

# BOS approves Converse Fund requests

WINCHENDON — The Board of Selectmen Monday night approved two requests for funds from the Martin E. Converse 100 Year Fund. However, the board recommended dispersing the monies only after debating language in the document which established the fund.

Toy maker Martin Converse established the fund shortly before his death in 1917, leaving behind \$5,000 to be used by the town for a variety of purposes after the passage of a century. By 2017, the fund

had accrued over \$300,000 in interest. Last year, funds were dispersed, as directed by the fund, to local churches, cemeteries, schools, and municipal departments. The document setting up the fund also said monies could be spent on “public parks.”

The lengthiest debate surrounded a request from the Clark Memorial YMCA for \$20,000 to be applied to the purchase of a tractor/mower for maintenance of the facility’s athletic fields.

Clark Executive Director

Mike Quinn said, “This is partial funding request. The total sum of the tractor is \$47,000, so we are seeking \$20,000 toward that amount.”

While the Clark didn’t exist in 1917, Quinn said, “Had we existed, we believe that we would fit the spirit of what the fund was established for.”

David Connor, a member of the Clark’s board of directors, argued that the Y’s athletic fields fit the definition of “public park.”

“They’re located right in the downtown area,” he said. “You

see people anywhere from being active on the fields, flying a kite, or just lying down under the shade trees on the front street. I think if you try to define a park, the Clark is that park downtown. You couldn’t get anything closer than that.”

Town Manager Keith Hickey told selectmen the heirs of Martin Converse had some concerns about using fund monies for the Clark’s request.

“They have concerns about providing funding for an organization, any organization, that is not part of the town,”

he said. “I urge caution to the board. This is an independent non-profit which, while a major component of this community, is not part of this town’s organization. And I would suspect, if the board does vote to support this request, you’re apt to see more non-profit organizations come in that believe they can utilize the Converse funds for field-related or park-related purposes. This is not a town park, nor will it ever be a town park.”

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Greg Vine photos

The cast rehearses a song and dance number for TTE's production of 101 Dalmatians Kids.

## Toy Town to present 101 Dalmatians

BY: KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

If you’re looking for more great entertainment from Winchendon school students – following last weekend’s successful production of Footloose at Murdock High – then you’re in luck.

Students at Toy Town Elementary School will be presenting Disney’s *101 Dalmatians Kids* next weekend. Performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24 at the Toy Town Elementary School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children. Seniors get in free.

Twenty students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be giving it their very best to bring a long time Disney favorite from the big screen to the small stage.

Kristi Iannacone has served as the theater director for the district at the middle and high school level since 2012, and just recently took over the reins at the elementary school in 2017. Iannacone also serves as a director



in Leominster for younger children during the summer months. Iannacone recently directed the play *Footloose* based on the 1984 film directed by Herbert Ross at MHS, which received rave reviews.

Iannacone was asked if she is burning the candles at both ends laughed and replied, “Yes, a little bit.”

When asked how she liked working with younger students Iannacone said, “I love it. I think what I was hoping last year when I started with the children was creating a stage where they will start coming up and see me, and would help prime the students to come on up to the middle and high School with us in the future.”

Speaking of MHS, Iannacone also mentioned she has high school actors

who come to Toy Town to help out as volunteers to assist with the production. She also wanted to give a shout-out to Kaileen Dibble who she says has been like an assistant director, and that Ari Dibble and Alex Marshal have also attended rehearsals to give a helping hand. Also assisting at Toy Town is Maureen Provost, who serves as the volunteer artistic director and has been painting the 101 Dalmatians design sets

Iannacone added, “I think it’s great for the younger students to get some tips from the older ones.” “Sam Vent who is the music teacher tells the students, ‘I never had this at your age’ as young students don’t have

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## Memorial students collect Pennies for Patients

BY: KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Memorial Elementary School students are collecting Pennies for Patients as part of a nationwide fundraiser which benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, joining many other schools across the country to help raise money for research for families of children with blood related cancers.

Already begun and continuing until March 28, students will be collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and

whatever loose change which can be donated to raise money for the worthy cause.

To date, more than 10 million young students and their families around the nation have collected and donated over 15 billion pennies, for \$150 million dollars since the fundraisers began in 1995. Benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, students nationally have combined for a collection average of nearly \$7 million annually.

As of 2017, the average five year survival rate for children

diagnosed with the most common pediatric leukemia has grown from 3 percent to 90 since 1964.

As loose change can be found nearly anywhere, children and students can not only collect donations from friends and relatives, but can look for change under and between the seats of automobiles, furniture cushions, and many more locations.

Principal Michelle Atter explained, “I started the Pennies for Patients fundrais-

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## Selectmen: no pot on Central Street

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Ahead of next Tuesday’s public hearing on zoning bylaws governing the location of recreational cannabis retailers in Winchendon, the Board of Selectmen has voted to urge the Planning Board to remove Central Street from a proposed marijuana overlay district.

Town Manager Keith Hickey asked the board to take the action at its meeting Monday night.

“Right now, the proposed zoning ordinance that the Planning Board is drafting allows for a retail sales location on Central Street, which I don’t support,” said Hickey. “I guess I look at recreational marijuana sales as a destination location. You could put it on Royalston Road North, in the middle of a field, and if it was zoned properly people would put it in their GPS and find it. I’m not sure we want to have retail marijuana on our main street.”

“As I understand it,” he continued, “this was raised for discussion purposes only and the Planning Board may not even support it when they vote next Tuesday night. But at this point recreational marijuana (for Central Street) is included in the potential bylaw and I think the board sending a letter, as the governing body, could sway the board one way or another as to their final decision.”

Discussion immediately turned to the 500-foot buffer around schools, parks, and other areas where children congregate, inside of which retail marijuana establish-

ments could be prohibited. The buffers, which can be no bigger than 500 feet, are allowed under state law.

“So,” asked board Chairman Barbara Anderson, “with the Clark (Memorial YMCA) being right in the middle of Central Street, is there any place in that area where sales would be allowed? Where is 500 feet from the Clark?”

“Roughly,” responded Hickey, “you could have a marijuana dispensary in the IGA plaza. You could have a dispensary up in the Rite Aid-CVS area as well.”

The Planning Board at its last meeting voted to keep the 500-foot buffer zone around schools but reduced the proposed buffer around recreational facilities such as the Clark to 300 feet.

“My recommendation to the Planning Board,” said Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy, “has been that if there is an area in particular they have in mind when they say a ‘recreational facility,’ we need to put in black and white because we can’t leave this open to interpretation. Anybody could come in and pick it apart.”

“How about the dance schools at both ends of Central Street?” asked Anderson.

“The dance studios were brought up at the public forum more than once,” said Murphy, “and there was some disagreement. Some people say the dance studios are only open a couple of days a week or only open in the afternoon. Does that constitute places where

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Don't cry because it's over.  
Smile because it happened.  
Dr. Seuss





# CLYDE’S CORNER

## Saturday, March 24

**DAZED TILL DAWN!** At the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club beginning at 9 p.m.

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

**EASTER MEAT SOCIAL:** the annual Hawg Hauler Easter meat social is set to begin at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Hams, beef, poultry, lobster...get your dinner here! Always a full house, plan to get there early.

## Sunday, March 25

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

## Thursday, March 29

**TIMELY MESSAGE: WINCHENDON SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE PRESENTS:** Taylor’s Message & Not in the Playbook, a community speaker series to raise awareness about, & reduce substance abuse, Thursday, March 29at 6:30 p.m. at the Winchendon School, 172 Ash Street. This event is free and open to the public, coffee and desserts will be available. Please come early as seating is limited. For questions contact Jennifer Sibley at (978) 868-7174. Kathy Sullivan will be speaking about her daughter, who passed away due to underage drinking. Chris Sullivan, a former Patriots player, will speak about his NFL career and his struggles with addiction.

## Wednesday, April 4

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Memorial School Kindergarten Registration for school year 2018-19: If your child will be 5 years of age by Aug. 31, 2018 then he/she is eligible for Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018. Open enrollment will begin on Monday, March 12 and run through Friday, April 6 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For those parents that are unable to register their child during that time, an evening registration will be held on Wednesday, April 4, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Registration packets were mailed home on Friday, Feb. 16 (based on town census). If you do not receive a packet and your child is eligible, registration forms will be available on the District website at [www.winchendonk12.org](http://www.winchendonk12.org) or you can call the school at (978) 297-1305 for more information.

## Saturday, April 7

**IT’S A TRIBUTE:** The Sons of the American Legion Post 193 host Petty Larceny, the tribute to Tom Petty in a concert to benefit Children’s Hospital beginning at 8 p.m. at the Legion, 295 School St. \$10 in advance (available at the Legion or from any Sons member), \$15 at the door. Raffles, live auction.

## Friday, April 20

**DINNER & A SHOW:** Eugene M Connor Post Auxiliary Unit 193 offers a dinner and a show, with a spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. and Comedy for a Cause featuring local comedian Jerry Caruso & Friends at 8 p.m. Dinner and show \$20; show only \$15. Tickets for the show will be available at the door. Proceeds to go toward the Charland Children Education Fund.

## Saturday, April 21

BLUES AT ITS BEST: the Winchendon

Lions present the Souled Out Show Band at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 8 p.m. \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. 50/50 raffle and 30 minute live auction. To benefit local activities of the Lions.

