionals.”

Both Hickey and DPW Superintendent Al Gallant made the decision to divert the annual drawdown off Lake Monomonac at the west dam, and did so to prevent any further damage to the Whites Mill Pond dam, and to avoid possible safety hazards to local residents and businesses.

Giovanoni continues, “Our representatives and profes-

sionals have been subjected to belligerent & disrespectful conduct by Town Officials both in meetings in the Town Manager’s office, your office in front of you and at public meetings. You apologized for the behavior, but did nothing, and refused to answer a request for the Grievance Procedure.”

Alleging “Purposeful Embarrassment” the letter goes on to say, “For most of this past summer & fall, we have been in weekly (at times daily) contact with you either by phone or email, but when our project is on the agenda for a Town meeting, we are not given the courtesy or a

right to appear. This is not just unprofessional it is rude and disrespectful, a clear attempt to embarrass us, again.”

It is also alleged, “Brandywine has tried for 17 months to reach a resolution with the Town, but you all have refused to even discuss the Dams and the River.”

Giovanoni expresses in the letter that if an agreement can not be reached, they will be making application with DCR to “breach” the dam, tear it down, and return the Millers River to its natural state.

It is then the letter takes a tone with the town, alleging

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Keith Kent photo

USGS hydrologic technician Ian Carlisle of the USGS Pembroke, New Hampshire office is testing the flow rates for the Millers River at its River Street bridge location in Winchendon just beyond the edge of the river ice.

USGS surveys local rivers and streams

BY KEITH KENT
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WINCHENDON — Despite the temperature or weather, the information is needed and the job must get done. Water flow rates need to be checked, and a safety line and flotation vest are two of the best friends working under rain, snow, or sun.

United States Geological Survey, which operates under the United States Department of the Interior, visits the town of Winchendon every two months and did so on Dec. 21. Hydrologic technician Ian Carlisle was carefully crossing the frigid waters of the

Millers River, performing his duties and doing his job.

The USGS employs hydrologic technicians to help senior hydrologists obtain and collect data in the field. Some of the information includes river flood forecasts and stream flow information during flash floods. A technician’s duties could send them into the field to troubleshoot various equipment and or malfunctions, or it may have them in the office performing quality control for data to be reviewed by the hydrologist, or archiving completed work for various records.

Carlisle who comes from

the New Hampshire Division to check surface water and water flow among other data, could be seen crossing and traversing the Miller River just below the River Street Bridge time and time again. Carlisle braved the thin ice, crawling on it at the bridge’s base, chopping a hole in it and checking for data interpretation.

When asked if it was safe Carlisle admitted, “Well right at the edge it will hold me, but I would not go out any deeper than that.”

One small slip when traversing cold water is all it takes for hypothermia to set

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Steps taken to address lead in water

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — Steps are being taken to fix the problem after samples taken from water taps across the school district revealed 19 of 181 sources had levels of lead or copper higher than those considered acceptable by the state.

13 of the taps are in Memorial School, the oldest facility in the district. Three were found at Toy Town Elementary school, two at Murdock High School and one in the middle school.

The levels were discovered during testing on Dec. 14.

“Neither copper nor lead are believed to be in our water system itself,” stressed Superintendent Steve Haddad. “Rather they are coming from the plumbing and fixtures... resulting in an increase in the

lead or copper content in the tap water.”

“It’s important to note, though, that after flushing each of the outlets for 30 seconds, the results revealed acceptable and safe levels,” he pointed out.

The school system is no longer using any of those 19 taps. Haddad outlined what else the district is doing. “We have developed a sampling plan to conduct testing at outlets which students and staff use for drinking, beverage preparation, and cooking.”

“We’re implementing a flushing and water usage plan to safeguard against lead or copper exposure from drinking water. This includes daily flushing of water fountains and/or faucets at sinks and the

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Incident at high school still under investigation

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — With no magistrate’s hearing having been scheduled at midweek, the legal, academic and athletic eligibility status of two Murdock High School student-athletes remained in flux but the Facebook page which had displayed a video of the Dec. 19 incident was taken

down, reportedly by the social media giant.

The video went viral immediately after it was posted and elicited dozens of responses and remained available for more than a week.

It was following a girls’ basketball game at Murdock when two players, both

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END OF
AN ERA

The Karl Stancombe family of Baldwinville Road, in partnership with the Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center, took the time and effort to remove the historically significant Joseph's Fruit sign from the building on Central Street. The Stancombes intend to store the sign safely for now.

Year includes new business, new people, new life to an old town

WINCHENDON — The face of downtown has, and will continue to, have marked changes after last year. Foremost among those changes is the opening of the new police station at 80 Central St. But even more telling will be the demolition of two icons closer to the Front Street intersection as the sale has been finalized with Cumberland Farms on two properties once owned by the Joseph family.

In February, the Historic Commission began making efforts to save the buildings, by creating an historic district, finding other buyers, moving the buildings to other locations

or otherwise saving the landmarks from destruction. Once several members were able to do site visits within the structures, however and discover the dilapidated conditions within, most agreed the moves were probably not feasible.

The idea of downtown historic district is still a possibility, however, as the Historic Commission continues to research that potential.

The two buildings on Central Street will be demolished soon, though snowy weather may stay the action for a period, and a larger Cumberland Farms with at least eight gas acces-

sible pumps will be built on the corner, the building itself near the property line with the Courier office, and an expanse of parking, the gas pumps and plenty of space for movement between the building and the Blair Square corner.

A concession by Cumberland authorities is the design of the building, which will echo the architecture of the old Joseph candy store in many ways, with an entrance onto the sidewalk on Central Street.

The police station opened with a fanfare in October when

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Seven Point says “No” to Winchendon

WINCHENDON — The president of Seven Point Massachusetts reportedly confirmed last week that Winchendon is no longer in the running as a site for a medical marijuana dispensary. Brad Zerman said it was determined the location that had been under consideration “did not work for us.”

Seven Point had thought of locating its dispensary on the site currently occupied by the Carriage House Restaurant, located at 660 Spring/Route 12.

In March of last year, Zerman and company attorney Valerio Romano went before the town’s Board of Selectmen seeking a letter stating the board did not oppose the siting of a medical marijuana dispensary

in Winchendon. The board voted in early April to send that letter to state officials.

The two Seven Point officials also stated in March they might consider the Spring Street property as the site of a marijuana cultivation operation.

At same time, Zerman added the company might consider allowing the Carriage House to move into a new building somewhere on the property.

Seven Point of Massachusetts’ parent company is headquartered in Illinois, where it opened a dispensary earlier this year.

Seven Point has been looking at several other communities as potential locations for its operations,

including Gardner.

Zerman reportedly said Seven Point continues to review its options and “nothing will be finalized until Seven Point obtains a final certificate of registration.”

He did say that Gardner is still in the running.

Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke has signed community host agreements with both Seven Point of Massachusetts and Sanctuary Medicinals, another medical cannabis distributor. Seven Point is considering locating its facility at 180 Linus Allain Ave., in an industrial park off Betty Spring Road, while Sanctuary is looking at a parcel in the Summit Industrial Park off Route 101.

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the doors at 80 Central Street were thrown open to the public on a Saturday. A few hundred citizens toured the old building, admiring the beautiful woodwork and stairwells that were kept in place, while the building was brought into the 21st century and fitted out to work as a state of the art police facility. New Police Chief David Walsh was justifiably proud to welcome townspeople into the new space. Members of the Kiwanis Club provided a free lunch, and members of the Keller Williams Realty family provided sweets to those who passed through.

One other addition to the police in this year, who has more than earned his place having found a missing person, helped with a drug sting in Gardner and on several other important calls, has been Clyde, the new K9 officer. With his partner Officer Jim Wironen, Clyde has made an appearance at several events, and has been in training for several months.

In response to the opioid epidemic, each of Winchendon’s four schools are provided with Narcan. Police cruisers are equipped as well.

“Northern Worcester County has a higher per capita incidence of opioid related deaths than anywhere else in the state and it doesn’t show any signs of slowing down,” observes Memorial School nurse Mona McClure.

The Narcan is provided

through the state Department of Public Health.

“I hope we never have to use it, but I’m glad we have it,” says school resource officer Tracy Flag.

It started right away last January, when Donna Allard, the town accountant, announced plans to leave her position in June.

Selectmen voted to establish a search committee to find a replacement for Allard. The committee was comprised of Town Manager Keith Hickey, school Superintendent Steve Haddad and one member each from the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee.

In 2014, Allard alerted town officials to a multimillion-dollar deficit created, in part, by a shortfall in the town’s self-funded health insurance trust fund. In order to deal with the overall deficit, estimated at around \$3.6 million, the state lawmakers passed legislation allowing the town to borrow the funds needed to plug the hole. The bill was backed by the state Department of Revenue.

Allard was the sixth department head to leave town. Town Manager James Kreidler resigned in April 2015 after 15 years on the job, Public Works Director John Deline left town in May, School Superintendent Salah Khelfaoui took over as Lowell’s schools chief in June, and Police Chief Scott Livingston departed in fall. Planning Director Gerry White also left last spring.

January saw the swearing in of Al Gallant as the new DPW director.

Then later in the year, Manuel King became the second library director to take the reins since the retirement of Julia Cardinal. King is excited to be part of the planned renovations to the building, slated to break ground on the new entrance and handicapped accessibility projects this spring.

Among others leaving, after more than 30 years, Dr. John Harrington leaves the Winchendon Health Center.

“I went into medicine because I wanted to help people,” Harrington wrote in a letter to his patients, adding, “the rapid and seismic changes that have occurred in the delivery of medicine here in our country are profound and can be overwhelming. Many times I hardly recognize what is happening to the practice of medicine,” adding to the Courier, “the way things are now, that’s not how I was taught and it’s not what I want to practice,” but said as well, “getting to know the people in this town has been a great experience.”

Harrington remains medical director of the Hospice Program at the Gardner Visiting Nurse Association and medical adviser at the Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. In 2014, Harrington received the John Mulqueen Humanitarian Award for his efforts in Haiti.

“I’ve been able to practice medicine in a manner I believe is effective, compassionate and fulfilling,” he wrote and added

to the Courier, “I’d like to be remembered as someone who always tried to do my best.”

Another interesting change to Winchendon this summer was the management of its golf course. The Winchendon School has found it more and more cumbersome to attempt the management of the 18 hole facility, and sought a partner for the enterprise. After a few open meetings explaining what was needed, meeting with a few interested parties and finally finding a fit that worked, the school has gone into a partnership arrangement with the Sterling Golf group based out of New Hampshire. Sterling Golf already runs Shattuck Golf in Rindge and Sterling Golf in Massachusetts, and felt the addition of Winchendon to its stable made sense. Most people did not see a change in the way the day to day operations were done, but behind the scenes, the work was now no longer in the hands of the school, which they found much improved their own well being.

A few new businesses now call Winchendon home including a branch of Salvadore Auto that specializes in Jeeps, a small business that sells ready made sheds and a craft store right on Central Street where the handy person can find all the supplies they need for whatever craft they do; and also do parties and classes. Other new businesses include a new produce/grocery store that also includes gifts and an antique-collectible corner, a mystical and Reiki shop, and a new gift shop on Gardner Road who has a plethora of unusual and often handcrafted items. In addition, there is a new owner of the Cruisin’ on 12 restaurant, and the Rivers Edge has begun opening for dinner hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

There were any number of events for families last year starting right out with a bang in January with what is a new tradition in Toy Town: the bonfire. It is complete with a great meal and fireworks. This year’s edition is planned Jan. 14.

Among the other events, most of them fundraisers for such entities as the Kiwanis, the Clark Memorial YMCA, the Lions Club, the Firemen’s Relief Association, Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center, the American Legion or its affiliate clubs or one of the many churches in town included: Irish Night on March 17 including Irish step dancers; the Shamrock Shuffle road race; the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the

town Parks & Rec Commission; Run For The Roses; Summer Solstice; Family Fun Day with the Massachusetts state chili cook off; annual Firemen’s Muster; children’s annual party at the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center; Casino Royale; Fall Fest; Winterfest; and winter tea at the Murdock Whitney House to name a few.

Then of course there were all the bands, the meat raffles, the game nights, the suppers (the game supper at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club is extra special), and smaller fundraisers done by the schools, the children and others.

And don’t forget the myriad of activities at the schools including the musicals (last year it was Into the Woods), the annual Converse Tournament of Plays, (the longest running tournament of its kind), and the various programs by the schools. With a new band director on board and an enthusiasm that’s hard to miss, the next installments of music and mayhem should be amazing.

Two new committees have become active at the town level, a Communications Committee charged with coordinating and upgrading the town’s delivery of information to its citizens; including website, the TV and cable accessibility and any other ways to access information. While it has not met frequently as yet, the members are interested in finding ways to use the cable channel more productively, and to find ways to coordinate various outlets of information.

The second committee: Community and Economic Development Steering Committee, has already helped gain a CDBG grant for the town and is now working on a new application. Members are seeking to be proactive in the economic development portion of the charge, and as such have started holding ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses, and are willing to help in any way possible to encourage more development in town.

Murdock High School’s technology program receives \$86,000 grant. The money pays for new big screen monitors and a 3-D printer and enables the school to launch a computer science principles honor class. Later in the year, to celebrate National Computer Science Education Week, eighth grade students are helped by older students in designing tech programs.

Also at Murdock, more than 80-percent of MHS seniors apply to college before Dec. 1, the highest percentage guidance counselors can remember, including applications to Ivy League and other elite schools.

Public to be heard on cannabis zoning

WINCHENDON — Residents will get the chance to air their views on zoning bylaws the town must enact to cover the location of retail marijuana businesses. The decision to give the public input into the process was made at Tuesday night’s meeting of the Planning Board.

Winchendon Development Director Tracy Murphy asked the board for time to contact the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission before setting a date and time for the meeting. She said that organization had a great deal of information on the issue and might also provide someone well versed on the matter to answer some of the many questions the public – and town officials – are likely to have.

