

Selectmen reaffirm commitment to Mylec TIF

BY GREG VINE
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Selectmen Monday night voted to reaffirm the town's commitment to the tax increment financing agreement with Mylec Corp., which was approved by Winchendon voters in 2011. The plan provided a diminishing break on property taxes the company will pay to the town over a 20-year period. It was enacted in a successful effort to convince company owner Rick Laperriere to keep Mylec in Winchendon, rather than relocating the business to another community in the area.

At the time, Laperriere was looking for a new home for Mylec because the company had outgrown the former White's Mill building in Winchendon Springs, which had previously been occupied by Ray Plastics. In exchange for the TIF agreement, Laperriere assured the town he would relocate his business to the Hillview Business Park

on Route 140.

Last year, several residents began an effort to convince selectmen to decertify the TIF due to Laperriere's failure to live up to his promise to add 20 jobs to Mylec's workforce. The pledge was just one of several made to the town in exchange for the tax breaks.

At a recent meeting of the board, selectmen asked Town Manager Keith Hickey to meet with Laperriere to explore the possibility of renegotiating the TIF. Any changes in the agreement would have required the approval of voters at town meeting.

Hickey told selectmen that Laperriere has been "up front" regarding his failure to add more jobs at Mylec since the issue was first raised about a year and a half ago.

"We've learned since then," said Hickey, "that including job creation information in a TIF is not something that's recommended because of a variety of issues outside of the terms of the agree-

ment itself, whether it be changes the economy, changes in the way business takes place, meaning retail via the internet – things of that nature."

Hickey also noted that under terms of the agreement, beginning next year, Mylec would be paying approximately \$9,000 more in property taxes than it did in 2018.

"What I'm suggesting to the board at this time," he continued, "is that the terms of the TIF remain the same. I want to work with our local businesses to provide an atmosphere in which they can thrive, and we can attract more businesses to this community to help the residential tax base.

Laperriere told the board that, other than the issue of job creation, Mylec has met or exceeded other commitments agreed to in the TIF.

"We've met everything," Laperriere said. "We've invested more than we were required to. We're paying taxes on a bigger facility than we

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KNIGHTS ON SHINY ARMOR

The Knights of the Inferno Motorcycle Club presented a check to the Winchendon Special Olympics Team on Friday Oct. 12. The Club held a benefit ride on June 23 and raised \$1,500 for the team. The money will be used for team gear.

Question 2 takes aim at money in politics

BY GREG VINE
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To judge from the ads monopolizing air time on radio and TV stations across the Commonwealth, one could be forgiven for believing there is but one ballot question to be decided by Massachusetts voters on Nov. 6. While Question 1, which would establish mandated patient-to-nurse ratios for all Bay State hospitals, has by far garnered the most attention, there are in fact two other questions to be determined. One has to do with the role of money in politics.

On Jan. 21, 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court held 5-4 that campaign finance laws restricting political expenditures by both for-profit and non-profit corporations, labor

unions, and other groups violate the free speech guarantees spelled out in the First Amendment to the Constitution. The landmark ruling was handed down in the case of Citizens United v. the FCC (Federal Communications Commission).

While the narrowly decision was hailed by conservatives, it was lambasted by moderates and liberals alike. In his 2010 State of the Union address, made days after the decision, President Barack Obama declared: "...the Supreme Court reversed a century of law that, I believe, will open the floodgates for special interests, including foreign corporations, to spend without limit in our elections."

Question 2 calls for the establishment of a

statewide citizens commission to participate in drafting a Constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United. The commission would consist of 15 members; three each to be appointed by the governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, state attorney general, and the President and Speaker of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives, respectively.

The effort in support of the measure is led by the group People Vote, Not Money. Volunteers for PVNM gathered some 130,000 signatures to place the question before voters.

At last count, 19 states are considering proposals similar to the one facing Massachusetts

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FinCom backs TM articles

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A week after Winchendon selectmen voted to recommend passage of all 16 articles on the fall town meeting warrant, members of the Finance Committee, at their meeting of October 10, followed suit.

At the start of the public hearing to consider each of the proposals, Town Manager Keith Hickey informed the committee the state had certified the town's free cash for FY19 at \$1,064,151.

"With the deficit borrowing of \$311,990 that we're going to repay in March, when that note comes due," said Hickey, "we're proposing to use \$734,265 of free cash. That will leave a free cash balance – free cash that hasn't already been reserved for some other purpose – of \$329,886. So, we'll have a balance – say for snow and ice or something along those lines – if we need it."

As was the case when selectmen considered the warrant, Article 2, which dedicates \$147,000 for the sally port proposed for the new police station, generated the most lengthy presentation.

"To refresh your memory," Hickey explained, "the Board of Selectmen sponsored an article at the spring 2017 town meeting requesting \$691,000 to construct the sally port. The sally port had not been bid yet.

We went out to bid based on an engineer's estimate."

"Five-hundred-thousand of that \$691,000 is being funded by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation," he continued. "Sixty-nine-thousand dollars of that cost is being funded through a state grant; a portion of the 911 grant we received is being used. And we asked the taxpayers to fund \$122,000 over a three-year period."

"That article was approved. Shortly after that we went out to bid, and the bids came back with the highest bid at just over a million dollars. That was due in part, we're being told, to where we are geographically in Massachusetts and because the construction field has become much more busy."

Hickey said he worked closely with police Chief David Walsh to see what could be done to reduce the cost. The original design, he explained, provided for additional storage space, a forensic lab, an armory, and an additional holding cell and new space for bookings. The two men determined there were two feasible ways to reduce the cost; either reduce the size of the project or construct the addition using less expensive materials.

"So, what we agreed to do," he explained, "was to reduce the footprint of the sally port. So, we narrowed the width of the build-

ing by about nine feet. When we did that we eliminated the forensics lab and the armory and some additional small areas of storage."

According to Hickey, portions of the existing station can be retrofitted sometime in the future to accommodate the forensics lab and the armory.

The town manager and Walsh reiterated the need for the sally port in order to provide for more secure transfer of prisoners into and out of the station. The enclosed structure, with garage doors at each end, improves safety for prisoners, officers, and the public. Not only is public access to prisoners and officers greatly reduced, there is also less likelihood for prisoners to attempt escape.

The vote to recommend passage of the article was – as it was with all articles – unanimous.

The FinCom also gave its blessing to an article setting aside \$75,000 for a fire department facility needs study. The study would determine the most cost-effective way to create more space at the department headquarters on Central Street. The existing fire station was dedicated in 1978 and the department has outgrown the facility constructed when the town's population was about two-thirds

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Exploded View to perform at Beals Sunday

BY GREG VINE
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Just the name “Exploded View” should spark enough curiosity to get audiences to show up for a performance to take place on Sunday at Beals Memorial Library. And anyone who experienced this five-woman poetry and art presentation when it appeared at Beals about two years ago will almost certainly return to see what they’ve come up with for this time around.

“Unique” is an adjective that just doesn’t quite do Exploded View justice.

This year’s live performance is entitled “DeadLines.”

Even the origin of the group’s name is, well, different. Member Candace Curran, it was explained, had an interest in Chilton’s auto repair manuals. Pictures used in the manual to illustrate what parts went where on any given vehicle looked, to her mind, like an “exploded view” – or deconstruction – of the mechanism to be repaired.

As such, the group’s performances are a kind of deconstruction of both poetry and visual art.

DeadLines asks, “How well do you really know the people

you love? And, what will make it into your orbit?” (Ponder that one for a while.)

After each performance, the audience is given an opportunity to engage in a wide-ranging discussion that touches on the subject matter itself as well as the manner in which the work – the combination of visual and performing arts – was made.

Curran said, “Once we got together for a show that we were all doing that involved poetry reading, I thought – in the place that we were doing it, wouldn’t it be great if we had art, too, because we’re both artists and writers. The word-image connection started there; and then it turned into performance.”

This correspondent, upon asking members to describe what performances are like, was met with laughter.

“We haven’t seen a lot of what we do anywhere else,” said Nina Rossi. “We call them ‘spectacles.’”

“A reporter for the Montague Reporter,” said Trish Crapo, “said the only way to describe what we do was as spectacles. It’s not as if there’re fireworks going off or anything. Not yet, anyway.”



Courtesy photo

Candace Curran, Trish Crapo, Samantha Wood, Edite Cunha, and Nina Rossi.

According to Edite Cunha, “The art pieces are part of the performance. So, the visual art is changing the culture; it is being incorporated into the performance. The art is, in a way, more active than a set would be in a typical theatrical environment.”

Sometimes the art is moved around during a performance. Some of it stays in one place.

“It depends on what we need of it,” said Samantha Wood, who also noted that, for the

first time, music is being incorporated into Sunday’s performance.

While all members of the group are women, Wood said the all-female makeup of the troupe was not necessarily by design.

“I feel like it started with just people looking for other people they wanted to work with,” said Wood. “I don’t think we were looking for ‘let’s get together as women to assert women’s issues. It was more

‘let’s get together as people who do both poetry and visual art.’ Then some of the themes came out of conversations we had, and shared experiences, life lessons.”

Said Curran: “We found out that what we were writing and performing happened to be what was going on at the time; what was happening, what people were concerned with.”

“I think our art, and art in general, tends to appeal more to people who are open minded to begin with,” said Wood. “In one piece we have this mixture of a real intimate, sort of core story about friends writing an obituary for one of the friends who has died. At the same time that crosses over at times to some of the larger political themes that are taking place in the U.S. right now. It’s about real intimate themes, like how can you ever really know the people you love?”

While some of the topics touched upon may be serious, members of Exploded View are quick to point out that every performance does have its humorous moments.

Sunday’s performance at Beals begins at 4:00 p.m. and is free to the public.

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CLYDE’S CORNER

APPRAISAL DAY

Wayne Tuiskula of Central Mass Auctions will be at the Murdock Whitney House Museum Sunday, Oct. 28 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wayne is an auctioneer and appraiser and the author of the Antiques column which appears regularly in the Winchendon Courier. Bring up to three items, each item will be examined for \$5 each. For more information about Central Mass Auctions visit www.centralmassauctions.com.