## Saturday, May 19

**OWC: Operation Winchendon Cares - Remembering Our Current Military** - to be held on Saturday, May 19, at the American Legion Post 193 on School Street, Winchendon from 9-11 a.m. For updates please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.winchendoncares.com](http://www.winchendoncares.com).

## Sunday, May 20

**CHEESE CHASE:** Smith’s Country Cheese is sponsoring a 5K charity run-walk to benefit the Winchendon police and fire departments. \$20 entry fee now, price increases after April 1. Route will begin and end at picturesque Otter River Road location; visit [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

**SUNDAYS INDIVISIBLE WINCHENDON:** The Indivisible Winchendon group meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. to discuss and organize creative, effective resistance to the Trump administration over the long term. We are liberal/progressive but non-partisan. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381174492262359/>

**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](http://townofwinchendon.com/bealsmemoriallibrary).

**TUESDAY**

**WINCHENDON NA MEETING:** Hosted by UUCW and led by Winchendon residents, in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts area/New England Region of Narcotics Anonymous. This is an open meeting with general discussion and support, for anyone who is in recovery or wants to be. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested in, or benefit from, a meeting. We’re working hard to get the word out! At the UU Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St, downstairs in the parish hall. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**FRIDAY FREE MOVIES:** Throughout the summer, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church holds family movie nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket, a chair, pillows and a few snacks for a free movie under the stars. Every movie will be a family rated G or PG bundle of fun. In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown the following day, Saturday. Check the Facebook page for the name of each week’s movie.

# COURIER CAPSULES

**ART SHOW**  
C.cada (Cornerstone Christian Artists Day Apart) will be holding its 7th annual Art Show Friday, April 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 14 9:00-3:00. Admission is free. Applications and info are also available for those interested in entering art work. Simply contact Cornerstone Church (978) 297 3125 and ask for Wendy or Pastor J. Or contact Ken Knowlton via email ([khem-knowlton@gmail.com](mailto:khem-knowlton@gmail.com)) or via Facebook.

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passed away due to underage drinking. Chris Sullivan, a former Patriots player, will speak about his NFL career and his struggles with addiction.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT WORCESTER** — The following local students have been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean’s List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2017 semester. Brooke A. Harris of Gardner and Tobey R. Chase, of Royalston. To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

**CONWAY, SC** — Kristopher Kodys, a marketing major from Templeton is among the 106 Professional Golf Management students at Coastal Carolina University with a 3.0 GPA or higher. A 2.0 GPA is required to remain enrolled in the program.

The PGA Golf Management Program at Coastal Carolina University is one of 18 programs accredited by the PGA of America. It prepares students for a successful career in the golf industry by combining academic studies and professional golf-training experiences. The program’s curriculum has been devel-

oped to offer students the opportunity to simultaneously complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in business administration, acquire valuable training experiences in the golf industry and complete the PGA of America’s membership requirements.

Enrollment in the program is limited, and it takes 4.5 years to complete. PGA students can major in accounting; economics; finance; management; marketing; or hospitality, resort, and tourism management and receive the PGA designation when they have completed their academic and PGA membership requirements. The PGA membership requirements include passing the PGA’s Playing Ability Test (PAT), completing 16 months of full-time internship work and completing all of the PGA’s educational courses.

**SPRINGFIELD** — Western New England University congratulates 734 students named to the Fall 2017-2018 Dean’s List. Students are named to the Dean’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher. Dillon Obuchowski of Rindge majoring in mechanical engineering (Five-year Bachelor/MSME).

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# Student Council sends representatives to conference

BY JERRY CARTON

School was closed last Thursday because of the second of three Nor'easters, which have wreaked havoc this month, but 19 Murdock students wouldn't have been there anyway since they were at the 40th annual Massachusetts Association of Student Councils conference in Hyannis.

It was a successful trip too, as the group earned another Gold Council of Excellence award, receiving 48 of a possible 50 points for the work they put in to better the school and community.

"We are," said SC advisor Stephanie Rondeau, "one of only 67 high schools in the state to have achieved this honor."

The MHS contingent also won Best Costume for the Special Olympics

annual Polar Plunge for the second time, and conducted workshops, which Rondeau said not every participating school gets to do.

Michaela Benedict, Nicole Lemire and Alex Marshall ran one workshop. Benedict, Lemire and Breanna St. Pierre were honored with a Commonwealth Award "for going above and beyond the norm with their efforts," said Rondeau.

"Our kids represented us well," she remarked, adding, "and it's not just because they are Student Council and NHS kids. They are polite, respectful, helpful and engaging young adults. Other schools' delegations were not always so well-behaved."

An annual highlight is the Special Olympics Polar Plunge and given the recent storms, 'polar' was the right word for sure. Some 900 students

showed up at Craigville Beach to participate in the fifth annual plunge, though not every Murdock attendee was willing to venture into the freezing Atlantic.

"We dressed as Noah and the animals complete with an ark. Our theme was 'We NOAH a thing or two about inclusion'," said Rondeau.

MHS student delegates included seniors Marshall, Benedict, Hannah Turner, Marissa Losurdo, Jacob Carter and Joseph LaFord. Juniors attending were Lemire, Phebe Shippy, Chloe Lawrence, Lindsay Gemme, Emily and Lindsay Smith and Ashley Signa. Sophomores were Jose Gamez-Lucero, Cassidy Stadtfeld, Erica Lashua, and Breanna St. Pierre. Kaitlyn Losurdo and Arianna Dibble were the freshmen who participated.

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# Gifford unveils 'green' plan

BY JERRY CARTON  
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Former US Ambassador to Norway Rufus Gifford, a candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in the third district, which includes most of Winchendon, released a green jobs plan this week, one he says will benefit the local economy and have a positive impact on climate change as well.

The only candidate to visit Winchendon in the still early stages of the campaign, Gifford said, "one of my top priorities is to bring thousands of clean energy jobs to the third district. As Massachusetts and the country transition to a renewable energy economy, I believe the third district can and should become a hub of green manufacturing jobs, whether it's producing parts for wind turbines, solar panels, or other innovative technologies."

Gifford linked his proposal to climate

change, adding, "Addressing the effects of climate change is an environmental and moral imperative, but it's also an economic opportunity. If we can bring more green jobs to the district, it could be transformational for our economy."

The proposal hits on four subjects: workforce development, tax incentives, coalition building, and funding for energy department programs.

After serving as national finance chair for President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, Gifford spent the next four years in Copenhagen where environmental issues frequently took center stage. Following President Trump's election, Gifford returned to his native Massachusetts and decided to make his first try for elective office. The September primary has a dozen candidates seeking the nomination to be the party's standard bearer in the November 6 general election to replace retiring Rep. Nikki Tsongas (D) who has held the seat since 2007.



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Palm Sunday March 25th 10:00AM  
Parade of Palms. Come and receive your palms, as we learn about Jesus journey into Jerusalem! Followed by coffee hour after service for fellowship!

Boy Scouts Breakfast 7:30-9:30AM: the boy scouts are serving a breakfast before Palm Sunday service. Includes egg, sausage, home fries and all you can eat pancakes with coffee and juice provided. For adults cost \$7.00 and kids (10 and under) \$4.00; family of 4 or more \$20.00. Please come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and support our Boy Scouts Troop 193 before listening to the word of God with a full belly!

Good Friday March 30th 7:00PM  
Our music director, Martha Dienst, has been working tirelessly with the Choir for our annual Easter Holy Week production of: "O What A Savior" Cantata by Russell Mauldin. This emotional and spiritually filling cantata will lead us on the path of Christ's final days here on earth and help us to understand the beauty of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please join us and watch this wonderful and uplifting performance!

Easter Day April 1st  
Sunrise Service 6:00AM  
Olde Centre Church Top of High Street  
Worship with Jesus' followers as they discovered the empty tomb during the dawn of Easter Morning. The Rooster has been known to cock-a-doodle-doo during the service to alert everyone that the dawn is breaking!

Easter Service 10:00AM  
United Parish Church  
Please join us to hear a re-performance of The Easter Cantata "O What A Savior" by the United Parish Choir and listen to Pastor Cal's message of Jesus' Resurrection! We hope you leave with the feeling of Gods Love in your heart.

\* Following the service with an Easter Egg Hunt outside for the little ones!



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EDITORIAL

Is the Clark  
a friend or a foe?

Watching the Board of Selectmen struggle with whether or not to give the Clark Memorial YMCA a small bequest from the Converse Fund this week, we were struck by just how tightly the law can restrict how we live.

In a more perfect world we would recognize the contributions of the Clark as being very much a public part of Winchendon. It is the only place with public tennis courts. The only place with public outdoor basketball courts. The only place with a public, flat, walking track. The only place with a safe, public playground for younger children with parking and a place for mothers to be comfortable and be able to watch over their children, (and even an outdoor water bubbler).

If the town had to provide even one of those amenities in one of the few public parks in Winchendon and attempt to do upkeep...

For no other reason than that, there should have been no argument.

Yes, they are privately governed as a YMCA with their own governing board of directors. Yes, you have to pay dues to make use of other parts of the facilities, though they do indeed provide a sliding scale and even scholarships to try to help provide those facilities to anyone who wants to be part of the Y family.

They run fundraisers and events... and invite the public in constantly.

They want to be part of the town as much as they can. And they do live under restrictions too.

But this was a chance to be partners. There shouldn't have even been a discussion.

If the Clark had existed in 1917, Converse would certainly have included the facility in the original bequests.