The discussion regarding retail marijuana zoning arose in part from a request by Murphy for a letter of support from the board for the town’s application for a District Local Technical Assistance grant. She said if the grant is approved, the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission would provide her department with extra manpower needed to review and, where necessary, rewrite the town’s zoning bylaws. The town would receive in-person assistance; no money would actually be given to the town. Murphy said the average value of the DTLA grants run around \$7,500.

Board member Cailte Kelley said it was important the public understand the grant would be used to evaluate all of the town’s zoning bylaws, not just those related to cannabis sales.

Murphy explained that she and Town Manager Keith Hickey hoped to use zoning “as a way to entice commercial development.”

At present, she said, people interested in setting up shop in Winchendon “bounce back and forth between different boards” to get the permits needed to open a business. Murphy said the process should be streamlined in order to make it easier for applicants.

Community and Economic Development Steering Committee member Steve Sroczynski told the board that, in relation to any bylaws written to cover marijuana retailers, the board needs to take the image of the town into consideration.

Planning Board Chairman Guy Corbosiero noted Winchendon could see an influx of people from New Hampshire coming into town to purchase marijuana.

He said, “We need to make sure people aren’t setting up shop here just to get customers from Franklin Pierce and Keene State.”

The Planning Board will schedule the public meeting after hearing back from Murphy.



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Winter brings a song to the heart

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WINCHENDON — While traditional carols are only one part of the music for a cold winter's night, the Murdock Middle and High School choral groups and concert band found plenty of uplifting winter music to fill an hour-long concert the week before Christmas break.

A small 50-50 raffle held as a fundraiser by Friends of Music was won by Tina Sevigny, who after some thought re-gifted her \$42 right back to the music programs.

"I donated back to the school to help out the school's music program," Sevigny said. "My daughter, Ashley, is in chorus, and I know that it would help her and all her friends. It's all about helping the school and their activities."

Sevigny said she was in shock, because she never won anything.

Chorus director Alyson Galipeau said it was sweet of Sevigny to give back.

Galipeau went on to say that the songs didn't have a holiday significance since some students don't celebrate them.

"They are winter-themed songs," Galipeau said. "We try to diversify song selection every year. Since they had challenging material, they didn't do as many songs as in the past."

"Irish Tune from County Derry" arranged by Paul Cook and "Jingle Bells" by James Pierpoint opened the performance.

Sporting black pants and a colored shirt, 51 members in sixth-grade chorus sang a winter song, "Angels in the Snow" by S. Altretch, and J. Althouse



Courtesy photos: Alyson Galipeau

Murdock Band Director Cody Arington directs his first band performance at the holiday concert on Dec. 20.

and "Sing We of Hanukkah" by L. Brownsey and M. Lantz.

Thirty-one members in seventh- and eighth-grade chorus sang: "Wondrous Star" by G. Grier and L. Everton and a mixed meter celebration song, "Come to the Celebration" by Laura Farnell.

Thirty members of high school chorus performed: "Syahamba" which is a traditional South African song, "All on a Cold Winter's Night" by D. Wagner, a medley, "Carols All Around (And Around)" arranged by C. Nygard, and "Gaudeamus Hodie" by E. Rentz.

Galipeau said it was a challenge for her students to learn South African and Latin.

"The high school chorus had only two songs in English," Galipeau said.

Glammed out in black outfits with blue scarfs, the Chamber Singers next performed Christmas songs: "Celtic Noel" by M. Barrett, "Deck the Nutcracker Hall" by G. Gilpin and "Little Drummer

Boy/Peace on Earth/Ding-a-Ding-a-Ding" by J. Althouse.

Eight alumnae joined in for "Carol of the Bells" an arrangement made popular by Transiberian Orchestra.

Galipeau said Cody Arington, the new band director, is working on growing the band program.

"Arington's excited about doing that," Galipeau said. "He's starting with something small and structure it in a way that he's comfortable with. He's been doing a great job so far. I'm glad we got him."

Parents appreciated the work that went into the performance and Arington's new style, according to Galipeau.

"They appreciate the time that students put into after school rehearsals," she said. "Parents noted the difference that Arington has made in the program. They responded positively about the overall direction the music program is

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going in."

She said students are talented beyond their music abilities.

"Not only are they hard-working students, but they're in Key Club, sports, and volunteer in after school programs," Galipeau said. "They deserve some positive press for the many good things that they do."

She said the Chamber Singers is a traveling 19-member group that performed at Rob Ninkovich's fall appearance at Great Wolf Lodge, the town tree lighting, field hockey games, and at the American Legion.

"We try to share joy, talents and skills," Galipeau said.

Spring concerts are May 17 and 27.

COURIER CAPSULES

OPEN HOUSE

Fr. Michael Clements is hosting a rectory open house on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 8 from 1-4 p.m. Come to the rectory for a bit of Christmas cheer and goodies to celebrate the season.

CLOSINGS AT IHM

Calvary Cemetery is now closed until mid-April. The Immaculate Heart of Mary maintenance crews do not plow the cemetery during the winter months and as snow accumulates, the main gates will be closed to prevent vehicles from entering, getting stuck and perhaps damaging headstones and cemetery grounds.

In addition, weather policies for the church are as follows: if Winchendon schools are canceled, all parish activities are also canceled including Mass, religious education classes, adult faith sessions and meetings. The office is also closed. Should there be a delay of school, Mass will be served, but please

use good judgement in making a decision to travel in bad weather. Weekend Masses are generally not canceled, this applied to weekday intentions.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Police Chief Dave Walsh would like to invite town residents to attend the Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Jan. 10. If you have an interest in neighborhood watch, crime prevention or are just curious please attend. The first quarterly meeting of 2017 will be held at the police station, 80 Central St. in the conference room on Tuesday, Jan. 10 beginning at 6 p.m. This is open to all town residents.

This is a new year with new goals. We will introduce Charlene Huston, a mediator who will explain her job. She is available to mediate such diverse things as family disputes, neighbor disputes and so on. Come learn more about mediation, Neighborhood Crime Watch groups and more.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

NEWTON — Lasell College has announced the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A student must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher to receive Dean's List recognition. Among the students named to the Dean's List is Brianna Dellechiaie of Winchendon.

ROME, GA — Cassandra Betourney of Winchendon was named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Berry College. The Dean's List honors students who posted an academic average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale while carrying a class load of at least 12 hours during the semester.

CANTON, NY — Stephanie A. Johnson of Rindge has been selected for membership into Chymist, the chemistry honorary society at St. Lawrence University. Johnson is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in English. Johnson graduated from Conant High School.

This organization derives its name from Robert Boyle's *The Sceptical Chymist*, a volume which solidifies Boyle as the founder of modern chemistry. To be eligible for membership, St. Lawrence students must have taken at least six courses of chemistry with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 and an overall GPA of at least 3.2.



CLYDE'S CORNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

SKATE CLUB

Winchendon Skate Club invites all ice skaters to join our club. We skate from 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at the Winchendon School on Ash Street. The 2016-17 season is right around the corner. The Winchendon Skate Club provides educational lessons that teach proper techniques. We offer learn to skate programs for beginners of ice skating and hockey. Find us on Facebook-Winchendon Skate Club or Winchendonskateclub@yahoo.com.

NEW YEAR REFRESH: Saturday Jan. 7 from 1-5 p.m. at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. Come ring in the New Year with some fun shopping and services provided by holistic and spiritual vendors. Get some much needed grounding and stress relief after the holidays and pick up some great gifts as well. Presented by Lucky Belcamino co-owner of The Holistic Mystic on Central. Treat yourself to chair massage, Reiki, psychic and Tarot readings along with vendors who will be offering crystals, stones, jewelry and natural herbs. Vendors will offer discounted fees and prices for their services and items for sale during this event.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

CRAFT FOR ADULTS: On Tuesday nights at 6:30 Beals Memorial Library has an adult craft hour providing a place to meet and do crafts. People bring in things they are working on, and can get help on knitting, crocheting, quilting and discuss different ideas.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
O U R N E I G H B O R ' S K I T C H E N : Our Neighbor's Kitchen, Winchendon's

Community Supper, is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. The January meals for Our Neighbor's Kitchen are: Jan. 12: Swedish meatballs with noodles, salad and dessert; and Jan. 26: Shepherd's pie with sides and dessert.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door, contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations, and many hard-working volunteers.

BOOK DISCUSSION: Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting is Thursday Jan. 12 Books are available at the library.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

ANNUAL BONFIRE: the American Legion will be the site of the bonfire of Christmas trees and wreaths beginning at 5 p.m. A chicken barbecue is planned as well. A drop off point for trees and decorations will be designated in the parking lot; leave yours after the holidays then come watch them go up in flames! More information will be forthcoming.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

OPEN MIC: at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.

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Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

EDITORIAL

Mary Jane comes to town

Several local committees are taking up the topic of marijuana sales in Winchendon. Who, where, what regulations should be put in place. Absolutely. This must be done. But...

We don't think this was handled correctly from the beginning by the highest Powers That Be.

The government is going about this all wrong.

And it's going to cost us ALL a lot of money. More than we are going to make off the taxes charged.

Here's why.

We already have a full on governing board for liquor in place: the ABCC. Why oh why don't we add any regulations on the marijuana topics to the existing regulations IN PLACE within that regulatory body? They already exist, they have the system in place. Yes, they would need some more physical bodies to do additional work but not an entire system and physical plant. It is already there.

Yes, we need to add quite a bit to it. But don't reinvent the wheel. And add bureaucracy.

Second, why do we need more or different retail outlets? Yes, they must be regulated outlets, controlled so only those over 21 can purchase.

We have them.

They are called liquor stores.

If we don't want as many to be able to sell cannabis products, then hold either a lottery or application process so only so many within a town are allowed. We presently have a system that allows only so many liquor outlets based on population, do the same with this.

If only two cannabis "stores" are allowed in Winchendon, then any liquor stores who want to be the outlets must bid or apply to be that place. A system must be put in place to choose which it should be of course, and two will be chosen.

RFPs exist for everything from contracts to build buildings to selling bread to the school cafeteria. This isn't any different.

So yes, we need regulations, we need laws, we need guidelines.

We don't need a whole self perpetuating bureaucracy eating up the tax funds generated by the sales when the whole thing already exists.

Apparently someone some where isn't thinking this completely through.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Superintendent: information on an incident

To the Editor:

By now many of you have heard about or perhaps seen the video of the incident which unfolded after the girls basketball game Monday night. Like you, I was very disappointed and disturbed. What happened that evening is in no way an accurate reflection of the overwhelming majority of our students and parents.

Let me reaffirm that the safety of our students is absolutely our most important responsibility and priority. Though this was fortunately an isolated incident between just a few people, it serves as a reminder we need to be constantly vigilant when it comes to safety. To that end, we will take steps to try and increase adult supervision at games. Everyone who comes into any of our school buildings has a right to know they will be safe there.

Much of what has been posted on social media about our school and community is entirely misleading and in some cases nothing more than blatant lies. Those kind of comments are a sad but inevitable fact of life in the 21st century. That said, I appreciate and am grateful to those who took the time to

respond and be strongly supportive of our school system and our vibrant community alike.

We are cooperating with the Winchendon police department's investigation. We have taken the appropriate internal discipline action.

I want to stress again that what took place Monday is anything but representative of who we are as a school and a community. Every once in a while situations happen where naysayers jump at the chance to find as much negativity as they can. This is one of those times. As superintendent I am exceedingly proud of who we are and I know we are a system and community which is inclusive and welcoming.

I understand there may be some residual questions and I am more than willing to share what information I can. Be assured we are taking this incident very seriously and will do everything we can to properly ensure the safety of our students and visitors.

STEVE HADDAD, SUPERINTENDENT
WINCHENDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(Editor's Note: the incident happened Monday, Dec. 19)

Winchendon Remembers

To the Editor:
Here is a list of those who participated in Winchendon Remembers for 2016. Thank you to all and I wish you a healthy, happy 2017!

The funds are being set aside as seed money for the next anniversary celebration in Winchendon.

Ed Hosnander from Joyce Hosnander
Cam LeBlanc from his loving family
Richard Carpenter from Anna Carpenter

Heidi Sibley Lafrennie from mother and children

Malcolm Sibley from family
Wilfred Guy Jr.; Julia, Marice and

Kenneth Donaway
Leonard Priestley from Jean Priestley
Herman Rau from Marliese Rau
Teddy Austin, Janet Austin, Pat Kirsh, Carl Peterson from Helen and Bruce Kirsh
Mary W. White, John H. White; Byrde Tuckerman, Murray Tuckerman; Kay Nicholson, Jon Nicholson from Julia White Cardinal
William Jacoby
Russell Nadeau, Eleanor Nadeau, Eunice Monette from Barbara Lafrennie

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CO-ORDINATOR

As '17 begins... take the little wins



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In this first essay of the new year, I suppose I could begin by wondering when was the last time we worried about how tough a Republican President would be on the Russians but since the answer is never, what else is there to say? Nothing, except this — the President-elect is gambling that he'll be able to re-create a sort of detente' by effusively praising Putin. Anyone want to take that bet?

It's a gloomy time all around. Last week, when we lost Carrie Fisher and her mom Debbie Reynolds on consecutive days, I was thinking that's probably not all that rare. My paternal grandparents passed within 10 days of each other. You read stories all the time about people passing quickly after their spouse or children die. I have no doubt people do die of broken hearts. About Fisher: given the stigma that's sadly still attached to mental illness, to any addictive behavior that is

an offshoot of mental illness, it took guts for her to write a book about it. That kind of strength deserves admiration, the more we talk about these kinds of issues, the less stigmatized they will be. Sunlight is cleansing. Of course it would also be nice to see more funding for treatment and better, faster access to crisis/emergency treatment too. Don't count on it. As I said, it's a gloomy time all around.

