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Work proceeds on the barn at the Isaac Morse House, the newly-added property to the Winchendon Historic

First chance to see new home of GALA

WINCHENDON — GALA, the Gardner Area League of Artists has officially moved into its new home at 135 Front St. and is getting ready for an open house this Saturday, May 7 from 2-6 p.m.

GALA President Deb Giordano, excited by the prospect of having a permanent place for the artists and their work said, "Come and celebrate our new home! Take a tour on the property and see what our plans are and what events and workshops are planned. We have an art exhibit on display, some works are for sale. You may want to sign up for our 'Poetry Open Mic' or 'Less is More' a painting class with a limited pallet."

"Work has already began on our carriage house for the 'Art Gallery' Come see our plans for renovating this special building that is worth saving. We will have a wine tasting, quilt raffle, live music and light refresh-

The opening will include having the Isaac

Morse House open by the Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center, the first chance to see this historic property, which will be used as more museum space. Both houses

Giordano continued with her excitement over plans for GALA's new home.

"Please stop in and give us your ideas for workshops and classes. We look forward to meeting the artisans and artists in this community and hope you will become a member. We look forward to meeting you all. For more information on classes and events, go to www.galagardner.org to sign up or sign up at

Upcoming events for GALA include a "Less is More" painting class with Alicia Drakiotes on Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery

Then a Poetry Open Mic on Sunday, June 12, 2-4 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery.

Incumbents keep their seats in town election

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Voter participation fell back to disappointingly low levels as only 454 Winchendon residents took part in Monday's annual town elections. With a registration of around 6,300 registered voters, that amounts to a turnout of approximately 7.2 percent. Last

year, in the heat of a re-call Final town-wide totals were: campaign and contests for school committee and board of health, more than 1,500 voters showed up at the polls.

Monday's balloting resulted in wins for incumbent selectmen Audrey LaBrie and Austin Cyganiewicz. Kevin Miller, who lost a squeaker last year, finished out of the running.

LaBrie, 308; Cyganiewicz, 338, and; Miller 141.

Ed Bond received the most write-in votes, 21, for a three-year seat on the Board of Health. He was followed by Brittney Ellis with 9, and Richard Lucier with 6. position is Bond's, if he decides

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Boards give blessings to warrant articles

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Finance Committee Tuesday night voted to recommend, with some minor dissent, each of the article's that appear on the warrants for May 16's special and annual town meetings. Voters will consider a total of 17 articles and one non-binding resolution.

The two main articles on the special town meeting warrant would decrease the FY16 budget for health insurance for town employees by \$40,000, while increasing the budget for school transportation by that same amount.

Town Manager Keith Hickey told the FinCom he was able cut the health insurance line item because fewer employees had signed up for health insurance. He added that, in discussions with the school department business office, he has learned learned the \$40,000 hike in transportation costs may ultimately not be necessary, but the final determination has not yet been made. If

that should turn out to be the case, a vote could be taken to forego the special town meeting altogether.

The major articles on the annual town meeting are those asking voters to approve the annual budgets for the town

and the school department. Committee member James Robichaud said he could not vote to recommend passage of the proposed \$14.4 million municipal budget without assurances of receiving regular updates on town income from sources such as taxes and fees. Robichaud argued while it's important to know what is being spent, it's equally important to know where the funds are coming from to cover those expenses.

While voting with five of his colleagues to recommend the article, FinCom member Christian Orobello said he agreed the committee should receive more detailed and more regular updates on the budget.

"You can't have a full understanding of the budget without

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Town mulls solar options

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

noon, there has still been no word on whether the town will be able to get out of its contract with SunEdison, the troubled solar energy company that was to construct a solar array on the site of the town's old landfill. After nearly two weeks. Town Manager Keith Hickey was still waiting to hear back

from Winchendon's attorney. Sun Edison filed for bankruptcy protection on Thursday, April 21, citing a debt of some \$12 billion. The company is also under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for providing false information on its finan-

cial statements last November. The plan to construct the solar array on 12-acres of land at the now-capped landfill has had a troubled history. Shortly after the town signed a 20-year

contract with Axio Power to build the array, the company WINCHENDON — As of was purchased by SunEdison. deadline Wednesday after- Terms of Axio's deal with the town, however, were not to SunEdison's liking. Terms of a new contract were agreed to only after extensive negotiations.

Then last year, it was determined it would be unfeasible to move ahead with array because a so-called "metering cap" imposed by the state had already been reached, meaning no more solar arrays could be tied into the local power grid. The metering cap was increased by 3 percent.

Once considered a major player in the solar energy field, SunEdison Stock was selling for \$24.83 per share a year ago at this time. However, after topping \$31 per share in July 2015, the price plummeted to \$5 by the end of the year. As of Wednesday morning, a share of

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Photos by Greg Vine and Morgan St. Pierre

The home has been entirely destroyed.

Early morning fire chases family from new home

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Fire Chief Tom Smith says the cause of a fire that gutted a family's new home at the corner of Maple Street and Woodlawn Avenue early Sunday morning will likely go down as "undetermined." The building at 230 Maple St. is considered nearly a complete

"The place was gutted and it'll be pretty hard to determine exactly what started it," Smith

When firefighters called to

the scene arrived shortly after 1:30 Sunday morning they found the front of the home fully engulfed in flames and the fire spreading quickly.

A second alarm was sounded after it was determined extra manpower would be needed to keep the flames from spreading to neighboring homes.

Deputy Fire Chief Ricci Ruschioni said units from Ashburnham, Gardner, Templeton, and Royalston provided mutual aid at the scene, while a crew from Rindge covered the fire station.

It took firefighters about an hour to extinguish the flames. A live power line hampered firefighting efforts for quite some time and the area was sealed off until a crew from National Grid was able to respond.

Homeowner Anthony Rodriguez reportedly said he and his family were awakened by the sound of smoke detectors sounding and by the smell of smoke. Rodriguez, his wife Nicole, and three of their five

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WEEKLY QUOTE

"Let no man pull you low enough to hate him."

Martin Luther King Jr.



REGION — This is a quick reminder about the TSO's "Great American Songbook" concert coming up this Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School's Stratos G. Dukakis Performing Arts

The very fine Salisbury Singers of Worcester will be joining us as we perform music of Irving Berlin, tunes out of the roaring twenties, Broadway show tunes, and plenty of patriotic music that will have you tapping your feet throughout the evening. The TSO will also be accompanying country-music singer, Whitney Doucet as she sings a couple of selections from her own songbook. The concert will also be an opportunity for us to honor our military veterans.

The complete musical program for the evening is listed below. We hope you'll be able to join us at Monty Tech this Saturday evening.

To order tickets, call our office at 978-466-1800.

Program

Thayer Symphony Orchestra J. Roderick MacDonald, Music Director

Medley of Three Marches Star Bangled Banner

Bugler's Holiday

The Leominster High School Marching Band, Barry Hudson, Director

March Slave in B-flat minor (Slavonic March) Tchaikovsky

American Salute arr. Morton Gould (based on "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home")

Faith Hill There You'll Be

Whitney Doucet, soloist

Travelin' Soldier Whitney Doucet, soloist

Leroy Anderson

Trumpet soloists: Rod MacDonald, Bruce Hopkins, Richard Given

Liberty Bell March John Philip Sousa

> INTERMISSION with Salisbury Singers

Andrew Lloyd Webber: A Concert Celebration

arr. Calvin Custer Superstar The Phantom of the Opera

The Music of the Night Don't Cry For Mew Argentina

King Herod's Song Memory

Twentiana I Want To Be Happy I'm Looking Over a 4-Leaf Clover

arr. Hawley Ades Bye, Bye, Blackbird

arr. Bob Lowden

The Dixie Chicks

Charleston Carolina in the Morning Tea For Two Hallelujah! I Got a Robe (African-American Spiritual)

arr. Paul Carey Salisbury Singers - a cappella, Michelle Graveline, Music Director

arr. Jester Hairston Elijah Rock (African-American Spiritual) Salisbury Singers – a cappella, Aaron Knodle, Assistant Conductor

Armed Forces Salute

Taps (followed by a moment of silence)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr, Hawley Ades Conducted by Michelle Graveline

Irving Berlin's America

arr. Paul Murtha There's No Business Like Show Business Alexander's Ragtime Band Puttin' On The Ritz Blue Skies

Always

God Bless America

Thayer orchestra Heywood Hospital plays tomorrow earns an 'A" in patient safety

REGION — New hospital safety scores, which assign A, B, C, D and Fletter grades to hospitals nationwide and provide the most complete picture of patient safety in the U.S. healthcare system, were announced by The Leapfrog Group, a national patient safety watchdog. Heywood was one of 798 hospitals to receive an A, ranking among the safest hospitals in the United States. Hospitals throughout the country were surveyed from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

The April 2016 update highlights newly-added patient experience measures shown in the research to have a relationship to improved patient safety outcomes. These include results of patient surveys about: communication about medicines, communication about discharge, nurse communication, doctor communication, and responsiveness of hospital staff. Heywood Hospital excelled in all these categories.

"It is time for every hospital in America to put patient safety at the top of their priority list, because tens of thousands of lives are at stake," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "The hospital safety score alerts consumers to the dangers, but as this analysis shows, even A hospitals are not perfectly safe.'

'We are thrilled to receive such a grade from The Leapfrog Group," stated Heywood Healthcare President & CEO Win Brown. "Patient safety hinges on clear, consistent and concise communication, and this score reflects our continued efforts to improve patient care and become one of the best community-owned healthcare systems in the

Note: The grades used in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety ScoreSM program are derived from expert analysis of publicly available data using national evidence-based measures of patient safety. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Score program grades hospitals on their overall performance in keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical

For more information about the hospital safety score or to view the list of state rankings, please visit www.hospitalsafetyscore.org.

Gobi recognized by MASC

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi increase to the regional school transpor-(D-Spencer) was recognized last week by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees as its 2015 Legislator of the Year. The award was presented during their annual Day on the Hill in Gardner Auditorium at the State House.

The award is in recognition of Senator Gobi's "tireless service in the House of Representatives and the Senate on behalf of children and families in Massachusetts and for ensuring the strength and survival of local municipal government and regional school districts in the great tradition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

A former teacher, Gobi has shown a strong commitment to supporting Massachusetts schools. She continuously pushes for increased funding and has led the charge to fully fund regional school transportation reimbursements. She was pivotal in securing a \$2,500,000 tation line item in the FY16 budget and dedicated her maiden speech to recognizing how important these funds are to towns and regional school districts.

The MASC is a member-driven association whose mission is to support Massachusetts school leaders in their increasingly complex governance role. MASC offers a wide range of programs and services; including professional development workshops; school policy development and superintendent search services and new superintendent job postings, alerts and analysis of new education legislation, education and school advocacy support, and also acts as an information clearinghouse.

This marks the first time that the Massachusetts Association of School Committee has presented their Legislator of the Year award to a Senator in their first term.

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GARDNER — The Mount Wachusett Community College Theatre at the Mount announces auditions for its August production of Hairspray. Baltimore's Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion - to dance. She wins a spot

on the local TV dance program, The Corny Collins Show and, overnight is transformed from outsider to irrepressible teen celebrity. But can a plus-size trendsetter in dance and fashion vanquish the program's reigning princess, win the heart of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a television show without denting her 'do? Only in Hairspray!

> Director Andréa Mastroianni is looking for a large, culturally diverse cast of adults and teens (ages 16 and up.) For detailed character descriptions visit the TAM web site at http:// mwcc.edu/tam/audition-information/ Auditions for Hairspray will be held in room

> 182 at Mount Wachusett Community College on Tuesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 26 at 7 p.m. No appointment is needed.

> Hairspray runs Aug. 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8 p.m. and Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.

> For additional information contact Professor Gail Steele at (978) 630-9162 or g steele@mwcc.

GREENHOUSE OPENS

FITCHBURG — Monty Tech's on-site greenhouse will be open to the public through Friday, June 3. Hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.

Inventory includes a wide variety of hanging

baskets, annuals, perennials, and vegetable and herb plants. Birdbaths, garden statues and concrete benches, all made in Monty Tech's Masonry program, will also be on sale.

The greenhouse is located behind the school building, 1050 Westminster St., Rte. 2A, at the Fitchburg-Westminster line.

TOY TOWN OUTDOOR MARKET

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

NEW LONDON, NH - Colby-Sawyer student Hannah Clark of Rindge received the Nancy Pierce Williams award during the annual Gladys Greenbaum Meyers '39 Juried Student Art Exhibition on Thursday, March 31. The award was given to the college in honor of Nancy Pierce Williams by her family. Clark majors in graphic design and is a member of the class of 2019.