And honestly, whatever is done by the town with the funds provided for "public parks," we guarantee we won't see any more playgrounds in Waterville, or in north Winchendon or even at the head of the bike path down on Glenallan Street.

There won't be a public swimming pool, there won't be tennis courts, there won't be basketball courts or any other playing fields that require more than chalklines on grass.

Because Winchendon thinks it can't afford it, doesn't want the responsibility for it, and has never had it before.

An unfortunate state of mind we see continuing far into the future.

As long as we will continue to think that way, at least agree to support the one entity that does take care of those pieces of recreation that exist. The pittance provided to the Clark as token was better than nothing at all.

Is this what we have  
to look forward to?

"Observe which side resorts to the most vociferous name-calling and you are likely to have identified the side with the weaker argument, and they know it." - Stephen Richards, English author



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ident. And I tell you, many of them have a hatred for our country. I'll tell you some more - my wife and I saw it again today: They have a hatred for God."

Unfortunately, like Trump, Saccone

did his best to stoke fear in voters in a feeble attempt to boost turnout on his behalf. He smeared them as enemies of the president - just because they may disagree with the Trump; he smeared them as enemies of the country - just because they disagreed with him, and; because they may not all be rock-ribbed, right-wing evangelicals - he smeared them for having their own spiritual beliefs.

Now, keep in mind that Lamb is former federal prosecutor and U.S. Marine, supports the Second Amendment, and is personally opposed to abortion. He is not a screaming liberal.

But I worry less about what kind of effect the vitriol of "men" like Trump and Saccone have on the electorate, and more about what kind of effect it has on our children and grandchildren. How do we (especially those unapologetic Trump supporters out there) ask our young people to be civil and respectful when our leaders and would-be leaders behave like middle school bullies? How do we encourage maturity in the future leaders of this country when many adults make excuses for current leaders whose level of immaturity is off the charts - one of whom occupies the White House?

I really do hope this election signals that voters, even if it's a slim majority, are turning away from the politics of bluster, coarseness, and hatred. As I've written before, it's time we stopped seeing those with whom we disagree as enemies to be vanquished. We must stop seeing them as "the other."

We are all Americans. We all want what's best for the country. We simply differ on how to get there.

The sooner we learn to reason and place compromise above winning at any cost, the better off we'll all be.

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Playing catch up



NOTES OF  
CONCERN

JACK  
BLAIR

I have been out of commission for a couple weeks with computer problems so have missed the opportunity to write about a number of recent events. Today's column will be dedicated to updating some columns written before and to commenting briefly on recent major events which could have great significance.

Some time ago I shared my many years of frustration wanting to sit in my chair in my den and look right out a

window at the beautiful birds that come to the feeder I placed there. The local squirrel population has defeated my every move to keep them away from the bird feeder. Most recently I put up a feeder on a seven foot pole, and that slowed them down, but they have now figured out how to make multiple interim jumps and get to the feeder.

It is 28 degrees today, and I must have 30 birds hopping on and off the feeder. On warmer days, fewer visit. I realize it gives me a lot of joy to watch these colorful little avians, but I have also come to enjoy watching the squirrels, so close up, and all their valiant efforts.

It occurred to me today that instead of focusing on my pleasure watching birds and squirrels, I should focus on their need for food and the difficul-

ties they have on cold or snowy days, and take my pleasure in providing them an important source of nutrition. So as of today, I am primarily interested in feeding my friends and secondarily interested in watching them enjoy the feast.

Moving to the world of politics, it seems that even the critics have reluctantly had to agree the President has made huge strides with reference to the economy, relations with the Korean peninsula, evening out trade deals, and on many other fronts, even in the face of such furious opposition to his programs and personal dislike of his style. The fact is that all the horrible outcomes many predicted have not materialized. Many good things appear to have happened. It is early in the game to make a call, but the first report card seems to me to

speak for itself.

I agree that the President likes to operate independently. Some of his cabinet, especially Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, seem to be marginalized. This is of particular importance as those are two of the most influential departments in government, usually.

I don't read "tweets," so I cannot in good conscience weigh the value of the method the President uses to communicate with his base. I keep in mind that the mainstream media does not seem to cover his successes with any balance, so he has had to find another way to get his voice heard. He is reported to be rather rough around the edges in his "tweets," but all the recent polls show his popularity rising, so his chosen method

seems to work for him.

I watch the Supreme Court closely, and I predict that Trump will get to fill at least two more seats during his tenure, probably those of Anthony Kennedy and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. So, we can anticipate major fights in Congress on confirmations.

Let me close by saying I welcome the news that the President will meet with Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea. I was pleased to see the North and South join in the Olympic Games. But I would caution that there is no time in recent history when the North has kept her agreements or honored treaties. So, until I see more, I regard this move as just another way of delaying military action to resolve the nuclear conflict.

We live in interesting times.

Thoughts while hunkered down in snow

Every so often, though less frequently than I was doing a few months ago I will post something on Courtney's Facebook page. I tend to do this on the days which feel more melancholy or if something or someone triggers a specific memory or if, well, or just because. There's not any rhyme or reason. When the moment strikes me, I'll write something to her. I'm not under any illusion that she might know I'm doing it. Of course, I don't know that she doesn't know, either. I suppose it all comes down to



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what degree of faith you have in whatever you believe in.

Me? For the last nine months, people have told me her spirit is reflected in butterflies or other signs. Out on the west coast, Amee went to a conference where someone named Courtney never picked

up their name tag. Isn't that enough to make you believe? Maybe. I'm neither wise enough nor sure enough to discount that but at the same time I've always had some difficulty in believing in things I can't see. Perhaps that means my faith, whatever that means, isn't as strong as that of others. So be it. But I like to think her spirit and energy and legacy are best reflected and for that matter represented and embodied in the tangible good work her friends and cohort are doing every day as they try to make a difference. It's no secret I'm all about service and trying to make that difference. I'm so proud of them. I know she would be too. Maybe she is,

wherever she is.

Anyway, I think about her every day of course, and every once in a while, I write on her page. I see her forever-best friend Lindsay and a few others do so too. That makes me smile.

Let's change gears and talk about Rex Tillerson, who's leaving his job as secretary of state and Betsy Devos, who's not leaving her job as secretary of education.

Everyone knows DJT and Tillerson haven't been on the same page for most of the last 14 months. More than once Tillerson would say one thing and the ahem, mercurial DJT would contradict him very quickly. I was no Tillerson fan, but it must have been hard to keep up when policy was being made on the fly. Nonetheless, when you have the secretary of state, even in this circus-like funhouse of an Administration regularly saying things opposite of what the boss is tweeting, it's probably time to get out of Dodge. I doubt Tillerson will miss it.

Devos holds the distinction of being the first secretary of education who doesn't much like education, at least

not public education. She also appears to be the first education secretary so blithely ignorant of public education. Her jaw-dropping performance on 60 Minutes last Sunday was accurately compared to those stunning interviews Sarah Palin would give. It was every bit as bad as the famous interview Ted Kennedy had with Roger Mudd in 1979 when Kennedy couldn't answer the fundamental question of why he was running for President. Devos, an over-the-top proponent of charter schools was almost Stepford-like in her repetitive "I don't know" responses to questions posed by Lesley Stahl. Devos and her boss, to whatever small degree of interest he has in education, are entirely disdainful of public education and clearly determined to undermine it as much as possible. Then again, a pluralistic and educated society poses a threat to their commitment to maintaining a plutocracy of white people, Ben Carson exempted.

It's 285 days to Election Day with a whole lot of primary elections before then. Make sure you vote, all the way down the ballot. Please.

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# YV Showcase scheduled next week

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Originally scheduled last Thursday but a casualty of that day's storm, the third annual United Way Youth Venture Spring Showcase will be held instead next Thursday, March 22 starting at 5 p.m. at the Great Wolf Lodge in Fitchburg.

Murdock High School will be well-represented with presentations of projects designed to spur discussions about mental health, teen pregnancy and building retro games for hospitalized kids. Students Hannah Turner, Marissa Losurdo, Lily LeBlanc, Rebecca Stone and Julio Rodriguez are among MHS

students expected to attend. Open to the public for a donation of \$5, the Spring Showcase is expected to attract several hundred students from several dozen schools throughout the region with projects focusing on issues ranging from animal rights to helping veterans in various ways to supporting the needs of impoverished young people in addition to the aforementioned Murdock efforts. Overall, more than 50 groups are expected to participate. "It's important for our students to meet with and catch up with and talk to peers from other schools," observed MHS Youth Venture champion Kris Provost. "I think it helps them, too, to see

they aren't the only ones who sometimes struggle getting projects moving along," he added. "These projects do take time to develop," remarked YV project manager Evan Berry. "What's important is how they respond to the challenges," said Provost. Commonwealth Core service representative Bryan Nolan, who works out of the YV office at Mount Wachusett Community College, has Murdock in his rotation and said, "We strongly encourage collaboration between students from different schools. It's good for them to talk to and work with other schools when they can," pointing out Julio Rodriguez's Regame project was

created by Julio's brother Felipe, who now attends Monty Tech. One MHS student who wasn't at all disappointed about the postponement was Blue Hands founder Turner. She would have missed last week's event anyway because she was on a Student Council trip to Hyannis the same day. "It really worked out," she laughed. The thinking behind opening the event to the public is that doing so will enable the community outside of schools to see how students are taking their passions and translating them into action. "People can see how they are making an impact in their local communities," noted Provost.