As long as we're talking gloom, I'm sure all of you have noticed how inept service tends to be in way, way too many places. There is no reason, none, you should have to stand in line for 15 minutes behind just one person because the cashier at Sears was clearly in over their head or maybe merely disinterested. Before you suggest that's anecdotal, you know it's not. The quality of service overall has unquestionably deteriorated virtually everywhere. I'm hearing from others who are telling their own such stories. Expectations are lowered and even those seem to be an impossibly high bar to clear. For every Amber at River's Edge who knows I can't have berries because they interfere with my cardiac meds, and for everyone like my snowplow guy Rob who showed up 9:30 last Thursday night, amazingly soon after the

storm ended so our driveway would be clear Friday morning, there are a million others in the service industry who are neither Amber nor Rob, but who are lazy, nasty, bored, you name it. Truly a metaphor for our society it seems. So here's what you should do. When you do get good service, say so and patronize those places. They deserve it.

Changing gears in this wide-ranging column, I've often written about how important it is to make contributions in small ways since none of us are going to influence national policy individually. My old friend Anne Eddy, and I mean that in the kindest sense, is the executive director of the Springfield, VT Humane Society, the shelter where we rescued, or were rescued by, Annie a couple years ago. Anne and her staff are representative of people who are making a difference in ways the world at large might never notice but they sure have a positive impact for individual dogs and families. What could be better than that? Another friend made a contribution to his alma mater in memory of a specific professor. Yet another is deeply involved in working on environmental issues in Florida. I have another friend who quietly makes a difference

for some area families. Says yet another, "I like to contribute to the ones (causes) who sue the bastards." Indeed so. All these matter. Kudos to them. It will be easy to get discouraged by reading headlines and shaking your head at tweets from our less-than-popularly-elected President, but it's going to be absolutely essential to compartmentalize those and keep making those little contributions. Remember "fired up, ready to go?" That's what we need to be, now more than ever.

As for posts/tweets I am among those who have unfriended folks on social media largely because this election revealed people's true character. Others have told me they were absolutely shocked to find in some cases how bigoted people they thought they knew really are. So be it. Better to know, right? Besides, who needs that kind of racist, religious, homophobic or whatever kind of obnoxious ideological negativity in their life anyway?

All is not awful, though. Last Friday, I had a grilled cheese and tomato sandwich. No bacon. Shocking? Ah, I talk about bacon a lot more than I actually eat it. The tomato was not grilled into the sandwich. I prefer it not to be. You take the little wins where you can find

them. Last Saturday, the line at Panera was surprisingly short. Again, little wins, right?

Little wins, you see, are good. There aren't likely be many big wins this year on the broad national scale. If you expect this incoming presidency to be a disaster, you're probably underestimating how bad it's likely to be. You can't do anything about that but what you can do is stay true to your ideals, make a little difference when and where you can, and surround yourself with people who do likewise. And every day, savor the little wins and sometimes bigger ones too. I haven't had an overnight hospital stay since December, 2014. That's a win. Courtney was in sixth grade when this series of essays began almost 12 years ago. This summer she'll get her Masters in social work from Smith. That's a big win. Her brothers are responsible adults too. In the grocery store the other day I ran into parents of kids who were playing softball the same time she was and it was nice to hear these now young women are doing well as adults. The more wins you can find, the big ones and little ones alike, the better. Agreed? I thought so. See you next week.

TRUTH?

When I was growing up I was warned not to believe everything I read. I was told people tended to think if they saw something in print, in a magazine or newspaper, they tended to assume it was accurate. I think that today we have extended those "assumptions of truth" to television and social media.

The most recent fiasco of insinuations in the form of truth relates to the Russians meddling in our American elections. First the GOP said the election was being rigged and the DEMs denied it. Then it was learned that the DEMS were doing a lot of things to help Mrs. Clinton and hurt Senator Sanders. When the GOP began to look like it might actually win, the DEMs told us



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the Russians wanted to help Trump and they were hacking our election.

Under the existing DEM administration they trotted out 17 agencies of our government who believe the Russians meddled in our election. The GOP President-elect said no they didn't. Neither party has laid on the table any actual proof of Russian interference but because it has been said many, maybe most, Americans believe it.

Then the other day the President-elect said he had evidence the Russians were innocent and some day soon he would share it. That ranked right up there with the 17 agencies who said the Russians were guilty.

Then we were told the Russians had hacked into the Vermont power grid. Talking heads went wild on television, newspapers assigned reporters, the Congress called for hearings. A day later it was reported that this hacking didn't happen.

Finally the Wikileaks founder, from his hiding place, announced that it WASN'T the Russians who hacked us. But he didn't tell us who did.

The DEMS spent eight years trotting out the story that GOP leader Senator Mitch McConnell on the day of Obama's election got a group together and said their number one goal was to block Obama's efforts. If I heard that from my DEM friends once I heard it 1,000 times.

Now as I watch television news I see that President Obama is meeting with DEM leaders in Congress to find ways to keep the GOP from enacting

the programs desired by President-elect Trump.

So if they are successful the label of "The Party of No" will be passed from the GOP to the DEMs.

Be cautious of everything you read or hear. Insist on proof. It won't come naturally because we have been raised to trust institutions and leaders. We have entered an age when that is not good advice.

Perhaps we should all get tattoos that say "TRUST BUT VERIFY."

In 1896 Winston Churchill wrote "the essence of American journalism is vulgarity divested of truth." I would not apply that to all forms of journalism or all journalist today, but the number I wouldn't apply it to grows smaller by the day.

Fellowship beyond the food

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Beef burgundy and roasted winter vegetables spiced the menu at Our Neighbor’s Kitchen’s holiday dinner last month when the town’s Community Supper played host to some 60 guests at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon just before Christmas.

After Pastor Inanna Arthen gave a blessing, she explained the event originally began with a lighter meal, such as soup and sandwich, but she realized guests needed a heartier meal, such as a casserole or comfort food.

Chief cook and bottle washer Dave Faucher, who serves as chair of the governing board, took over when Bob Mable,

who became ill, resigned from his hosting duties.

“We used to have the dinner at the Community Action Center and Senior Center,” Faucher said.

Guests included church members and non-members, mostly mid-age to elderly. Students from the Winchendon School volunteered in the kitchen. Faucher said some people called in dinner orders to-go.

Faucher explained leadership tries to put on a themed dinner for the holidays. St. Patrick’s Day means corned beef and cabbage, Easter is a ham dinner, and for fall, it is pork roast with apples and onion gravy.

Winchendon resident Brenda Ringuette’s favorite dinners are lasagna and shepherd’s pie.

“It’s homemade here at church and delicious,” Ringuette said. “But every meal is excellent, really.”

But she doesn’t just come for the food.

“I’ve made good friends here,” she said. “Turge people come here and bring their friends. Everyone treats you like family.”

Ringuette added other times, it’s a nice conversation with people she doesn’t know. Her son, who lives out-of-state, volunteered in the kitchen to show his appreciation. Ringuette said the only flaw is the elevator doesn’t work.

Winchendon Springs resident Leo Desmarais called the event “a good meal with great friends,” adding the pastor is a great friend of his.

Desmarais added he’s

looking forward to the next dinner in January, and advised people to look for the sign outside, visible from the roadway.

The Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at 126 Central St. The meal is served in the basement of the church, and yes unfortunately the small elevator is not presently in working order. Pastor Arthen has just announced the January menus: on Jan 12: Swedish meatballs with noodles, salad and dessert and on Jan. 26: Brenda’s favorite shepherd’s pie with sides and dessert.



Tara Vocino photo
Pastor Inanna Arthen hugs Leo Desmarais, who enjoys the fellowship, at Our Neighbor’s Kitchen last month.

Lemire finds project rewarding

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Just before the school year began last summer, Murdock senior Vicky Lemire gave a fourth grade student a fully-loaded backpack.

“It felt so good to do that,” she said.

The gesture, you see, wasn’t random. For her National Honor Society service project, Lemire collected more than 20 backpacks to give to students who otherwise might not have any.

“I cleaned, washed, and scrubbed them all. It was a lot of laundry,” she recalled.

Lemire acknowledged when the project began, she had no idea of the extent of the need which existed for something as common as a backpack.

“I was really surprised,” she said. “School has always been important to me, very import-

ant, and I guess I couldn’t imagine not having something as simple as a backpack. I didn’t realize how many kids were going without. I think many of us don’t appreciate or sometimes take for granted how fortunate we are.”

“Kids should never have to be embarrassed because they don’t have the things other kids do. To me that’s not okay. It bothers me a lot when I see kids not having things a lot of us take for granted and so I wanted to do something to help. At first I wasn’t even sure what,” added Lemire.

Out of that concern grew more than just the backpack project. More than a half dozen youngsters were given a collection of necessary school sup-



plies, pencils, crayons, etc.

“It just makes you feel good to be able to do things like that,” reflected Lemire, who credits NHS adviser Sherry Fairbanks and after-school program director Jennifer Haddad with being catalysts

ed and while hers wasn’t the only backpack drive in town, making a contribution is what counted.

Additionally, helping isn’t something that will end with graduation.

“I want to go into occupational therapy,” she said. “That’s another way of helping people. Helping is something we have

an obligation to do.”

That sense of obligation must be hereditary because Vicky’s turning the project over to her sister after her own graduation next spring.

“I feel like we laid the foundation for something that should continue. Even in a little way, it makes the school community a better place to be,” she said.

LETTER

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the devaluation of their property, poisoning the environment, land confiscation, and Civil Rights violations.

“If you continuously change the pattern of the wetlands with drawdowns and then poison the lake to kill milfoil that continuous to grow exponentially, Whites Mill Pond will die. Lowering of the lake ‘Monomonac’ and introducing poisons downstream with no notification downstream to abutters is also at issue and this was done after the town received ‘Notice of Reversal’ and knew the town no longer owned the Dams. That is Government confiscation of Private Property. These actions devalue our property, cause a hazmat situation for the Mill ‘If the present sprinkler system is used’ and is a violation of our Civil Rights,” says Giovanoni.

Giovanoni also says, “We do not believe there is interest in the rehabilitation of a dam which has been out of compliance since 1984 and the deficiencies were not enough to cause the Town to show any interest in the condition of Whites Mill Pond Dam until we began to hold Winchendon accountable for the pollution of the water and the slow but inexorable destruction of Whites Mill Pond. We believe these issues should be handled by our Attorney, but are still willing to do so through mediation.” Giovanoni continues, “We have worked hard to bring this project to life but it has become clear that the town does not want it.”

Both the town and state granted a T.I.F agreement which reduced the property tax rates to help Brandywine Farms Inc. at a significant cost savings of 70 percent in 2017 and ending with a final decreased tax rate of 11 percent in 2022.

At no time does the letter mention Brandywine Farms is \$39,441 behind in back taxes, or have four liens on placed on the properties by the town, or make any mention of a plan to pay or at least enter in to a payment agreement for the back taxes owed to the community after a T.I.F. was granted in good faith at a 6 year cost to the town and taxpayers. There is also no mention in the letter of repairing the roof which has suffered previous collapse, and preventing the elements

from entering the building.

In closing, Giovanoni goes on to proclaim they shall have a legacy a full century in the future.

“Perhaps the project isn’t meant to be, perhaps we should just let the building fall in to the ground and fade in to history such as the Glenallen Mills has. Perhaps, in the end all we can accomplish is the rescue of the beautiful historic waterway and the preservation of the Healing Waters of Winchendon Springs. If that is to be the ultimate outcome, we will be satisfied that a 100 years from now, our Legacy will be that Winchendon’s residents will have a fresh water supply and the Historic Headwaters of the North Branch of the Millers River will be preserved and restored to its natural state.”

Hickey, when asked to respond to both the claims made in the letter, and possible legal undertones, said, “There are a number of comments in the letter that I would disagree with. I am concerned there may be some litigation brought against the town in the future. However I will say that I think the town has given the owners of Brandywine Farms every opportunity to bring forward plans and be willing to meet with the owners at any time to try to assist them. The owners have asked to go in front of the BOS and the board chose not to entertain them in the fall. There was really nothing more to discuss.”

Hickey went on to say, “The dam issue has been raised and there has been a lot of concern based on the information provided and knowledge of the condition of the dam provided by the investigation by the Courier in the previous article, and the board wanted to address it somehow and we have done that with meeting earlier in December. I have sent a public information request to the Commonwealth, as I have not seen some of the correspondence that they have sent to Brandywine asking for improvements to be made to the dam, which they had been previously notified of, and I am awaiting those letters.”

Addressing disappointment by Brandywine Hickey explained, “Brandywine was disappointed that I had not invited them to the BOS meeting when the board discussed authorizing and decided with the board chair sending a letter to DCR. It really wasn’t a dialog between the owners of Brandwine and the town at that point, it was the board’s discus-

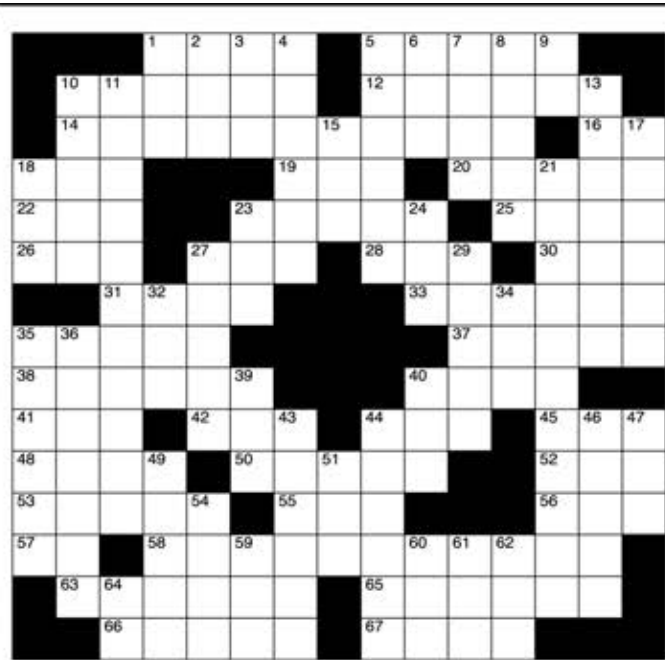
sion if they wanted to send a letter, and what was going to be the content of that letter. I didn’t find a need to invite Brandywine to that meeting.”