AARP MEETING

The May meeting of the Gardner AARP will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, at the Senior Center on Pleasant Street at 1:30 p.m. There will be a presentation of the Woman's Achievement Award by Toni Dahir. Also presentation of the AARP Scholarship awards, and the recipients will be invited to the meeting. And our AARP State President Sandra Albright will be speaking. Tickets will be available for the Installation Luncheon in June, and the barbecue in

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Walking to bring suicide out of darkness

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Locallybased teams Silver Linings and Peace of Mind led the way by raising over \$3,000 for last Saturday's Out of the Darkness walk at Mount Wachusett Community College, this following Friday night's successful concert at the American Legion which drew more than 200 attendees.

Enthused Peace of Mind captain Mariah Ackert noted, "There was a lot of love in the room. We were blown away by the love,"referring to Friday night's benefit. "The walk was also a great turnout and the weather was perfect.'

The weekend had been in the planning stages for several months and the work paid off when Ackert's team and Brittany LaPointe's Silver Linings squad took the top spot in the fund-raising, enabling them to carry the banner at the walk. "I'm honored to have been a part of all this," said Ackert, whose daughter Ashley was the recipient of the blue beads award for supporting the cause of bringing awareness about suicide to the communi-

"Together, we're going to end the stigma" about mental ill-ness, said Brittany's dad, Dave LaPointe. He and bandmates from the BIG RanDom joined forces with Dazed till Dawn to



Morgan St. Pierre photo

Members of the Big RanDom band are into the music as they entertain at the fundraiser for the Out of Darkness

entertain the big crowd at the Legion Friday night.

'I'm really proud of them," he said of Ackert, Brittany and their teams.

Brittany LaPointe had taken part in last spring's OTTD walk in Gardner and the overnight walk in Boston and is planning to do another overnighter in New York next month.

A few months ago, a steering committee consisting of Dave, Brittany and Danielle LaPointe, Ackert, Frank Evans, Hutchinson. Dawn

Turski, Amanda Gemme, Mary Delaney and Monique Connor began soliciting raffle prizes and donations. All that effort culminated Friday. Donors included Mylec, Ricky and Tina LaPerriere, Kimball's Ice Cream/Westford, Ed and Dawn Turski, Tim and Kathy Blouin, David and Nancy Romanowski, Amanda Gemme, Karen Boutell, Doreen LaPointe, Billy and Becky Adams, Kevin and Kathy Sutton, Dennis and Susan Cormier, Erica Boudreau. Codie Whalen, LaPointe Law Office PC, LaPointe Catering, and the Dazed til Dawn, BIG RanDom bands.

Dave LaPointe noted "we want to give a special thanks to American Legion Post 193, Monique Connor, RN from Heywood Hospital and the Montachusett Suicide Prevention Task Force, Paul DeMeo, and the Winchendon Courier for all their support and everyone else who came out to support the Rock and Walk benefit."

Chuck and Shelby Moore were the winners of the Band and a Barbecue, for a party of up to 40 people and a concert from the BIG RanDom.

"We're very proud of Teams Silver Lining and Peace of Mind for being the top 2016 fundraisers." he added. "We also want to throw out a special thanks to Christina Rodriguez for organizing the event sponsored by the American Federation for Suicide Prevention."

Noted Ackert, "it was such a success. We all support the cause and hope to do this every year."

Been here a decade: Powell Sand & Gravel



Morgan St. Pierre photo

The iconic trucks for Powell Sand & Gravel

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Powell Stone and Gravel has been in town for about a decade and Marie McKinnon, who helps run the local location, says "we've been happy in Winchendon. We think one reason we've been successful and as the economy has improved, we've been doing better too, is we treat customers like friends".

family-owned The Powell's primary base is in Lunenburg where it was launched in 1969, but when the opportunity came to expand here, the company jumped at the chance and never looked back.

Selling products from nationally known brands

like Husqvarna, Powell and sister company Rip-it-Up-Rentals cater largely to regional customers and both McKinnon and Joe Rosa think that's a good thing and allows them to make personal connections with repeat

visitors. "I went to his wedding," said Rosa, gesturing to one customer. "You can develop one-on one relationships and over the long run, that matters a lot."

In the retail business, people come in with every kind of question imaginable. "True story," prefaced Rosa. "Guy comes in and asks how much a ton weighs. You have to keep your sense of humor,", he laughed.

People also come in with

a wide variety of projects building patios, driveways, and of course lots of lawn projects. "Mulch is a big seller," observed McKinnon.

"We can get you all kinds of sizes of crushed stone and we'll deliver too," added Rosa. Rip-It-Up offers everything from jack hammers to chain saws, hedge trimmers, mini-excavators and just about everything you can think of in between.

Regardless of the specific project or need, retail success revolves around those relationships Rosa refer-

"We want people to come here and feel appreciated,' stressed McKinnon.

"You have to make them feel wanted. That's why they'll come back," she said, adding, "we sell a lot of good products and we rent a lot of good products at reasonable rates but if customers don't feel good in a store, they won't come back. We want them to think of us as friends, and being interested in doing the best we can to help them, and I think we do that well.'

matters too, McKinnon, that Powell is successful locally because she's local.

"I'm from Winchendon," she said. "I think it's important to have a business like this in town. I'm happy we're contributing to making this a better community. We also do as much as we can to be involved in town.'

She noted Powell has had a strong relationship with Winchendon's Little League program, supplying products for the American Legion field.

"Tony (LaPointe, former LL president and longtime coach) came in here a lot so we must have been doing something right," she observed.

Powell's is open from spring until around Christmas, but McKinnon said the company hopes the recovery continues at a pace strong enough for them to be open year-round. For now, though, the crew isn't hibernating during the winter.

"We're not hanging out in Florida," Rosa pointed out. "We spent last winter expanding inside. We did a whole wing. I even rebuilt our front desk," he added.

"It's fun to be here, to work her," McKinnon reflected. "This is our happy place."

Powell's local location is at 673 Spring St. (978) 297-5600, and the home office is at 133 Leominster-Shirley Road in Lunenburg (978) 537-8100. They can be found online at powellstone.com. The same phone numbers apply to Rip-It-Up who are online at ripituprentals.com.





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FRIDAY MAY 6

KIDS PROGRAMS: Beals Memorial Library has two programs for younger children on Fridays. Toddler Time for kids age three & younger at 9:45; preschool story hour for ages 3-5 at 10:30. We request people sign up 24 hours in advance only to ensure enough materials are available. Free. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.org.MONDAY, MAY 9

SATURDAY, MAY 7

RUN FOR THE ROSES: come watch the Kentucky Derby on a 50" TV, play casino games and enjoy an evening with friends to benefit the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 193 and its program to benefit Cathy's House women veterans' home. Start time is 5 p.m. with the race beginning at 6:30 p.m. Traditional mint juleps will be available at the bar! Dancing and casino until midnight. The TV will be raffled at \$5 a chance, and other raffles and surprises are planned. \$20 per person. Wear the appropriate Kentucky Derby chapeau to enter the contest!

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OWC: On Saturday, May 7 Operation Winchendon Cares will be collecting items to be packages and shipped around the world for our "Spring is in the Air & Summer Isn't Far Behind"

Drive. As usual, it will be at the American Legion on School Street from 9:00 until 11:00 A.M. Please check out our Facebook Page or website www. winchendoncares.com for further information.

OPEN HOUSE: both the Murdock Whitney House the Isaac Morse House, owned by the Murdock Historic and Cultural Center, will be open for tours from 2-6 p.m. At the MW House, a featured exhibit on pail making by the Murdock family will open.

MONDAY, MAY 9

YOGA: yoga classes are held at Beals Memorial Library beginning at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (978) 297-0300 or visit winchendonlibrary.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

STORY HOUR: On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up. WEDNESDAY, MAY 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 5ϕ , and the community is invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

GOLDEN AGERS: the meeting at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. will feature Winchendon Police Chief David Walsh speaking on safety, scams and other topics. All are welcome! For more information contact Gloria LaBrack at (978) 297-4525.

THURSDAY, MAY 12 BOOK CLUB: Beals Memorial Library hosts a book discussion group the second Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. The book is available to borrow at the library, call for details, (978) 297-0300. Always welcoming new members.

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EDITORIAL

More of what's good for us

The state is taking steps, the town is ly-based? No, Winchendon doesn't have taking steps, and we just have to watch them do it because apparently we, as adults, cannot do it for ourselves.

Yes, we know.

The rhetoric all says "it's for the children. It's to keep it out of the hands of the children..."

Baloney.

That's because we all know children are all dunces too.

See, we are all, all of us even at age 12 and 13, unable to think for ourselves apparently. It smacks of our good old Big Brother and Big Sister taking care of little old us because we are just too dumb to do it ourselves.

Or our caretakers are too (Pick a word: dumb, lazy, scared, stupid, incapable...) to teach us right and wrong.

It's peer pressure they tell us.

Or advertising. It's big bad THEM telling us how to act. Or what to do.

So they are going to tell us instead.

By passing laws.

By taking decisions away from us. Again.

And here's the rub. It isn't just the decisions that affect individuals, do they realize they affecting their own wallets? The state we mean.

See, there are TAXES on tobacco-related products, and if you restrict them to the point where you aren't selling any...you aren't collecting any taxes

And you are definitely, definitely affecting someone's livelihood here. Not the big box guys like drug store chains or Walmart, they just move their sales to another site. But what about the little convenience store that is a local-

any, we are all chains here, but there are town's where Burke's Market sells everything from newspapers to rolling papers as part of their stock.

You just took away part of their way of making a living.

How can you do that? What gives you

the right to do that? And isn't it, in a way, sort of a right of freedom? To do what you want with your own health?

We know very well, deep down, that overeating, eating fried food, not exercising, over indulging in alcoholic beverages, and yes, smoking are all bad for

Even kids know that.

Choosing to do it anyway is a person-

One that makes us rebellious enough to do it to spite the Powers That Be...to light up in public and thumb our noses; to not put on the seat belt, to speed a

See, do-gooder laws whether they are to actually protect us or prohibit us don't work like the do-gooders think they do. They infuriate people instead.

They make anyone with an ounce of self worth more than a little angry that others think we can't think for

If you read carefully the story about the state senate and its deliberation over a law. there were even considerations of concessions for ADULT people in the service, and for retailers near other states who were not foolishly considering these sorts of laws. See, they actually do recognize there are flaws in the idea.

Adults who think know so too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

James Montgomery concert: very successful evening!

To the Editor:

The officers and members of the Winchendon Lions and especially Deirdre Holt who solicited most items. would like to recognize and thank the following Individuals and businesses for their donations to our mini live auction:

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Sons of Legion: thank you all

To the Editor:

The Sons Squadron of the American Legion Post 193 in Winchendon would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets and/or donated items to this event. The evening was a huge success and we will be donating a sizable amount of money to the three children's hospitals in Boston, Worcester and Springfield.

A BIG thank you to Big RanDom and Northern Comfort for their music for listening and dancing.

Special thanks to Eugene M. Connor Post 193 Winchendon American Legion for their special donation of a check and the use of the banquet hall.

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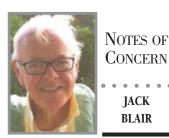
BLAIR

The current presidential election cycle is most interesting as it appears on the day of my writing this column. It would seem Republicans will nominate Donald Trump and Democrats will nominate Hillary Clinton.

Trump's rise in the GOP is attributed to the people being tired of the "old guard" and wanting to demonstrate this each time they vote by picking Trump rather than a pretty impressive team of really experienced people in government. In the GOP, that has been evident in almost every contest.

Clinton's strong card is her experiences while she lived in the Governor's mansion in Arkansas and in the White House and was present for every major decision during those times. She has experienced a run for president (didn't win nomination) and is running again. In between, she served as U.S. Senator for New York and more recently as Secretary of State.

So now all the usually predictive polls suggest Mrs. Clinton is a big-time favorite to win. They base this on everything said in the previous paragraph, but more and more, they mention the high unfavorability ratings of Donald Trump. If Trump is so inexperienced and



unlikeable, how could he possibly best her in the presidential

Many of the pollsters have been wrong more often than right during the primary season. This suggests that unfavored Donald Trump has managed to win state after state, delegate after delegate, by simply telling people he is not now, and has never been, like all the others. At least within the GOP, that argument has been a winning one.

So if he is nominated, the story line would be with such high unfavorabilty ratings, he simply cannot be elected.

Before you bet the farm on that, take a look at Mrs. Clinton's favorability ratings. She is the epitome of what the Trump campaign is running against, those positions mentioned in the paragraph above outlining, and proving, she certainly is part of the group many voters want out of government.