# Bill of Rights not easily changed

The present assault on the 2nd Amendment reminds us of the 1833 Western States Sheriff's Rebellion stopping cold President Barack Obamas's new 23 executive orders further restricting the right of gun owners without authorization from Congress. But today Republicans need to be reminded that neither the executive branch, through executive orders, nor the legislative branch, through laws, can constitutionally legislate away an amendment of the Bill of Rights, so banning AR-15's or bump stocks is unconstitutional. Only a new amendment with 3/4ths support of the states, as outlined in Article V of the Constitution, can alter an amendment.

Many may not remember their basic U.S. history courses as to why the Second Amendment exists in the first place. Certainly, when enacted, there was no thought of restricting type of firearm, or where, or who could carry. So its placement as the second most valued freedom in the Bill of Rights had nothing to do with personal safety or even hunting, these were already assumed. It was specifically placed right after freedom of religion, speech, press and assembly to make certain that these freedoms were never taken from us. It was aimed (pun intended) squarely at the government. But certainly, we need have no fear of the government today?

One must remember that the early patriots did not ask the existing British government if they could revolt against them. They argued in the Declaration of Independence, that they were "endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" coming from a much higher source than mere man and that "whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government." God is referenced five times in this document and thus, they believed, He sanctioned their rebellion. They were expected to suf-



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fer evils while sufferable, "but when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

The right of revolution requires the means of revolution and this is why the Second Amendment exists. Normally the ballot box is the only self-correction needed, but they had no intention of giving up the same right that they exercised to give us freedom in the first place. Nor were they pious enough to assume that their correction would stay in place and that future generations would never need the more serious self-correction they used.

The wordage of the 2nd Amendment was stronger than any other sentence in the Constitution. "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

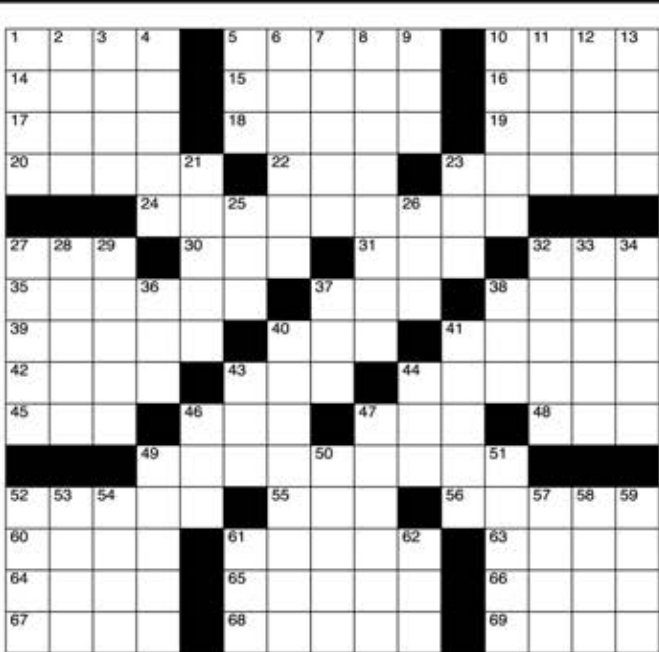
They saw this right as essential to freedom and specifically forbade the federal government any authority with respect to arms because historically it was always a government that took away liberty.

An armed populace had twice proved its value to liberty in the Revolutionary War. Many do not remember why Lexington and Concord were so important. The Americans learned that the British planned to go door to door to confiscate their firearms so they gathered and hid them in these two villages. Now the British night gun raid, and Paul Revere's desperate midnight ride warning the Americans enroute, make sense. The Battle of Saratoga preventing British conquest of the northeast by General Johnny Burgoyne was stopped, not by the military, but by angry farmers with their own military styled assault rifles. This American victory encouraged other countries, notably France, to come into the war on our side. It is doubtful that we would

have won the war without an armed citizenry. The Founders' attitude regarding guns — even military issue — was clear. Thomas Jefferson wrote: "No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." And George Washington said: "A free people ought not only to be armed," but also, "they should promote such manufactures [sic] as tend to remind them independent of others for essential, particularly military, supplies" (Gun Control, Freeman Report, May 31, 1975, p. 1). The Utah Sheriff's Association letter to Obama was the most vocal in the Sheriff's Rebellion of 2013. It read in part, "We respect the Office of the President of the United States of America. But, make no mistake, as the

The 2nd Amendment can only be altered by 3/4th of the states with a new amendment and this is not likely to happen when so many Americans fear their own government.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Unpleasant substance  
5. Oil group  
10. One-time Yankees rookie sensation  
14. Ireland  
15. Less easily found  
16. Southeast Nigeria people  
17. Bridgeline Digital stock designation  
18. Play loudly  
19. Elegantly fashionable  
20. Open sore  
22. Frozen water  
23. Sacred Islamic site  
24. "Kokomo" rockers  
27. Follows sigma  
30. Cease to exist  
31. Cool  
32. Doctors' group  
35. Less attractive  
37. Swiss river  
38. Greek sophist  
39. Grandmothers  
40. Afflict
41. Russian pancake of buckwheat flour and yeast  
42. Actress Rachel Wood  
43. Not bright  
44. Western Asia peninsula  
45. Baseball speedster Gordon  
46. Golf score  
47. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm  
48. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo  
49. Songs to one's lover  
52. Cattle's mammary gland  
55. Having ten  
56. Fencing sword  
60. Scarlett's home  
61. Hold valuables  
63. Italian Seaport  
64. Cain and  
65. Bad places to live  
66. Large, wading bird  
67. Witches  
68. Cover with drops  
69. Props up the head

### CLUES DOWN

1. Philippine province  
2. Shallow channel  
3. Type of acid  
4. Cygnus' brightest star  
5. One who buys and sells securities (abbr.)  
6. Ill will  
7. Plant of the goosefoot family  
8. Intellectual  
9. Mineral  
10. Shiny silicate minerals  
11. Ottoman civilian title  
12. What you wear when eating BBQ (2 words)  
13. Soul and calypso song  
21. Advises  
23. "The Spanish Tragedy" author  
25. Surrounds the earth  
26. Paddle  
27. Adjusted  
28. Succulent plant  
29. Forearm bones  
32. Belonging to Egyptian ascetic Apollo's colleague
33. Type of mental illness  
34. One from Asia  
36. 007's creator  
37. Direct toward  
38. Pie \_\_ mode  
40. Large terrier  
41. Hillsides  
43. Patriotic women (abbr.)  
44. Connects words  
46. For each  
47. Flower cluster  
49. Closes a deal  
50. Arabian desert  
51. Vaccine against poliomyelitis  
52. American state  
53. Religion practiced in China  
54. Type of sediment  
57. Hall of Famer Ruth  
58. "Layla" singer Clapton  
59. Gamble  
61. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)  
62. Midway between south and southwest

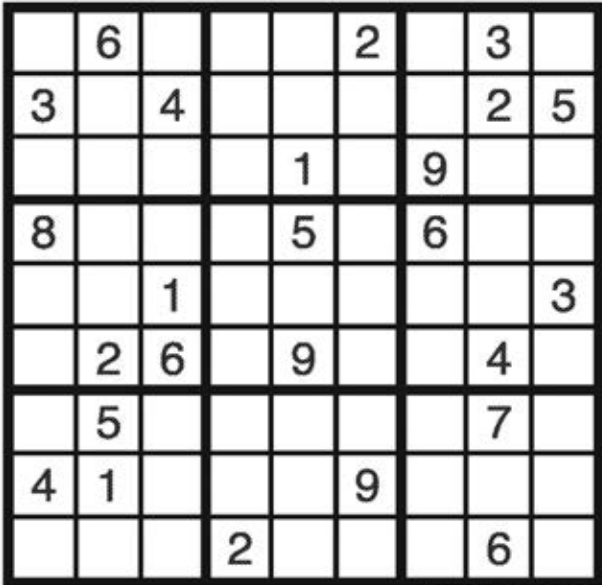


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*Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6**  
12:26-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:30 a.m.: officer wanted (Alger Street), spoken to; 1:48 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 2:04-2:24 a.m.: buildings checked secure; 2:43 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 6:08 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 6:21 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 6:22 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), verbal warning; 7:28 a.m.: ambulance (Chestnut Street), transported; 7:30 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 7:35 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 7:40 a.m.: mv violation (Memorial Drive), spoken to; 8:06 a.m.: fire/CO incident (Elmwood Road), services rendered; 8:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Front Street), assisted; 8:42 a.m.: warrant check (Beech Street), unable to locate; 9:00 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 9:04 a.m.: warrant check (Beech Street), referred; 9:08 a.m.: ambulance (Peggy Lane), transported; 9:11 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), assisted; 9:32 a.m.: officer wanted (Polly's Drive), Section 12; 9:37 a.m.: assist citizen (Cedar Street), referred to court; 9:43 a.m. ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), false alarm; 10:34 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 11:08 a.m.: FD call (Hyde Park Drive), false alarm; 11:23 a.m.: assist citizen (Hale Street), referred; 12:12 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), assisted; 12:15 p.m.: disabled mv (Gardner Road), assisted; 12:40 p.m.: info/general (River Street), advised officer; 12:55 p.m.: sex offender registration (Walnut Street), info given; 1:55 p.m.: officer wanted (Madison Avenue), assisted; 2:27 p.m.: officer wanted (Elm Street), info given; 2:38 p.m.: ambulance (Lakeview Drive), transported; 4:46 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), Jacqueline M. Toth, 33, 163 Brown Street, Winchendon, op w/suspended registration, uninsured mv, summons; 5:02 p.m.: officer wanted (East Street), message delivered; 6:32 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), unable to locate; 7:34 p.m.: suspicious auto (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 9:56 a.m.: bolo (Route 202, Rindge), advised officer.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**  
1:10-1:27 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:56 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 3:01-3:30 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:59 a.m.: investigation (Elm Street), report taken; 7:22 a.m.: lift assist (Pearl Street), services rendered; 8:53 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 8:55 a.m.: disabled mv (Elm Street), unable to locate; 9:09 a.m.: drug/narcotics violations (Elm Street), Robert A. Vaillancourt, 50, 409 Spring Street, #4, Winchendon, possession Class A drug, possession Class