Hickey further commented, “I believe the town continues to want to work with the owners to see the property redeveloped. A TIF was approved in May 2015 to assist them with the redevelopment of the property. There have been some draft plans shared with the town, but no final site plan was ever submitted to the town and planning board to ultimately debate, discuss, and decide on. That is what needs to happen, and that is what has been shared with the owners on numerous occasions.”

“The condition of the dam itself is an additional issue which needs to be addressed, and we are concerned as a community that if the dam was to fail property owners downstream could see a loss and that is our issue with a dam, and completely separate of the redevelopment of the property. They bought the dam, and they bought the property. They own it, and the repairs need to be made to that dam. The board has asked the state what are our options either available to the Commonwealth or the town to have the necessary repairs done if the owners don’t want to do those so we can ensure public safety down stream,” said Hickey.

“The tone of the letter itself to me seems very adversarial. First and for most, the town wants to see the property redeveloped in the manner which was proposed when the TIF was approved. This is a privately owned property and there has been no formal site plan submitted for the board’s review. Until they submit a final site plan, ultimately no decisions can be made on what that property is going to be redeveloped and used for. The town has tried very hard to provide support and assistance to the developer, however the developer has to be able to stand on their own and decide how they are going to redevelop that property. They need to be able to put pen to paper, and that has not happened in any other manner than draft form.”

In closing, Hickey explained, “The town will consider taking any actions it legally has to take to acquire the property back if the taxes are not paid, and prevent the property to falling into further disrepair if the opportunity presents itself to obtain that property for another owner who has the means to develop it.”

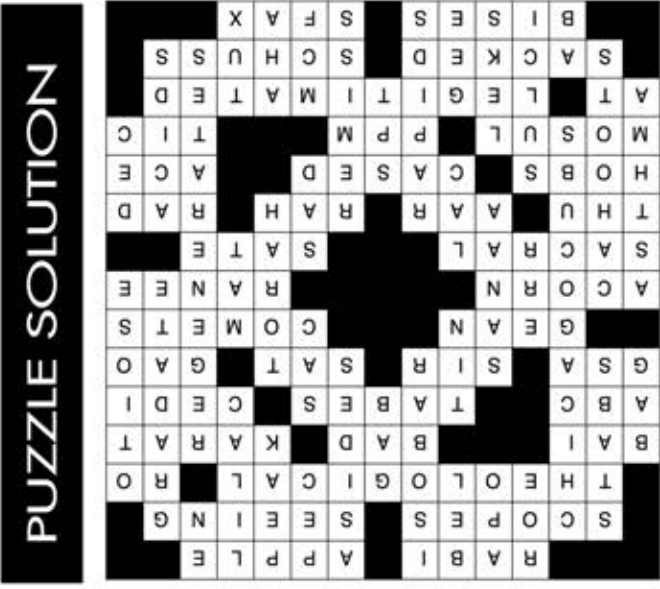


CLUES ACROSS

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5. One a day keeps the doctor away
10. Extents
12. Noticing
14. Scriptural
16. Star Trek character Laren
18. “The Crow” actress __ Ling
19. Not good
20. Measures gold
22. TV network
23. Wasting
25. Money in Ghana
26. Young girls’ association
27. Title of respect
28. High schoolers take this test
30. Crunches federal numbers
31. Wild or sweet cherry
33. Celestial bodies
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Royal Navy ship during WWII
38. Of cherished symbols
40. Satisfy
41. 5th. day (abbr.)
42. Swiss river
44. Royal Albert Hall (abbr.)
45. Cool!
48. Flat metal shelves
50. Enclosed
52. A way to pass
53. City in Iraq
55. Printing speed measurement
56. Twitch
57. Indicates position
58. Made lawful
63. Took down
65. A way to travel on skis
66. North winds
67. Tunisian metropolis

CLUES DOWN

1. Seafood
2. Incan god of mountains
3. Ritzy LA neighborhood __ Air
4. Line that connect points of equal pressure
5. Audience-only remarks
6. Chest muscle (slang)
7. Pointed top
8. Lavender
9. Linear unit
10. Knives
11. 2016 World Series champs
13. A way to arrange
15. Talk
17. Serving no purpose
18. Container
21. Breathes new life into
23. Beloved dog Rin Tin __
24. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
27. Yemen capital
29. Sacred book of Judaism
32. Make a mistake
34. Wrestlers wrestle here
35. Respiratory issue
36. In league
39. Resinous insect secretion
40. Unhappy
43. Turbulent area of a river
44. Neglectful
46. Sours
47. Calendar month (abbr.)
49. Grooves
51. Sony Pictures Television
54. Monetary units
59. Command right
60. 1,000 cubic feet
61. Expression of triumph
62. Dinner jacket
64. The first two



OBITUARIES

Kenneth Eugene Ameden, 71

LONDONDERRY VT — Kenneth Eugene Ameden, age 71, of Londonderry, passed away on Dec. 12, 2016, at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry on Jan. 7, 2017, at 1 p.m. with a reception following at the Weston Rod and Gun Club in Weston. There will be a burial service in July in the Riverside Cemetery in Londonderry.

Kenneth was born on Dec. 23, 1944, in Springfield, to Eugene and Emma (Kilburn) Ameden. He was raised on the Taylor Farm that his parents operated, attended elementary school in Londonderry, and went on to attend high school in Chester. After high school, Ken completed a course in heavy equipment mechanics in North Carolina, then went on to enlist in the U.S. Air Force where he served four years, making the rank of SSGT.

Eventually, Kenneth made it back to his hometown where he purchased a piece of property on Boynton Road,

and built his forever home. Ken was an absolute role model in his community, with a heart of gold, and an eagerness to help out anyone in need. He also had an incredible love of volunteering, from coaching in the Little League program, to serving 32 years on the fire department. He was a man of few words, with a big heart and that great smile, and a twinkle in his eye. He was loved by all.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Linda (Stevens) Ameden, whom he was with for 43 years; two sons Scot Ameden and his wife, Teresa, of Baltimore, MD, James A. Ameden and his wife, Pamela, of Londonderry; two daughters Sheri Van (Ameden) DeHoek and her husband, Ari, of Holland and Stacy Ameden of Manchester; two brothers James W. Ameden and his wife, Josie, of Landgrove and Norman Ameden and his wife, Lena, of St. Cloud, FL; and a sister, Jane (Ameden) Crespo and her husband, Wayne, of Winchendon. He is also survived by six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, several nephews and a niece. Ken was predeceased by his father, Eugene Ameden, mother Emma Ameden and a niece.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Phoenix Fire Company No. 6, PO Box 20, Londonderry, VT 05148.

RINDGE — Yvon J. Doiron (also known as “Ti”), age 80, of 7 Spring Road, formerly of Orange died peacefully Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, 2016 in Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH.



He was born in Athol on June 17, 1936, son of the late Emile and Zelica (Johnson) Doiron and was a resident of Athol for much of his life. He had also lived in Gardner for several years, where he raised his family, as well as on Cape Cod.

Yvon proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1958 to 1961. He had worked as a toolmaker for General Electric and as a draftsman for Moduform Co. He later owned and operated Regal Engineering on Cape Cod and relocated the company to Tully. This company specialized in designing and building fly tying vises and fishing reels.

His hobbies included golfing, fly-fishing, boating, sailing, playing cribbage, camping and spending time with his

family. He also enjoyed driving his Cadillac. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Athol and enjoyed socializing with his many friends.

He was the husband of the late Fern A. (Lawsky) Doiron and leaves three daughters, Susan Mount and her husband Joakim of Windham, NH, Deborah Miller and her husband Kevin of Rindge, with whom he lived, and Christina Krueger and her husband Eric of Nashua, NH; eight grandchildren, Nigel, Aleece, Kyle, Drew, Cameron, Megan, Ian and Allison; two great grandchildren, Jadel and Alani; his brothers and sisters, Lorraine Thompson of California, Donald Doiron of California, Gerald Doiron, Yvonne Soucie of Athol and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Reane Doiron and Everett Doiron and a sister, Lee Hereford.

Military funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 in Massachusetts Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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

Yvon J. ‘Ti’ Doiron, 80

Yvonne M. Robert, 87

JAFFREY — Yvonne M. Robert, age 87 of Jaffrey and formerly of Winchendon, died on Jan. 1, 2017 at the Good Shepherd Healthcare Center after a period of declining health.



She was born on Sept. 7, 1929 in Jaffrey, the daughter of Arthur and Bertha (Gagnon) Morin. Yvonne was a 1946 graduate of Murdock High School in Winchendon and had earned an Associate’s degree in accounting from Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner. She had lived in town until moving to Jaffrey in 1983. Yvonne had worked as a secretary for the Goodspeed Machine Co. in Winchendon and had also been very active in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Winchendon serving in many roles. She was an avid reader and was most recently a communicant of Saint Patrick Parish in Jaffrey.

In addition to her parents, Yvonne was preceded in death by her husband,

Roger E. Robert, and by her son Brian Robert. Her sister Cecile M. Crawford also died earlier.

She is survived by her two sons, Bruce Robert his wife Patricia, and Craig S. Robert, all of Winchendon; two granddaughters, four great grandchildren; her sisters, Rose McGinnis and Georgia Myhaver, both of Jaffrey, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Friends and family are invited to calling hours on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017 from 4-6 p.m. at the Cournoyer Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 33 River St., (Route 202) Jaffrey. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Saint Patrick Church, 89 Main St., Jaffrey. Rev. Wilfred Deschamps will officiate. Yvonne will be buried with her husband at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making memorial donations in Yvonne’s name to the Jaffrey-Rindge Memorial Ambulance, PO Box 107, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

WINCHENDON – Betty L. (Catanese) Russell, age 84, of 23 Lincoln Ave., died peacefully Saturday evening, Dec. 31, 2016 in Baldwinville Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Baldwinville.



She was born in Fitchburg on February 2, 1932, daughter of the late Samuel and Gertrude F. (Whitney) Catanese and lived most of her life in Winchendon.

Betty was a 1950 graduate of Murdock High School and was a graduate of the former Heywood Hospital School of Nursing. She worked for over 30 years as a registered nurse for the late Dr. Carl Antonellis and Dr. Alton Skelton until her retirement.

Betty enjoyed walking, cross country skiing, playing volleyball at the Clark YMCA and golfing. For many years, she

was a member of the board of directors at Winchendon Council on Aging. She and her late husband owned a home on Buzzards Bay, where they spent many summers.

Her husband, Robert R. Russell, died in January 2016 and a son, Robert Russell died in 1988. She leaves a brother, Richard Catanese of Concord, a sister, Beverly Camp of Princeton and several nieces and nephews.

A private funeral service will be held in Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Ahimsa Haven, PO Box 73, Winchendon, MA 01475 or to Old Murdock Senior Center, 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon, MA 01475.

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

Betty L. (Catanese) Russell, 84

POLICE LOG

Winchendon Police Department

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
1:20-2:31 a.m.: building checks, secure; 7:30 a.m.: deliver message (Hyde Park Drive) refer to other agency; 7:46 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) advised officer; 8:35 a.m.: accident (Sibley Road) report taken; 9:48 a.m.: panic alarm (Mason Street) false alarm; 11:01 a.m.: MV stop (School Square) verbal warning; 11:14 a.m.: recovered property (Central Street) seized property; 11:27 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warn-

ing; 12:11 p.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) report taken; 12:19 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) traffic citation; 12:46 p.m.: FD call (Subway) services rendered; 1:35 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street) services rendered; 1:48 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 1:53 p.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) traffic citation issued; 2:13 p.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 3:14 p.m.: fraud (Fisher Auto Parts) referred to court; 3:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Tucker Street) report taken; 4:11 p.m.: accident (Mill Glen Road) removed traffic hazard; 5:38 p.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) assisted; 7:30 p.m.: fight (Murdock High School) report taken; 8:01 p.m.: keep the peace (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 8:59 p.m.: fire alarm (Front Street) accidental; 10:40 p.m.: harassment (Juniper Street)

spoken to.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
12:10-3:02 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:05 a.m.: parking violation (Beech Street) traffic citation; 7:58 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 8:12 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Doyle Avenue) no PD service required; 8:21 a.m.: suspicious MV (Bike path) info taken; 8:31 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) spoken to; 8:48 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) spoken to; 8:54 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) spoken to; 9:53 a.m.: accident (Mill Street) report taken; 11:11 a.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street) unable to locate; 11:52 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) spoken to; 1:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive) report taken; 1:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Maynard Street) assisted; 1:42 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport; 1:58 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive)

transport; 2:56 p.m.: general info (Mill Glen Road) info taken; 3:09 p.m.: mental health issue (Maple Street) removed to hospital; 3:30 p.m.: ambulance (Hale Street) transport; 3:32 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Glenallan Street) area search negative; 3:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Spruce Street) advised civil action; 5:03 p.m.: unwanted party (Ash Street) services rendered; 5:22 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central Street) unable to locate; 5:48 p.m.: transport (Cornerstone Church); 5:59 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) written warning; 6:53 p.m.: intoxicated person (Maple Street) transport; 8:12 p.m.: investigation (Front Street) assisted; 8:37 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street) spoken to; 8:57 p.m.: suspicious person (Ipswich Drive) gone on arrival; 9:20 p.m.: investigation (Ash Street) assisted.