I have no idea who I will ultimately cast my vote for. I am very certain the campaign is going to uncover for us lots of unsavory information about both candidates. They are both fighters, so much of it will be unpleasant.

In the end, we should keep our powder dry and watch this play out because I do not think today we have any real idea of how much more we are going to learn about these two. Since we are not required to make a choice before election day, you want to be very careful not to get too far ahead of the curve of politics.

Berrigan and beyond

Daniel Berrigan, the "radical priest" immortalized in Paul Simon's "Me and Julio down by the Schoolyard" died last week at 94. His passing brings to mind the era when faith and trust in government were starting to erode, and justifiably so. Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon were lying about Vietnam. Dr. King and Bobby Kennedy had been assassinated within two turbulent months of each other in the spring of 1968 and it was that same spring when Berrigan, his brother Phillip and other activists used homemade napalm to destroy a couple hundred draft records in the parking lot of a Baltimore County Selective Service office. In its obituary last week, the New York Times opined Berrigan's actions, "helped shape the tactics of opposition to the .. war.' Berrigan became a cult hero, landing both on the cover of TIME and in federal prison. Nearly a half-century later, Berrigan's name remains inextricably linked with the anti-war movement.

It was a time for patriotic heroes, people like Berrigan and Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers in 1971, and lots of others. Scorned by sunshine patriots and apologists for

an unconscionable policy (sound much like what was happening earlier this century?), the activists of the '60s and '70s were nonetheless on the right side of justice and, as it turned out, history.

I sometimes wonder how history would have been rewritten had 1968 turned out differently. Suppose Hubert Humphrey had overtaken Nixon in the stretch - after all - he closed a huge gap and just missed at the wire? Suppose Nelson Rockefeller had spent less time playing Hamlet, vacillating back-andforth and gotten in the race months earlier? Suppose Ronald Reagan, then governor of California had? Suppose George Romney had seen through being, as he put it, "brainwashed" by the lying generals in Saigon? Suppose the Democratic convention hadn't been devastated by the riots which prompted Abe Ribicoff to decry "Gestapo tactics in the streets of Chicago" when police acting on orders from Mayor Richard Daley vastly overreacted? Above all, suppose Kennedy had lived and managed to wrest the Democratic nomination from Humphrey?

A Bobby Kennedy presidency would have been, I am certain, significantly different from that of his brother's. While JFK was detached and came to the Civil Rights cause only in the last months of his life, RFK was passionate not merely about racial equality but the searing poverty which was ruining the lives of multiple generations of Americans and still does for that matter. JFK's intentions regarding Vietnam have been hotly debated since that day in Dallas, every side insisting they have evidence to prove they knew exactly what he was going to do. By 1967, RFK had evolved into a fierce opponent of the war. One thing we know for sure a second Kennedy presidency also wouldn't have been anything like the one we got from Nixon. The same holds had Humphrey won. Bobby and Hubert could play hardball for sure, but neither would have thrown the country into the constitutional crisis which came to be

known collectively as Watergate.

But "suppose" doesn't cut it. We got Nixon and his cynical "Southern Strategy" which fanned the flames of racism and exploited the anger and resentments of descendants of the Old Confederacy. We got Reagan, amiable on the surface, but busy dismantling



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the social net behind the grin. We got Bush 43 and the foreign policy catastrophes which have followed the ill-advised invasion of Iraq as well as the bank meltdown which led to the Great Recession, a debacle from which many still haven't recovered.

And all that brings us to this desultory campaign. It's ironic that for all the griping about the supposed unpopularity of the front-runners, both are far ahead in popular vote as well as delegate counts. Make what you will of that. Policy wise, Hillary has rational ideas for the most part but she's certain to be frequently hamstrung by those oft-cited nut jobs in the House who will do all they can to block any progressive legislation. The Donald, though he's tapped into a lot of legitimate frustrations, has no rational ideas at all. And here we are. Fabulous, right?

Working out on a budget

It's true — good health really does save money. A Towers Watson survey (https://www.towerswatson.com/en-US/Press/2012/11/research-shows-prevention-is-key-to-reducing-healthcare-costs-for-all-employees) noted that employee wellness programs saved employers an average of \$100 in health care costs per worker. So if you're going to get healthy, do it the smart way and make well-researched spending decisions throughout the year. Here are a few tips at the starting line.

Do a little heavy lifting with your budget first. Whatever your goals, check your overall finances to see what bad health behaviors might be costing you

PRACTICAL Money SKILLS NATHANIEL **SILLIN**

now in terms of immediate everyday costs or long-term impact on medical bills. You might find that a successful fitness plan can return hundreds of dollars - and possibly thousands - to your budget.

Pick a workout you like. If you loved swimming or jogging as a kid, such sports might be a good place to restart your fitness regimen. Restart

your fitness habits modestly but consistently with

BOH considers tobacco-related regulations

BY GREG VINE COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Board of Health Monday night held a sparsely attended public hearing on proposed new tobacco regulations. The proposal would prohibit the sale or distribution of "any flavored tobacco product, except in smoking bars and retail tobacco stores.

According to the Massachusetts Municipal Association, 54 communities representing nearly 28 percent of the state's population, have enacted regulations restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products to "adult only" retail-

The BOH defines flavored tobacco as "any tobacco product or component part thereof that contains a constituent that has or produces a characterizing flavor. A public statement, claim or indicia made by the manufacturer of

REVIEWS NEEDS OF MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES a tobacco product," or by a manufacturer's representative, "shall constitute

presumptive evidence that the tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product." Joan Hamlett, the town's tobacco control agent, said that of 11 establishments in Winchendon with permits to sell

tobacco products only four are currently selling flavored tobacco items. After speaking to the stores' owners or managers, she said "there has been no negative feedback on the proposal. Some of the stores pulled flavored prod-

ucts after the board increased the price

of banded tobacco products (cigars).' No one spoke against the proposed regulation. Anyone wishing to present written testimony regarding the proposal has until the end of business on May 20 to get their correspondence to the Dept. of Public Health at Town Hall. Copies of the proposal are also available

After considering the proposed tobacco regulation, the board discussed possible regulations regarding medical marijuana.

"The state has good oversight of these businesses," said board Chairman Jason Moury, "but I think we'd like to enact regulations that are consistent with our tobacco regulations.

There was some discussion as to whether any restrictions should be enacted as a BOH regulation of as a town bylaw.

"Enacting a bylaw can be a lengthy process," said Hamlett. "The Board of Health could enact similarly worded legislation on its own."

D.J. Wilson, representing the MMA, noted that "limits can be put in place but dispensaries can't be banned. Any board regulation would need to name an enforcement agent, probably the police. The police and the tobacco control agent could likely oversee adherence to a bylaw."

Our goal is to keep the product out of the hands of those who shouldn't have it," said Moury.

A bylaw passed by the town of Athol prohibits the use of marijuana on "any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passage way, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, school house, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

Any violation could be handled as either a criminal or non-criminal complaint, with each infraction costing the offending party \$300.

"The bylaw passed with very few problems in Athol," said Hamlett.

Senate is on board with age 21 for tobacco

BOSTON - Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has announced the Massachusetts Senate passed S. 2234, An Act to Protect Youth from the Health Risks of Tobacco and Nicotine Addiction, an omnibus bill that seeks to reduce tobacco use and nicotine addiction among youth. Among other provisions, the legislation will prohibit the sale of all tobacco and nicotine delivery products to individuals under the age of 21. The legislation received bi-partisan support, passing 32-2.

Senator Gobi supported a military exemption amendment that would have allowed anyone 18 and older with a military ID to continue to purchase tobacco; however the amendment was defeated 19-14. Gobi also supported an amendment that would have allowed retailers within three miles of a state whose law is 18, 19 or 20 years of age to sell at that state's legal limit, but the amendment was also defeated.

'Massachusetts has made tremendous strides in reducing youth smoking and implementing policies that limit the harmful impacts of tobacco and nicotine use, including our new regulations to prevent the sale of e-cigarettes to children," said Attorney General Maura Healey. "Unfortunately, the tobacco industry continues to pose a serious public health risk to our residents. This leg-

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islation is an important step to further reduce nicotine addiction among young people."

"Tobacco kills more Americans annually than car accidents, alcohol, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined," said Senate President Stan Rosenberg "That's why (D-Amherst). today the Senate took action to further curtail access to this harmful substance and reduce youth tobacco use. I hope other states around the country follow our lead, and I look forward to working with the House and Governor Baker to move this important policy forward."

Tobacco and nicotine use remains the leading cause of preventable illness and premature death in Massachusetts, requiring the Commonwealth and our residents to spend more than \$4 billion in healthcare related costs each year. Smoking practices begin at a young age; a 2015 report from the Institute of Medicine found that 9 out of 10 daily smokers first tried a cigarette before age 19. This omnibus tobacco bill was created to prevent teenagers from starting to smoke by removing sources of tobacco and nicotine delivery products from their reach.

The Commonwealth has collectively made progress in reducing rates of youth smoking; according to the Center for Disease Control, cigarette smoking among high school students in Massachusetts has declined from 21% in 2005 to 11% in 2013. However, the tobacco industry is changing and innovating, introducing new products and marketing strategies directed to appeal to youth. As a result, the Commonwealth now faces growing use by young people of other nicotine delivery products such as e-cigarettes; according to the National Youth Tobacco Survey, use of e-cigarettes among high school students has risen alarmingly from 2% in 2011 to 13% in 2014.

pediatrician Worcester Lynda Young, MD, chair of Tobacco Free Mass, said "We applaud moving this critically important bill forward. Enactment of this bill will be a giant step forward for public health, as it will have an immediate, positive impact on the well-being of our young people. We urge its quick passage by the legislature.'

This bill also:

Responsibly regulates nicotine delivery products such as e-cigarettes by prohibiting their use at schools, including vocational schools and technical institutes, and in any work-

Requires child-resistant packaging for e-cigarettes;

Prohibits tobacco vending machines:

Prohibits the sale of all tobac-

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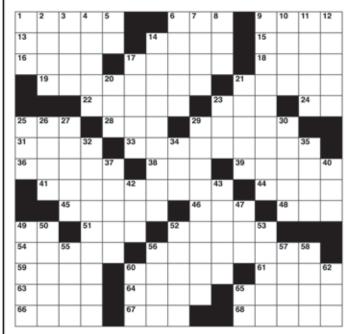
co and nicotine delivery products in pharmacies and other healthcare institutions;

Grants the Department of Public Health the authority to regulate new, emerging tobacco and nicotine delivery products; and,

Requires the Center for Health Information and Analysis to study the current tobacco cessation benefits offered by commercial insurers, MassHealth, and Government Insurance

Commission to determine how these benefit levels compare to CDC guidelines and best prac-

These provisions were adopted into \bar{the} omnibus legislation from eight specific tobacco-related bills that were heard by the Joint Committee on Public Health. The legislation will now move to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Oliver __, author

Neuromuscular disorder (abbr.) 41. Split

9. Ed Sheeran song 13. Flows in Greek Gods' veins

Mounted soldier

15. Theron movie "

16. Greek portico

17. Buffaloes 18. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

19. Types of bonds Bura-__, language

22. Discharges 23. Principal ethnic group of China 60. Blocks

24. Air Force

25. Dash

28. Patti Hearst's captors

29. __ percha, trees

31. Expression of sorrow or pity

33. Kids play here

Fakes

38. Scottish Gaelic for John

39. Blocks

44. DC Comics hero

45, Wrap

46. Cool!

48. Hengyang Nanyue Airport

49. Biblical Sumerian city

Radio direction finder (abbr.)