B drug/2 counts, arrest; 9:12 a.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street), no service necessary; 9:22 a.m.: suspicious/other (Mill Glen Road), unfounded; 1:09 p.m.: officer wanted (Hill Street), unable to locate; 2:29 a.m.: custody dispute (Alger Street), spoken to; 4:01 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (School Street), non-emergency; 4:22 p.m.: officer wanted (Lincoln Avenue), spoken to; 4:27 p.m.: info/general (Main Street), info taken; 4:33 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), info taken; 5:41 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Street), transported; 7:18 p.m.: disabled mv (Glenallan Street), assisted; 8:01 p.m.: accident (Hall Road), services rendered; 10:08 p.m.: disabled mv (River Street), assisted; 10:14 p.m.: disabled mv (Glenallan Street), spoken to; 10:56 p.m.: suspicious person (River Street), spoken to; 11:29 p.m.: building checked, secure; 11:51 p.m.: assist other PD (Mill Glen Road), unable to locate.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8**  
12:14 a.m.: officer wanted (River Street), protective custody; 1:28 a.m.: ambulance (School Street), transported; 6:45 a.m.: accident (Maple Street), report taken; 6:58 a.m.: accident (Gardner Road), assisted; 8:25 a.m.: welfare check/elderly (Maple Street), assisted; 10:39 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported; 10:47 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), verbal warning; 11:35 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), Robert M. Martin, 34, 42 South Main Street, Apt. A, Troy, NH, arrest based on warrant; 12:35 p.m.: info/general (Walnut Street), spoken to; 1:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Old Gardner Road), referred to ACO; 3:26 p.m.: assist other agency (Linden Street), info given; 4:51 p.m.: officer wanted (River Street), info given; 6:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Washington Avenue), spoken to; 6:05 p.m.: disabled mv (Central Street), removed traffic hazard; 6:16 p.m.: assist citizen (Sibley Road); 6:33 p.m.: vandalism (Lincoln Avenue Extension), report taken; 7:14 p.m.: accident (Teel Road), report taken; 7:36 p.m.: suspicious mv (Gardner Road), Jessica E. Fish, 37, 248 Edgar Road, Spofford, NH, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, summons; 10:05 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street), spoken to; 10:43 p.m.: threats (Hale Street), report taken.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**  
12:16-4:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:05 a.m.: accident (Glenallan Street), no service necessary; 9:17 a.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), citation issued; 9:36 a.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), Michael A. Girard, 34, 5 Cardinal Lane, Winchendon, possession Class E drug, possession Class C drug, arrest; 10:54 a.m.: harassment order service (West Monomonac Road), advised officer; 10:59 a.m.: gunshots heard (Grove Street), services rendered; 11:37 a.m.: summons service (Spruce Street), advised officer; 12:01 p.m.: officer wanted (River Street), info taken; 12:12 p.m.: drug/narcotics violation (Pond Street), info taken; 12:40 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 1:10 p.m.: animal complaint (Brown Street), referred to ACO; 1:38 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), referred to ACO; 2:12 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive), accidental; 2:21 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warn-

ing; 3:53 p.m.: traffic hazard (Hitchcock Road), referred; 4:00 p.m.: assist other agency (Goddard Street); 4:09 p.m.: investigation (Central Street), assisted; 5:33 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), citation issued; 5:48 p.m.: accident (Alger Street), mv towed; 6:27 p.m.: traffic hazard (Central Street), assisted; 6:50 p.m.: larceny (Central Street), spoken to; 8:26 p.m.: accident (Central Street), written warning; 9:01 p.m.: assist other agency (Pond Street); 9:49 p.m.: harassment (Beech Street), report taken; 9:57 p.m.: threats (Hale Street), transported to hospital; 10:26 p.m.: suspicious mv (Hyde Park Drive), unfounded; 11:08 p.m.: ambulance (Front Street), transported; 11:26 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**  
12:30 a.m.: mv stop (School Street), written warning; 12:34 a.m.: noise complaint (Spring Street), spoken to; 12:45-12:50 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:56 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), written warning; 1:06-1:08 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: parking violation (Central Street), written warning; 1:24 a.m.: parking violation (Central Street), written warning; 1:35 a.m.: officer wanted (Hyde Park Drive), spoken to; 6:50 a.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), unable to locate; 8:18 a.m.: assist citizen (Front Street); 8:49 a.m.: mv violation (River Street), spoken to; 10:16 a.m.: fraud (Summer Street), spoken to; 10:26 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 10:43 a.m.: ambulance (Crescent Road), transported; 11:30 a.m.: harassment order service (West Monomonac Road), unable to serve; 1:51 p.m.: bolo (town wide), advised officer; 2:59 p.m.: accident (Maple Street), services rendered; 3:14 p.m.: accident (School Street), report taken; 5:47 p.m.: keep the peace (Mill Glen Road), no service necessary; 6:16 p.m.: public service/other (Winter Street), secure; 7:12 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 7:22 p.m.: public service/other (Winter Street), spoken to; 8:12 p.m.: mv stop (Tannery Hill), verbal warning; 8:24 p.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street), transported; 8:39 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), assisted; 9:05 p.m.: abandoned mv (Glenallan Street), report taken; 9:55 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 10:16 a.m.: suspicious person (Forristall Road), no cause; 10:51 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street), spoken to; 11:27 p.m.: ambulance (School Street), transported.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**  
12:50 a.m.: paring violation (Poland Avenue), written warning; 12:52 a.m.: parking violation (Emerald Street), written warning; 1:02 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:05 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 1:13-1:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:39 a.m.: parking violation (Fourth Street), written warning; 3:04 a.m.: parking violation (Juniper Street), written warning; 7:58 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 10:40 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 10:41 a.m.: keep the peace (Brown Avenue), spoken to; 11:05 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 11:32 a.m.: open door/window (Morse Avenue), secured bldg.; 11:33 a.m.: accident (Spring Street), report taken; 2:07 p.m.: harass-

ment order service (West Monomonac Road), unable to serve; 2:28 p.m.: erratic operation (Gardner Road), spoken to; 2:39 p.m.: assist citizen (Front Street); 3:11 p.m.: noise complaint (Old Gardner Road), spoken to; 5:48 p.m.: runaway (Polly's Drive), returned to home; 6:04 p.m.: mv stop (Elmwood Avenue), citation issued; 6:14 p.m.: officer wanted (Central Street), spoken to; 7:00 p.m.: mv stop (Juniper Street), Joseph J. Medeiros, 27, 12 Mechanic Street, Winchendon, op. w/suspended license/subsequent offense, uninsured mv, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered mv, failure to stop/yield, arrest; 7:20 p.m.: animal complaint (West Street), assisted; 9:12 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 9:42 p.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road), spoken to; 9:43 p.m.: bolo (Baldwinville State Road), unable to locate.

**MONDAY, MARCH 12**  
12:27 a.m.: suspicious mv (Summer Street), spoken to; 12:33-12:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:38 a.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 12:40 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:47 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 12:49 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 12:51 a.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 12:53 a.m.: fire alarm (Gardner Road), secure; 1:16 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 1:27 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:41 a.m.: burglar alarm (Lincoln Avenue), secure; 1:55 a.m.: extra patrols, secure; 2:11 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville Road), Katrina Ronni Williams, 22, 60 Independence Drive, Winchendon, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest; 6:54 a.m.: animal complaint (Front Street), returned to family; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), referred; 7:58 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), spoken to; 8:13 a.m.: disabled mv (River Street), spoken to; 8:20 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), citation issued; 8:41 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street), spoken to; 10:28 a.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville State Road), citation issued; 12:59 p.m.: shoplifting (Spring Street), report taken; 1:53 p.m.: wires down (Russell Farm Road), referred; 3:18 p.m.: drug/narcotics violations (Central Street), unable to locate; 3:24 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), written warning; 3:44 p.m.: assist citizen (Front Street); 4:01 p.m.: erratic operation (River Street), unable to locate; 4:12 p.m.: investigation (West Street), spoken to; 4:42 p.m.: traffic hazard (School Street), unable to locate; 5:22 p.m.: assist other PD (Maple Street), unable to locate; 5:30 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), spoken to; 5:51 p.m.: accident (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 5:57 p.m.: burglar alarm (Otter River Road), false alarm; 7:22 p.m.: ambulance (Maple Street), transported; 7:23 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), citation issued; 8:23 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 8:34 p.m.: mv stop (Pearl Street), verbal warning; 8:39 p.m.: property found (Baldwinville State Road), returned to owner; 8:44 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 9:15 p.m.: burglar alarm (Railroad Street), secure; 9:37 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street), spoken to; 9:45 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Spring Street), report taken.