OWC PLANS NEXT MAILING

Our Holiday Mailing for Operation Winchendon Cares will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9-10:30 am at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street in Winchendon.

Please check out our Facebook page or our website www.winchendoncares.com for suggestions.

Help to brighten Winchendon’s finest as they are away from families and friends during the holidays. Cards, pictures, letters, food items, nationwide gift cards to restaurants or gas stations have been requested by some of our service members. We can also use money to help cover the cost of postage and purchase items that are needed.

If you know of someone who is not on our list, please contact us to have him/her added. Also, if you have any questions or need clarifications, please let us know.

We are a 501C3 organization so your donations are tax deductible. Check to see if your place of employment does matching gifts. We are listed on www.Benevity.com.

YMCA ONLINE AUCTION

Clark Memorial YMCA is excited to announce plans for an upcoming charity online auction. This auction, which will benefit the Clark Memorial YMCA Capital Campaign, will run from Oct. 23 to Nov. 13.

“We are pleased to be able to offer a variety of items, but need your help!” said the co-chairs of the project.

“We are seeking donations of items and services for this auction, both from businesses and individuals. We will highlight your business (or individual) donation on the auction website with your company logo, information and business website. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business and your dedication to the Y and community. No item is too big or too small!”

To arrange a donation or for further information, please contact either of the Auction Co-chairs, Nancy LaRue Bonell (nancy.bonell@gmail.com) or Marie Urquhart (urquhart123@gmail.com) or contact the Y at (978) 297-9622.

Saturday October 20

LAUGH FOR A CAUSE: The Winchendon CAC will be sponsoring a Comedy Fundraising Show on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 8 PM at the American Legion. Doors open at 7 PM. Raffles. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the WCAC, To Each His Own Design, or at the door the night of the show.

Thursday October 25

TRIVIA NIGHT: Sons of the American Legion host Trivia Night beginning at 8 p.m. at the American Legion. Gather a team and challenge your friends. Hosted by questions master Ryan Murphy.

HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL: at Murdock High School, come haunt the spooky halls 6-8 p.m.

Friday October 26

TOY MAKERS HAUNTED HOUSE: The Girl Scouts host a haunted house at the Isaac Morse House, 135 Front St., home of the Toy Town Toy Museum by the Winchendon History and Cultural Center. Come be frightened and help the Girl Scouts raise items for the Operation Winchendon Cares drive in November. Bring items to include in the holiday mailing. Best for older individuals, may be too intense for younger children, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday October 27

ANNUAL LIONS COAT DRIVE: the Lions and the Murdock High School National Honor Society will be collecting coats of all sizes, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for redistribution through the CAC. Coats can be dropped off at the Winchendon Courier, 44 Central St. from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 27.

CLARK MEMORIAL HALLOWEEN PARTY: noon to 1:30 p.m. Open to all children, dress in your costumes and come have a bit of Halloween fun. Items being

collected for Operation Winchendon Cares holiday mailing. Event is being hosted and run by Winchendon Girl Scouts.

Sunday October 28

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Saturday October 27

DAY OF REFLECTION: A Ladies Half Day Retreat at United Parish Church, 39 Front St., Winchendon is scheduled Saturday Oct. 27 8:30am- 1:30pm. Guest Speaker Jeanne Doyon. Day includes a Panera Bread lunch. Cost \$30, please call the church to register 978-297-0616.

Saturday November 10

OPERATION WINCHENDON CARES: Holiday Drive will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street. That day is World Kindness Day, so what better way than to send some cheer to our military members who are unable to be home with their families on the holidays. Spread the word to your friends, family and neighbors. If you know of anyone who is not on our list, please contact us with his/her information or a contact person for them. Check out our Facebook page (Operation Winchendon Cares) and website: <http://www.winchendoncares.com>.

ONGOING PROGRAMS THURSDAYS &

SATURDAY

MARKET IS OPEN! Toy Town Outdoor Market open for the season. Produce, baked goods, crafts and more! Thursday’s 4-7 p.m. and Saturday’s 10 a.m.-1 p.m. next to the bike path parking lot at the corner of Rt. 12 and Rt. 202, Winchendon.

THURSDAYS

OPEN HOUSE: come sit on the porch and relax at the Murdock Whitney House museum 6-8 p.m. Tour the house, walk across the street and get ice cream at Seppi’s. Free evening, every Thursday throughout the summer.

MONDAY

LEGO CLUB: Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. hosts a Lego Club for kids aged six-12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday afternoon the library is open. Show off your creative side. More information about this and other programs by calling (978) 297-0300 or visit townofwinchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary.

TUESDAY

INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON: Indivisible Winchendon is discontinuing meetings due to lack of attendance. The group will just continue as an online network and Facebook page.

WINCHENDON RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP: For all who are in recovery or want to be. Not a 12-step group or a “program”, this is an open, peer-led group for discussion, support, sharing practical information and resources, and helping each other with the day-to-day challenges of life in recovery. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St., downstairs in the parish

hall.

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

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

TINY TOTS PLAYGROUP: on Tuesday 10-11 at Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant St. for toddlers aged 0-4. Songs, rhymes and sharing.

WEDNESDAY

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

BINGO 2! Old Murdock Senior Center hosts Bingo on Wednesday afternoons at 12:15 p.m.

KIWANIS: the Kiwanis of Winchendon meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage House Restaurant. Come be part of the service club that concentrates on helping local children with the Backpack Program at the public elementary schools, Breakfast with Santa and yes, the Family Fun Day with the Massachusetts state level chili cook off every summer. We need your help. Stop in any Wednesday, we’d love to meet you!

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Girl Scouts want to haunt Your Halloween

BY GREG VINE
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If your family is looking for a to celebrate Halloween while at the same time helping a worthy cause, Winchendon Girl Scouts have a couple of great ideas for you.

One of the troops' leaders, Tiffany Parkhurst, said the scouts are organizing two haunted houses; one from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Winchendon History and Cultural Center's historic Isaac Morse House at 135 Front St., while the second will take place the following afternoon - noon to 1:30 p.m. - at the Clark Memorial YMCA.

Parkhurst said the Isaac Morse House event is geared more toward adults "in terms of how scary it is." She said the event is open to the public. The Girl Scouts request that those who plan to attend bring an item to donate.

"The items will go into military care packages that Operation Winchendon Cares put together along

with the Auxiliary group," said Parkhurst. "At this haunted house we also have the Red Apple Farm donating cider and apples. We will also be selling apple products and cider out of the area the house now occupied by Seppie's ice cream parlor. That will also be available for a donation. The money will either go to purchasing more items the military care packages may be lacking, or to help pay for the postage and shipping."

She said the Friday night event has a "deranged toy-maker theme" to go along with the historic nature of the building and the toy museum housed there.

Parkhurst said the Scouts were given the opportunity to take over the kids haunted house and the Halloween party that the Clark puts on.

"They thought it was a really good idea to also let it be known that we are accepting donations for Operation Winchendon Cares there, too," she said. "And that event is geared more toward the kids' kind of scary. The younger girls are more

involved in this one than in the other one."

"The younger ones will probably help to serve the apple cider at the Isaac Morse House, or help collect some of the items, but the littler girls won't be participating in the scariness of it. They'll actually have a lot more to do at the Clark event."

For a list of the items accepted for the military care packages, go to www.winchendoncares.com/WP/sample-page/.

"Girl Scouts really hasn't done much like this in the past, or really had much of a community presence in the past because they were lacking numbers. Now, we're really trying to get the girls out there and doing more fundraising types of events for the community."

Parkhurst said organizers are also encouraging girls to sign up for scouts. She said the numbers are up over last year.

"Definitely - the younger girls especially," she said. "Once they get older it's not always perceived to be as 'cool' as some other things,

but we're trying to help build the numbers of older girls. Now that we're having a bigger presence here in town, and once we start doing more of these events where the girls are really involved and where they can see what Girl Scouts is all about, we're hoping that they will want to stay in Girl Scouts."

Parkhurst said she has 20 girls in her Daisy Troop (kindergarten and first grade) this year.

"That exceeds the maximum," she said. "We've had to add extra adults and get an override to have that many girls. I think the Brownie Troop, which is 2nd and 3rd grade, has 14 girls. So, we have a lot of the younger girls. We're hoping that by getting them involved in more things that they'll stay as they get older."

For anyone interested in Girl Scouts, please contact: Deb Bradley at 978-930-4454 or Deb_I_bradley@yahoo.com, or; Tiffany Parkhurst at 978-413-4408 or Parkhurst_t1188@yahoo.com.

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MCAS report on agenda last night

BY JERRY CARTON
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Interim Superintendent Joan Landers was set to formally release the Winchendon school district's MCAS scores at last night's School Committee meeting, but the session took place well after the Courier's deadline. We will have a full report next week.

The state has implemented a new accountability system so last spring's scores are being used as a baseline but essentially the revamped structure is designed to answer two questions - how is the school doing and what kind of support does the school need?

When the state department of education reworked the system, it says it did so with indicators providing information about achievement (scores in English language, arts, math and science), student progress or growth (growth percentiles in English, language, arts and math), high school completion (extended engagement and annual dropout rate), progress towards English proficiency for English learners, chronic absenteeism (percentage of students missing 10-percent or more of the days they were enrolled) and advanced coursework completion (percentage of 11th and 12th graders completing advanced coursework like AP, dual enrollment and similar courses).

There will be, DESE said, "an increased focus on raising the performance of each school's lowest performing students."

Some 85-percent of school across the state do not require assistance or intervention. Those schools, including the Winchendon district, will get reports on how many students are meeting or partially meeting targets.

DESE will be producing updated district and school report cards in December. Those will include student discipline rates, access to the arts, educator qualifications, course passing rates and per-pupil spending.

State officials say they're "committed to monitoring the system's effectiveness in providing clear and actionable information to districts, schools, parents and the public."