W E D N E S D A Y , DECEMBER 21

1:03-2:12 a.m.: building checks, secure; 7:59 a.m.: lift assist (Ready Drive) assisted; 10:40 a.m.: general info (Woodlawn Street) info taken; 10:42 a.m.: general info (Woodlawn Street) info taken; 10:45 a.m.: general info (Maple Street) info taken; 10:48 a.m.: general info (Maple Street) info taken; 11:22 a.m.: assist citizen (Eagle Road) assisted; 11:41 a.m.: illegal dumping (Lincoln Avenue Extension) report taken; 12:30 p.m.: registration check (Maple Street) info taken; 2:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Juniper Street) assisted; 2:25 p.m.: MV violations (Webster Street) traffic citation; 2:41 p.m.: harassment (Goodrich Street) report taken; 3:28 p.m.: general info (walk in) spoken to; 3:30 p.m.: dog bite (Kemp Street) report taken; 4:35 p.m.: investigation (Kemp Street) info given; 5:39 p.m.: ambulance (Willoughby Street) transport; 5:43 p.m.: general info (Goodrich Street)

info taken; 7:27 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) verbal warning; 7:46 p.m.: keep the peace (Glenallan Street) assisted; 8:45 p.m.: MV stop (School Street) written warning; 8:59 p.m.: threats (Polly’s Drive) report taken; 10:01 p.m.: suspicious MV (One Stop Plaza) no cause for complaint; 10:16 p.m.: registration check (Glenallan Street) no cause for complaint; 10:38-11:56 p.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
12:03-2:30 a.m.: building checks and extra patrols, secure; 8:02 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 10:52 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street) served; 11:38 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville Road) report taken; 12:50 p.m.: general info (West Street) spoken to; 12:55 p.m.: assist citizen (walk in) refer to other PD; 1:08 p.m.: accident (Ready Drive) report taken; 3:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) no cause for complaint; 3:54 p.m.: B&E MV (Lincoln Avenue Extension) report taken; 4:06 p.m.: DPW call (Pine Street) referred; 5:22 p.m.: accident (Maple Street) report taken; 5:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 5:27 p.m.: suspicious person (DPW garage) spoken to; 6:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Town Farm Road) no PD service required; 6:37 p.m.: assist other agency (Spring Street) refer to other PD; 7:53 p.m.: domestic (Spring Street) arrest: Michelle D. Howden, age 46 of 36 Spring St. #7, Winchendon: A&B on family or household member; 9:36 p.m.: noise complaint (Central Street) spoken to; 9:39 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 9:49 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) written warning; 11:49 p.m.: building check, secure.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
1:06-1:16 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:30 a.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) written warning; 7:35 a.m.: burglar alarm (High Street) call canceled; 7:40 a.m.: child welfare

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OBITUARIES

H. Rilla (Putnam) Martin, 91

GARDNER – H. Rilla (Putnam) Martin, age 91, formerly of 623 Green St. died peacefully Friday afternoon, Dec. 30, 2016 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.



She was born in Winchester, NH on Jan. 6, 1925, daughter of the late Fred H. and Carrie (Burhoe) Putnam and lived in Gardner for many years. Rilla was a graduate of Keene State College in 1947 and taught in public schools in Dublin and Keene, NH and Westminster.

Rilla was the director-teacher of Bethany Christian Nursery School from 1968 until her retirement in 1987. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church of Gardner and was active there for many years in Senior Choir; director of its Children Choir, teacher and superintendent of its Sunday School and a teacher in its vacation bible schools. She served with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Worcester County, teaching Good News Clubs and

Summer 5-Day Clubs. Rilla also worked with Boy Scouts of America as a former Cub Scout Den leader.

Her husband of 53 years, Francis E. Martin, died in 2002. She leaves her children, Francis E. Martin Jr. of Tallahassee, FL, Miriam R. Sawyer of Moncton, NB, Canada, Sheila M. Pervier of East Templeton, William H. Martin of Gardner and Richard E. Martin of Templeton; a brother Stanley R. Putnam of Danielson, CT; 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. A grandson, Shawn Sawyer and a brother, Albert A. Putnam, preceded her in death.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 in Bethany Baptist Church, 72 Ryan Street, Gardner.

Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to Bethany Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 72 Ryan Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

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

Allen B. Misner, 80

TEMPLETON — Allen B. Misner, age 80, of 47 Circle St., Baldwinville died peacefully Christmas day in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.



He was born in Gardner on May 12, 1936, son of the late Clarence and Jennie (Vradenburgh) Misner and was a 1955 graduate of Templeton High School. He was a resident of Baldwinville

for 55 years.

Allen proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1959 and later served in the Air Force Reserves for 12 years. He worked for the city of Worcester as a computer programmer for 21 years. He later worked part time at Teleflex Medical. In previous years, Allen also had worked as a woodworker at Kammens and for Seaman's Paper Company for a couple of years.

Allen was a long time member of Bethany Bible Chapel. He enjoyed bowling and was a member of bowling leagues at Gardner Ten Pins and

American Legion Post 462 in Boston. He enjoyed stock car racing.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Judith E. (Miller) Misner; three children Brian A. Misner and his wife Kelly of Baldwinville, Teri Gallagher and her husband Michael of Jaffrey, and Traci Bailey and her husband Brad of Jaffrey; a brother, Roy Misner and his wife Duanne of Renton, WA; nine grandchildren, Ashleigh, Andrew and Amanda Misner; Jenna Bailey and Cole Bailey; Grace Stevenson; Dylan Gallagher, Hannah and Paige Bailey and several nieces and nephews. A daughter-in-law, Bobbi-Lynn Misner, predeceased him in 2000.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016 in Bethany Bible Chapel, 727 Spring St., Winchendon.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Deacon's Fund, Bethany Bible Chapel, 727 Spring St., Winchendon, MA 01475.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com) was entrusted with arrangements.

Robert N. Minckler, 86

WINCHENDON — Robert N. Minckler, age 86, of 100 Mill Glen Road, Winchendon died peacefully Monday evening, Dec. 26, 2016 at his residence with his family at his side.



He was born in Bolton, VT on Oct. 9, 1930, son of the late Fairfield and Anna (Champney) Minckler and had been a resident of Winchendon since his teenage years.

Bob joined the Navy at the age of 17 and proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He was employed as a meat cutter for 25 years at the Beef Shop in Winchendon and later worked at the former Toy Town Auto Salvage for 10 years until his retirement. He was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post 193 American Legion and Lt. Frederick Wilder White Post 2158 VFW.

Bob was a former Little League coach and manager and was an avid bowler. He was a member of the former American Legion bowling team for 45 years. He also enjoyed traveling and parasailing.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Janet M. (Baldwin) Minckler; two children, Bruce Minckler and his wife Martha of Winchendon and Kiflin Ayers and her husband Kenneth of Winchendon; three grandchildren, Tina Champney, Duayne Minckler and Shaun Stewart, six great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. Burial, with military honors, followed in Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

GARDNER — Joan Elizabeth Moulton, age 88, of Gardner died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016 at Wachusett Manor Nursing Home. Mrs. Moulton was born Sept. 22, 1928 in Fitchburg. She is the daughter of the late Clifford and the late Gladys (Appleby) Gilbert.

She graduated from Leominster High School in 1946, attended Boston College and graduated from Fitchburg State Teachers College.

She taught 3rd grade in Winchendon (Waterville) and 5th & 6th grade French before going to the Welfare Department in Winchendon. She was a supervisor for the Division of Child Guardianship with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was an Ordained Spiritualist Minister - National Spiritual Alliance.

Years ago she was a member of the Rebekahs and Oddfellows.

Joan enjoyed traveling, going to the beach, and crossword puzzles. She loved chocolate, especially Reese's peanut butter cups, and loved having the kids around.



She is survived by one daughter: Marjorie Sadaka of Gardner. Three grandchildren: Richard Moulton of Phillipston, Wayne Stewart and Gerald Stewart both of Gardner. Ten great grandchildren: Dylan, Robert, Amanda, Ashley, Stephnie, Jerry IV, Travis, Justin, Corrine and Alyssa. Fourteen great great grandchildren: Haleigh, Myleigh, Promise, Arianna, Kaylynn, Shawn, Kayden, Andrew, Nathan, Jayda, Steven, Jerry V, Toby and Athena.

She is predeceased by her daughter, Eileen Fitzpatrick, her grandson Robert Moulton and her three siblings; Grace DiNardo, Clifford Gilbert Jr. and William Gilbert..

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 27 at Lamoureux Funeral Home, 105 Central St., Gardner with Pastor John Midora officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in Forest Hill Cemetery.

To leave an online condolence or to view the online guest book, please visit www.mackfamilyfh.com

Funeral services are in the care of Lamoureux Funeral Home – A Mack Family Funeral Home, 105 Central Street, Gardner.

Richard John 'Rick' Forsyth, 57

LOWELL — Richard John "Rick" Forsyth, age 57, a former Tewksbury resident and member of a large well-known Tewksbury family, died unexpectedly at his home on Thursday evening, Dec. 22.



He was born in Ithaca, NY, in February 1959, the first born of 10 children of Richard W. Forsyth and Mary F. (O'Toole) Forsyth RN, and raised in Tewksbury. He graduated from Austin Preparatory High School.

In his early years, he was active at St. William's Church as an altar boy, later assisted at Mass at St. Joseph's Shrine in Lowell, and was also a member of the Civil Air Patrol at the former Tew-Mac Airport in Tewksbury. He later earned his small aircraft pilots license, and frequently flew throughout New England in his father's airplane. Rick was an avid reader. He also loved music, stock car racing, and camping with his family.

He worked as an automobile mechanic industry, as both a mechanic and driver.

Besides his parents, who continue to reside in Tewksbury, he leaves two sons,

Justin Richard Forsyth and his fiancée, Susan Albert of Winchendon, and Dylan Tyler Forsyth of Astoria, NY; two grandchildren, Sage and Skylar Khaury; nine siblings, Mary Ann Laferriere and her husband Gerard "Gerry" of North Carolina, Robert E. Forsyth of Chelmsford, Kathleen Laferriere and her husband, Raymond of California; Elizabeth D. Byrne and her husband, Brendan of Reading, Thomas W. Forsyth and his wife, Corrina of Seabrook, NH, Teresa M. Kirby and her husband, Michael of Brentwood, NH, James J. Forsyth of Lowell, Margaret J. Davidson and her husband, Brad of Lynnfield, and Maureen E. Baran and her husband, Ignatius "Iggy" of California; his former wife, Linda M. Dziejinski of Winchendon; numerous nieces and nephews, an uncle; and several aunts and many cousins.

His memorial Mass will be celebrated in the Oblate Chapel, 486 Chandler St., Tewksbury, on Friday, Jan. 6, at 11:00 a.m. Committal services will follow at Tewksbury Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Oblate Father's Infirmary Fund, 486 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876 or St. Joseph's Shrine, 37 Lee St., Lowell, MA 01852, will be appreciated. visit

Tewksbury Funeral Home (tewksburyfuneralhome.com) was entrusted with arrangements.

GARDNER — Elaine Ruth (Erickson) Rockwood, age 83, of 310 Pearl St. died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, after being stricken ill at home.

She was born in Gardner on Dec. 6, 1933, the daughter of Paul and Eva (Fleurant) Erickson and had been a life-long resident of Gardner. She was a 1951 graduate of Gardner High School. She worked for several years at Priscilla Candy Shop. She served as Cub Scout Den Mother with Pack 2 and later on the Troop Committee of Boy Scout Troop 6. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Her husband of 49 years, Wendell A. Rockwood, died in 2006. She leaves two sons, Steven W. Rockwood of Gardner and John P. Rockwood, his wife Carol, and their children, Elaine's grandchildren, Eric and Lisa of Auburn.

She also leaves a niece Pamela

Edmonds, her husband Jason and grand-nephew Justin, of Litchfield, NH; nephew Peter Cutting, his wife Christie of Leominster; grand-nieces Jodi Naylor and Lori Stith; grand-nephews Andy Cutting and Alex Cutting; sisters-in-law Phyllis Rockwood and June Schmidt; nephews, Gary, Glenn, Gene, David, Tom and Bruce Rockwood; nieces, Cindy Wang and Pam Sulkowski, and many grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

Elaine was also predeceased by her sister Marjorie Cutting, nephews Paul Cutting, Greg Rockwood and Ken Rockwood, and niece Patty Cutting.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 at 1 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. There are no calling hours. Burial will be at a later date in Green Bower Cemetery, Gardner.

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

Elaine Ruth (Erickson) Rockwood, 83

Kenneth B. Frye, 76

LEOMINSTER — Kenneth B. Frye, age 78, of Leominster, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2016, in UMass Memorial Hospital, Worcester.

He was born Feb. 1, 1938, in Brookline, NH, son of the late Kenneth J. and Birtrice (Richard) Frye. Mr. Frye worked as a master mechanic at Borden Chemical Co. before retirement.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marion B. (Spring) Frye, two sons, Mark A. Frye of Winchendon and Randall J. Frye, of Florida, four daughters, Kimberly A. Frye and Selena LeBlanc, both of Leominster, and Melanie Berg of Florida, and

Dalyce Goodwin of New Hampshire, along with two brothers, Henry Frye of Leominster, and Wendall Frye of New York. He also leaves 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Private funeral services were held for the family only on Monday, Dec. 26, 2016 in Wright-Roy Funeral Home, Inc., 109 West St., Leominster, MA 01453.

To light a candle, sign his guestbook or leave a message of condolence, visit www.wrightroyfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Frye's memory may be made to: , 1661 Worcester Road, #301, Framingham, MA 01701.

LEAD

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limitation of water consumption to cold-water faucets for food and beverage preparation," he explained.

Additionally, "We're evaluating the adequacy of our existing corrosion control system. We will develop and put into place a corrective action plan as quickly as possible following...testing and consulting.

Haddad promised to keep the

community up-to-date on the situation. "These reports will let you know what has been done and what is being done to safeguard against lead exposure from drinking water at our schools and child-care facilities," he said.

The superintendent observed older buildings like Memorial are more likely to have problems.

"The water system in schools is not unlike water systems in other buildings. Older plumbing

systems and fixtures may have lead pipes or solder which might allow lead to enter tap water."

"We were very encouraged by the fact when we let water run for 30-seconds, each of the affected taps met the appropriate standards, but we'll continue to work with state agencies as we need to," he said.

Haddad added if community members or parents want to contact him, he can be reached at the superintendent's office at (978) 297-0031.