# Travel restrictions scheduled on Sagamore Bridge

CONCORD — Replacement of damaged roadway joints on the Sagamore Bridge spanning the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne is scheduled to start in late-March 2018 and continue through late May 2018, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District officials.

During the scheduled times for work, travel over the Sagamore Bridge will be reduced from two lanes in each direction to one, wider 12-foot lane in each direction.

State and local police will be on duty at all times work is being performed to assist the motoring public.

Motorists planning to use the Sagamore Bridge during this timeframe should be aware that travel delays are likely to occur during the morning and afternoon peak travel periods each day.

The \$1,695,000 contract for replacement of damaged and worn roadway joints was awarded to R. Zoppo Corporation of Stoughton. The contractor will work seven days a week with double shifts in order to complete this work prior to the peak summer travel season. Additionally, similar work on the Bourne Bridge is scheduled for fall 2018.

This bridge work is critical to main-

taining the structural integrity of the bridges, which are a vital component to the transportation system of the Cape, the Islands and southeastern Massachusetts.

Work will include the replacement of bridge joints on the roadway, repair of corroded steel and concrete supports at the affected joints, patching of damaged pavement surfaces, and replacement of deteriorated waterproof membranes along the roadway curbs. In addition, USACE work crews will conduct various periodic maintenance activities on the bridge lighting and structuralae during this timeframe.

Traffic signs, message boards and bridge work alert emails will be used to help inform motorists about pending lane restrictions and bridge work. To sign up for bridge work alert emails send an email to [CapeCodCanalBridges@usace.army.mil](mailto:CapeCodCanalBridges@usace.army.mil) with the subject title "Bridge Work Alerts." An email alert is sent when there is a major change to the bridge work status or schedule.

Additionally, updates are available from the Corps' New England District via Facebook and Twitter at [CorpsNewEngland](https://www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland) or visit the District website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>.

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children would congregate? Using that kind of language is still too broad, it's open to interpretation. But the town has the right to put dance studios or dance schools in their bylaws."

Anderson also pointed out that some of those who attended the public forum believed placing cannabis sales on Central Street would make those businesses safer because they would be close to the police station.

"I don't see that there's really any correlation with that whatsoever," said Police Chief David Walsh. "I'm not in favor of it on Central Street at all."

"I think we also have to be friendly to future businesses," said board member Austin Cyganiewicz. "I don't want to limit too much what we can do in the future. We may very well find a good reason not to put these on Central Street, but Central Street is one of the only things we have. We have a lot to think about. We have to think about public safety and the general economy of Winchendon."

Hickey noted if the town decided now not to allow cannabis sales on Central Street but later determined a change was advisable, the bylaws could be re-worded at that time.

"I just don't think that having a recreational marijuana retail shop on our main street is what you want to project to the rest of the community, or to the people who come into town," said Hickey.

The vote to send the letter opposing a marijuana overlay district for Central Street passed on a vote of 4-1, with Cyganiewicz casting the lone dissenting vote.

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# OBITUARIES

## Stephanie Ann (Purcell) Barton

ATTLEBORO — Stephanie Ann (Purcell) Barton of Attleboro, and long-time resident of Needham, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 22, 2018, surrounded by her family.

Stephanie was the beloved wife of the late Robert B. Barton Sr. for six decades. Stephanie leaves behind her seven children and their families: Robert Jr. and Sallie Barton of Attleboro, Ken and Su Barton of Londonderry NH, John and Jean Barton of Haverhill, Stephanie and Jim Mahoney of Winchendon, Kathy and Rob Sutherland of Framingham, Susan and James Ridlen of Mansfield, and Amy and James Jay Adams of Windham NH. She is the proud and loving grandmother of eighteen grandchildren and their spouses as well as seven great-grandchildren. On November 26, 1935, Stephanie and her twin brother Jimmy were the first children born to their parents James M. Sr. and Carmen T. Purcell in Newton, Massachusetts. Stephanie is predeceased by her husband and parents, her brother David Purcell (infancy), and her brother Steven Purcell, of Southborough. Stephanie is survived by her twin James M. Purcell Jr., and her sisters Paula (Purcell) Kelley of Marlborough, April (Purcell) Barrett and her husband Dr. M. James Barrett, and Mary (Burns) Purcell.

Stephanie graduated from Our Lady's High School and Lasell Jr. College

in Newton. She was a talented secretary and served for several years as the administrative assistant to the principal of St. Joseph's School in Needham. She was deeply devoted to the Blessed Mother and the Catholic Church, and played an active role in the St. Josephs community, serving as a Eucharistic minister, co-chairperson of the Christmas Bazaar, Girl Scout leader, and recipient of the St. Anne's Medal for her lifetime of service by the Archdiocese of Boston. Stephanie considered her faith, her family and her friends to be her most precious blessings. An active listener, hers was the gift of gentle encouragement. She knew how to be present for each individual, even in a crowded gathering. We will miss Stephanie and her tight hugs, conversation and sage words of wit and wisdom.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday, February 27 at the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 1305 Highland Ave, Needham. Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Needham was celebrated Wednesday February 28th. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Needham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Stephanie's memory to Delta Projects, 118 Allied Dr. Dedham, MA 02026. Funeral arrangements by George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home (gfdoherty.com), Needham.

## Henry A. Fredette, 97

LEOMINSTER — Henry A. Fredette, age 97, died on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Life Care Center of Leominster. He was born in Fitchburg on August 31, 1920 to Albertine (Bernatchez) and Arthur J. Fredette.



He leaves a daughter, Jean Bloom of Florida; a son, William Fredette of Ohio; a grandchild, Monica; his great grandchildren; his brother, Normand & his wife, Sheila Fredette of Fitchburg; and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Jean Murray-Fredette; his sisters, Blanche Spano and Irene Clouthier; and his brother, Arthur Fredette.

Henry was a well read man and an accomplished businessman. He was a real estate developer, having built Parkhill Plaza and surrounding neighborhoods in the Cleghorn section of Fitchburg, as well

as beachfront property at Wyman's Pond in Westminster. He was involved in history and politics and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1972. He served as chair of the Fitchburg Bi-Centennial and he also designed commemorative flags for our nation's Bi-Centennial and for Desert Storm. Henry collected postcards and created prints of historic sites that were displayed in many businesses in Fitchburg, Winchendon, and surrounding towns.

Henry proudly served his country in the US Army during World War II. He was a member of the Third Photo Mapping Squadron and the First Photo Charting Group.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. Burial, with military honors, will follow at 11:00 a.m. in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

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

## Mildred A. "Millie" Laniewski, 90

WINCHENDON — Mildred A. "Millie" Laniewski, age 90, died March 1, 2018, at Heywood Hospital, in Gardner following complications from pneumonia.

She was born in Boston, on March 28, 1927, a daughter of the late Antoni & Frances (Makevich) Laniewski.

She has resided in Winchendon since 1985, and was formerly of Wrentham. She attended the Gardner Day Care Program.

She is survived by a niece Milly Enger; two nephews Hank and Kenneth Daneault; also several great-nieces & great-nephews. She was sister of the late

Frances Daneault and sister-in-law of the late Henry Daneault.

Relatives and friends gathered and honored Millie on Monday March 5, 2018 at the M.R. Laurin & Son Funeral Home, 295 Pawtucket St., Lowell. A prayer service took place in the funeral home. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Chelmsford.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to: Alternatives Unlimited Inc., 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588. Please see online memorial at [www.LaurinFuneralHome.com](http://www.LaurinFuneralHome.com).

## Judith A. (Harpp) Sarkovics, 67

WINCHENDON — Judith A. (Harpp) Sarkovics, age 67, of 390 Welch Road, died peacefully Tuesday afternoon, March 13, 2018 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Gardner, with her family at her side.



She was born in Plattsburgh, New York on October 30, 1950, daughter of the late Robert and Nina (LaPlante) Harpp and graduated from Saranac Central High School. In later years, Judy graduated from Norwich College and earned her Master's Degree from Eastern Nazarene College. She was a resident of Winchendon for 30 years.

Judy worked as an elementary school teacher and mostly taught second grade for many years at Memorial School in Winchendon until her retirement four years ago. In earlier years, she worked as an office cashier for K-Mart while living in New York. Judy enjoyed collecting angels, watching birds, walking and being a grandmother. She loved getting moose tracks ice cream at Kimball's with her granddaughter Abigail. She and her family took annual trips to the Adirondacks.

Judy attended New Hope Bible Chapel

in Templeton. She was a former member and Sunday School teacher of First Baptist Church in Gardner and was a former member of The Lords Church in Winchendon. Judy was a participant for many years with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Gardner.

She leaves her husband of 40 years, Richard S. Sarkovics; a daughter, Miranda Guerra and her husband Christopher of Winchendon; one granddaughter, Abigail Guerra; two sisters, Kathleen Hayes and her husband David and Karen Plumadore and her husband Keith, both of Pottstown, PA; three brothers, Robert Harpp and his wife Deb of Highland Heights, OH, Richard Harpp and his wife Cherie and Daniel Harpp and his wife Jeanne, both of Plattsburgh, NY and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 11 A.M. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. A reception will follow at Hidden Hill Function Hall, 18 Lisa Drive, Rindge.

Calling hours in the funeral home are Friday, March 16, 2018 from 5 to 7 P.M.