Greg Vine photos

JOURNALISM WITH JERRY

Winchendon Courier correspondent Jerry Carton discussed journalism and other forms of writing with a group of Murdock High School students last Friday.

Carton spoke to juniors and seniors who are members of the creative writing class taught by Anna Cooley, a library arts and English teacher at MHS. In addition to journalism, students discussed pursuing their interests in genres such as science fiction, fantasy, and action, as well as short stories and play writing.

Line changes throw Winchendon into McGovern ring

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

He used to represent what was known as the Third District. Now it's the Second Congressional District which includes a tiny slice of Winchendon but whatever the number, Jim McGovern has been in Washington since 1997 and faces opposition in next month's general election for the first time in several cycles.

McGovern faces Republican Tracy Lovern and independent Paul Grady on Nov. 6 and earlier this week, the two leading candidates squared off in a debate.

During a 60 Minutes interview Sunday night, President Trump seemed to question the extent of human respon-

sibility for climate change and that was a primary topic during Monday's debate. McGovern said he accepts the consensus of the scientific community that humans are in fact largely the problem and said Trump is setting the country back by encouraging the comeback of coal and by withdrawing the US from the Paris Climate Accords.

Lovern acknowledged a majority of voters agree climate change is real but wasn't willing to point the finger at humans as a cause and said pollution in the US is low compared to India.

McGovern also focused on economic inequality and pointed to his support for a variety of educational programs which will, he said, help students become productive wage earners, especially an expansion of vocational

programs such as the ones at Monty Tech and stronger community college programs.

Lovern argued the statistics in the District are worse than McGovern thinks, saying 20 percent of residents are earning less than \$15,000 per year.

Saying it's a problem for the region, Lovern called for more secure borders and said anyone who entered the country illegally should have to essentially go to the back of the line for re-entry while McGovern termed the separation of families in Texas "disgusting."

Lovern said "nobody is happy with Washington. I want to go down and work for us." McGovern retorted with "Decency is on the ballot. We need to reclaim the goodness in our country."

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EDITORIAL

Grave Perspective

Graveyards in our area of New England hold a special fascination for many, particularly during the changeable, tricky season of autumn. As we saw this past week, a day that's humid, near 80 degrees and feels like summer can quickly give way to a night sky of racing clouds, moonlight and a damp chill creeping across the yard, yielding perfect graveyard-at-Halloween vibes.

One season passes into the next and the plants and flowers so tenderly planted and cared for in the spring diminish and die back. Autumn colors seem to pay tribute to this loss – celebrating, rather than mourning – because after all, in six months, the cycle will begin again.

Graveyards in ANY season remind us of this same truth: life begins, ends, begins again, ends again. And with each new generation, problems arise, are struggled with, sometimes resolved, and replaced with new problems. As pessimistic as that may sound, it's also oddly comforting; there is indeed nothing new under the sun.

In our corner of the world, seasons and generations have passed into history for centuries. Those tranquil, ancient graveyards preserve the memories of residents who, like us, worried about weather and politics and the economy and their children and the future. Like us, they had great days when things just seemed to "work". They had other days when nothing went right. But life continued on... THEY continued on.

Perhaps one lesson learned from wandering among the graves is that what connects us as people – past and present – are the things we care about. In our towns and villages, we care about local schools, our community parks and rec centers, our businesses and organizations and our neighborhoods. We care about the price of fuel, getting our seasonal decorations up, finding deals at the grocery stores and the upkeep of our properties. We care about our neighbors and co-workers, our friends and family. We care about making an impact; we also care about preserving history. We hope for change and also embrace our traditions.

The same can likely be said for the names of those in those graveyards, the many who came and went before us. Life goes on.

The worries...and thanks...

Two and a half weeks out, here's what I'm worried about — turnout and suppression. Granted that makes me no different than most progressives who pay attention to these things, but that doesn't mean the concerns aren't valid. We've all heard the talk of the supposedly impending 'blue wave' and while you'd assume conditions are ripe for such a thing, well, I'll believe it when I see it.

Progressive voters showed up in the Watergate midterms of 1974, to some degree in the impeachment midterms of 1998 and again in 2006. They sure didn't show up in the last two midterms of 2010 and 2014 and I mostly blame that fact for the reality of a Republican congressional majority. If they'd shown up in '10, the extent to which congressional and legislative districts were gerrymandered after that census would likely be substantially less. So we'll see.

Turnout matters especially because of the aforementioned suppression. If you're a regular reader of this column, you probably pay attention to politics and so you know about the very much out-in-the-open messing with voter rolls in Georgia by the Republican secretary of state there, who just happens to be his party's nominee for governor and is locked in a seemingly pretty close race with a female African-American state legislator. Shocking, right? Then there's North Dakota. Because the postal service doesn't deliver to reservations, a lot of Native-Americans use PO boxes for their addresses. You know where this is going, I'm sure. Naturally, those were deemed to be inadequate for voting purposes and



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just as predictably the Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal. So yeah, I'm worried. I'm not at all confident this will be a legitimate election. I'm not at all sure progressives will do more than talk a good game. I've believed for a while we are on a federal level more an oligarchy than anything resembling a representative Republic but there are also 6,000, yes, six-thousand state legislative seats up for grabs Nov. 6. Showing up would be a good idea especially given the other side's relentless propensity to cheat.

Money. Let's talk money. Sometimes even tons of money probably can't hurdle obstacles. Beto O'Rourke, the charismatic D nominee for Senator in Texas, raised \$38 million last quarter. Beto does not have a PAC. He's hauled in some \$61 million, but the likelihood of him beating Ted Cruz, even as much as Cruz is disliked? Close to zero, thinks I. It's Texas after all. But if Beto can come with say six-eight points, that'll enough to further his ambitions which are larger than Texas. All that said, if you can raise that kind of money without being beholden to corporate donors, you just might be special. Speaking of money, so far \$14 million has been spent (as of last week) on Question 1, the nurse staffing issue, here in Massachusetts. I bet you more ballots get cast on that than the essentially uncontested races for either governor or Senator.

Let's change gears. I read a story the other day which said it's easier to work after you turn 65 if you have a college degree. A significant reason is those of us 65 and older (I turned 65 in July) with said degree are more likely to, a) work at jobs that don't require a whole lot of physical labor and, b) and work at jobs we still enjoy. Folks 65 and older with high school educations are more likely to labor, literally and have harder times finding work if they can no longer do those physical jobs.

This makes sense of course. I still love getting up and going to work every morning. It doesn't even feel like work to me. I've often said I love telling people's stories in this newspaper (for example the piece I did last week on Nicole Landry's innovative sixth grade math class) and the most physical thing I have to do is walk up a flight or two of stairs at Murdock. Bottom line — get that degree.

Finally, this. Happy third anniversary to the River's Edge restaurant which celebrated its birthday Wednesday. I will be forever grateful to Seth and Amber for their generosity in creating a platform through which patrons could/can donate to Courtney's memorial scholarship fund. Tomorrow will be 500 days since we lost her. Believe me when I tell you even small donations matter. That scholarship helps aspiring social workers at Smith who have battled serious health issues as did she. That's a bigtime legacy, so thanks so much to River's Edge and all who have pitched in as well. Much appreciated. See you next week.

And, oh yes. 18 days. 18.

Seriously...what is wrong with us?!

"Civility, politeness, it's like a cement in a society: binds it together. And when we lose it, then I think we all feel lesser and slightly dirty because of it." — Jeremy Irons



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There is no question Donald Trump did not invent the politics of incivility. He has simply raised it to a pervasive and disgusting art form. What hurts most is he's so proud of it.

There is also no question Democrats and Republicans have been equally nasty in belittling their electoral and ideological opponents. Two years ago, however, Trump ratcheted up the incivility level by feeding his supporters a steady diet of insults for his opponents and explicit calls for violence against them; especially anyone with the unmitigated gall to protest at his campaign rallies.

Don't tell me you've forgotten his greatest hits: "Carry 'em out on a stretcher" and "punch 'em in the face." These were just two of lines of encouragement to his most solid base of support; white, working class men. And we all recall, of course, how he promised (but failed to follow through for at least one supporter) to pay the legal bills of anyone charged after assaulting protesters.

But Trumpian politics reached a new low (didn't think THAT was possible) last week in the Pennsylvania gubernatorial contest. Scott Wagner, the GOP candidate for governor of the Keystone State, learned well from the master. He even managed to outshine him among those old white men just aching for the kind of tough, machismo leadership we haven't had in this country since, well, never.

In a video posted on Facebook, Wagner had this warning for his opponent, incumbent Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf: "Governor Wolf, let me tell you, between now and Nov. 6th, you better put a catcher's mask on your face because I'm gonna stomp all over your face with golf spikes because I'm gonna win this for the state of Pennsylvania, and we're throwing you out of office..." Seriously?! Stomp all over your face

with golf spikes?! Hell, not even Republican nominee David Duke, former Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, stooped that low when he ran against Democrat Edwin Edward the third for governor of Louisiana in 1991. And

let's face it; the Klan ain't really known as a group with an aversion to violence.

I was also very disappointed in former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder who, while not threatening to stomp anyone's face, went a little Trump on us (and a little Trump is still too much Trump) during a campaign appearance for Stacy Abrams, Democratic nominee for governor of Georgia: "Michelle [Obama] always says, you know, 'When they go low, we go high.' No. When they go low, we kick them. That's what this new Democratic Party is about."

Well, I sure as hell hope not. Threatening violence, condoning violence, accepting violence on its behalf is not what ANY American political party should be about.

Unfortunately, leaders of our nation's two major political parties seem to think it's okay to inject violence into the political bloodstream. It is not. It should not be accepted by either the right or the left. Unfortunately, too many voters have given those same leaders license to employ a no-holds-barred, kick-ass strategy and persona.

It is sickening...and it is wrong.

Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse has written a book entitled "Them: Why We Hate Each Other and How to Heal." I suggest every American pick it up and read it. If it contains even a little good advice on how to reverse the frightening trend toward blind, selfish, mindless and, yes, violent tribalism it will be well worth it.