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SPORTS

Anniversaries and forecasts as 2017 begins



TALKING SPORTS

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JERRY CARTON

As is customary the first column of the year, let's look both back and ahead. The sports result that made me happier than any other in my life happened 40 years ago October, 1977 when a colt named On the Sly won the Jockey Club gold cup at Belmont. In the pre-Breeders Cup era, the Gold Cup was the racing season's crowning jewel. It's unfathomable it's been 40 years, yet I remember it like it was the proverbial yesterday. 18-1 too.

That's personal. On a broader scale, arguably the most important date in sports history came 70 years ago on an April afternoon in 1947 when Jack Roosevelt Robinson broke baseball's color barrier paving the way for, well, everything that's happened since in every sport outside of boxing which had

already had African-American champions. But when Jackie Robinson took the field to the great displeasure of many, including some Brooklyn teammates, sports would never be the same. It's entirely appropriate that each April 15, baseball honors that moment by having every player, manager, and coach wear uniforms bearing the number 42. It's just too bad it took until 1947 for the sport to integrate.

Red Sox fans will celebrate this year as the 50th anniversary of the "Impossible Dream" season. The defending champion Orioles lost their best player, Frank Robinson, who had won the Triple Crown a year earlier, when his head collided with the knee of Chicago's Al Weis and the Birds floundered all summer. If you live in New England and are old enough to remember, you no doubt recall the AL's dramatic four team race with the Red Sox, who'd been awful for the better part of two decades, jousting with the Twins, Tigers and White Sox. Yaz won the Triple Crown, if I remember correctly and Boston clinched the pennant on the

final day and took the powerful Cardinals to seven games before dropping the World Series. There are those who will tell you they remember 1967 more fondly than they do 2004 because of the sheer unexpectedness and joy of it. Myself, I'll remember 1967 for the famous three way Woodward race between all-time greats Damascus, Buckpasser and Dr. Fager but if you're a Sox fan, that last weekend has echoed through the decades.

It was also in 1967 when the first Super Bowl was played in a not-nearly-full Los Angeles Coliseum. The Packers beat the Chiefs. I wrote in this space a year ago this week that I wanted to see those franchises reprise that in last February's 50th Super Bowl but it didn't happen. Maybe this year?

1977 saw racing's first and only undefeated Triple Crown winner, the black jet Seattle Slew who went on to become the pre-eminent sire for a generation and it also saw Mr. October, Reggie Jackson hit homers on three consecutive Series pitches. You can bet Reggie soaked up every millisecond of that

month.

Years ending in 7. Ten years ago, the Sox swept the Rockies to win another title after Colorado had gone something like 21-1 to reach the Series in the first place. Thirty years ago, Keith Smart nailed a jumper from the corner to give Indiana another NCAA title, beating Syracuse in one of the best championship games ever. Twenty years ago, the upstart expansion Marlins won the Series and then had a fire sale.

How about this year ending in 7? Let me issue my standard caveat — take none of these predictions seriously, but here goes. The Packers win the Super Bowl as Aaron Rodgers beats Tom Brady in a 45-42 shootout. I prefer taut 13-10 games but they don't happen anymore. Alabama routs Clemson Monday for yet another title. Nick Saban stays in Tuscaloosa. Villanova is dethroned in the NCAA tournament by UCLA and alum get to breathe a sigh of relief when Northwestern makes the Dance for the first time. The Cavs and Warriors go to game seven again and the title flips back to the Bay Area when

Steph Curry scores the winning basket on an assist from Kevin Durant. The reinstated champs move back across the Golden Gate Bridge to San Francisco. The Caps win the Stanley Cup. I'm going to keep writing that until they do. The Cubs? NO, caps intended. First, no one has repeated since the 98-00 Yankees and second, come on. The Cubs? Again? Sure, Chicago's the best team, but they were last year's story. Why not the Dodgers this time? Or maybe the Rangers for the first time? Let's talk in April.

Tiger finishes top 10 in two majors. That's pretty good for a 40+ guy with a bad back. Serena finally gets that elusive record setting Slam win. Champion two-year-old Classic Example does not win the Derby. That doesn't happen back-to-back either, and Nyquist just did it. The Chargers join the Rams back in LA so the city will have gone from no teams to two lousy ones within 18 months, annoying fans who now get stuck watching mediocrity for 16 miserable weeks.

And there you have it but bet on none of it. See you next Friday.

Devils push win streak to four

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WINCHENDON — Tuesday night the Tahanto Stags came to town looking to snap the Blue Devils three game win streak; but a big fourth quarter took the Devils to four in a row with 59-44 victory.

Spencer Pelkey got the offense going for Murdock with the first two, but the Stags would even it up. Twenty seconds later Nick Roy got two. Not much offense was put up by either team in that first quarter, as the Stags would have a 9-8 lead heading into the second.

Early in the second John Murphy would reclaim the lead with two. Ryan Kaminsky would give his team a three point lead with a long ball. Tahanto would answer though, and take their largest lead in the game going up 19-14 with just 2:37 minutes left in the half. Back and forth for the two minutes, but with just 15 seconds left in the half, Kaminsky would

give Murdock a four point cushion letting Murdock head into the break at 23-19.

Not much offense was mustered by either team through the third quarter, relying on defense and at the end of the third through a game of seesaw found the Blue Devils with a 34-33 lead.

The Blue Devils pushed up their offense in the fourth quarter, starting off with an 11-0 run as Jared Nelson would put his team up 45-33. LJ Hicks added another two to put Murdock up by 12 and the Devils would continue to put the game out of reach. Murdock would eventually win with a final score of 59-44.

Coach Matt O'Malley was well pleased with the victory.

"We had a rough one. Offensively, we got shots that weren't falling for us but we stuck in their defensive end and played a real solid defensive game. That carried us through. On nights like this, when we're not shooting, we really need to lean

on our defense and that's what we did tonight."

With the win streak being at four, O'Malley has to keep the team's head in the game.

"We just want to keep it going, the more we can win in a row the better. Obviously, we never want to lose, every night we're trying to win, but hopefully once you start getting some wins rolling things start going your way. You have a little bit more pep in your step in confidence and play a little better," said O'Malley.

Next up for Murdock is West Boylston.

"Not really sure what they have, they lost a lot of players from last year. We're really just trying to get to 2-0 in the league and we hope this we can get us there," said O'Malley.

Nelson led his team with 17 points, Murphy contributed 12; Hicks and Kaminsky each had 10; Pelkey and Ross O'Toole had four apiece; and Roy had two.

In last week's game against the Monty Tech Bulldogs, at one point the Bulldogs had a 12 point lead, but the Blue Devils scratched and clawed their way back to a 61-56 victory.

The Bulldogs had the lead at the half, 36-28, and continued to give the Blue Devils a hard time hanging on to a double digit lead throughout most of the third quarter before the Murdock team began to chip away. Nelson managed 10 of his 14 points in the game in that third quarter to go into the fourth with the 'Dogs leading by only four points 48-44.

The Murdock team came out of the gate quick in the fourth, knotting the score immediately. It would seesaw for a while before Kaminsky started a rally with a free throw in the last minute of play.

Devils' score leaders were Hicks and Nelson with 14 each; Roy with 13; Kaminsky with nine; Murphy with six; Pelkey with four and Tyler Cota with one.

Sports in review: a round up of 2016

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WINCHENDON — While not a complete round up, the following sports are some of those covered this past year.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Numbers. It was all about the numbers in 2016 for Murdock's varsity girls basketball program. As the 2015-16 season turned the corner last January and as the 2016-17 season reached year's end, it was still always about the numbers.

At a small school, in an era of school choice, that's how it goes. Of last season's edition, Coach Jim Abare said, "they never quit and never gave up." MHS even managed a win in the '16 part of their schedule, one of three they'd record for the season, beating Sizer 38-31. That triumph came about largely because of what Abare called "ferocious defense." As would be the case most of the year and into this season, Molly Murphy led Murdock in scoring that night with a dozen points.

"We run out of gas. We start out okay but when we run out of gas, we break down and when we break down we turn the ball over. We're scrappy but we really only have six kids and we get worn out and tired."

A half-dozen seniors completed their careers last February: Justyce Gomez, Haley Jandris, Tatum Mahoney, Deanna Polcari, Mackenzie Rushia, and Phylicia Shippey all departing.

The numbers situation as this season began was even more acute, to the point where a handful of eighth graders found themselves on a roster featuring a single senior, Glorianne Andino, and one junior, Murphy. As pre-season

practice began, "we just rolled the ball out and let them play," shrugged Abare who was happy to see his team record an early-season win over Trivium. "We did what we wanted to do," that night, noted Abare but even in a pair of losses, Murdock wasn't blown out, making Sizer and Cambridge work for the victories.

Abare was especially enthused about middle school players Kaliegh Lauziere, Becca Graves, Julia Lafrennie, Hannah Lowe, Jasmine LaRosa, Jaelynn Stetson, Shae Dupuis, and Raylynne Diamond, some of whom will also be playing on a middle school team. "They're going to be getting a lot of experience," he said.

Abare himself had a good summer when he was named the recipient of the American Cancer Society's Massachusetts Coaches v Cancer Ambassador award.

"Our selection committee was so impressed by Coach Abare's energy and commitment. He went above and beyond. Jim and his team did a phenomenal job getting other Murdock teams involved. His players also deserve a lot of credit," said Greg McKeever, community manager for special events for the New England chapter of the ACS.

Said Abare, "Kids like Haley made the difference. They had such a spirit of giving. On our coaches v cancer night last season, we must have had 65-70 notes. They kicked it in when it comes to causes like this."

SOFTBALL

After a year's absence, Murdock's varsity softball team returned to post season play for the eighth time in nine years.

Murdock bounced back from an unusually sub-par five-win 2015 to double that amount last spring. Seniors Haley Jandris and Deanna Polcari, (the latter the team's leading hitter the last couple years) sparked the offense most of the season and freshman Emily Smith shouldered most of the pitching duties. Jocelyn Garner, Kelly Murphy (5-5 against North Brookfield), Emily Kiberd-Pervier and Sydnie St. Pierre all contributed offensively, and St. Pierre threw plenty of innings too, as did Molly Murphy, who also played a strong left field. Early in the season, Tatum Mahoney was hitting well too. Against Bromfield, Smith threw 140 pitches, escaping a bases-loaded none out jam in the second inning by fanning the next three hitters. There was a lot of buzz about her promotion to varsity but Smith took it all in stride. "I'm aware of it, but I try not to think about it. I was nervous my first game but I've just been going out every day and doing it all one pitch at a time," she said. It didn't hurt that former MHS hurler Emma Page was around to be full-time pitching coach.

"Great asset," said Coach Mike Fontaine.

MHS raced out to a 9-3 start but youth and inexperience caught up to the Lady Devils as they struggled through the second half of the campaign, but held on to qualify as a 14 seed.

"We got better pitching this year and bounced back," said Fontaine. "We'll have a great team in a few years and I'd really like to get back to winning playoff games."

Since that first playoff season in 2008, MHS has fashioned an overall 130-70 mark.

GIRLS SOCCER

In 2015, Coach Jason Marshall was lucky to have two subs when players got injured or tired but 2016 was a different story. More than two dozen youngsters showed up for soccer and while that didn't translate into wins, a lot of newcomers being literally new to the game, it did suggest a bright future for the program.

"We've laid the foundation," said Marshall. On the field, Maria Polcari displayed a lot of speed and scoring ability. Senior captain Hanna Seghir provided offense ("she had that signature scoring kick," said Marshall) as well as leadership but goaltending was a revolving door before Marshall settled on Emily Kiber-Pervier and Yolanda Lafrennie. Lindsey O'Toole, Kate Hutton, Vicky Lemire, Sydnie St. Pierre, and Brooke Harris received player of the match during the season. "We had a lot of kids who haven't played, or haven't played much," said Marshall. "If they stick with it, we'll be okay."

Noted Hannah Turner, "I like what coach is putting together" at MHS.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Lady Devils reached the playoffs for the first time in more than a decade, clinching that coveted post-season with a rain-soaked triumph at Fitchburg, completing an astonishingly fast turnaround for the program in coach Amanda Lawler's second season.

"The girls were more than ready," she enthused after that victory. "We're building something good here, on and off the field."

The Smith sisters scored in the muck that dreary afternoon, Lindsey con-

verting with about 15 minutes remaining and Emily tallying five minutes later. Goal-keeper Alyssa LaBrack turned in a "sensational" game.

"The first half, it was rough adjusting to the field conditions," acknowledged Lawler, adding, "the ball wasn't moving well because of the wetness and puddles and we took a little while to adapt."

"In the second half, it was like a different game, like a switch was turned on. All of the sudden, our team was back and ready to score," she said.

MHS hadn't missed the playoffs by a lot in '15 so there were expectations coming into the '16 season. "We stressed maintaining the same goals- show up, give 110-percent, have a positive attitude and never quit," recalled Lawler thinking about the campaign, "and they all did all that." Players like Jocelyn Garner, Molly Murphy, Rylee Brooks, Maddy Bishop, Anna Dexter were all starters who made significant contributions.

"They weren't the only ones of course, but they were mainstays."

Lawler added that the off-season conditioning program also made a big difference. "They worked hard and it paid off," she said.

CHEERING

For the first time ever, the Mid-Wach cheering championships came to Murdock, though the host school entered just a middle school team.

"It's a big deal for us," said middle school Coach Lisa Paulitzky. "It gives us the chance to show what we have in terms of a facility and a school. Our gym matches up to any we've seen and competed in."

There were nearly 30 teams participating and

middle school team captain Allie Cobiski knew her squad was ready because of the work they'd put in. "Coach is demanding but that's okay. We practice together four times a week and we get along well." Mackenzie Drouin and Cassie Zoldak were co-captains.

During the regular season, the team had a first, second, and third place finish in three competitions.

Becky Robillard took the reins of the varsity team as 2016 neared an end.

TRACK

As has been the case throughout his high school career, Jordan Manuel was Murdock track's brightest star in 2016, and it culminated with Manuel signing a letter of intent to attend UMass-Lowell next fall.