Memorial donations may be made to Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923 or to New Hope Bible Chapel, PO Box 189, Templeton, MA 01468.

## Jeannette L. (Rameau) Belliveau, 90

FITCHBURG — Jeannette L. (Rameau) Belliveau, age 90, of Fitchburg, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 8, 2018, at Health Alliance- Leominster Hospital.

Her husband of 50 years, Francis J. Belliveau, died in January 2003.

Mrs. Belliveau was born in Fitchburg, December 6, 1927, the eldest of six children born to William and Lourana (Lussier) Rameau and resided in Westminster before moving to Fitchburg many years ago. She attended Upton Elementary School in Westminster and was a 1945 graduate of Fitchburg High School where she was the captain of the girls' basketball team. She faithfully attended the class reunions.

For many years, Mrs. Belliveau worked as a home health aide to the Aubuchon family in Fitchburg. Prior to that she had worked at Fitchburg Yarn Company as well as the Watatic Spinning Mills.

She was a communicant of St. Joseph's

Church in Fitchburg. She was a member the Ladies of Ste. Anne and had served as their president from 2007-2013. She enjoyed playing bingo and was an avid Boston Celtics and New England Patriots fan.

She leaves her son, Kevin F. Belliveau of Fitchburg; her daughter, Karen M. Long and her companion, Andy Devoll of Winchendon; two brothers, Leo "T Boy" Rameau of Westminster, Kenneth Rameau of Hubbardston; a sister, Irene Araujo of Mashpee; three grandchildren, Jessica Belliveau, Matthew Belliveau and Nathaniel Long. Jeannette also leaves many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was the sister of the late James Rameau and Theresa "Baby" Sliter both of Westminster.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, March 15, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church, 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg. Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Mrs. Belliveau's family received family and friends Thursday, March 15 at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information.

## Rita J. (LeBlanc) Hance, 87

FITCHBURG — Rita J. (LeBlanc) Hance, age 87, formerly of Fitchburg passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2018 at Heywood Hospital, after an illness.



She was born on April 26, 1930, in Leominster the daughter of the late Ovila and Yvonne (Belliveau) LeBlanc. She graduated from Leominster High School in 1947.

Rita lived in Fitchburg most of her life and worked for many years in the plastic industry for Century Plastics, Tilton & Cook and retired from Sanitoy in 1995.

She was a very loving and devoted mother that meant the world to her children and her children meant the world to her. She always put their needs before her own and truly loved spending time with her immediate and extended family. She was thoughtful of others, caring, compassionate and generous for those that fell on hard times. She loved listening to her country music, dancing and going to Bingo with her sisters and friends.

She leaves her three daughters, Linda Murach of Westminster, Sandra Taralli

of Leominster and Maria Beasley of Ashburnham; her one son Michael Hance of Winchendon; six grandchildren, Ken Murach, Kerry Durkee, Angela Inman, Torrey Taralli, Michael Hance, and Amy Larocque; eleven great-grandchildren; one sister, Laurette Millis of Ayer and several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by two grandsons, Nakai and Logan Beasley; one great-granddaughter Ariana Vallee, three sisters, Theresa Dube, Rose Clapper, Lucille Lucus and one brother Paul LeBlanc. She will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in the Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli and the Fitchburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes, 243 Water St., Fitchburg, MA 01420.

Burial will be in the spring in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Knowler and Ellis Roads, Westminster, MA 01473.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the [American Heart Association](http://AmericanHeartAssociation.org), 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA 02451 or to [The Muscular Dystrophy Association](http://TheMuscularDystrophyAssociation.org), 33 Lyman Street, #205, Westborough, MA, 01581.

For further information see [www.masciarellifuneralhomes.net](http://www.masciarellifuneralhomes.net).

## David Meunier, 70

GARDNER — David Meunier, age 70, of 50 Pine St., died unexpectedly Wednesday evening, March 7, 2018 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner.



He was born in Gardner on February 9, 1948, son of Mary Lou (King) Meunier of Gardner and the late Bernard H. Meunier. David grew up in Templeton and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg and Marquette University. He had lived in Seattle and Puerto Rico for many years and later lived in Florida until returning to Gardner 20 years ago.

David worked at Digital and Simplex Time Recorder for many years. He enjoyed reading and gardening and especially enjoyed spending time near the ocean. David had a love of literature and had a gift of writing.

In addition to his mother, he leaves his brothers and sisters, Richard Meunier and his wife Bonnie of Mendon, Roland Meunier and his wife Pat of Templeton, Kevin Meunier of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Mary Curtis and her husband Richard of Templeton, Bernadette Arsenault and her husband Randy of Homer, Alaska, John Meunier and his husband Jim of Boston and Amy Jackson of Gardner and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Bernard, his brother Bernard Joseph and his dear friend Jean Paul.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to American Lung Association, 1661 Worcester Road, Suite 301 Framingham, MA 01701.

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

## John Everett Record, 83

OCALA, Fl. – John Everett Record passed away on Feb. 4, 2018, in Ocala, surrounded by his family.

He was born on August 17, 1936 in Winchendon, Massachusetts.

He was predeceased by his parents Ray and Serena Chesley of Conway, Massachusetts. John was the youngest of 13 children.

John leaves behind his loving wife Joan (nee Batchelder) of 60 years; his son Shawn (Dana) of Southampton, son Glenn of Ocala, daughter Christine Hilty of Melbourne, daughter Roxann Brady (Brien) of Melbourne, grandchildren James Hilty, Gabrielle Record and Erin Brady, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is survived by his foster brother William Leno (Elizabeth) of South Deerfield.

John attended Smith Vocational High School in Northampton, Massachusetts. He was a member of the National Guard from 1953 to 1958. He was a member of the Masonic Mountain Lodge in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts.

John owned The Village Shop restaurant in Conway with his wife Joan from 1960 to 1968. He went on to the

food service industry as a regional manager for Ogden Allied Services in Miami, Florida. He made an outstanding reputation for himself in the industry. He moved on to work as a vice president for Fine Host Corp in the Southwest of the U.S. and left behind his legacy in the industry.

He retired to Ocala, Florida in 1999 to enjoy life at the retirement community of Saddle Oak Club with Joan. There he enjoyed many years of planning events and parties for the community. He loved spending time in Vermont during the summer and traveling with his family.

Funeral services will take place at a time and date to be announced.

The Wrisley Funeral Home, South Deerfield, has charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy are available at: [www.wrisleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wrisleyfuneralhome.com)

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# SPORTS

## And March Madness begins...

The best thing about last weekend's massive fund-raisers, aka conference tournaments? The ACC semi-finals featuring Virginia-Clemson and Duke-Carolina. That, my friends, was the actual Atlantic Coast Conference. Four of the original eight (Maryland, Wake Forest, NC State, and South Carolina being the others) were playing for the league title. Nowhere to be found were BC, Syracuse, Notre Dame, Louisville, etc., you know, the pseudo-ACC. Granted those games Friday were played in Brooklyn rather than Greensboro, NC, or even DC, but for me at least it was a trip back in time to when the ACC was, well, the ACC. Yes, I know it's 2018 and that's kind of a get-off-my-lawn attitude but so be it. I liked it.

Speaking of Maryland, a

whole lot of people might well have been confused on Sunday when the University of Maryland, the University of Maryland-Baltimore County that is, had its name called. UMBC is known more nationally for outstanding chess programs as opposed to hoops, but the Retrievers stunned top-seeded Vermont on the road last Saturday to clinch the automatic bid. UMBC is not UMCP. Same overall university, yes, but that's it. UMBC is dancing. The UMCP Terps? No. Not even to the NIT. In fact, no team from my home region other than the Retrievers made it. It's been one of those forgettable seasons. Not every year can be memorable.

I know folks who didn't much like TBS' selection show during which teams were announced alphabetically rather



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er than by region as CBS has always done. The entire field was revealed in less than 15 minutes which personally, I liked, though I seem to be in a minority on that score. And the genuflecting to the "corporate champions" was missing from the first quarter hour too. That was a win.

It's hard to argue seriously with this year's field and as forecast here last week, in the end I think Villanova will win it. We all love those upsets the first week but by the time April arrives, it's pretty rare

to see anyone other than the big names still around. Yes, George Mason made it 12 years ago, and yes, VCU snuck in, and yes, Butler, then coached by Brad Stevens, reached back-to-back title games. Aside from those interlopers, I can't think of any real Final Four surprises over the last 20 years or so. It would be nice though, wouldn't it?

A lot of fans and especially his critics were quite surprised when Tiger almost won a usually-mundane Valspar tournament last Sunday. Finishing just one shot back of winner Paul Casey, there were moments during the week including one at 17 on Sunday when the ground seemed to shake. This week the Tour is in Orlando at the Arnold Palmer Invitational where Woods has 8 wins during his career.

Whether he wins or is even on page one of the leaderboard this weekend, who now doubts he may very well be a factor at the Masters next month?

Meanwhile, the most interesting week of the NFL year is upon us — the opening gold rush for free agents. That said though, given the snooze-fest which was the 2017 season, the bar is not exactly set high. Nonetheless, it's fun to watch the first flurry of activity which so often triggers absurd Super Bowl dreams in places like Washington. The Redskins tend to annually claim the title of April champions, but haven't actually been to the big game since the 1991 season. But hey, anything's possible. After all, the reigning champions are after all the Philadelphia Eagles. No really, they are. See you next week.