Former New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey may have resigned in disgrace 14 years ago, but he was still right on the money when he said: "We are losing sight of civility in government and politics. Debate and dialogue are taking a back seat to the politics of destruction and anger and control. Dogma has replaced thoughtful discussion between people of differing views."

What does it mean to be an American?

Tell me: What does it actually mean to be an American? In the press of day-to-day events and amid the ongoing tumult of politics, we don't think about this much. Yet it's a crucial question, one that each generation in this country is called upon to answer for itself.

Despite our differences, there are some traits that I think we and our predecessors would recognize — characteristics to being an American that resonate with most of us, regardless of our age or our political beliefs. For instance, I believe the aim of our representative democracy is to enhance the liberty of free people, and to offer them the opportunity to make the most of their talents. This lies at the root of what it means to live in a representative democracy: extending respect to all and wanting every person to be aware of his or her political importance.

Perhaps the most eloquent expression of this view is the awe-inspiring Declaration of Independence, which remains a core inspiration both for our political values and our shared identity. The notion that all people are created equal, that we possess God-given inalienable rights, including to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — these are beliefs that undergird our democracy.

They suggest that our country can — and should — be an example to the world of what a government of liberty can mean in the lives of citizens. And that we should never stop trying to make the world a better place. Bringing these values into our policies and our politics depends on all of us — another notion embedded in this country since the beginning.

Often people ask, "Where are the Jeffersons or Lincolns in this time of need?" They understand that the quality of our elected leaders makes all the difference, and that bold, decisive, thoughtful leadership is essential for our country's success. Yet while I recognize the need, ultimately our success as a nation will rest on the strength and capabilities of our citizens. The Founding Fathers spoke often of the need for citizens of virtue and talent, for people capable of governing themselves.

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tions, within a framework set out in our Constitution. While our system is not perfect, it has provided us with the tools to meet our challenges — and in a better fashion than any likely alternative.

Politics as it is practiced in our country

can bring despair and crushing defeat. But it can also produce splendid achievements. If you enter politics, you have to be prepared for both. I know that a lot of people view politics with disdain and disapproval, yet over the course of a long political life, I never felt the desire to escape it. Just the opposite, in fact. I knew a lot was at stake in the battles, and I embraced them.

To be sure, I pursued them at a time when it was possible to find common ground across partisan divides, and when respecting one's opponents did not bring immediate censure from donors and primary voters. The atmosphere is different now. Yet the basic need — for using the political system to resolve fundamental challenges — has not changed.

Nor has one of its most basic features: a permanent tension between the preservation and expansion of individual freedom on the one hand, and the stability and strength of the nation on the other.

Government must have enough power to protect the national interest and to be capable of addressing deep-seated problems. It must secure and enlarge personal liberties while maintaining order and stability. It must provide the national security necessary for the preservation of freedom.

These are not contradictory goals, but they do rub against each other. How we interpret them — how far in one direction or the other we go as our national circumstances change — is a constant challenge. Being an American means not shying away from that task, but instead embracing it as part of our birthright.

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POLICE LOG

Winchendon Police Department

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

1:51-2:15 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:19 a.m.: larceny (Spring Street), report taken; 2:31 p.m.: disabled mv (Central Street), assisted; 2:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Pearl Drive), referred to ACO; 3:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Linden Street), report taken; 3:52 p.m.: officer wanted (Polly's Drive), assisted; 4:31 p.m.: property found (Route 202, Rindge), returned to owner; 5:12 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Mill Street), spoken to; 6:35 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (School Street), area search negative; 7:08-7:12 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:13 p.m.: transport (Maple Street); 10:22 p.m.: suspicious/other (Krantz Road), unfounded; 11:56 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

12:28-3:51 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:13 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 7:42 a.m.: summons service (Winter Street), unable to serve; 8:26 a.m.: Section 12 (River Street), report taken; 8:38 a.m.: harassment (Central Street), report taken; 9:16 a.m.: investigation (Grove Street), services rendered; 9:57 a.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), report taken; 10:57 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), no service necessary; 11:21 a.m.: fraud (Mechanic Street), services rendered; 1:07 p.m.: trespassing (Brown Street), info taken; 2:06 p.m.: FD call (Grove Street), services rendered; 2:52 p.m.: assist other agency (Mill Glen Road), services rendered; 5:40-5:41 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:03 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Avenue), spoken to; 6:18 p.m.: building check (Central Street), secure; 6:41 p.m.: notification (Joslin Road), unable to locate; 7:45 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 7:58 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), verbal warning; 8:07-8:22 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:44 p.m.: erratic operation (Main Street), unable to locate; 10:25 p.m.: disabled mv (Front Street), advised officer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

1:26-3:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 3:27 a.m.: mv fire (Hall Road), report taken; 10:08 a.m.: fire/box alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 10:42 a.m.: harassment (Mill Street), report taken; 11:31 a.m.: property found (Hale Street), services rendered; 1:40 p.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), assisted; 2:36 p.m.: investigation (Brown Street), services rendered; 2:41 p.m.: harassment (Lincoln Avenue), info taken; 3:46 p.m.: deliver message (Green Street, Gardner), referred; 3:52 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 140, Gardner), services rendered; 4:27 p.m.: trespassing (Central Street), services rendered; 4:38 p.m.: info/general (Spring Street), spoken to; 4:45 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), services rendered; 5:28 p.m.: burglar alarm (Otter River Road),



Greg Vine photo

The driver of this F250 pick up had minor injuries, but the driver of the second vehicle died at the scene.

School Street crash kills New Hampshire man

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A head-on crash on School Street, which is Route 12, last Friday morning claimed the life of an elderly New Hampshire man.

Police reports state a Ford F-250 pickup truck driven by 27-year-old Theodore Dunbar of Spofford, NH collided with a Ford Transit van operated by Howard Chase Jr., age 70, of Fitzwilliam. There were no other occupants in either vehicle, both of which sustained heavy front-end damage.

The accident was first reported at 6:25 a.m.

The preliminary investigation indicates Dunbar's Ford pickup was headed north on School Street when it inexplicably crossed into the southbound lane and slammed into the van operated by Chase. Winchendon EMS transported Dunbar to Heywood Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Chase was pronounced dead at the scene.

As of press time the exact cause of the crash is undetermined. The accident remains under investigation by Winchendon Police and the Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Services Section.

no service necessary; 5:50 p.m.: mv stop (Green Street, Gardner), spoken to; 6:14 p.m.: bolo (Spring Street), services rendered; 6:32 p.m.: road rage (Central Street), verbal warning; 6:49 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 7:03 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 7:23 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 7:29 p.m.: suspicious mv (Crosby Road), unable to locate; 7:43 p.m.: mv stop (Town Farm Road), verbal warning; 8:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), summons served; 8:09 p.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 8:35 p.m.: mental health issue (Maynard Street), transported to hospital; 9:31 p.m.: ambulance (Forristall Road), transported.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

12:20-1:24 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:25 a.m.: accident (School Street), services rendered; 8:15 a.m.: investigation (Memorial Drive), report taken; 9:48 a.m.: erratic operation (Maple Street), services rendered; 10:00 a.m.: sex offender registration (Glenallan Street), info taken; 10:11 a.m.: traffic hazard (River Street), referred; 10:25 a.m.: welfare check/general (Goodrich Drive), assisted; 11:10 a.m.: accident (Maple Street), report taken; 11:26 a.m.: assist other PD (Mill Glen Road), services rendered; 12:14 p.m.: welfare check/general (Murdock Avenue), spoken to; 2:15 p.m.: open door/window (Pearl Street), secure; 3:51 p.m.: assist citizen (Front Street); 3:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Street), assisted; 4:25

p.m.: illegal dumping (Mellen Road), report taken; 4:32 p.m.: summons service (Goodrich Drive), served; 4:34 p.m.: info/general (Front Street), advised officer; 5:06 p.m.: traffic hazard (River Street), removed; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 7:12 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 8:39 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), written warning; 10:20 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Street), Felix Figueroa, 39, 799 South First Street, #2, New Bedford, refusal to identify self, failure to stop, summons; Michelle A. LaRiviere, 43, 12 Mill Street, #4, Winchendon, number plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured mv, unregistered mv, summons.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:57-12:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:16 a.m.: suspicious mv (Franklin Street), spoken to; 1:18 a.m.: ambulance (Tolman Road), transported; 1:44-2:49 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:35 a.m.: ambulance (Russell Farm Road), no service necessary; 8:46 a.m.: sex offender registration (Alger Street), spoken to; 9:45 a.m.: investigation (Brown Street), spoken to; 10:43 a.m.: custody dispute (West Street), spoken to; 11:42 a.m.: info/general (Baldwinville State Road), info taken; 12:14 p.m.: harassment order service (Central Street), services rendered; 12:20 p.m.: welfare check/child (Central Street), spoken to; 2:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Pond Street), report taken; 2:34 p.m.: ambulance (Oakland Street), referred;

4:14 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), referred; 5:42 p.m.: animal complaint (First Street), referred to ACO; 5:44 p.m.: animal complaint (Ready Drive), referred to ACO; 6:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 7:25 p.m.: disabled mv (School Street), gone on arrival; 7:55 p.m.: traffic hazard (Maple Street), unable to locate; 11:58-11:59 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