52. Gulf in the Aegean Sea

54. Actress Lathan 56. Class

59. Copyread

61. Whale ship captain

63. Make angry

64. They product honey

65. One seeded fruit 66. Helios

67. Soviet Socialist Republic

68. Accepted practice

CLUES DOWN 1. Female sibling

Behaves

3. Cream puff

Citizen (senior)

6. Blackthorns 7. One-time Yankee sensation Kevi42. British Air Aces

8. Autonomic nervous system Spider 10. Flavoring

Colonized by Ancient Greeks 50. Plays music

12. "Thundercats" character Protestant

17. Not straightened

Outdoor retailer

21. Brazilian lagoon 23. Expression of bafflement

Male parent

26. Brews

27. Gadoid fishes 29. Gives

30. Hindu calendar month 32. Breaks up

34. Take in solid food

4. Knighted computer scientist Ton \$5. Abba __, Israeli politician 37. A breed of goat

40. It's above us

43. Challenges

47. He's a bounty hunter

49. Exploiters

52. Cavalry sword Drenches

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Police Log

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MONDAY, APRIL 25

12:38 a.m.: disabled MV (Gardner Road) spoken to; 1:05 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 1:22 a.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) written warning; 5:09 a.m.: lift assist (Pleasant Street) assisted; 5:53 a.m.: noise complaint (North Ashburnham Road) gone on arrival; 6:18 a.m.: ambulance (Kemp Street) transport; 10:15 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 10:46 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street) served; 10:55 a.m.: summons service (Prospect Street) unable to serve; 11:04 a.m.: summons service (Hale Street) served; 11:13 a.m.: suspicious MV (North Ashburnham Road) advised officer; 11:25 a.m.: summons service (West Street) served; 11:47 a.m.: general info (Cottage Street) info taken; 12 p.m.: wires down (West Street) refer to other agency; 12:04 p.m.: ambulance (Hall Road) transport; 12:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Highland Street) spoken to; 12:22 p.m.: harassment (Front Street) report taken; 12:49 p.m.: general info (Mill Street) info taken; 2:22 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 2:23 p.m.: transport (Gardner Road); 2:59 p.m.: harassment (Maynard Street) report taken; 3:23 p.m.: investigation (Walnut Street) no PD service required; 3:38 p.m.: registration check (Walnut Street) info taken; 4:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Cummings Road) refer to ACO; 5:49 p.m.: fire alarm (Hvde Park Drive) false alarm; 6:05 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) report taken; 6:22 p.m.: suspicious person (North Ashburnham Road) spoken to; 6:49 p.m.: general info (Walnut Street) info taken; 8:34 p.m.: fight (Maynard Street) report taken; 8:50 p.m.: ambulance (East Street) transport; 10:56 p.m.: noise complaint (Vaine Street) spoken

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

12:49 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 1:45 a.m.: ambulance (Depot Road) call canceled; 4:16-4:55 a.m.; building checks, secure; 11:35 a.m.: lift assist (Mill Street) assisted; 1:09 p.m.: 911 hang up (Colonial Lane) unfounded; 2:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Benjamin Street) refer to ACO; 2:40 p.m.: investigation (Cedar Terrace) info taken; 4:42 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) written warning; 4:48 p.m.: suspicious other (Monadnock Avenue) spoken to; 5 p.m.: general info (Central Street) checked, secure; 5:09 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) written warning; 6 p.m.: officer wanted (West Street) spoken to; 7:27 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) info taken; 8:29 p.m.: missing person (Central Street) spoken to; 9:40 p.m.: suspicious MV (Summer Drive) spoken to; 11:35 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:54 p.m.: suspicious MV (Gardner Road) spoken to.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

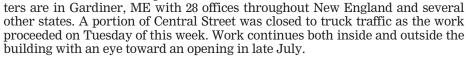
12:04-1:13 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:09 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 12:18 a.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) traffic citation; 5:26 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 6:11 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street) secure; 6:42 a.m.: burglar alarm (Bosworth Road) secure; 8:58 a.m.: suspicious MV (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 10:25 a.m.: harassment (Summer Street) spoken to; 10:33 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street) assisted; 10:41 a.m.: assist other agency (Brown Street) assisted; 12:48 p.m.: investigation (Pleasant



Greg Vine photos

INTERRUPTING **CENTRAL** STREET

A crew out of the Springfield office of E.J. Prescott works to hook up new water service to the former Winchendon Courthouse, soon to be the home of the town's new police station. Prescott's headquar-



Street) info taken; 1:05 p.m.:ambulance (Monomonac Road West) transport; 1:37 p.m.: parking violation (Central Street) spoken to; 3:06 p.m.: property found (Grove Street) returned to owner; 3:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Hyde Park Street) refer to ACO; 5:08 p.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road) transport; 5:11 p.m.: vandalism (Central Street) summons: Anthony Michael Sevigny, age 25 of 1 Monroe Ave., Allenstown, NH: vandalize property and assault; 6:02 p.m.: suspicious other (Maple Street) spoken to; 6:40-11:30 p.m.: building checks, secure; 8:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Bayberry Circle) spoken to; 9:47 p.m.: general info (School Street) spoken to; 10:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street) report

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

12:02-1:57 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:11 a.m.: suspicious person (Central Street) spoken to; 3:11 a.m.: assist other PD (phone) assisted; 4:13 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Lakeshore Drive) no PD service required; 8:27 a.m.: animal complaint (High Street) refer to ACO: 9:22 a.m.: gunshots heard (Town Farm Road) unable to locate; 9:34 a.m.: 10:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Joslin Road) refer to ACO; 10:25 a.m.: threats (Gardner Road) spoken to; 10:43 a.m.: brush fire (Peggi Lane) extinguished; 11:04 a.m.: accident (Glenallan Street) summons: Kristina M. Arsenault, age 25 of 23 Webster St., Winchendon: unlicensed operation of MV and failure to stop or yield; 11:42 a.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) refer to other agency; 12:32 p.m.: assist other PD (Lakeshore Drive) message delivered; 2:41 p.m.: open door (Central Street) checked, secure; 2:53 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 3:43-7:27 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 4:06 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) report taken; 5:35 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) transport; 5:46 p.m.: deliver message (Lincoln Avenue) delivered; 6:23 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 7:34 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) refer to ACO; 8:12 p.m.: suicide threats (School Street) spoken to; 8:38 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street) no FD service required.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

12:06-1:31 a.m.: building checks, secure; 8 a.m.: suspicious MV (Main Street) no PD service required; 9:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Mill Street) assisted; 9:23 p.m.: MV operating erratically (North Ashburnham Road) info taken; 10:17 p.m.: investigation (Winter Street) spoken to; 10:48 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11:07 a.m.: larceny (Central Street) report taken; 11:28 a.m.: illegal dumping (Lincoln Avenue Extension) info taken; 12:22 p.m.: fraud (Pearl Street) report taken; 1:14 p.m.: burglary B&E (Lincoln Avenue Extension) no cause for complaint; 1:19 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) (Pearl Street) no PD service required; 2:04 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 3:06 p.m.: burglar alarm (School Street) secure; 3:49 p.m.: extra patrols (Lakeview Drive) secure; 4:36 p.m.: ambulance (Town Farm Road) transport; 5:01 p.m.: disabled MV (Glenallan Street) advised officer; 5:11 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 5:59 p.m.: deliver message (River Street) delivered; 6:30 p.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street) spoken to; 6:50 p.m.: suspicious MV (North Ashburnham Road) gone on arrival; 6:51 p.m.: animal complaint (Teel Road) refer to ACO; 7:32 p.m.: brush fire (Old Centre) extinguished; 7:39 p.m.: burglar alarm (High Street) secure; 9 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) transport; 9:09 p.m.: investigation (Town Farm Road) assisted; 9:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Cedar Street) refer to ACO; 9:16 p.m.: animal complaint (Hyde Park Street) refer to ACO; 11:56-58 p.m.: building checks, secure.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

12:02-2:19 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:05 a.m.: accident (Pleasant Street) report taken; 12:38 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) checked, secure; 6:17 a.m.: assist other agency (Glenallan Street) info taken; 7:35 a.m.: traffic hazard (School Street) assisted; 8:31 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street) spoken to; 10:13 a.m.: property found (Gardner Road) returned to owner; 10:22 a.m.: suspicious other (Alger Street) spoken to; 10:24 a.m.: burglar alarm (Summer Drive) secure; 10:31 a.m.: unwanted party (Chestnut Street) spoken to; 2:05 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) spoken to; 2:15 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) spoken to; 2:25 p.m.: assist other PD (Happy Hollow Road) report taken; 3:01 p.m.: registration check (Central Street) assisted; 3:38 p.m.: unwanted party (Ready Drive) report taken; 4:18 p.m.: animal complaint (Juniper Street) refer to ACO; 6:01 p.m.: MV stop (Maple Street) 6:11 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) report taken; 6:38 p.m.: traffic hazard (Brown Street) no cause for complaint; 7:23 p.m.: ambulance (Brown Street) transport; 8:12 p.m.: larceny (Baldwinville Road) report taken; 7:55 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 8:12 p.m.: burglar alarm (Summer Drive) secured building; 9:50 p.m.: ambulance (Town Farm Road) transport; 8:04 p.m.: harassment (Pearl Drive) report taken; 10:12 p.m.: registration check (bike path) dispersed gathering; 10:16 p.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) verbal warning; 11:23 p.m.: building checks, secure; 11:35 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) spoken to.

12:06 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:07 a.m.: suspicious person (Lincoln Avenue) spoken to; 12:26 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) arrest: Alexander J. Romero, age 19 of 363 Maple St., Winchendon: OUI-liquor and minor transporting or carrying alcoholic beverage; 1:31 a.m.: structure fire (Maple Street) extinguished; 2:10 a.m.: keep the peace (Spring Street) transport; 8:36 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Mellen Road) spoken to; 9:25 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Mechanic Street) spoken to; 11:55 a.m.: accident (Lincoln Avenue) MV towed; 12 p.m.: officer wanted (Happy Hollow Road) info taken; 12:05 p.m.: disabled MV (Elmwood Road) advised officer; 1:36 p.m.: property found (Central Street) services rendered; 3:06 p.m.: ambulance (Highland Street) transport; 3:28 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville Road) info taken; 3:32 p.m.: fire alarm (Highland Street) false alarm; 3:44 p.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) transport; 4:42 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street) refer to ACO; 5:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Brown Street) report taken; 6:19 p.m.: investigation (Hyde Park Street) refer to ACO; 6:30 p.m.: MV stop (Summer Drive) verbal warning; 6:44 p.m.: burglary B&E (Elm Street) secured building; 6:54 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spruce Street) services rendered; 8:20 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street) unable to locate; 8:52 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) spoken to; 8:56 p.m.: general info (Hill Street) assisted; 10:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street) report taken; 11:50 p.m.: FD call (East Street) spoken to.

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SUNDAY, MAY 15

PIN SHOOT: at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club every third Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On River Street/Winchendon Road on the Royalston line. For information call (978) 297-3955. Always looking for members!

TUESDAY, MAY 17

ADULT CRAFTS: during the children's story hour at Beals Memorial Library, we will now provide an opportunity for adults to do crafts. If you'd like to attend but don't have a babysitter, problem solved! We provide stories while you craft! Tonight we will hold an open discussion with whomever attends about what sort of activities this might be. No need for preregistration, but for information call (978) 297-0300.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC: the annual event at Beals Memorial Library is scheduled 10-11 a.m. Bring a favorite stuffed animal and enjoy. SUNDAY, MAY 22

HAWG HAULERS: May 22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club, 169 Winchendon Road, swap meet and flea market. Any and all items accepted; \$5 admission buyer or seller; no additional vendor fees. Declutter your attic or garage! Text or call JC at (978) 894-5752 or swapmeet88@hotmail.com.

ΓUESDAY, MAY 24

FIRE SAFETY: The Winchendon SEPAC invites you to our Fire Safety Night! On May 24th beginning at 6 p.m. at the Winchendon Fire Department on Central Street. Learn how to prepare your family in case of an emergency. Kids are welcome to attend and check out the emergency vehicles. RSVP at sepac@winchendonk12.org or call the Special Ed offices at (978) 297-1850.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

CANDY LAND: The Winchendon Historic and Cultural Center hosts Willie Wonka himself and an afternoon tea for children 2-4 p.m. at the Murdock Whitney House, 151 Front St. Come play games, win some lucsious prizes and enjoy some time with the master of chocolate himself. \$5 per person (but Willie could be persuaded to be generous if LOTS of children want to come....)

GOLDEN AGERS: the annual birthday party is planned! Reservations are required and particulars will be provided when you call Gloria LaBrack at (978)

OPEN POETRY: Poetry Open Mic on Sunday, June 12, 2-4 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery.

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Donald F. Tatro, 83



RINDGE — Donald F. Tatro, age 83, resident of Rindge, died on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Jaffrey, surrounded by his loving family.

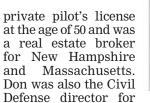
Don was born on May 8, 1932 in Winchendon, a son of the late Burton Richards and Josephine (Beauvais) Tatro-Richards.

He faithfully served his country in the United States Army and was part of the Korean War, serving in Berlin, Germany.

Upon completing his faithful duty to his country, Don returned home and resided in Winchendon for many years, raising his family with his wife, Lucille (Jacques). Later, Lucille and Don moved up the road to Rindge, where they have resided for the better part of 13 years.

Don worked most of his life as an appliance repairman and in the electronics maintenance field. Some companies he worked for over the years include: O'Donnell's Appliance, Tatro Electronics and MCCI in Gardner.