But it wasn't just on the track where Manuel took the lead. He also spearheaded the coaches v cancer drive as his National Honor Society senior project.

"We've been doing the torch run (from MHS to MWCC during Relay for Life) for four or five years and I've been amazed by the strength of the people I saw. Even though I've been involved a little bit before, I decided to make this a whole year event. We raised \$750 last year and I'm convinced our goal of \$2,500 this year is realistic," he said.

Last winter, Manuel easily won two-mile events., took the 1,000 at the coaches invitational, Alyssa LaBrack captured shot put and then sixth grader Lily Digman beat a quartet of high school athletes in a mile race while eighth grader Alec Hart bested ten high schoolers in the 1,000. Alyssa Nanopoulos won a 300-meter event



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check (address not printed) report taken; 7:42 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Glen Road) transport; 8:45 a.m.: accident (Central Street) report taken; 9 a.m.: accident (River Street) report taken; 9:48 a.m.: court (District Court) transport; 10:02 a.m.: assist citizen (River Street) services rendered; 11:32 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11:36 a.m.: 911 call non-emergency (River Street) secure; 12:40 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 12:52 p.m.: DPW call (Riverside Cemetery) referred; 2:47 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 3:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Goodrich Drive) report taken; 4 p.m.: assist other agency (Massachusetts Probation) assisted; 4:09 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) report taken; 5:41 p.m.: custody dispute (Krantz Road) refer to court; 6:11 p.m.: disturbance (Central Street) spoken to; 6:16 p.m.: mental health issue (Colonial Lane) removed to hospital; 6:44 p.m.: larceny (Central Street) report taken; 7:02 p.m.: noise complaint (East Street) unable to locate; 7:19 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 8:35 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) verbal warning; 8:39 p.m.: intoxicated person (Maple Street) gone on arrival; 9:11 p.m.: ambulance (Academy Street) transport; 9:42 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 10:04 p.m.: suspicious MV (Lake Denison) spoken to; 11:25 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:36 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) no cause for complaint.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:05-1:46 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:08 a.m.: suspicious other (Subway) spoken to; 1:50 a.m.: accident (Spruce Street) arrest: Dakota Girard, age 18 of 433 Brown St., Winchendon: OUI-liquor and negligent operation of MV; 4:32 a.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) advised officer; 8:39 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 9:01 a.m.: ambulance (Old Centre) refer to other agency; 9:51 a.m.: general info (River Street) assisted; 11:56 a.m.: disabled MV (Baldwinville State Road) assisted; 11:58 a.m.: ambulance (Eagle Road) transport; 12:05 p.m.: larceny (CVS) report taken; 12:55 p.m.: intoxicated person (IGA) removed to hospital; 1:41 p.m.: investigation (Oak Street) assisted; 2:16 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive) false alarm; 3:52 p.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) unable to locate; 8:24 p.m.: ambulance (Town Farm Road) transport; 8:51 p.m.: accident (Franklin Street) gone on arrival; 9:41 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 9:44 p.m.: carbon monoxide incident (West Street) services rendered; 11:50-11:53 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:50 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) info taken.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:04-9:18 a.m.: extra patrols and building checks, secure; 9:17 a.m.: burglar alarm (United Parish) secured building; 9:53 a.m.: burglar alarm (Krantz Road) false alarm; 1:01 p.m.: summons service (Brown Street) served; 3:33 p.m.: mental health issue (Cedar Terrace) removed to hospital; 3:49 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) services rendered; 4:51 p.m.: suspicious person (CVS)

spoken to; 5:02 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 6:28 p.m.: suspicious other (Otter River Road) unfounded; 10:11 p.m.: road rage (Alger Street) unable to locate.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:49-2:57 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:17 a.m.: suspicious MV (North Ashburnham Road) gone on arrival; 1:39 a.m.: MV stop (School Street) secure; 5:53 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Abel Road) call canceled; 10:58 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 12 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) refer to other PD; 1:57 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) spoken to; 2:30 p.m.: MV stop (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 3:36 p.m.: threats (Ready Drive) report taken; 4:23 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 4:29 p.m.: intoxicated person (Mill Glen Road) arrest: Scott A. Lafreniere, age 50 of unknown address: carrying dangerous weapon; 6:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Front Street) refer to ACO; 7:21 p.m.: unattended death (Mill Glen Road) report taken; 8:35 p.m.: unwanted party (Chick's Tavern) services rendered; 10:01 p.m.: accident (West Street) removed to hospital; 10:43 p.m.: parking violation (Teel Road) spoken to.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

12:02 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 2:42 a.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street) transport; 3:07-4:07 a.m.: building checks, secure; 4:28 a.m.: suspicious person (Whitney Street) transport; 8 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 8:27 a.m.: investigation (CVS) spoken to; 8:32 a.m.: general info (Central Street) info taken; 9:58 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street) transport; 12:18 p.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street) advised officer; 12:40 p.m.: general info (bike path) info taken; 12:55 p.m.: repossession of MV (Mechanic Street) info taken; 2:38 p.m.: MV violations (Chestnut Street) traffic citation; 3:03 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) no FD service required; 3:58 p.m.: FD call (Lincoln Avenue) services rendered; 4:19 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) no PD service required; 4:52 p.m.: summons service (School Street) unable to serve; 5:53 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6:45 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 7:11 p.m.: suspicious MV (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 7:39 p.m.: general info (Oak Street) property returned to owner; 8:17 p.m.: be on the lookout (walk in) advised officer; 8:29 p.m.: disabled MV (Gardner Road) advised officer; 9:51 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 10:03 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 11:45-11:48 p.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:18 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 12:31-1 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:33 a.m.: accident (Gardner Road) removed to hospital; 3:58 a.m.: ambulance (School Street) assisted; 4:22 a.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Park Drive) report taken; 8:19 a.m.: suspicious other (Spring Street) report taken; 8:54 a.m.: fire alarm (Ash Street) false alarm; 9:37 a.m.: officer wanted (Spruce Street) spoken to; 9:39 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 10:03 a.m.: investigation (Main Street) spoken to; 10:31 a.m.: suspicious MV (Ingleside Drive) spoken to; 1:37 p.m.: investigation (Alger Street) spoken to; 2:15 p.m.: animal complaint

(Otter River Road) services rendered; 3:35 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville) unable to locate; 3:37 p.m.: animal complaint (Island Road) returned to home; 4:40 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) traffic citation; 4:48 p.m.: threats (Rite Aid) gone on arrival; 5:02 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Hale Street) referred to other PD; 5:38 p.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock HS) spoken to; 6:13 p.m.: burglar alarm (Beachview Drive) accidental; 6:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Mellen Road) no PD service required; 6:37 p.m.: burglar alarm (Murdock HS) accidental; 6:50 p.m.: general info (Central Street) no cause for complaint; 6:52 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) written warning; 7:04 p.m.: assist other PD (Clark Street) no PD service required; 7:55 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:04 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:15 p.m.: keep the peace (Central Street) assisted; 8:44 p.m.: harassment (Spruce Street) report taken; 8:46 p.m.: traffic hazard (Franklin Street) MV towed; 10:21 p.m.: road rage (Central Street) unable to locate; 11:25-11:44 p.m.: building checks, secure.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:07-1:42 a.m.: extra patrols & building checks, secure; 12:28 a.m.: MV stop (Maple Street) verbal warning; 2:21-8 a.m.: parking violations, services rendered; 8:14 a.m.: investigation (King Philip Way) spoken to; 8:21 a.m.: officer wanted (Central Street) assisted; 8:33 a.m.: general info (Central Street) assisted; 12:15 p.m.: general info (Colonial Lane) spoken to; 12:16 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street) no cause for complaint; 12:58 p.m.: investigation (Main Street) spoken to; 1:19 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) services rendered; 3:11 p.m.: ambulance (Holly Drive) transport; 3:56 p.m.: assist other PD (Mellen Road) advised officer; 4:14 p.m.: harassment (Maple Street) spoken to; 4:22 p.m.: summons service (Central Street) served; 5:39 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 5:41 p.m.: fire alarm (Cedar Street) no FD service required; 7:49 p.m.: noise complaint (Poland Avenue) no cause for complaint; 7:57 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) verbal warning; 8 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) returned to home.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:14-3:05 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:33 a.m.: foot patrol (Central Street) services rendered; 6:33 a.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) services rendered; 8:28 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street) secure; 9:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Spruce Street) refer to ACO; 9:27 a.m.: vandalism (Glenallan Street) report taken; 9:39 a.m.: accident (Grove Street) assisted; 9:56 a.m.: burglar alarm (Kwikstop) secure; 9:56 a.m.: summons service (Royalston Road North) served; 10:11 a.m.: summons service (Webster Street) served; 10:14 a.m.: ambulance (Old Centre) transport; 10:19 a.m.: summons service (Juniper Street) served; 12:53 p.m.: fire alarm (Front Street) services rendered; 1:16 p.m.: vandalism (transfer station) report taken; 1:19 p.m.: DPW call (Royalston Road North) referred; 1:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street) refer to ACO; 2:21 p.m.: summons service (Gardner Road) served; 2:35 p.m.: animal complaint (Royalston Road North) refer to ACO; 2:47 p.m.: animal complaint

(Baldwinville Road) refer to ACO; 3:54 p.m.: summons service (Royalston Road North) unable to serve; 4:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Washington Avenue) spoken to; 5:06 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport; 7:09 p.m.: vandalism (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 7:12 p.m.: unwanted party (Gardner Road) transport; 7:19 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 7:24 p.m.: accident (Hale Street) services rendered.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:01-1:56 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:05 a.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 1:26 a.m.: suspicious MV (Morse Avenue) secure; 1:42 a.m.: MV stop (Lincoln Avenue) verbal warning; 3:02 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville Road) services rendered; 8:42 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street) transport; 8:50 a.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road) spoken to; 9:28 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) unable to locate; 9:35 a.m.: power outage (Mill Circle) refer to other agency; 11:06 a.m.: animal complaint (Hale Street) assisted; 11:14 a.m.: investigation (Glenallan Street) no PD service required; 12:27 p.m.: burglary, B&E (Bentley Field) report taken; 3:39 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 3:48 p.m.: investigation (Grove Street) services rendered; 5:11 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lakeshore Drive) services rendered; 5:57 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road) services rendered; 6:14 p.m.: investigation (Circle Street, Baldwinville) services rendered; 6:38 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Drive) transport; 7:02 p.m.: FD call (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 7:36 p.m.: gunshots heard (Hapgood Road) unfounded; 11:49 p.m.: gunshots heard (River Street) unfounded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

12:50 a.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Spruce Street) accidental; 1:43 a.m.: accident (Russell Farm Road) report taken; 2:16 a.m.: mental health issue (Spring Street) report taken; 3:24 a.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial School) secure; 3:33 a.m.: parking violation (Cardinal Lane) spoken to; 4:32 a.m.: be on the look out (School Street) unable to locate; 5:17 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road) no PD service required; 7:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street) property returned to owner; 9:14 a.m.: accident (Lakeview Drive) report taken; 11:32 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) info taken; 12:15 p.m.: unwanted party (School Street) spoken to; 12:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Mill Street) assisted; 1:06 p.m.: burglar alarm (Island Road) secure; 2:04 p.m.: FD call (Goodrich Drive) assisted; 4:08 p.m.: open door (Pond Street) secured building; 6:19 p.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) verbal warning; 6:21 p.m.: disabled MV (Front Street) assisted; 6:30 p.m.: keep the peace (Oak Street) assisted; 6:35 p.m.: investigation (Circle Street, Baldwinville) info taken; 6:37 p.m.: ambulance (Elmwood Road) transport; 7:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) spoken to; 8:28 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 8:37 p.m.: registration check (Gardner Road) dispersed gathering; 9:53 p.m.: MV stop (Main Street) spoken to; 9:57 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 10:02 p.m.: mental health issue (Washington Avenue) removed to hospital.

From the Police Blotter

A Winchendon man accused of assaulting his pregnant girlfriend and threatening two men with a knife during an incident on Dec. 6 remains in the lockup.

Joshua Eddy, age 28, of 86 Front St. appeared in Winchendon District Court in Gardner for a pretrial hearing Dec. 23. Bail, which was set at his arraignment the day following the alleged incident, remained at \$1,000 cash. Eddy faces one count of assault and battery on a pregnant victim and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

The men reportedly told police Eddy pulled out a knife and threatened to stab them when they attempted to intervene in a dispute they witnessed between Eddy and his girlfriend on Central Street in Winchendon.

Sergeant Raymond Anair and Officer Brian Wightman reportedly confiscated a knife from Eddy after they spotted him and the woman on Central Street. The police report states Eddy admitted to threatening the men but he denied showing them the knife.

His girlfriend reportedly told police she and Eddy had been arguing over his supposed use of cocaine and over an

issue regarding the couple's laundry. She also said Eddy assaulted her outside the Toy Town Pub on Railroad Street before police arrived. She stated Eddy punched her in the head when she showed up at the bar to talk to him.

The woman also reportedly told officers Eddy choked her outside the Winchendon Cumberland Farms during an incident three weeks earlier.

After Eddy was taken into custody, she told the officers she feared returning to the residence of Eddy's uncle, where the couple had been staying. She claimed she had been threatened by Eddy's sister, according to the report.

Eddy will be back in court Jan. 20 for a discovery hearing.

A Winchendon man was ordered held for 90 days in the Worcester County jail and House of Correction after his bail in a November assault case was revoked. The decision was made in Winchendon District Court in Gardner following an incident Monday afternoon, Dec. 26.

That's when Scott Lafreniere, age 50, no known address, was arrested and charged

with carrying a dangerous weapon.

The police report states Ptl. Caleb Simila observed Lafreniere in the middle of the road near 26 Mill Glen Road at around 4:30 p.m., and that Lafreniere was having difficulty walking. Police were called by his step daughter, who said she had kicked Lafreniere out of her house.