12:04-12:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:16 a.m.: ambulance (School Street), referred; 12:33-2:58 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:33 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hyde Park Drive), referred; 7:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 7:16 a.m.: assist other agency (Mount Pleasant Street, Athol), services rendered; 9:05 a.m.: disturbance (Spring Street), info taken; 9:21 a.m.: burglar alarm (Pleasant Street), accidental; 9:48 a.m.: assist citizen (Clark Road), info taken; 10:02 a.m.: assist citizen (Mill Street), spoken to; 10:40 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 11:01 a.m.: vandalism (Pearl Street), info taken; 11:45 a.m.: accident (Mellen Road), info taken; 12:05 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street), unfounded; 12:43 p.m.: accident (Spring Street), info taken; 1:42 p.m.: assist citizen (Pleasant Street); 1:52 p.m.: smoke (Central Street), referred; 2:00 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), spoken to; 2:41 p.m.: erratic operation (School Street), info given; 2:43 p.m.: fire/box alarm (Hyde Park Drive), referred; 3:05 p.m.: assist citizen (River Street); 3:14 p.m.: summons service (Sibley Road), unable to serve; 3:23 p.m.: tree down (High Street), referred to DPW; 3:38 p.m.: property lost (Maple Street), report taken; 4:44 p.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported; 5:01 p.m.: investigation (Mill Glen Road), spoken to; 5:32 p.m.: open door/window (Jackson Avenue), secure; 6:14 p.m.: harassment order violation (Cross Street), spoken to; 6:32 p.m.: custody dispute (Clark Road), spoken to; 6:44 p.m.: custody dispute (Central Street), spoken to; 7:51 p.m.: gunshots heard (Town Farm Road), citation issued; 9:36 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 10:18 p.m.: noise complaint (Elm Street), spoken to.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:26 a.m.: FD call (Lincoln Avenue), services rendered; 12:41-1:13 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:14 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 1:18-1:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:39 a.m.: disabled mv (Gardner Road), spoken to; 1:47-2:00 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:04 a.m.: erratic operation (School Street), spoken to; 3:04-3:06 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 7:16 a.m.: erratic operation (High Street), advised officer; 9:00 a.m.: DPW call (Mellen Road), referred; 9:06 a.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Elmwood Road), spoken to; 11:30 a.m.: fraud (Central Street), report taken; 12:34 p.m.: info/general (Town Farm Road), assisted; 1:46 p.m.: keep the peace (Clark Road), assisted; 2:49 p.m.: accident (School Street), report taken; 3:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Teel Road); 4:03 p.m.: assist citizen (Ash Street); 4:20 p.m.: property found (Central Street), info taken; 5:01 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Street), spoken to; 5:30-5:31 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 5:39 p.m.: burglary/b&e (Joslin Road), spoken to; 6:22 p.m.: warrant arrest (Spring Street), unable to locate; 7:35 p.m.: transport (Central Street); 7:44 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 10:23 p.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), secure.

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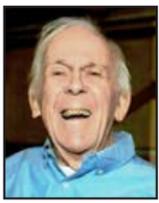
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In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Winchendon Fire Department will be selling pink shirts for \$18 with a portion of the proceeds going to support the oncology department at Heywood to assist patients with financial needs not covered by insurance. Shirts are available for purchase at the fire station while supplies last.

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Richard G. Anderson, 87



GARDNER — Richard G. Anderson, 87, of 48 Charles Street, died peacefully Saturday morning, October 13, 2018 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, Gardner, with his family at his side.

He was born in Gardner on February 21, 1931, son of the late Henry and Agnes (Lind) Anderson and was a 1949 graduate of Gardner High School.

Dick proudly served his country during the Korean War as a member of the United States Navy and traveled throughout the world. Following his discharge, he worked at Heywood Wakefield Furniture Company and then worked for 34 years as an assembler for Simplex Time Recorder until his retirement. Dick was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church and the former Covenant Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was a member of Gardner

Museum. Dick enjoyed traveling with his wife Evelyn and gardening.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, Evelyn (Robinson) Anderson; three sons, Keith Anderson and his wife Amy of Worcester, Scott Anderson and his wife Tammy and Mark Anderson and his wife Susan of Templeton and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in Faith Lutheran Church, 627 Green Street, Gardner.

Burial, with military honors, were held in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon.

Memorial donations may be made to Scholarship Fund, Faith Lutheran Church, 627 Green Street, Gardner.

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



Loretta J. 'Lori' Gaydos, 76

WINCHENDON — Loretta J. "Lori" Gaydos, age 76, of 39 Brooks Road, died peacefully Monday morning, October 15, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, with her family at her side.

She was born in Pittsburgh, PA on July 25, 1942, daughter of the late John and Cecelia (Ostrowski) Sudetic. She grew up in Pittsburgh, where she graduated from Shaler Area High School. She had also attended Slippery Rock High School in Slippery Rock, PA. Lori moved to Winchendon in 1987.

Lori had worked in customer service for 20 years at Aubuchon Hardware until her retirement. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville and was a member of Winchendon Historical Society and was a member and past president of Winchendon Garden Club. She enjoyed gardening, going to yard sales and

attending shows at Mt. Wachusett Community College.

Her husband of 38 years, William E. Gaydos, died in 2002. She leaves a son, Kenneth W. Gaydos of Florida; two daughters, Laura L. Gaydos of Winchendon and Michelle L. Gaydos-Smith of Winchendon; a brother, David J. Sudetic of Pittsburgh; six grandchildren, one great granddaughter, nieces and nephews. A sister, Theresa Sudetic, preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, October 19, 2018 at 10 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central St., Winchendon are Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 5 to 7 P.M.

Burial will be in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Winchendon Garden Club, PO Box 32, Winchendon, MA 01475.

Deborah Ann Lepkowski, 57

BRUNSWICK ME — Deborah Ann Lepkowski, age 57, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at Marshwood Center rehab facility in Lewiston on July 27, 2018.

Born in Gardner Nov. 24, 1960, she graduated from Gardner High School and earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Springfield College. Following graduation, Deb taught biology, chemistry, and math at Murdock High School in Winchendon and Morse High School in Maine. She received major teaching awards.

She is survived by her parents, Edward and Helen Lepkowski of

Gardner; and her sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Alan Johnson; and dear extended family members.

A memorial Mass was held Monday, August 20, 2018, in her hometown of Gardner.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.FuneralAlternatives.net. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives, Brunswick.

In lieu of flowers to honor her memory, donations may be made to: Springfield College Office of Development, 263 Alden St., Springfield, MA 01109 or: Coastal Maine Humane Society, 20 Range Road, Brunswick, ME 04011.



Jacqueline L. (Franck) Moore, 81

GARDNER — Jacqueline L. (Franck) Moore, age 81, of 52 Sunset Road, died peacefully Tuesday morning, October 2, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, with her family at her side.

She was born in Sheridan, Maine on July 18, 1937, daughter of Donap and Florine (Thibeault) Franck and grew up in Maine.

Jackie worked many years ago as a switchboard operator for Heywood

Wakefield Furniture Co. She had been a resident of Gardner for most of her life.

Her husband, James H. Moore, died in 2017. She leaves daughter, Bridget Moore of Gardner; a grandson, Timothy Moore; a stepdaughter Debra Moore-Alie and two sisters, Jean Rahaim and Patricia St. Jean and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in Green Bower Cemetery, Gardner.

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

Jordan W. Peterson, 28



GARDNER — Jordan W. Peterson, age 28, of Gardner, died unexpectedly Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

He was born in Gardner on December 11, 1989 and lived in Winchendon for most

of his life.

Jordan had earned his GED and worked as a handyman in the construction field. He loved karaoke. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and friends.

Jordan is survived by his mother, Dawn M. Peterson of Fitchburg; his children, Jordan W. Peterson Jr. and Brayden Peterson; a sister, Sherri D.

Peterson of Fitchburg; brothers, Joshua B. Peterson of Fitchburg and Nicholas J. Peterson of Fitchburg; his maternal grandmother, Mary E. Peterson of Pepperell; his girlfriend, Cayce Fernandez and her children of Gardner; the mother of his children, Tia Covey of Gardner; an aunt Heidi B. Peterson of Penacook, NH and many nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends. Jordan was predeceased by his twin brother, Justin G. Peterson in 2011 and an uncle Jeffrey D. Peterson Jr. in 2009.

Calling hours were held Sunday, October 14, 2018 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be left at the funeral home.

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Create a Healthy Foundation for Fall Plantings



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Fall is a great time to start a garden or renovate an existing planting bed. The soil is warm while the air is cool – a perfect combination for establishing new plantings. It is also a great time to prepare gardens for the next planting season. Investing time up front to create a healthy foundation for your plants will pay off with years of beautiful, healthy and productive gardens.

When you read plant tags and seed packets you'll find that the majority of plants prefer moist well-drained soil. Unfortunately, most gardeners aren't growing in plant-friendly soils. Heavy clay, sandy and droughty soils are much more common. Understanding what you have is the best place to start when creating a healthy soil foundation for new and existing gardens.

Start with a soil test. Contact the local office of your Extension Service or state certified soil testing lab for details. They can direct you on how to take a soil test and where to send the sample. The test results will tell you how much, if any, fertilizer, lime, or sulfur is needed. Following soil test recommendations can save you money spent on and time applying unnecessary soil additives. Plus, following the results will increase your gardening success.

While waiting for the results

you can do a bit of analysis yourself. Soils are made of clay, sand, and silt particles. The feel and cohesive nature of this sample will tell you a bit about your soil. Take a handful of soil and create a ribbon by rubbing it through your thumb and index finger to get a feel for your soil type.

If the soil easily forms a ball or rolls into a sausage shape, feels slippery when wet and smoother when dry, you have a high percent of clay in your soil. Soils with a high percent of the very small clay particles are often called heavy soils. They stay wet longer and hold onto soil nutrients. Clay soils are slow to dry out and warm up in the spring. Avoid working them when wet. This leads to compaction and clods you will be contending with all season long.

Soils with a larger percent of sand particles don't form a ball when moist and feel gritty to the touch. The much larger sand particles create bigger pores in the soil for water and nutrients to move through quickly. They tend to be nutrient deficient, fast draining and dry. But they warm up and dry quickly in the spring.

Silt feels smooth like flour when dry and soapy slick when wet. They are the middle-sized particles that hold water and nutrients longer than sand, but not as much as clay particles. Silty soils drain slower and stay colder longer than sandy soils in the spring. Overworking soils with a high percent of silt leads to crusting and compaction, decreasing drainage and water infiltration.