He was a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus in Jaffrey, and Commander of the V.F.W. Post 2158 and lifetime member of the American Legion of Winchendon. He obtained his





the town of Winchendon for many years. In addition to his loving wife, Lucille, survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law; Linda and Steven Garney of Sterling, Karen and James Murphy of Winchendon, Sandra and Charles Quartermouse of New Ipswich, Donna Tatro and Terry Rodriguez of Fayetteville, NC and Laurie Songer of Gardner, his sons and daughters-in-law; Bruce and Pauline Tatro of Gardner, and Dennis and Jennifer Tatro of Marlborough, NH, 20 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. He also leaves one sister, Mary Priest of Troy, NH and one half-sister, Diane McCall, and two half brothers, Robert and Malcolm Richards,

A Mass of Christian burial was held in the St. Patrick's Church, 89 Main Street, Jaffrey, with Rev. Wilfred Deschamps officiating. Burial with military honors followed in the Calvary Cemetery, Winchendon

all of Olympia, WA.

Cournoyer Funeral Home Cremation Center, 33 River Street, Jaffrey was entrusted with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

Rachel Ash, 98



MUNNSVILLE NY Rachel Ash, age 98, of Munnsville, NY died peacefully of natural causes on April 21, 2016 at the Wayne County Nursing Home in Lyons, NY.

Rachel was born in Oneida in 1917 to Harry and May Eaton Drake. She lived in Munnsville her entire life, and in the same house on Church Street for 56 years. She graduated from Stockbridge Valley High School in 1935 and SUNY Morrisville in 1937. For the past few years, she was one of the college's oldest alumni.

Rachel married Thomas Ash of Nantucket in 1937; they were together for 53 years until Tom died in 1990. Following their marriage, Rachel and Tom worked together for the Treadway hotel chain in Winchendon and Vero Beach, FL. Rachel then worked at the Sears and Roebuck store in Oneida, NY for 25 years. For several summers she and Tom managed a vacation condo complex in Truro on Cape Cod.

Rachel was a member of the Munnsville Congregational church for 85 years. She sang in the choir and was for many years the church's financial secretary. She was a permanent volunteer for church fund raisers such as dinners, bake sales, shopping-cart precision drill team, and pie sales. Although difficult to verify, her family believes that she baked more than 1,000 pies for these sales. She also volunteered at the Cancer Society, the Red Cross, the Fryer library, and RSVP.

In her spare time, Rachel enjoyed working in her yard and flower beds. She was ahead of her time when it came to participating in sports. In addition to playing on the women's basketball team in college, she bowled for many years, cross-country skied, hiked, and played golf - all into her early 80s. She loved singing, dancing, and listening to music; especially old-time hymns. She was especially fond of her cat Sassy, a spirited Himalayan.

Rachel is survived by a daughter, Susan Ash Graf (Charles) of Richmond, VA and a son, Tom Jr. of Cary, NC; three grandchildren, Gretchen, TJ, and Ryan; several great-grandchildren; three nieces, Joan Drake Sinclair (Fred), Patricia Drake Niedzielski (Stanley), and Anne Ash Rojas; and a sister-in-law, Senator Grace Driscoll Drake (William). She was predeceased by her two brothers, William L. Drake and Robert E. Drake and Robert's wife, Janet.

The family will host a celebration of Rachel's life at 1 o'clock Saturday, June 4 at the Munnsville Congregational Church on Williams Road. A pie buffet will follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Munnsville Congregational Church.

Angela 'Angel' Collum, 46



JAFFREY — Angela 'Angel' Collum, age 46 of Jaffrey died peacefully while surrounded by her family on April 29, 2016 at the Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston after a long and courageous battle.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1969 in Peterborough, NH, the daughter of David and Judylee (Pelletier) Quimby. She was a 1988 graduate of Conant High School.

Angel followed in her grandfather's footsteps and was a beloved school bus driver in Jaffrey and Rindge for over 13 years until her health prevented her from working. She loved her family and was devoted to them in every way. Angel knew her life would be limited by her illness, so she lived each day to the fullest and did all she could possibly do while she could. Angel enjoyed

anything with Mickey Mouse and liked playing Bingo. She had a wonderful sense of humor, visited the ocean every chance she could and always loved her pets. In addition to her parents, David and Judy Quimby of Rindge, Angel is survived by her three children, Kaitlin Collum of Orono, ME, Catherine Collum and David Collum IV, both of Jaffrey; her brother Ryan and his wife Tiffany Quimby of Fitzwilliam and their sons Logan and Marcus; her former husband and friend, David J. Collum III of Acton, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and countless close friends. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Friday, May 6, 2016 at Saint Patrick Church, 89 Main Street, Jaffrey. Rev. Wilfred Deschamps, Pastor, was the celebrant. Burial followed at Saint Patrick Cemetery in Jaffrey. Cournoyer Funeral Home

Cremation Center, 33 River Street, (Route 202) Jaffrey was entrusted with

Kenneth King, 48



LITTLETON Kenneth King, age 48, formerly of Littleton, died unexpectedly in Shanghai, China on April 8, 2016. He was born in Lowell Nov. 21, 1967 son of Robert and Roberta (Philbrick)

King. He grew up in Littleton and was a graduate of Nashoba Tech. Ken served in the U.S Air Force for a number of years, and worked for San-Vel and Warren Communications of Littleton. He most recently was a field service technician for BTU of Billerica for the past 18 years and spent the last 11 years

in China. He loved 😘 hunting and pool.

Ken is survived by his parents Robert and Roberta (Philbrick) King of Fitchburg, his wife Myla and his children Bethany and Nathan all of China. He is also survived by

two brothers Keven King of Leominster and Robert King Jr. of Fitchburg, a sister Donna LaBrake King of Winchendon and several nieces and nephews

A memorial service was held at the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St., Littleton on Thursday April 28, 2016.

Alanna 'Red' Marrotte, 24



KEENE NH -Alanna 'Red' Marrotte, age 24, a resident of Keene and former resident of Jaffrey passed away unexpectedly on April 22, 2016 at her home.

She was born on June 6, 1991 in Peterborough, NH daughter of Kurk and Barbara (Chase) Marrotte. Alanna was a 2009 graduate of Conant High School in Jaffrey and had attended the University of Phoenix, AZ.

Alanna was an entrepreneur and filled her life with music and laughter as she loved to make people smile. She particularly enjoyed Karaoke every Wednesday night and playing with her nieces, nephews, and her little brother.

She loved writing stories, poems and songs and could often be found singing while playing her guitar. Alanna is survived by her mother, Barbara, of Walpole, NH; her father, Kurk, of Jaffrey; her three sisters, Theresa Chase-Marrotte of Keene, Crystal Melodino of Fitzwilliam and Karen Campbell of Claremont; her two brothers, Kurk Marrotte, serving in the US Army at Ft. Hood in TX and Keyton Marrotte of Dublin; her paternal grandparents, Gerry and Gloria Marrotte of Rindge; her maternal grandparents, George and Barbara Chase of Florida, Will Adair of Troy and Lorraine Dellasanta of Jaffrey; three nieces, three nephews and many friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Alanna's name and memory to the Good Neighbor Fund, PO Box 486, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

Janette (Rosado) Morales, 53



FITCHBURG Janette (Rosado) Morales, age 53, of Fitchburg died Sunday morning April 24, in the home after a long illness.

She was born in Leominster, on June 14, 1962 a daughter of

the late Abdulio Rosado and had lived in the Fitchburg Leominster area for all of her life.

Janette was a social worker at Spanish American Center in Leominster for several years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and cherished her grandchildren. She leaves her mother, Gloria (Torres)

Santos of Winchendon; her husband Henrique Morales of Springfield; a son, Ricky Morales of Framingham; three daughters, Carmen Perez of Marlboro, Gloria Perez of Worcester and Marilyn Morales of Fitchburg; a brother, Robert Rosado of Gardner; three sisters, Liz Moisan of Phillipston; Annette Rosado of Fitchburg and Lissette Rosado of Virginia; eight grandchildren, Igdalia, Yazelyn, Xavier, Yalexie, Deluaniz, Jaydian, Brielah and Jasaida.

A Memorial Mass was held April 30 in St. Leo's Church, 128 Main St., Leominster.

The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements.

Evelyn J. (Salvas) Aylward, 75



Evelyn J. (Salvas) Aylward, age formerly of East Templeton and Gardner, died peacefully at Wachusett Manor Nursing Home on April 27, following a lengthy battle with

Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Tewksbury on Nov. 19, 1940 to Rose (Tate) and Ovila Joseph Salvas, Evelyn was raised in East Templeton by Pearl (Barrett) and Orville Winch. She was a graduate of the first class of Narragansett Regional High School in 1958 and married the love of her life James R. Aylward Jr. in 1959, this past Jan. 10 celebrating 57 years of marriage.

Evelyn retired in 1988 after 25 years with the Gardner News as a production manager and continued working part time at Metropolitan Life Insurance in Gardner and Cumberland Farms and Royer's (Templeton Spirits) Package Store in East Templeton. In her 20s, Evelyn was president of the Eagles Woman's Auxiliary in Gardner. In retirement, she continued babysitting her grandchildren and was the "resident volunteer" at the Colonial Apartments in Gardner, where she resided for 15

Evelyn will be remembered for being the "nicest person" anyone ever knew. She loved her Boston Red Sox, taking trips to Foxwoods and Atlantic City, Bingo, scratch tickets, country western music, and watching the Wheel of Fortune.

Besides her husband, Evelyn leaves behind five children, Janet R. Haley and husband Jonathan of Templeton, James R. Aylward, III and wife Elaine of Nashua, NH; Joan R. Sears and husband Daniel and their children Adam, Michael and Jason of Baldwinville; Julie R. Richard and husband Michael and their children Sarah and Sean of East Templeton and Jennifer R. Belliveau and husband Dale Sr, and their children, Dale Jr, Darren, Derek and Danielle of Baldwinville; four great grandchildren; a brother, Andrew Salvas of Maryland and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, a son John in 2014, and her brothers, Robert Salvas and Herbert Winch.

Funeral services were held May 2 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. The Rev. Francis A. Roberge officiated. A reception followed at the Kamaloht in East Templeton.

A private burial service will be held at the convenience of the family in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472 or to American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

Donald V. Dranzek, 95



ERIE PA — Donald Dranzek, 95, of Erie, died on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at Elmwood Gardens.

He was born in Erie, on July 20, 1920, a son of the late Frank and Eleanor Tuminski Dranzek.

He graduated from Erie Technical High School in 1939 and worked as a machinist at Erie Forge and Steel for 30 years. He retired in 1977. He was an avid reader and sportsman. He also enjoyed playing poker.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Eileen A. Marquardt Dranzek in 1990; a sister, Anne Allshouse; a brother, Stanley Dranzek; a granddaughter, Kelly Rea; and a great-granddaughter, Allison Perry.

He is survived by two daughters, Diane Frazzini, of Erie and Janice Hebert and her husband Timothy, of Winchendon; a son, Daniel Dranzek and his wife Sandra, of Acworth, GA; three grandchildren, Kimberly Vazquez, Michelle Perry and Daniel Robert Dranzek; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Burton Funeral Home, 602 West 10th Street. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in Erie Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Elmwood Gardens, c/o Presbyterian Homes, Corporate Office, 1225 School Rd., Erie, PA 16505.

Philomena D. Marois, 60



FITCHBURG Philomena D. Marois, age 60 of Fitchburg died Monday morning, April 25, 2016 in her home after an illness. She was born in Fitchburg April 12,

1956 daughter of Albert J. and Doris R. (Pepin) Marois.

Philomena was a member of St. Joseph Church in Fitchburg. She had been a member of the former immaculate 132 Woodland St., Fitchburg

enjoyed crocheting, playing bingo, going to Foxwoods and was a sports fan the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Bruins.

She leaves her mother Doris R. (Pepin) Marois of Fitchburg, four sisters: Linda and her husband Aguedo Ramos, Denise and her husband Eladio Ramos, Louise Marois and Lorraine Marois all of Fitchburg, two brothers: Paul Marois of Winchendon and David Marois of Gardner, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Aubuchon-Moorcroft Funeral Home, Conception Church in Fitchburg. She entrusted with arrangements.

Donald L. McPhee



WEYMOUTH Donald L. McPhee, of Weymouth, passed away, April 23, 2016. He was the beloved husband of Doris M. (Morrissey) McPhee of Weymouth; lov-

ing father of Donna Benkis and her hus-

band John of Dennis, Joseph McPhee and his wife Kathleen of Weymouth, Stephen McPhee of Weymouth, James McPhee and his wife Jean of Braintree, Thomas McPhee of Foxboro, Marylou Brooks and her husband Scott of Westford and Cheryl McPhee of Weymouth. The dear brother of Henry McPhee of Winchendon and the late Al (Angus) and Ann C. McPhee. Cherished grandfather of Maria and Dan Cobill, Samantha, Timothy, Abigail, Jaclyn, Catherine, Sadie, Cameron, Andrew, Samuel and Jacob; and great-grandfather of John Patrick.