When Simila asked Lafeniere if he had any weapons, he reportedly pulled out a switchblade, which opened up. Simila said in his report that Lafreniere likely opened the knife due to his apparent intoxication. The patrolman said he didn't interpret the incident as "an act of aggression," and took the knife into his possession.

Lafreniere was in court on Dec. 2, charged with violating an abuse prevention order issued following an alleged assault that occurred on Nov. 26.

A pretrial hearing on all of the charges pending against Lafreniere is scheduled for Jan. 17.

Also during the holidays, an accident early Christmas Eve morning led to the arrest of a young Winchendon man.

The police report indicates Lieutenant David Wolski was on patrol

when he spotted a Jeep that had rolled onto its side on Spring Street. Wolski writes he found Dakota Girard, age 18, of 433 Brown St. seated on the passenger side door, with his back against the windshield.

Winchendon Fire and EMS responded to the scene, broke the windshield, and pulled Girard from the vehicle. Girard appeared to be uninjured.

The police report states Girard first denied being behind the wheel at the time of the accident, at around 1:50 a.m., but later admitted to being the driver. The report says the Jeep apparently struck a utility pole before it flipped over. Girard reportedly told Wolski he was returning from a New Hampshire package store.

The police report says Girard failed a sobriety test, and that a breathalyzer test revealed a blood alcohol level of .12, above the state limit of .08.

Girard was arraigned Dec. 27 in Winchendon District Court in Gardner on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. He was released on personal recognizance. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 10.

INCIDENT

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minors, became embroiled in an argument outside the gym which escalated into an actual fight and involved as well the mother of one of the players.

Both players have been internally disciplined. District Superintendent Steve Haddad stressed the safety of everyone in the building is his first priority. "Let me reaffirm the safety of our students is absolutely our first responsibility and priority," he said in a letter released to the school community just before vacation began later that week, adding, "though this was fortunately an isolated incident between just a few people, it serves as a reminder we need to be constantly vigilant when it comes to safety."

"To that end, we will take steps to try and increase adult supervision at games. Everyone who comes into any of our school buildings has a right to know they will be safe there," he wrote.

Historically, given the low attendance at girls basketball games, there has not been police presence as there more frequently has been at boys games, particularly when the opponent is a regional rival, but that will change for at least the remainder of this season, Haddad said.

He added, "what happened that evening is in no way an accurate reflection of the overwhelming majority of our students and parents."

As the video spread across social media, a wide range of comments were posted, some criticizing the school system and others anti-Winchendon in general but Haddad was appreciative of those who wrote in defense of the community, saying, "I am grateful to those who took the time to respond and be strongly supportive of our school system and our vibrant community alike."

Haddad said further action regarding the incident is in the hands of law enforcement officials and possibly the courts.

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In the spirit of the season, Cubs remember others

BY KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Other than a visit from Santa, the Cub Scout Pack 193 Christmas party wasn't about those boys as much as it was about giving to others. The true spirit of Christmas shown through as the troop donated collected food and gift cards to the Winchendon CAC, demonstrating their own spirit of giving.

It started with a movie night fundraiser for the CAC food donation Dec. 9, and some 160 pounds of food were collected and delivered to the CAC. However the members of Pack 193 and their parents refused to stop there. Not only did they continue their efforts, collecting not only another 140 pounds off food to donate at the Christmas Party, but then announced they had collected \$275 in donations which were turned in to gift cards to be used for purchasing turkeys and hams. More than 100 scouts and members watching in attendance showing the Community Action Center that some of the biggest donations can come from the littlest of people, who often have the greatest of hearts.

Collection sites for the food donations were located at the Crafty Cauldron, Beals Memorial Library, Not Just Produced, Town Barber, Rivers Edge Restaurant, Dugan's Wild Cuts, United Parish Church, and Market Basket of Rindge. Parents and members of the pack took turns collecting the donations at the sites making sure there was

room for accepting more.

Pack 193 Cub Master Kevin Fuller said, "Once again we would like to thank our official sponsor, the American Legion Post 193 of Winchendon, and also like to give a thanks to the United Parish Church for also helping as an additional co-sponsor. Their support means a lot to us. Our Pack has 59 scouts at this time, and we can't thank everybody enough for sponsoring these great kids"

Fuller added, "I would also like to say that we really need to give a shout-out to all the parents, family members, volunteers, and also a thanks to Alicia Trickett for heading up the 'Scouting for Food Drive' as she secured the locations among other things. All of their hard work on behalf of our great scouts is very appreciated. We have six dens in our pack, and each den was assigned a location to pick up the donated food. I also want to make sure I also give credit to my 19 leaders. Without a doubt, they are my backbone."

During the event, scouts were honored for completing various projects, tasks, and much more. Group by group, more than two dozen scouts were called to the "Front of the Pack" to be awarded. A variety of pins, belt loops, badges, patches, and other awards were presented to those who worked diligently to further their accomplishments and valuable lessons learned as Cub Scouts called "Adventures."

Each and every young Scout smiled as they received their award, undoubt-



Keith Kent photo

Members of Cub Scout Pack 193 at the Christmas party posing with about half the 300 pounds of food collected and donated to the CAC.

edly because each knew and understood the value of having to work for it. In addition, adult volunteers and members were also honored for their steadfast commitment to the cause.

During the gathering, there was also best cookie contest, ugly sweater competition, and all around feeling of unity and family.

At the end of the evening's festivities the message was clear. These young Cub Scouts learned one of the most

valuable lessons of all. Helping others through charity is one of the most selfless and nonpareil of causes.

If you as a parent or guardian have a child enrolled in Kindergarten through the fifth grade, and is interested in joining Winchendon Cub Scout Pack 193 or have any questions, contact Pack Cub Master Kevin Fuller at cmpack193@gmail.com or visit www.cubscoutpack-193winchendon.blogspot.com.

Old Murdock activities for January

WINCHENDON — Please find below the activities listed for the month of January 2017 for the Old Murdock Senior Center. At this time of year, any activity can be cancelled at the director's discretion. All activities are weather dependent (if the weather is bad, we'll cancel an activity). In the case of inclement weather, please call the center before venturing outside. The Center will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 (Martin Luther King Day).

January 9: Market Basket: 12:30; Wii Bowling: 9:30; Chair exercise: 9:30; Yoga: 10

January 10: Bowling: 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

January 11: Wii Bowling: 9:30; Chair exercise: 9:30; Yoga: 10; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard; BINGO: 12:30

January 12: Fallon Rep: 10-12; Wii Bowling: 9:30; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard.

January 16: CENTER CLOSED – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

January 17: Senior Whole Health Rep 10-12; Wii Bowling: 9:30; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard

January 18: Shopping: 9:15; Wii Bowling: 9:30; Chair exercise: 9:30; Yoga: 10:00; Pool, Card Games, Shuffleboard; BINGO: 12:30

January 19: Wii Bowling: 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

January 20: Peanut Auction 10:30

January 23: Market Basket: 12:30; Wii Bowling: 9:30; Chair exercise: 9:30; Yoga: 10:00

January 24: Senior Whole Health Rep 10-12; Bowling: 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

January 25: Wii Bowling: 9:30; Chair exercise: 9:30; Yoga: 10:00; Pool, Card Games, shuffleboard; BINGO: 12:30

January 26: Wii Bowling: 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

January 30: Market Basket: 12:30; Wii Bowling: 9:30; Chair exercise: 9:30; Yoga: 10:00

January 31: Bowling: 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

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Dance off for furry friends

TARA VOSCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Children helped out their furry friends during Santa Paws: Dance for a Cause at East Dance Studios, where parents donated animal treats to two shelters recently.

Parents of dancers at East Dance Studios brought cat and dog toys/food while their children danced the night away. Since the Winchendon studio also has an Ashburnham location, many Ashburnham residents were in attendance.

Cat toys and food went toward A Better Tomorrow while dog toys and food were donated to Ashburnham Animal Control, according to JoAnn East, owner and founder of East Dance Studios.

East explained the dance studio tries to do a community service project every year and chose to do a furry friend initiative this time around.

While waiting for their children to exit dance class, parents commented on why they became involved.

Winchendon resident Robert Bourassa brought Meow Mix treats, as well as dinner Friskies, while he was waiting for his seven-year-old daughter, Jovie, who was in acro-dance class.

“Everything a cat would love, I assume,” Robert Bourassa said. “We’re animal lovers and having animals ourselves, we’re able to give. Anytime that we can give, it’s a good time.”

The Bourassa’s have three cats: brother and sister, Cookie, age 2, who is brown, Candy, age 2, who is a tiger, and Mama Kitty, 13 years old and black. The home also includes a black mouth mongrel dog, Peanut who is also 2, and a brown & white ferret, Ginny, 8 months old.

His wife, Stephanie, added they have a house full of pets, and they love dance as well as animals.



Children yell out “meow” as they and their families donate cat food/toys to A Better Tomorrow during Santa Paws: Dance for a Cause recently

“Dancing is good exercise,” Stephanie Bourassa said. “It’s good for kids to get into something.”

Their other daughter, Mila, age 6, takes ballet, tap and hip hop there.

Besides parents, instructors also donated to the shelter. Teacher Ashley Pavone donated Fancy Feast cat food.

Dancer Ashlyn Musgrove, age 10, whose mother, Lisa, works as office liaison, volunteered to be the ambassador and deliver the food and toys to the animal shelters during school vacation.

“I have 500 stuffed animals, so you can say that I love animals,” Ashlyn said. “I

have a cat. Sadly, I’m allergic to dogs.”

Ashlyn is involved in musical theater, acro, hip-hop, ballet, as well as lyric and contemporary.

Former student Alissa Brown, of Winchendon, now brings her daughters, Lorelei, age 5, and Charlotte, age 3, who takes Adventures, or dance ballet, tap, acro, and intro to hip hop and jazz.

Brown was East’s student the first year that she opened. She commented on why she gave Iams indoor medley.

“We have to take care of them,” Brown said. “If you can’t take them home, we have to at least make sure they’re fed.”



Tara Vocino photos

Ballet dancers in the preschool and minis class at East Dance Studios did a circle dance during Santa Paws: Dance for a Cause recently.

She has two gray tabbies, Vega and Annie, and a black American shorthair, Monkey, all of which are 13 years old.

Dancer Brooke Young, age 15, of Winchendon, has taken tap, pointe, lyric and contemporary, or hip-hop classes at the studio since she was 3 years old.

Young donated a fox dog toy, and Pedigree DentaStix, a type of dog biscuits.

“It’s a great way to advertise that we want to do something good,” Young said. “We have a love for animals, and it’s important to support our cause and studio.”

Young commended the dance studio for giving her the opportunity to develop friendships over the years.

“I’ve met so many friends here,” Brooke said. “Classes are for all ages and abilities. They give you the opportunity to progress.”

East said her dancers recently performed on Broadway; their next performance trip is to Disney in the 2017-18 dance season.

Lisa Musgrove said A Better Tomorrow currently has 12 cats with a capacity of 30, adding Ashburnham Animal Control has space for more than 400 cats.

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in. It is generally accepted that a person can survive in 41° F (5° C) water for 10, 15 or even 20 minutes before the muscles quickly get weak, coordination and strength is lost, which will happen due to the blood moving away from the extremities and toward the center of the body.

When discussing the possibility of hypothermia Carlisle replied, “Actually, where I am crossing is only a couple of feet deep, this is nothing. Working on a river such as the Merrimack which is much larger, deeper,

and faster, well now that can be a lot more challenging.”

Carlisle describing the function of the small concrete structure at the base of the bridge as, “This building actually has a small well which is like an elevator shaft which also helps measure data about river. As you can see there is an antenna and satellite dish in its top, which not only allows us, but even the public to see what is happening ‘Live Time’ on the internet with this river, and others through the USGS water watch. The Millers River at the time of the USGS visit was flowing at a rate of 29 to 30 cubic feet per second.

After performing a brief inter-

net search, it was verified information such as gauge height and more about not only local waters such as the Millers River, Priest Brook, an the Otter River at <http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/?m=real&r=ma&w=map> with more regional information available about rivers all the way up and down the Connecticut River Basin, Merrimack, Hudson, and St. Lawrence at <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nh/nwis/current/?type=flow>

All information collected “Live Time” is especially important when shared during emergencies such as flood warnings from the various local stations such as the one along the Millers River

in Winchendon upstream of the Birch Hill Dam, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The dam is the most important safeguard which keeps many sections of the towns of Athol and Orange, along with a section of Route 2 from being flooded each year after the annual spring melt.

The surface water, depths, temps, and flow rates gauged at three sites and others, are just part of the tools used in conjunction with applied sciences are designed to save peoples lives. What looks to many like just a simple small concrete closet with a dish on it along side the River Street bridge, is actually

a crucial part of a larger public safety collective and preventative effort.

In closing as he had a long day ahead of him Carlisle said, “You know, I come down here from Pembroke, but I will tell you that out here, it still looks like I am in New Hampshire. I really can’t see that much of a difference. It is beautiful here in Winchendon as you have a lot of rivers and streams, and plenty of woods. I really like coming down to here to work. It’s a nice place.”

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SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

By virtue of the right granted by the statute, the Massachusetts Code Section 105A, the enforcement of satisfying the lien of Winchendon Central Storage, for storage and expenses will be sold at public auction on January 30 2017 9am. All and singular, the furnishings, household furniture and equipment of Cynthia Grant storage bay #E and Casey Lucier storage bay #34

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MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Hugh Williams to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Family Choice Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated April 27, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41055, Page 47 subsequently assigned to Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45368, Page 63 and subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association, its successors and/or assigns by Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51733, Page 52; 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 9:00 AM on January 20, 2017 at 66 Belmont Avenue, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

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

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

Federal National Mortgage Association Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS MORAN PLLC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 15-001624 December 30, 2016 January 6, 2017 January 13, 2017

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Terrence E. Bennett, Jr. to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated July 2, 2014 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 52514, Page 158 ; 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 3:00 PM on January 13, 2017 at 5 North Vine Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

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