Consult your soil test report when preparing your new garden beds. Prior to plant-



ing is the easiest time to add organic matter to any of these soil types. It increases the water-holding ability, the infiltration rate so less water runs off the soil surface and builds plant-friendly soil structure. Incorporate several inches of compost, aged manure or other organic matter into the top eight to twelve inches of soil.

Further improve your soil by using a slow release fertilizer with a high percent of organic matter like Milorganite (milorganite.com). The 85% organic matter feeds the soil microorganisms and your plants as it improves all soil types. You get multiple benefits with this type of fertilizer.

So, as you plan your new landscape additions this fall, include testing and amending the existing soil into your

plans. Understanding your soil can help you create a strong foundation important to the health, longevity and beauty of your gardens and landscapes.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow

Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone" DVD set and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Milorganite for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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SPORTS

Homecoming tradition alive and well at Murdock



King and Queen and their court (from left to right) Nobaleigh Laraba, Jackson Charland, Abby Leahey, Jack Polcari, Cassidy Stadtfeldt, Brandon Newborough, Chloe Lawrence and Ryan Thira.



Homecoming King Ryan Thira and Homecoming Queen Chloe Lawrence.

Homecoming weekend for Murdock High School was last weekend. The football game Friday night was well attended. Although the outcome of the game did not go in Murdock's favor, the boys played hard against Maynard on a very muddy field. In addition to the usual offerings of the concession stand, food items were offered by each class under tents along the sidelines. Freshmen: Rice Krispy treats, Sophomores: Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers, Juniors: Hot chocolate, Seniors: Caramel apples.

The Homecoming dance for all high school students was held at Toy Town Elementary school on Saturday night. Music was provided by the Murdock Student Council. The night was highlighted by the crowning of the Homecoming King & Queen and their court. Congratulations to seniors Ryan Thira, Homecoming King and Chloe Lawrence, Homecoming Queen! Their "court" consisted of Juniors Brandon Newborough and Cassidy Stadtfeldt, Sophomores Jack Polcari and Abby Leahey, and Freshmen Jackson Charland and Nobaleigh Laraba.

The excessive rain we have had has wreaked havoc on the athletic schedule. Multiple games have been cancelled or rescheduled due to poor field conditions, not only at Murdock, but opposing schools as well. Please visit www.mwlma.org for the most up to date schedule of all home and away athletic events.

LAST WEEK FOR MURDOCK BOOSTERS CLOTHING AND BOOK DRIVE!!! Please consider donating clothing/linens/shoes/bags and books to this Booster drive in conjunction with the Epilepsy Foundation. The minimum number of bags of clothing is 250 for Epilepsy Foundation to pick up! That's a lot of clothes! So, if you are planning to donate, please drop off your donation at the Alumni field gate at any home athletic event, or door D9 at the high school. OR call me (Sue) at 978-257-5671 to arrange pick up of items. THANK YOU!!

Murdock's Haunted High School will be open to the public on Thursday Oct. 25 from 6:00-8:00. Come out and view the spooky hallwaysif you dare!!

Upcoming events:
Today (10/19): Field Hockey at 3:00; MS Cross Country at 3:30; Girls Varsity Soccer @ Parker Charter at 3:30

Saturday (10/20): Varsity Football @ Lunenburg at 2:00
Monday (10/22): JV Football at 3:30; Field Hockey at 6:00
Tuesday (10/23): Varsity Cross Country at 3:30; Middle School B/G soccer 3:30/4:45; Field Hockey at 6:00; Girls Varsity Soccer @ Nashoba Valley Tech - 3:30
Wednesday (10/24): Girls Varsity Soccer at 3:30
Thursday (10/25): Field Hockey at 3:30; HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL 6:00-8:00
Friday (10/26): Girls Varsity Soccer at 3:30; Boys Varsity Soccer @ N. Brookfield at 4:00; Field Hockey @ N. Brookfield at 4:00; Varsity Football @ West Boylston at 7:00
Saturday (10/27): Varsity Cross Country Championship @ Hollis Hill Farm at 9:00; Field Hockey @ Tahanto at 10:00
GO BLUE DEVILS!!

Tigers spoil Homecoming

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Coming into last Friday's Homecoming game the Blue Devils entered at (3-2) and the Maynard Tigers at (5-0). Murdock was looking to knock off the undefeated Tigers but they proved to be too much for the Devils in a 56-25 victory to stay unbeaten.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 16-0 lead, scoring two touchdowns within seven minutes with one touchdown by Tommy Smith and the other by tight end Tim Lawton. Smith would kick off to the Devils and Ryan Thira would return the kickoff 75 yards, bringing it to Tigers ten yard line.

A couple plays later Jack Polcari tried to find someone in the end zone but instead elected to run it and make tacklers miss to give his team their first touchdown of the night. Kevin Pesce added the extra point to trail 16-7 with 3:35 remaining in the first, but the Devils would only get that close.

Maynard continued to put points up on the board in the first half, scoring four touchdowns in a row after the Murdock touchdown to take a huge 48-7 lead into the break.

Despite the score being lopsided, the Blue Devils would win the second half 18-8, scoring three touchdowns, two of which came from Polcari and one from Richard Swanson.

Despite losses soccer teams have strong showing

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The girls' varsity team played Trivium tough but fell 3-2 last week. The Lady Devils did get the scoring started when all-time career leader Maria Polcari put MHS in front 1-0 in the eighth minute. But that lead lasted less than a minute as Trivium delivered the equalizer quickly.

Strong efforts from Cassidy Stadtfeldt in goal and Gabby Cote on defense helped hold Trivium at bay most of the first half. Trivium did get one score but MHS trailed only by a very respectable 2-1 at the half.

Trivium built that lead to 3-1 in the 61st minute, but the Lady Devils edged within one again as Polcari tallied on a penalty kick. Kaliegh Lauziere had an opportunity to score and Summer Turner had a chance to tie the game late and though she took a good shot, the strike went right and Trivium held on to win.

Stadtfeldt made 20 saves. The boys managed a 2-2 tie with North Brookfield with Guerin Lovett and Maclean Brimhall, the latter on a penalty kick, scoring for the Blue Devils. Goalie Julio Rodriguez "stood tall" said Coach Alex Burke, and got defensive help from Cole Patterson, Adam Digman, Aaron McFarlane, and Jeremiah Goodsoe.

MHS competed with just ten players on a sunny 70-degree afternoon. A third straight game left MHS without "much time to recover" before facing Trivium, who took advantage and poured seven first half goals into the net on a warm, humid day.

"The team did not get down," noted Burke. Digman was able to score twice in the second half at the 7:17 and 24:25 marks while Trivium was held to just three goals in the second stanza.



Cassidy Stadtfeldt with a strong kick away from goal.



Cassidy Stadtfeldt in goal making yet another save.



Gabby Cote.



Maria Polcari tallied with this penalty kick.

Jeff Millman photos

"There were some good combinations and good defensive play" from "all players during different times of the game when we were able to keep pos-

session," said Burke, who praised the netminding effort of Rodriguez and Josh Berrospe.



SPORTS



The Murdock Cheerleaders take to the field at every game to support the football team.



Members of the North Country Panthers Mitey Mites Pop Warner teams, both football and cheerleaders, were on hand to support the Murdock teams at the homecoming game against Maynard.

SUPPORTING THE TEAM!



Mitey Mites cheerleader Meadow Allen, age 5, is barely larger than a full size football but her enthusiasm makes up for that!

Good year yes, no guarantees

Stop me if this sounds familiar. A team wins 100 games or 108 or even 109 or, gasp 111 or 116, the most they've ever won but do they get a parade? Not until and unless they survived October's gauntlet. We'll see how it turns out for the Red Sox who, as I write Tuesday morning, are locked in a 1-1 ALCS tie with the defending champion Astros but superb regular seasons sometimes mean nothing when it comes to winning it all.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the League Championship Series which to me seems hard to believe but that just dates me I suppose. Baseball had divided into divisions in 1969 because teams were added in Kansas City and Seattle in the AL and Montreal and San Diego in the NL. 12-team leagues were considered unwieldy and so were

born East and West divisions with the winners meeting in a best of five series to determine the pennant winner.

The 1969 Orioles won 109 games finishing 19 games ahead of the second-place, wait for it, Washington Senators (that's not a typo) who were managed by Ted Williams. Boston? The Sox had a fine year winning 87 but that left them 22 back in third. Some years there are romps. But that tour de force didn't guarantee Baltimore a World Series berth. First came the inaugural ALCS and it was a taut affair. The O's swept the Twins in three but the first two games went extra innings. 112 wins overall was pretty good. Then came the Series and after winning the opener, the Orioles lost four in a row to the so-called Miracle Mets. At least they got there. The 116-



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

win Mariners of 2001 didn't. Nor did the 100-win O's of 1980 and this year, three AL teams surpassed the century mark and only one can get to the Fall Classic.

Arguably the two best LCS came in the same year. Sox fans remember '86 because of Bill Buckner but before they could vanquish Boston, the Mets had to get past the Astros and the last game went 16 innings. The Red Sox had their own drama against the Angels. It took that

Dave Henderson homer to get them into the Series too. Aside from those and Sid Bream scoring the winning run for the Braves in 1992 when the throw from skinny Barry Bonds was just a little off I really don't have much LCS memory at all.

Except for 1996. The 1996 ALCS between the Orioles and Yankees opened at the Stadium. The O's looked like they were going to steal game one until Derek Jeter homered. Well, maybe. You see, a 12 year old kid named Jeffrey Maier interfered with the ball as Tony Tarasco was about to catch it. There were no replay rules in 1996 and despite the O's, shall we say, vehement, very vehement at that, protestations, the homer stood and NY went on to win. But those are it. There's more pressure in the LCS than the WS because to get

to the World Series after you've made it through a best of five divisional round (and maybe even that excruciating win-or-go-home wild card game), you still have to win a four-of-seven LCS. Does the "best" team always do so? No. Sometimes the hottest team does. That's why I buy the argument baseball really has multiple champions. The Red Sox were the AL regular season champions. 108 wins gets you that, even if you did get 38 contests v the O's and Jays. Whoever is left standing two weeks from now will be the tournament champion. If it's Boston, then they're the undisputed champion for 2018. If it's Houston, Milwaukee or the Dodgers, then the Sox still had a great year. Right?