Don is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral Mass was held in St. Albert the Great Church, Weymouth. Burial followed in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Donald's memory to the Weymouth Lions Club, 1271-A Washington Street, PMB Box 204, East Weymouth, MA 02189.

McDonald Keohane Funeral Home (Keohane.com), South Weymouth, at 809 Main St. was entrusted with arrange-

David A. Ouellette, 63



RINDGE — David A. Ouellette, age 63, of Rindge passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.He was born on Sept. 22, 1952 in Peterborough, son of the late Adrien 'Cuffy' and Alice

(Forcier) Ouellette. David grew up in Jaffrey and attended Conant High School. He enjoyed working on cars, anything

to do with Harley Davidson, and most of all his family. David is survived by his daughter

Katrina Vayens Hawes and her hus-

band Geoff Mt. Pleasant, SC; his three grandchildren, Myles, Avery, and Charlotte; his stepdaughter, Jessie Despres and her four sons Nolan, Corbin, Jordan, and Tyson; his two sisters, Lauren A. Peard and her husband John of Jaffrey and Lynn O. Lord and her husband Bobby of Lyndonville, VT; his brother-in-law Butch Lafleur of New Ipswich, his sister-in-law Pauline (Punk) Ouellette and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many close friends. In addition to his parents, David was predeceased by his brother Alan G. Ouellette on July 25, 2003, by his sister Christina "Tina" Lafleur on Dec. 11, 2015, and by his nephew Daniel L. Peard on Jan. 5, 2013. At David's request, there will be no calling hours or formal services at this time. A celebration of his life will be held later and announced on www.cournoyerfh.com as details become available.



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SPORTS

Panthers mercy the Devils in six

BY CHRIS MARTIN COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The Blue Devils are still in search of that elusive second win but the Ayer-Shirley Panthers were having none of it April 29 as they had other plans handing down a final score of 20-5 in six innings.

The first inning went fairly well for Sean Sutton, just giving up one run; but then the second and third innings would get rocky as the Panthers scored eight runs.

After one inning of play the Panthers would take an early 1-0 lead, and in the top half of the second they would bring in five more runs to jump to a 6-0 lead.

The bottom half of that inning went well for the Blue Devils, as they would cut that lead in half with Austin Barrows, Alex Marshall and Zach Richards all scoring in the inning.

However, the Panthers would roar back in the third, tacking on six more runs for a 12-3 lead as the Blue Devils would step up once more. Marshall would drive in two runs on his own to end that inning with the Murdock team still in possible striking distance: 12-5.

The Panthers kept their bats swinging, in the fourth and sixth innings combining for an additional eight runs, though the Blue Devils shut them down in the fifth.

But the Devils bats couldn't connect in return, and the game was mercied in the sixth when the score was 20-5.

Sutton pitched two and a third innings with three strikeouts, seven hits and eight earned runs. Joe Curtin pitched one and two-thirds innings with one strikeout, four hits and three earned runs.

Offensively for the Devils: Calvin Clinkscale went one for three with a single; Will Iannacone went two for three with two singles; Marshall went two for three with a single, double and three RBIs; Richards went two for three with two singles and scored a run; and Tyler Cota went two for four with two singles.

After the game coach Bob Polcari said, "Consistency. Very inconsistent, one game play good in the field and and don't hit much and the next game we hit better and don't field very well. Little bit of inconsistency there and it's striving for perfection that we have to do in practice to make us perform better on the field."

Right now, our pitching is struggling on the mound. They are throwing strikes, which is good thing; but we're not always necessarily fielding things, which makes it more difficult."

He does say the batting is improving.

'We scored more, we have been putting the ball in play better but we're just not stringing them enough of them together. So we get a couple of runs here and there.'

He was wry about it, "One inning we sent eight to the plate, only scored three runs. It's a work in progress.

"Our pitching has got to come around," he said, as it is coming down to the end of the season. "We got a couple weeks that we are really loaded with games and going to work pretty much everybody to see if they can pitch.'

With the loss the Devils fell to 1-6 on the season and are away today at Parker Charter School, then travel back to Bromfield on Monday and back home to host West Boylston next Wednesday; still in search of their second win.

Lady Devils showing steady improvement

BY JERRY CARTON

WINCHENDON What a difference a year, and solid pitching, can make. Last spring, the Murdock Lady Devils suffered through a 5-15 season, the program's worst in a decade and one which followed seven straight playoff appearances including one run to the state title game. But last year was last year. This year, after Saturday's 9-0 blanking of the Mahar Lady Senators, Murdock was looking more like the program that has marked recent editions prior to

2015, boasting a 6-2 record

approaching the halfway point of the season and while a lot of players are contributing, the pitching of freshman Emily Smith and junior Sydnie St. Pierre have been the catalysts.

"We've been getting good pitching," acknowledged coach Mike Fontaine. "Sydnie gave us five solid innings Friday. She did great," when the Lady Devils beat Ayer, "and then Emily came in and struck out three batters in the sixth and two in the seventh."

Murdock won that game 10-4 and had topped West Boylston

last Wednesday, 5-1. By Saturday, the Lady Devils had won four straight pending Wednesday's game at Maynard. Monday's contest against Tahanto was rained out. No makeup date has yet been announced.

While stronger pitching has made a big difference this year, Fontaine added, "The girls are working on getting the 'team' concept. Tatum (Mahoney) and Sydnie have stepped up and brought a lot of leadership to the team. I'm proud this team never gets down, never panics."

In the win over Mahar,

senior Deanna Polcari, Murdock's leading hitter for the last few seasons, blasted a grand slam in a five-run second inning which essentially put the game out of reach. Polcari finished the morning contest with five RBI. All told, the Lady Devils collected a dozen hits, including a double from Lindsey Smith in the first frame. She later scored the game's first run. "We got some good offense," Fontaine remarked. Mahar's starter was Sophie Smith, who has played Little League in Winchendon on a district-level team.

Credit for Murdock's turnout, stressed Fontaine, should also go to his staff of Cassie Maliet, Brian Pervier, and Page. Emma 'Cassie's here every day so one of us can work with a few players on specifics while the other can work with the rest of the team. This makes a big difference when you have someone to bounce ideas off of," Fontaine explained.

Paige has been keeping the game book but her more important contribution has come from her work with the pitchers, drawing on her own experience.

"Brian has been a big help and Emma is Emma," noted Fontaine.

"I learned from Phil (Lefevre, the veteran regional pitching coach who guided a slew of successful Winchendon hurlers) and now I'm passing that on," said Paige.

"Emma's been a big help," St. Pierre said earlier in the season.

While things are going well now, Fontaine wasn't biting on a question about a return to the post-season. "One game at a time," he said.

The Lady Devils visit Sizer this afternoon.

The Derby is at hand

There was a time, a long time ago, when the most treasured events in American sports were the World Series, Rose Bowl, a heavyweight championship fight, and the Kentucky Derby.

Times have changed. The Rose B is, most years, part of a playoff series. Who can even name the multiple heavyweight champions (though I think one, or maybe he's a former one, is married to Hayden Panettiere)? The World Series? If you're over 40 or under 12 or so, even if your team is in it, how many innings do you watch?

Then there's the Derby. "The greatest two minutes in sports" went the hyperbolic saying and while the first jewel of the Triple Crown no longer commands the massive media buildup it once did, the Derby remains America's most famous and prestigious horse race, and tomorrow it will be run for the 142nd time at Churchill Downs.

Racing is on a roll following American Pharoah's Triple Crown in 2015 and the favorite this time around is the undefeated Nyquist, last year's champion two-year old and winner of the Breeders Cup Juvenile, the defining race of the season for most divisions.

The California-based colt came East this winter to take the Florida Derby so he's certain to be the betting choice. Favorites have won the last two Derbies Chrome (California and AP) but that hasn't happened a whole lot

Who will win? No clue. I'm arguably the worst person in the world to ask that. I wear proudly the badge of being maybe the worst Derby handicapper ever. I keep meticulous records and I've had the winner exactly 8 times in 50+ years. Normal handicapping practices go out the window in a 20-horse field. Pick a winner from that, where the trip is everything and all of them are essentially, by way of comparison to humans, teenagers? Good luck. It takes luck for even a dominant horse to win. 42 years ago, Little Current, who was a come-from-behind-horse, won both the Preakness and Belmont by seven decisive lengths. He closed enormous ground, but still managed to finish just 5th in a 23-horse field centennial Derby. The same tough trip befell Risen Star, TALKING **SPORTS IERRY CARTON**

probably avoid!

but finished third before going to turn in one of the great overall seasons of all-time. The unbeaten Mr. Frisky had won 16 straight, albeit many off the mainland at San Juan, entering the 1990 Derby and was nowhere to be found at the finish. In any event, I'm offering Mo Tom, Mohaymen, Mor Spirit, and Suddenbreakingnews, so if you're

betting, there's a quartet you should

a son of Secretariat, in

1988, and Point Given in

2001, and most famously

of all, to Native Dancer

1967. Damascus was an

overwhelming favorite

Picking the winner of last week's NFL draft is an exercise in absurdity. We won't know for years. The Rams and Eagles went for new quarterbacks. I'm not sure either is Russell Wilson, who made an instant impact, or even Jameis Winston, who had a solid rookie year. The Jets plucked a QB from that noted linebacker school Penn State. The Ravens made a fascinating choice in Keenan Reynolds, the only Navy QB to

ever go 4-0 against Army, which is the only game that matters in Annapolis and West Point. He's projected as a wideout but exactly when his service in 1953, who won each commitment will allow him to begin his of his 21 other races. In career remains in question.

It's a reasonable question to ask if the AL East is baseball's worst division. If you like offense, it's been great. If you like pitching, not so much. But one of these teams will get what at this early stage appears to an entirely undeserved playoff spot. Those are the rules. Sort of like the Redskins in the NFC East last year. And speaking of pitching, the other day ESPN deleted Curt Schilling's "bloody sock" game from a 30-for-30 documentary about those 2004 playoffs. I think Schilling, who is married to a high school classmate of my daughter's godmother (little trivia there) is a bigoted boor who absolutely deserved to be fired, but come on. That game is an important part of baseball lore. ESPN was being ridiculously petty. Once upon a time, the network really was the WorldWide Leader. Now it tries too hard to be hip and cute and clever when it's none of those at all. Bah on that. See you next week.

Athletes of the Week

Alex Marshall earns a spot as he managed three RBIs despite a disappointing game.

GIRLS

Sydnie St. Pierre pitched five strong innings in a win over Ayer on Friday and has been a solid second starter for the Lady Devils.

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GOOD GRIEF!



Greg Vine photo

Around youngsters, parents, and grandparents recently attended Animal Craze at the town hall auditorium. Attendees got to see animals ranging from this banana python skunk, a gecko, and baby American alligator. The event was made possible by a grant from the Winchendon Cultural Council, with funds provided by Massachusetts Cultural Council.

ARTICLES

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all the details," he said. The committee voted to recommend passage of a \$12.8 million spending package for the school department, with Robichaud again voting "no." Committee member

in the district. Staving consistent, Robichaud voted against a proposed \$1.1 million budget for the Water Department Enterprise Fund. Fees are expected to rise from \$5.06 per 100 cubic feet of water used to \$5.79.

Cindy LeRoy abstained

because she is a teacher

Hickey said the fees set in recent years were too low to cover costs in both the water and wastewater departments, thereby resulting in deficit spending. For example, he said, the water fee for FY16 should have been set at \$5.34 instead of \$5.06.

Robichaud also balked at supporting a proposed \$1.3 million budget for the Wastewater Treatment Department Enterprise Fund. Fees for this service will likely jump from \$8.03 per cubic feet of water to \$8.79. The fee for FY16 should have been set at \$8.61 instead of \$8.03, said Hickey.

The committee voted 6-1 to recommend passage of an article to provide nearly \$878,000 as the town's share of the Montachusett Vocational Technical School District. Bob Guenther was the lone holdout in endorsing the measure.

Orobello joined Robichaud in voting against a proposal to "raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow" \$180,000 to affect repairs to the town's two water tanks. The remainder of the committee voted to recommend the expenditure.

Hickey explained the liners of the two tanks one of which sits off High St., the other just off Forristall Road behind the Murdock Farm - had been damaged by ice scraping the inside of the tanks as water levels have risen and fallen. The money would pay for repairs as well as the purchase and installation of two agitators, which would prevent the water from freezing. Each tank holds one million gallons.

Public Works Director Al Gallant said the work would be done one tank at a time. That, he said, would negate the likelihood of any disruption in water service. Gallant said the operation of one tank would provide adequate service to the town, "unless we had to fight a very large fire."

A proposal to sell the Marvin now-vacant School on Ash Street, or trade it for property of an equal or greater value, received the unanimous backing of the FinCom. Town officials hope to be able to trade the property to the Winchendon School in exchange for the 47-acre Ingleside Property nestled between Maple Street and Whitney Pond. The school hopes to transform the Marvin building into housing for members of its faculty, while boosters of acquiring Ingleside envision transforming the property into a recreational area serving residents of Winchendon and beyond.

At the same time, the FinCom unanimously recommended non-binding resolution asking town meeting attendees if they "support the acquisition of the Ingleside property by the town of Winchendon.'

Articles that would provide \$7,500 for the continuation of the Senior town's Tax Work-off Program and \$18,000 for Winchendon's Community Action Committee both received the unanimous backing of the committee.

The May 16 meetings get underway at 7 p.m. at the Murdock High School auditorium.

FIRE

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children were able to get out safely. The couple's other two children were staying elsewhere for the night. It was the family's first night in their new home.

Rodriguez said they had closed on the home just two days before moving in.

While the cause remains undetermined, early reports indicate the blaze was not sus-

A go-fund-me page has been set up for the family by their home church (gofundme.com/ winchendonfire) and more than \$8,000 has already been raised on their behalf.

In addition, The Winchendon Firefighters Relief Association will be raffling four tickets to the: Red Sox vs Tampa Bay game Friday night, July 8 at 7:10 p.m., Bleacher 36 seats.

Tickets will be sold for \$5 each. The drawing will be held at our Firefighter Sunday Memorial Breakfast on June 12 at 8 a.m. Please stop by the fire station or contact the President of the Winchendon Firefighters Relief Association Ricci B Ruschioni or the Winchendon Fire Chief Tom Smith. These raffle tickets will also be sold at our Relief Association Golf Tournament on May 14. More details where to get tickets will be updated over the upcoming days.

The family is in need of clothing and household items, they are staying with relatives at this time. Several local friends are attempting to raise funds and do collections, but it is recommended the CAC be a collection point; and it is also recommended gift cards would allow the family to purchase items as needed.

> Photos by Greg Vine and Morgan St. Pierre

The face of dreams in black craters.



SOLAR

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SunEdison stock was selling for just 23¢. Hickey is hoping the town can extract itself from the SunEdison contract and find another company interested in building the array. The town manager has been in contact with other communities wrestling with the SunEdison issue to see how they're dealing with the problem. He said he wants to look at all possible options.

Plans called for the new solar array to provide power solely to town-owned buildings. Any excess power generated would be sold back into the power grid, thus generating some revenue for the town.

PRACTICAL

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activities you like. If they require a facility, test it out for a few days to comparison-shop. If they're offering specials, read the fine print carefully and try to stay away from long-term membership commitments if you can.

Don't overlook your community. Check out taxpayer-supported facilities and activities you're already paying for in your community to see what they offer. Community centers are great resources for inexpensive or free classes. You might be surprised how many free public tennis courts, swimming facilities and other recreational spaces are available in your city or town. Also take advantage of any regional, state or national parks that are near you. There's no greater motivation to stay active than getting outside.

Find buddies. You've seen them when walking or driving past a park or other locations around town-people who run together, walk together or dance together. Joining a fitness group doesn't have to cost any money at all; you might make new friends and you'll hopefully challenge and keep each other motivat-

You don't need all the latest gear. Unless you need specific clothes or equipment for protection or safety, raid your closet to save on your fitness plan. Keep it cheap and focus on improving your health. Consider setting workout milestones and reward yourself with a new purchase after hitting your goals.

Adjust your commute. If you have access to public transportation, take the bus or train more often - you'll automatically walk more to and from your destinations. If you do drive, park at the farthest end of the lot to add a short, cost-free workout into your daily schedule.

Prepare your own meals. Working out is important to getting healthy, but eating properly can help you achieve results faster. One of the most effective ways to improve a diet – and save money while doing it - is resolving to prepare more meals at home (http://www. practicalmoneyskills.com/calculators/ lunch/). Also, commit to selecting more healthful options whether you are at home or dining out. There are almost limitless resources in libraries and online to learn about quick, healthy food preparation and smart food shopping.

Bottom line: Working out on a budget doesn't always require added expenses. There are many inexpensive or free options to meet both health and financial goals in your neighborhood, at work and many other places.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www. twitter.com/PracticalMonev.

ELECTION

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to accept it.

There were no other contested races on the ballot.

Miller was glad he ran, saying he wanted to keep his name before the people, and didn't discount the possibility of running for a position again at some point.

"This was a good campaign, and while I would have like to have won, of course, the people have chosen good candidates," he said.

Both LaBrie and Cyganiewicz thanked those who took time to vote.

LaBrie said, "Whoever won would have made a good board, I think Kevin would have brought good ideas to the table. But we have a cohesive board at this time, we've learned a lot in the past year and we work well together and I'm glad we are able to continue to go forward."

Cyganiewicz echoed those sentiments saying, "Our first year was a learning experience for all of us and our very first charge was choosing a new town manager. We have a lot of exciting projects going forward and this election now gives the town some security as we do move forward."

Vote totals by precinct were:

Precinct 1 & 1-A – Moderator (3 years): Richard Morin Sr., 144; blank, 27; various, 4. Selectmen (two for 3 years): LaBrie, 119; Cyganiewicz, 115; Miller, 65; blank, 47; various, 4. School Committee (3 years): Dawn Harris, 120; blank, 51; various, 4. School Committee (two for 1 year): Lawrence Murphy, 129; Janet Corbosiero, 120; blank, 99; various, 2. Board of Health (3 years): blank, 147; Bond, 7; Ellis, 6; Lucier, 2; various, 13. Housing Authority (5 years): Virginia Sibley, 148; blank, 26; various, 1.

Precinct 2 - Moderator: Morin, 94; blank, 5; various, 0. Selectmen: Cyganiewicz, 73; LaBrie, 66; Miller, 36; blank, 22; various, 1. School Committee (3 years): Harris, 78; blank, 21; various, 0. School Committee (two for 1 year): Murphy, 81; Corbosiero, 79; blank, 91; various, 0. Board of Health: blank, 94; Bond, 3; Ellis, 0; Lucier, 0; various, 2. Housing Authority: Sibley, 91; blank, 8; various, 0.

Precinct 3 – Moderator: Morin, 155; blank, 21; various, 4. Selectmen: Cyganiewicz, 150; LaBrie, 123; Miller, 40; blank, 44; various, 3. School Committee (3 years): Harris, 132; blank, 44; various, 4. School Committee (two for 1 year): Murphy, 138; Corbosiero, 128; blank, 91; various, 3. Board of Health: blank, 150; Bond, 11; Ellis, 3; Lucier, 4; various, 12. Housing Authority: Sibley, 160; blank, 20; various, 0.

Park Theatre ready for visitors

JAFFREY — It was announced The Park Theatre is opening an executive office and visitor center in anticipation of the construction period for southern New Hampshire's newest performing arts center.

The office and executive center is housed at the 6 River St. building in Jaffrey that The Park Theatre acquired in 2011. It provides office and meeting space for their new CEO and managing director Steve Jackson, the Board of Trustees and volunteers. It also serves as a visitor center where people can come in to see the architectural plans, videos and entertainment programming plans as well as ask questions about anything pertaining to the new theatre on Main Street that is scheduled to open in mid-2017.

'We see this as a great opportunity for us to use the space we already own and have an interim administrative office and an inviting space for the community to stop by, have a cup of coffee, and find out about all of the exciting aspects of

the new theatre as it is being built," said Jackson.

The Park Theatre Executive Office and Visitor Center officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony April 28, followed by an "open house."

Jackson continued, "We hope to see all of our local neighbors, plus anyone from the surrounding communities, stop in and celebrate with us. We would also like to thank all those who helped us so graciously in pulling together our office and visitor center: Belletetes, Inc., Kim Bergeron, Harvey tric, David J. Houston Co., LL C, Neil Dagen, Son Plumbing, Dust to Shine, Cush Moore, Walt's Signs and Dennis Wright Painting.

For more information about the grand opening, visit www. theparktheatre.org, Facebook and Twitter or call The Park Theatre at (603) 532-9300.

The Park Theatre first opened in Jaffrey in 1922 and was the center of community life as a movie and vaudeville house for 54 years until it closed in 1976. Purchased by The Park Theatre, Inc. in 2006, it will be rebuilt as a state-of-the-art film and performing arts center, featuring two auditoriums seating 475, presenting movies, live theatre, including children's productions, concerts, and lectures as well as offering a place for business and community gatherings for the Monadnock Region and its 100,000 residents, school districts and dynamic artistic community. Groundbreaking is set for May 2016. The Park Theatre, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation.

POET'S PLACE A song of praise

I praise you Father all day long,

All day long, early in the morning I praise you with all my

Soul and mind, I praise you all day long.

Being able to get out of bed, dressing myself, I praise you all day long. Able to make breakfast and planning for the day, I praise

you all day long. Father, I love you through my highs and lows.

I praise you all day long.

Give me strength and power to do your will each day, I praise you all day long.

Show me the way to do all things made easy, I praise you all day long.

Show me joy, to give joy to others, all day long, all day long. Happy are they who are set free by the victory of your

I praise you all day long.

Thank you Father for this new day you have made, A day with grace to do new things, I praise you all day long, all day long.

This song of praise goes with me all day long, every place

I sing this song, thanking you Father, who I am in Christ, I praise you all day long.

I am so thankful of your love, for me and living inside of me That each day I sing this song!

Thanking you, and praising you Father. Father with all my love All day long.

RICHARD JOHNSON



Greg Vine photo

SPRING CLEANING

Crews power-washing the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center as it gets ready to welcome visitors to Saturday's open house. The Center, the barn now housing the Gardner Area League of Artist (GALA), and the recently-purchased Isaac Morse House will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. Highlights will include an art show and wine tasting.

Thinking of growing a new cash crop? Here's help

LYONS NE — The US Department of Agriculture recently announced that \$44 million is available to farmers, ranchers, and food entrepreneurs to develop new product lines. Funding will be made available through the Value-Added Producer grant program.

The deadline to apply electronically is June 24; for paper submitted application the deadline is July 1. Up to \$75,000 is available for planning grants and up to \$250,000 is available for implementation grants, with project periods lasting from one to three years depending on the complexity of the project.

According to Traci Bruckner, assistant director of policy at the Center for Rural Affairs, "These grants assist farmers and ranchers in starting or expanding ventures that increase the value of raw farm and ranch products and market unique and high-quality food products, including local, natural, and organic foods. In times of low commodity prices, the help available through this program is especially appealing.'

Bruckner went on to explain that the grant program gives priority to projects that expand opportunities for small and mid-sized family farms and for beginning, socially disadvantaged, and military veteran farmers and ranchers. Local food marketing projects are eligible as well, particularly for distribution systems that increase the return to the

According to the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition the \$44 million funding opportunity, the largest single-year award allocation in the program's history, represents a boon for producers who are able to put forward proposals this year, but could leave future potential applicants out in the cold. This year's allocation combines \$10.75 million in discretionary funds from the FY 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act with half of the program's 2014 Farm Bill mandatory funding - funding that was intended to last through the entire five-year farm bill cycle.

"Releasing half of the total 2014 Farm Bill money in just one funding cycle curtails the program's ability to support farmers in developing value-added enterprises in future years," said NSAC Policy Director Ferd Hoefner. "We wholeheartedly support VAPG, a program which we have championed since its inception, but are disappointed in the decision to spend the majority of funds in a single grant round, leaving 2017 and 2018 shortchanged. We will continue to urge USDA to adopt strategies that ensure sound fiscal management and program effectiveness.

Hoefner added, Timing has also been an issue for the program in recent years. Farmers and farm organizations have requested that USDA run the application process during the winter, when farmers are less busy and have more time to put together applications. Though USDA officials have repeatedly stated that this is their intent, the application cycle timing has been unpredictable and often delayed, with only one year in the last seven being issued in the winter months of the assigned fiscal

"This is a great program and its impact has been tremendous, but the ongoing tardiness of VAPG releases is less than ideal," continued Hoefner. "By delaying the release of funding and not issuing the applications until the beginning of planting season, among the busiest of times for producers, farmers are discouraged from participating. It is our continuing hope that future application cycles will be better attuned to the needs and schedules of farmers."