Goodbye Mel; fishing will not be the same



Courtesy photo

Mel True Sr. with a 40 pound striper caught while fishing with his son Mel Jr.

This past week my brother Merrill "Mel" True Sr. passed away at the Providence Hospital from numerous complications at the age of 81. He had heart trouble for many years, and when it seemed as though he did not have long to live, a new heart was found after a long wait. The donor of the heart was not revealed, but we were all appreciative of the new heart, and it gave Mel 17 extra years of life, which he enjoyed to the fullest.

When he became well enough to use his boat again he called it Second Chance. His love of fishing and hunting never stopped him from enjoying his favorite pastime with his two sons Jamie and Mel Jr. Mel Jr. left his job a few years ago to pursue his love of fishing, and is now a boat captain in Massachusetts! His boat is named Fishnet Charters, and has become well known on the ocean and on the internet. Mel Jr. often brought along his dad to fish alongside many of the charter fishermen and women, giving him the opportunity to continue fishing. This week's picture shows my brother Mel a few years back with a 40 lb. striper

he caught while fishing with his son Mel Jr.

I also fished alongside of my brother Mel in our younger years when our dad took time off from his job at the Whittin Machine Works to fish for trout on opening day. Fishing Prentice Brook and Johnsons Brook in Whittinsville back in the day did not take long for us to catch our limit of brook trout. We were back home in time for school, but my dad was a bit late for work.

When we got out of school we both grabbed our fishing rods and bicycles & fished both Meadow Pond and Arcade Pond. Our report cards reflected our failure to do our homework, but we could not do both, so fishing took up most of our time. I showed one of my report cards to my granddaughter. A big smile said it all!! If I had it to do all over again I would not change anything. I know my brother would do the same. In our early years, we were a different kind of millionaire with little money, but enjoyed a great childhood growing up in Whittinsville enjoying life.

Catching stringers of yellow perch, blue gills and calico bass, which were brought home for my dad to make fish chowder at least once a month. I have not had a good fish chowder since his passing many years ago.

When we got out of church on Sundays, we quickly grabbed the fishing rods and left the neighborhood to do some fishing, but it was not long before my mother realized that we had gone fishing. My mother was very upset, as a Dutch Deacon of the church would take a walk along the shores of our favorite fishing spots every Sunday after church. God forbid he spotted us and reported our fishing activities to my mother. Our mother would instruct my dad to get in his 1937 Pontiac and try to find us. The poor guy would slowly drive up and down the road at Meadow Pond trying to locate us, but we would stop fishing as he drove by, and he could not see us crouching against the embankment of the pond.

As soon as he went by we started to fish again. Being a good Dutch family back in those days was really tough. There was no fishing, no reading Sunday

papers, no movie theaters, etc. Our family was very religious which was not a bad thing, and our parents were trying to do their best to raise us that way.

I will miss my brother's weekly phone calls updating me on the fishing he and his son enjoyed the previous week, and the visits he and I had in my back yard weekly. Rest in peace brother.

A spay and neuter clinic in Boston's Angell Memorial Hospital offers low cost dog & cat services, as well as low cost veterinary care in some cases. There are also low cost pet services at some of the major pet shops in the area. This is a follow up on my recent column about high cost veterinary bills for pet owners which drew a substantial response from our readers. They also offer adoption to responsible residents looking for a pet. Check them out on line for more information and other low cost care for your pet at www.mspca.org/medical-centers/angell-animal-medical-center-boston/

Fishing on the saltwater has been sporadic, but anglers that are putting in their time have had some great fishing. Now that the hurricane threat is over for now, things should get back to normal, although this week's weather forecast had a lot of wind and rain for most of the week.

The early goose hunting in the valley was extremely poor this year, but hopes are high for the start of the second opening day scheduled for Oct. 9, at which time ducks also become fair game. Waterfowl hunters are reporting a significant number of ducks in the area, with many wood ducks and mallards. By the time you read this column, trout stocking by MFW should be underway.

Pheasant hunting opens on Oct. 13 in Massachusetts! More next week!

"Correction" The 200 Sportsmen's Club will hold their chicken & rib barbecue on Oct. 13 and is open to the public starting at 1 p.m.!!!!!! Plenty of good food there.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!!!

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were required to build.”

He also noted that dek hockey tournaments and leagues held at Mylec's two rinks bring several thousand people a year into town – people who patronize other local businesses – and that his business contributes money and time to many local non-profits and service organizations.

“We're trying to build an economic base in this community and you're one of the biggest employers in town,” said Selectman Mike Barbaro. “Given the current market, and stores closing, and the economy dumping; one of the promises you made and that you kept is that you kept all of your employees employed. That proves to me you want to stay in town and that you're building your business. You've done what you can do. I personally think the TIF should be left alone.”

Laperriere pointed out a previous board meeting that, although Mylec's online sales have increased and several new clients have been added, the closure of such retailers as Sports Authority and Toys R Us resulted in a hit to company sales.

Winchendon Rick Lucier, one of the most vocal proponents of scrapping the agreement, claimed the town had lost over \$400,000 in tax revenue as a result of the TIF.

“This town has had to go without a lot of things,” said Lucier. “We've had to beg the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation for money for things that we need, and yet, this \$409,000 has gone bye-bye. That's a lot of money we've missed out on.”

“I put together a spread sheet,” Hickey said, “and I know exactly what Mylec has paid and what they would have paid, certainly since 2012, and it's no where near what your suggesting or what the Gardner News has reported on. And over the 20 years of the agreement Mylec, according to my calculation, would have saved \$349,000 in property taxes.”

“As I've said before,” added Selectman Austin Cyganiewicz, “I support Mylec. I grew up in Mylec gear. Let's keep the TIF.”

Several residents also lobbied the board to reaffirm its commitment to the agreement.

Despite expressing some concerns about the TIF, board member Barbara Anderson joined with her fellow selectmen in a unanimous vote to recommend no changes to the TIF at this time.

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of what it is now.

The committee also backed allocating \$45,000 to the school department to fund the position of director of curriculum for the second half of the academic year. School officials said money would be found in the department's budget to fully fund the position in FY20.

The fall town meeting will take place in the Murdock High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29.

QUESTION 2

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voters.

Opposition to the question is spearheaded by the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. The organization, billing itself as a non-partisan free-speech advocacy group, was founded by Rick Green, the Republican nominee facing Democrat Lori Trahan in the race to succeed retiring U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas in the 3rd Congressional District. In addition to opposing Question 2, the Alliance – according to its website – also plans to file a federal lawsuit challenging state campaign financing laws.

Polling done by UMass Lowell and the Boston Globe Poll indicate Green and his organization are fighting an uphill battle. Results released Oct. 10 show 72 percent of those questioned support the measure.

There are two paths a proposed amendment to the Constitution may be ratified.

First, an amendment can be proposed by Congress. A two-thirds vote in the House of Representatives and a two-thirds vote in the Senate are required to move it forward. An amendment may also be proposed via Constitutional Convention. If two-thirds of the states request it, Congress must call the Convention, which then votes on the amendment. Once either of these steps has been taken, support by three-fourths of the states – either by legislative vote or state convention – is required for final ratification.

The last proposed amendment to be forwarded to the states by Congress was the Equal Rights Amendment, which would have guaranteed equal right to all Americans regardless of gender. It failed, however, when only 35 of the 38 necessary state ratifications were secured. The legislatures in four states that had voted to ratify the amendment ultimately voted to rescind their support.

What the Brett Kavanaugh decision means to me

Men have gotten away with objectifying my body, violating my world, and contaminating my mind with feelings of anxiety and fear since I was a young teenager.

The first time I was sexually harassed, I was 14 years old and taking classes at Quinsigamond Community College. I was the youngest student at the school, and the man who approached me was 24 years old with tattoos all over his arms and an intense personality. After my experience with dodging his stagnant eyes and trying to ignore his explicit comments, I spent my time between classes each day hiding in the bathroom, a far corner of the cafeteria, or between the rows of books in the library, hoping that no man would see me or try to speak to me.

The first time I was sexually assaulted, I was 17 years old and a student at UMass Amherst. I was studying in the library with a boy from my macroeconomics class who I thought was my friend, but he wanted me and wouldn't take no for an answer. He grabbed me and forced himself on me so quickly that I barely had time to process what had happened. I pushed his hands away and screamed, but all he did was laugh.

My reality as a 21-year-old woman living in the United States is that I am sexually harassed almost every day and have been sexually assaulted multiple times. It is a burden

I had bestowed upon me when I was born a girl, because although some men have been in this position as well, it is a fact that women in this country are much more likely to experience sexual hostility than men.

On October 6, a notification from BBC News came up on my iPhone, letting me know that by confirming Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court in a 50-48 vote, my own country made the decision to not take sexual harassment and assault seriously enough. I started crying, not just for Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, Deborah Ramirez, Julie Swetnick, and the anonymous fourth accuser who spoke out against our newest Supreme Court Justice, but for Anita Hill, who accused Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment in 1991, and every single person who has found the courage to tell their story only to be dismissed.

The Supreme Court is the highest court we have in the country, supposedly made up of justices who are capable of providing the most reasonable judgment and displaying the most honorable behavior. Kavanaugh was formally accused of inexcusable conduct by four women, yet today he is sitting on the bench with the responsibility of evaluating the most law-abiding outcome of some of this country's toughest and cloudiest cases. When we allow it to become acceptable for our country to trust some-

one who has been accused of multiple cases of sexual misconduct to make our most important legal decisions, we are making sexual harassment and assault an acceptable part of our society and a common happening in the daily lives of American women.

Kavanaugh's appointment to the Supreme Court means that my 14-year-old self was right to hide in the corners of the school instead of speak out, because there was no way for me to prove that a man who was a decade older than me was sexually harassing me and making me feel uncomfortable and disrespected at my own school.