The delay also negates the farm bill provision designating 10 percent of total funding for a separate pool that only beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers compete for and another 10 percent for a separate pool for mid-tier value chains that link farmers to processors, distributors, and market outlets. Congress, assuming the program would start up in the winter months, set a June 30 end date for making awards under the special pools, the eighth month point in the government's fiscal year. This year the application deadline is not until the day after the farm bill's award deadline under the special priority funding pools, and hence they will not apply.

Farmers and ranchers can find a working proposal template for the Value Added Producer Grant Program at the following link - http://www. rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants

Additionally, in an effort to assist farmers and ranchers applying for a grant, NSAC released a guide: Farmers' Guide to Value-Added Producer Grant Funding. The guide (available free at http://sustainableagriculture.net/publications/) includes clear information on new program rules and contains a step-by-step description of the application and ranking processes, with helpful hints to improve a producer's chances of obtaining funding from the highly competitive program. It also describes the program priorities for small and medium-sized family farms, beginning farmers and ranchers, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and mid-tier value chains (regional supply networks with active farmer participa-

Applicants are encouraged to contact their state USDA RD offices well in advance of the deadline to discuss their projects and ask any questions about the application process. http://www. rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices.

"Farmers or ranchers needing planning or working capital funds to move their value-added ideas forward should check out the Value-Added Producer grants program," concluded Bruckner.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

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Friday, May 6, 2016 WINCHENDON COURIER 11 FPU gets high marks...and more student applicants



Stephanie Wilson

BY JERRY CARTON COURIER CORRESPONDENT

RINDGE — As the region's private university, Rindge-based Franklin Pierce boasts it attracts students from big cities and small towns alike. They arrive as freshmen as one person but often tend to leave as a very different one. This happens at colleges and universities everywhere, of course, public and private alike, but what follows, and perhaps helps explains why FPU is the destination of choice for ever-increasing numbers of Murdock graduates, is the story of one such person.

Meet Stephanie Wilson. A week from tomorrow she'll walk across a stage at Franklin Pierce, though she actually completed her degree in December, collect her diploma, and a week from Sunday, she'll head to Washington, DC and ioin the Smithsonian Institute to work in special events. Yet as impressive as that is, it's also possible Wilson's stay in the capitol might be fairly brief because she's waiting to hear from the Peace Corps.

For high school seniors about to enter college and juniors who are beginning to think seriously about the next level, Wilson had this advice regarding the college scene: "Try everything you can. Do everything you can. Travel if you can. Get the whole experience."

FPU offered her the opportunity to do just, and the message is resonating locally as admission officials at the school say every year they're receiving more and more applications from Murdock students.

Wilson, who's from Sanford, ME., said she began at Pierce as a business and marketing major. "But I became bored," she reflected. "I couldn't imagine another three and a half years of doing that and I've always loved art, so I switched. The school was great about that. I'd already sold some portraits, so it was the right major for me."

"The small classes were a selling point, too. That was important to me," Wilson added.

FPU also afforded her the chance to spend a semester aboard — visiting iconic European cities like Prague and Vienna. "I like to think I'm a foodie and we had this duck with plum sauce in Prague that was amazing. A little better than the cafeteria here," she laughed.

"Everyone at Franklin Pierce was supportive and that matters when you're deciding where to go," Wilson noted. "They encourage you to be whomever you are. I love food. I love baking. I love art. I have these wide varieties of interests and I could explore all of them here. Maybe someday I'll open the Starving Artists Bakery where I'll combine my loves of food, baking, and art all in one place," she smiled.

'But most important, I want to help people. I want to make a difference. I'm lucky to be in the middle class and have had these opportunities. I really want to help people who aren't as fortunate and that kind of attitude is encouraged here."

Hence the application to the Peace Corps? "I hope to hear from them in July, September at the latest, they say, and I'd love to go to Thailand and teach English there," she remarked.

It is, however, art which seems to be her primary passion. "Pottery, ceramics, a lot of things. It was my interest in art which led me to apply to different internships and I got the one at the Smithsonian and went there last summer. It was a great experience. I loved Washington. I'm excited about going back but if I can get into the Peace Corps, I'd definitely do that. It just matters to me about helping people," Wilson stressed.

Since December, she's been working in the communications/marketing/development office at Pierce, Jim Wolken, the executive director of marketing/communications, said of Wilson, "She wowed us with her smarts and work ethic right away. But it was her professionalism I was struck by. Usually a young person coming out of college has a learning

curve with professionalism. Not Stephanie. She was a vital contributor to our team from day one," he enthused.

"She has a can-do attitude and gets things done," said communications manager Dave DeIuliis, "she's also been very valuable to us because she brings her insights as a student to the table and we are always looking for ways to make FPU a better experience for students."

Murdock's guidance department doesn't steer students to one school or another, but last fall, counselor Rachel Weinhold noted the attention MHS applicants were giving FPU.

"It's a good fit for some of our students," she said. "It's close by if they want to commute. They have a strong financial aid package and we've had a number of success stories from there.

Wilson said her entire stay at FPU helped her grow. "I'm a better, more well-rounded person because of it. I've loved it, and it will be a great memory, but it's time to move on. Would I recommend it? Definitely,' she stressed.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jonathan M. Filz and Shannon L. Bizzotto to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 14, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35519, Page 102, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Bank of America. N.A. to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated November 1, 2014 and recorded with said registry on January 2, 2015 at Book 53229 Page 253, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on May 20, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 270 Baldwinville State Road, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, and situated at the intersection of Mill Glen Road with the State Road (Route 202) to Baldwinville, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Mill Glen Road with the State Road (Route 202); thence

Northerly on said State Road, forty-nine (49) feet, more or less to a point; thence Easterly, one hundred (100) feet; thence Southerly parallel to the State Road to Mill Glen Road; thence

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Also, another tract of land in said Winchendon, adjoining the above described tract, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the above described lot and in the Easterly line of the State Road to Baldwin-

ville; thence Northerly on said State Road, fifty (50) feet; thence

Easterly, one hundred (100) feet; thence Southerly, fifty (50) feet to the above described lot; and thence

Westerly on the above described lot, one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning. Being Lot #10 on said Plan. Also, another tract of land located in said Winchendon, near Dennison Lake, and adjoining the above described land and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point at the Northeasterly corner of said Lot #10, it being one hundred (100) feet Easterly from the State Road leading to Baldwinville, thence

Easterly along line of land formerly of Brissette, one hundred feet; thence turning and running

Southerly on a line parallel to and two hundred (200) feet distant Easterly from said Route 202 to the Northerly side of Mill Glen Road thence turning and running Northwesterly along the Northerly side of Mill Glen Road to the Southeasterly comer of Lot #11 shown on said Plan; thence turning and running

Northerly along the Easterly line of Lots #10 and #11 to the place of beginning. The foregoing premises are conveyed subject to the restriction that no building constructed, placed, or maintained upon said lot shall contain more than two bedrooms without first obtaining

written approval of the Board of Health of the Town of Winchendon or such other applicable governmental authority, if any, having jurisdiction over the use and maintenance of the subsurface sewage disposal system service the dwelling on the premises.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35519, Page 100. See also deed recorded in said registry in Book 47259, Page 89.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys. HARMON LAW OFFICES,

> 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201405-0727 - TEA

April 22, 2016 April 29, 2016 May 6, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Worcester, SS. SUPERIOR COURT **DEPARTMENT OF THE**

TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION No. 16-0548A

To Henry P. Cole, Jr., Trustee of Stow Nominee Trust u/d/t dated 12/15/1997 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 19481, Page 113 of the City/Town of Fairbanks, Alaska

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOL-DIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED:

Hometown Bank f/k/a Hometown Bank, a Cooperative Bank as successor in interest by merger with Athol-Clinton Cooperative Bank, a banking institution with a usual place of business in Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts (for Articles of Merger, see Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 47293, Page 176) claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering

property situated on On the Common, Royalston, Massachusetts, and being numbered 9 On the Common, Royalston, Massachusetts given by Henry P. Cole, Jr., Trustee of Stow Nominee Trust to Athol-Clinton Cooperative Bank dated September 1, 2006 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 39752, Page 265, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the first day of June, next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this Twentieth day of April 2016.

Dennis P. McManus, Clerk May 6, 2016

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 155 River Street, Winchendon, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by

James M. Calabrese to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for Shelter Mortgage Company, LLC and now held by Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee for the Lehman XS Trust Series 2005-3, said mortgage dated June 17, 2005, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36580, Page 93, as affected by a Modification Agreement dated June 30, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47807, Page 45, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Shelter Mortgage Company, LLC to Aurora Loan Services LLC by assignment dated September 28, 2010 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 46430 at Page 72; said mortgage was further assigned from Aurora Loan Services LLC to Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee for the Lehman XS Trust Series 2205-3 by assignment dated December 2, 2013, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 51919 at Page 40; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on June 3. 2016 at 3:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon in the Westerly part of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts on 155 River Street bounded and described as follows: **COMMENCING** at a stake and stones at the Southeast corner of the lot on the Northerly side of River Street, at a corner of land formerly of Angele M. Royse;

THENCE N. 84 degrees W., on like of said River Street, 5 rods to a stake and stones;

THENCE N. 6 degrees E., 12 rods to a stake and stones: THENCE S. 84 degrees E., 5 rods to a stake and stones; THENCE S. 6 degrees W., 12 rods to

a place of beginning.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this

publication. For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated 6/17/2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 36580, Page

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the

Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP 1080 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI

Attorney for Wilmington Trust Company as Trustee for the Lehman XS Trust Series 2005-3 Present Holder of the

Mortgage (401) 272-1400

May 6, 2016 May 13, 2016 May 20, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Estate of:

ROGER L MEUNIER Date Of Death: 02/18/2016 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner DENIS R MEUNIER of Winchendon MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

DENIS R MEUNIER of Winchendon

has been informally appointed as the

Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

May 6, 2016





Morgan St. Pierre photos

BOOGIE NIGHT!

The 7th annual Father-Daughter Dance was again a huge success as daddys and daughters danced the night aways last weekend at the Hidden Hills banquet hall. A fund-raising good time for the Pop Warner organization, this event is looked forward to with anticipation every year.

COOL JAZZ

Mat Plamondon photos

On a balmy spring evening the Murdock Whitney House opened its doors to welcome in the Winchendon School and its talented singers and jazz band for a concert last weekend. The occasion also gave people a first chance to view the newly organized and renovated White Family room on the third floor, which features information and artifacts from that important Winchendon family.



The singers, under the direction of Deb Maloney, did a capella versions



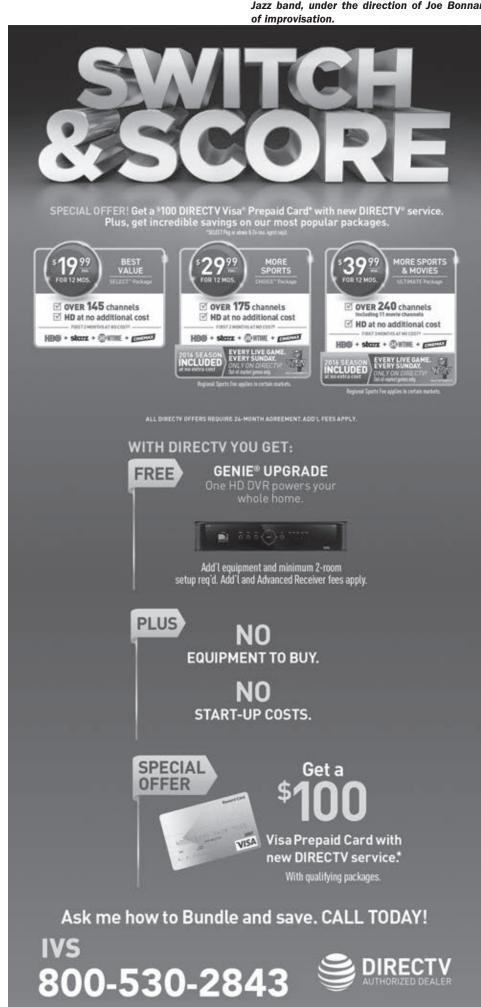
Jazz band, under the direction of Joe Bonnano, gave demonstrations



Sophie Lambert, and her sister Abby, gave stirring solo performances.



The incredible replica house of Captain's Farm made by Shirley White is part of the display in the White Family room. Admired by Winchendon History and Cultural Center board member Donna Shaughnesey, who said the minute work is amazing.





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