It means that the boy who assaulted me at age 17 will never actually suffer consequences for his actions because too many people would say that he was just young and reckless, and even though his laugh still echoes in my mind, I can't prove that he groped me and put his hand between my legs without my consent.

It means that the man who repeatedly asked me out when I was 19 years old despite being three times my age was just exercising his freedom of speech when he wouldn't take no for an answer, stalking me at my workplace and around Harvard Square for weeks.

It means that being taken advantage of at age 20 was simply a learning experience for me, because not touching a woman when she's intoxi-

cated seems to be an unrealistic expectation and I can't prove that he overstepped my boundaries because I was barely conscious, only remembering it enough to continue to be haunted by feelings of violation.

It means that I will have to come to terms with every sexual harassment and assault experience I have had and will have on my own, because no matter how much time I've spent telling my story, fighting against sexualization, and speaking out for the Me Too movement, men still get away with taunting me and touching me without my consent and they have since I was 14 years old.

It means that the MeToo movement has not yet made enough progress, not yet convinced enough people, and not yet changed the country enough to take a step back and take pride in its progress.

Brett Kavanaugh's appointment to the Supreme Court means that I, as a woman living in the United States, am not and will not be taken seriously enough in my own country when I tell my story or speak out against sexual assault. It means that men will continue to look up my skirt on escalators, catcall me when I pass them on the street, or grope me on public transportation, because they know they will get away with it.

After all, our newest Supreme Court Justice did.

The Pumpkin Harvest is in!

Fields of plump pumpkins ripening on the vine, flickering Jack O'Lanterns lighting the way for a parade of little ghosts and goblins, and a simmering pot of thick pumpkin soup – such are the simple pleasures of a New England autumn.

The humble pumpkin is rich in both nutrition and heritage. In the 17th century fairy tale, Cinderella's coach magically appeared from a large, stout pumpkin; Native Americans and early settlers revered pumpkin seeds as a medicinal sedative; and in modern times, carved triangle faces transform sugar pumpkins into annual ghoulish spoofs. It should come as no surprise the harvest vegetable continues to serve as a highly anticipated autumn treat. Read on for some seasonal ways to pump up your pumpkin pleasure!

Mum's the Word: Chrysanthemum and pumpkins are two autumn delights that are even better when merged. Create a unique “urn” for your hearty mums by gutting a tall pumpkin and placing a pot of blooming mums right into the pumpkin. The contrasting colors and texture make the perfect display when perched on a front stoop or porch step.

Seedy Treat: Many Halloween traditions include gathering the seeds from a carved Jack O'Lantern to toast in a warm oven. To properly toast pumpkin seeds, remove all pulp and



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clean strings from the seeds. Place seeds in a bowl and stir in melted butter or olive oil and salt to coat the seeds. Spread seeds on a cookie sheet and bake in a 275° oven for about an hour or until the seeds are golden brown and crisp. Avoid overcook-

ing as seeds can become hard and tough.

Sprout Surprise: Pumpkin seeds can even be sprouted to use on sandwiches and in salads. Pumpkin seeds are a healthy snack as they are over 30 percent protein and are high in and oil-soluble vitamins A, D, and E. To sprout pumpkin seeds, place the seeds in a glass jar (Mason jars are ideal) and cover with water just to cover. Secure a piece of cheesecloth over the top with a rubber band. Soak seeds overnight. The next day, drain the water out and place the jar in dark area that is room temperature. Rinse the seeds in the jar at least four times a day. After a few days, you should see the seeds sprouting. Rinse them again and place the jar in the sun for a day or so until tiny leaves form. They are now ready to use as a tasty garnish or salad addition.

Frozen Pumpkins: Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender, then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree.

Pulverized Pumpkin: Pumpkin can also be dried, which was a favored method of the colonists. Drying pumpkin must be done carefully in order to kill all the germs that would make it spoil. Split the pumpkin in half and remove the seeds. Remove the skin and cut the fruit into thin slices. Steam for about six minutes. Spread on a tray and dry in the sun or in a solar dryer until dry and brittle. This

will take about two days. If flies are a problem, cover with netting. Pumpkin needs to be dried in hot sun so that it dries quickly before it spoils. Dried pumpkin can also be made into a flour, which can be used just as you would all purpose flour in cooking and baking. To do, simply pulverize the dry pumpkin in a food processor.

Fresh Pumpkin Bisque
Here's an easy recipe for a rich pumpkin soup. For a vegetarian version, just switch vegetable broth for the chicken broth.

Ingredients: 1 medium onion, chopped; 2 stalks celery, chopped; 3 cloves garlic, chopped; 4 cups chicken (or vegetable) broth; 2 tomatoes, chopped; 2 bay leaves; ½ teaspoons nutmeg; 2 cups pumpkin purée (one medium sugar pumpkin, about four pounds, yield about 1 ½ cup purée); salt and pepper to taste; 1 cup heavy cream.

Instructions: Sauté onions, celery, and garlic in butter. Add broth, tomatoes, bay leaves and nutmeg. Cook until vegetables are very soft. Strain and reserve liquid. Purée vegetables with some liquid and strain through a sieve. Combine liquid, puréed vegetables, and pumpkin; heat. Add cream and season with salt and pepper.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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Alan D. Sanderson II
 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
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claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winchendon, numbered **180 Alger Street aka 180 Alger Road, FKA 94 Alger Street**, given by **Alan D. Sanderson II to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for LYC Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated January 26, 2017 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56662, Page 240** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed

with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or

before **November 12, 2018** or you may be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.
 Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on September 25, 2018
 Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
 (18-007238 Orleans)
 October 19, 2018

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
 October 29, 2018**

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

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018
 AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES
 (majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 1
 To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the Finance Committee, and any other Board or Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**
**FINANCIAL ARTICLES
 (simple majority required)**

ARTICLE 2
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$147,000 for the construction of a Sally Port at the Police Station, or act in relation thereto.
 (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 3
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 into the Stabilization Account, or act in relation thereto.
 (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 4
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$14,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Vehicle Maintenance Account voted under Article 6 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2019 of \$123,257, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 5
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Administrative Expense Account voted under Article 6 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2019 of \$25,100, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 6
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$11,756 to be added to the Department of Public Works Foreman Personnel Account voted under Article 6 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2019 of \$262,361, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 7
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$22,255 to be added to the Fire Department Houseman Personnel Expense Account voted under Article 6 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2019 of \$892,775, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 8
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum or \$75,000 for the purpose of contracting with a firm to prepare a Central Fire Station Facility Needs Study for future station expansion plans, or act in relation thereto.
 (Submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 9
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$45,000 to be added to the School Budget voted under Article 10 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2019 of \$13,424,062.10, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by

the Town Manager)
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 10
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,264 for the payment of bills of a prior fiscal year for the Winchendon Public Schools, as follows:

Name	Fiscal Year	Invoice Amount
Joseph E. Brogna	2018	\$1,200
Joseph E. Brogna	2018	\$300
Waste Management	2018	\$1,764
		\$3,264

or act in relation thereto. (Nine tenths vote required)
 (Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 11
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$422,275 to offset the FY19 tax rate; or take any act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Passover**

ARTICLE 12
 To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY19 Operating Budget as voted under Article 6 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by making the following changes:

Decrease Unemployment Insurance	\$14,626
Increase Debt Service Interest Expense-Short Term Interest	\$14,626

or act in relation thereto.
 (Submitted by the Town Manager)
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

**USUAL AND CUSTOMARY WATER AND WASTEWATER
 ENTERPRISE ARTICLE
 (majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 13
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the additional sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Water Enterprise Fund Water System Maintenance Expense Account voted under Article 7 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2019 of \$966,720, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 14
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$54,913 to offset water rates voted under Article 7 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 15
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the additional sum of \$4,734 to be added to the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Chief Operator Personnel Account voted under Article 8 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2019 of \$1,235,534, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

ARTICLE 16
 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Wastewater Retained Earnings the sum of \$72,467 to offset wastewater rates voted under Article 8 of the May 21, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 3-0 Recommend
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: 6-0 Recommend**

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

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 27th day of September 2018.

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Masquerade Madness at Murdock Whitney House



Deb Giordano photos

Welcome to our home announces this ghoulish host, Winchendon History & Cultural Center President Don O'Neil in fact.

The Winchendon History & Cultural Center has held a casino fundraiser for several years, but this year the decision was made to mix it up a bit. While the dressed up, formal atmosphere of the Casino Royale is always a fun night, the idea of turning the Murdock Whitney House into a ghoulish mansion of horrors was just too tempting.

So the date was moved a bit later in the year and everyone was encouraged to dress for the night. It was a striking success. Chickens, the Queen of Hearts, ghosts and ghouls, kinky ladies and more all made an appearance to the haunt the rooms of the museum and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Now that the nonprofit organization owns three buildings (the WHCC recently took authority over the Old Centre Church), raising funds for care, maintenance and heat is even more crucial.



So, a chicken walks into a casino, and he was actually there with his hot chick as well. Kevin Papierski with blackjack dealer and Winchendon History & Cultural Center board member Ruth DeAmicis.



Really decked out, with every card to prove it, Diana Bowles was dressed for the occasion.



Peggy Corbosiero, vice president of the WHCC, welcomed guests to the event.



Brittany Wilson and Gary L Taylor were the winners of the costume contest, as-ly...

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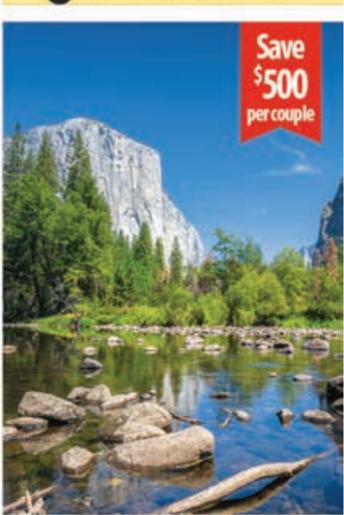


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