## Combined basketball awards presented

Congratulations go out again to the Murdock varsity cheerleaders, who competed Sunday in the 2018 Winter Cheerleading State Championship held at Whitman-Hanson High School.

Despite performing without their music (a malfunction of some kind), the girls carried on, placing sixth in their division, and 24th overall (out of 60 squads).

Unfortunately, the girls missed a bid to National competition by only 1.5 points. This year's varsity competition squad consisted of Ariana Berman (captain), Maria Polcari (captain), Taylor Goguen, Izaria Alcantara, Makenzie Lundin, Bekah Bergeron, Meagan Knight, Allie Cobiski, and Josslyn Laverdure.

The Murdock International Travel Club is hosting a Paint Night at the Crafty Cauldron on March 20. The cost is \$40.00 which includes all materials. To reserve your spot, please call the Crafty Cauldron at 978-616-8630 or register online at thecraftycauldron.net. This event is to help raise funds for the four Murdock students who will be traveling to Puerto Rico, along with their Spanish teacher Mrs. Maskewich, and other students from Leominster High School, over April vacation. Students will be assisting in the continued recovery from Hurricane Maria in addition to participating in traditional travel activities.

Congratulations to Richard Swanson

### VIEW FROM THE TOWER

SUE POLCARI

III, who participated in the New Balance National Track Meet in New York on March 9. Richard represented Murdock/Massachusetts/New England very well and broke yet another school record in the 600 meter!

Practices for all Spring Sports begins on Monday (March 19). If you have not yet registered your student, please do so at familyid.com.

The boys middle school, JV and Varsity basketball teams held their combined end of the year awards banquet on Monday night at the American Legion. A buffet dinner was served followed by awards for all three teams.

Middle School: Awards were presented by Coach Matt Smith in the absence of Coach Brown. Participation award certificates were presented to the middle school players in attendance – Nick Bond, Dom Iannaccone, Cole Patterson, Calvin Tenney, Jayden Pridgen and Willie Pridgen. Plaques were awarded to Defensive Player of the Year – Calvin Tenney and Offensive Player of the Year – Cole Patterson.

Junior Varsity: Coach Dan Romero and Asst. Coach Matt Smith presented participation awards to players in attendance - Richard Anderson, Mac Brimhall, Beau Manning, Tyler Biron, Joey Marobella, Matt Marobella, Kevin Pesce, and Brendan Zuppa. Cam Monette, recognized as a utility player able to make rebounds and score points, was awarded the Coaches' Award.



Jeff Millman photos

Middle School left to right: Jayden Pridgen, Nick Bond, Dom Iannaccone, Willie Pridgen, Cole Patterson, Calvin Tenney. Coaches left to right in back - Matt O'Malley, Dan Romero, Matt Smith

Kevin Pesce was recognized as the Most Improved Player. Coach Romero noted Kevin had improved significantly over the season in his shooting and driving to the basket. Coach Romero also noted a significant improvement over the past 3 years progressing from 0 wins 1st season, 2 wins 2nd season and 9 wins this season. This bodes well for the future of Murdock basketball!!

Varsity: Coach Matt O'Malley and Asst. Coach Matt Smith presented participation awards to Jack Polcari, Ross O'Toole, Louis Maldonado, LJ Hicks, Zach Richards, Dylan Lupien, James Anderson, Scott Laverdure, Spencer Pelkey and Nick Roy. The Coaches

Award was given to Louis Maldonado for his constant support of the team throughout the entire season. Most Improved Player was awarded to Dylan Lupien. LJ Hicks was recognized as the Most Valuable Player. Additionally, Nick Roy and LJ Hicks were recognized as MidWach League All Stars. The 4 seniors on the team – Spencer Pelkey, Nick Roy, Scott Laverdure and James Anderson – were officially welcomed by Coach O'Malley as Murdock Basketball Alumni and were presented with jackets. These boys were all freshmen when Coach began his Murdock coaching career.

### PENNIES

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er about 18 years ago when we had a student diagnosed with leukemia. We do the fundraiser every other year."

Atter also said, "The fundraiser included Grades K, 1, and 2. Each classroom has its own collection box and counts their totals at the end of each week. Our goal at school this year is to raise \$2,000. The highest grade level will win a pizza party to celebrate their efforts in collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, and more."

When asked about any comments from students who participate Atter said, "Because the students are so young they often relate the fundraiser to someone they have known with cancer. 'My cousin had cancer, my Mom has a friend with cancer, my Grandmother died of cancer etc.' They also ask question regarding what leukemia and lymphoma is, so we educate them with a simple definition that it is cancer of the blood. We let the children know that

the money they raise will help patients have better access to treatment, and it will help families stay close to a family member who is sick, and most importantly the money will help support doctors as they research a cure."

Originally scheduled to end on Friday, March 23, Atter explained, "We will be extending the fundraiser a few days due to a professional development day and cancelled snow days. The last day will be Friday, March 30. Volunteers from the Memorial School PTO will be helping to bring the change to Athol Savings Bank for a correct total.

In closing Atter said, "I am proud of our Memorial Students for supporting such an important cause. The students learn that they can make a difference in other people's lives and what doing good for others can mean. They learn about service, leadership, teamwork, and philanthropy."

To learn more about the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on the internet visit [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org) and to learn about student donation programs also visit to [www.studentseries.org](http://www.studentseries.org)

### STRONG FINISH



Courtesy photo

Murdock High School's varsity cheer team took a strong 6th place in state competition last weekend, the program's best showing in a decade. Coach Lisa Paulitzky said she was "very proud" of how her squad came together as the season progressed.

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# Heywood recognized for clinical performance

GARDNER — Heywood’s Physician Hospital Organization, along with other physician groups in Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire have been named to Harvard Pilgrim Health Care’s 16th annual Physician Group Honor Roll. The Harvard Pilgrim Honor Roll highlights physician groups that have achieved exceptional results in their approach to disease prevention and the treatment of acute and chronic illness for both adult and pediatric patients.

Harvard Pilgrim selected the Honor Roll physician groups based on clinical performance measured against national standards set by HEDIS® (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set), a tool developed for the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) to assess the clinical performance of doctors and other medical professionals.

Harvard Pilgrim reviewed performance in three domains of clinical care affecting both adult and pediatric patients: acute, chronic and preventive care. Physician groups were identified as Honor Roll practices based on points earned for performance on 15 measures such as appropriate treatment for children with upper respiratory infection, comprehensive diabetes care and breast cancer screenings.

“We are extremely proud to be recognized by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care for the outstanding care provided by our physicians,” shared Heywood Healthcare President and CEO Win Brown. “Our clinical care teams strive to provide the highest quality care to our patients every day, and being named among these top physician groups for excellence in acute, chronic and preventative care reinforces our mission to create healthier communities.”

“We are very pleased to partner with these exceptional physician groups,” said Eric H. Schultz, President and CEO, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. “We are happy to recognize their standout performance on national quality benchmarks and for the exceptional care they provide our members.”

“Health care today is focused on positive outcomes and value,” said Michael Sherman, MD, chief medical officer, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. “Through their dedication to quality and patient safety, these physicians have admirably demonstrated the focus needed to help us achieve those goals.”

Honor roll practice providers are noted in Harvard Pilgrim’s printed and online provider directories, as well as on the organization’s web site, enabling members to evaluate and select physicians based on quality measures.

## Grow a bountiful garden and share with the hungry

Do you always squeeze in an extra tomato plant, another row of beans or hill of zucchini? It seems like a good idea at the time, until they all start to produce all at once. Your family, friends and co-workers start to hide as you try to pawn off yet another bag of zucchini or tomatoes. Here is a solution that satisfies your gardening obsession and feeds the hungry in your community. Designate some growing space to a Giving Garden and donate the harvest to your local food pantry.

Feeding America reports that 41 million Americans struggle with hunger. And many are children and seniors. Gardener’s Supply Company is inviting gardeners to lend a hand and take the “Garden to Give” pledge to grow food to give to those in need.

They surveyed food pantries to find out what types of fruits and veggies people most enjoy eating, and those that store well. You’ll find a simple Giving



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Garden plan for beets, carrots, cabbage, Swiss chard, kale and winter squash on their website at gardeners.com. Best of all these late maturing vegetables will be ready for harvest all at about the same time, so you can make your donation in just one trip.

Don’t let a lack of space stop you from participating. Plant a row or container of one or more of these vegetables to share; join forces with a neighbor who may have the space, but only limited time to garden; or gather a few friends and rent a community garden plot. Together you can grow fresh produce and memories to share.

Get the children in your life involved in growing and giving. Gardening increases focus, decreases stress and elevates children’s moods. Giving helps children grow into caring well-rounded adults. Plus, if they grow the vegetables, they are more likely to eat them!

Be sure to capture a few photographs of your donation to inspire others to follow your lead. Starting in August, you can enter Gardener’s Supply’s online “Show What You Share,” photo contest for a chance to win a prize for you and your local food pantry.

With the “Garden to Give,” program, everyone who participates is a winner. The real prize is making a difference while doing something you love. Once you’ve experienced the benefits of sharing fresh produce with the hungry in your community, you are likely to find yourself making regular donations of garden fresh fruits and veggies to those in need... and feeling great about it, too.

*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 Gardener’s Supply*




Rob Cardillo photo

**Produce about to be transported to a food pantry in West Philadelphia.**


for her expertise to write this article. Myers’s web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

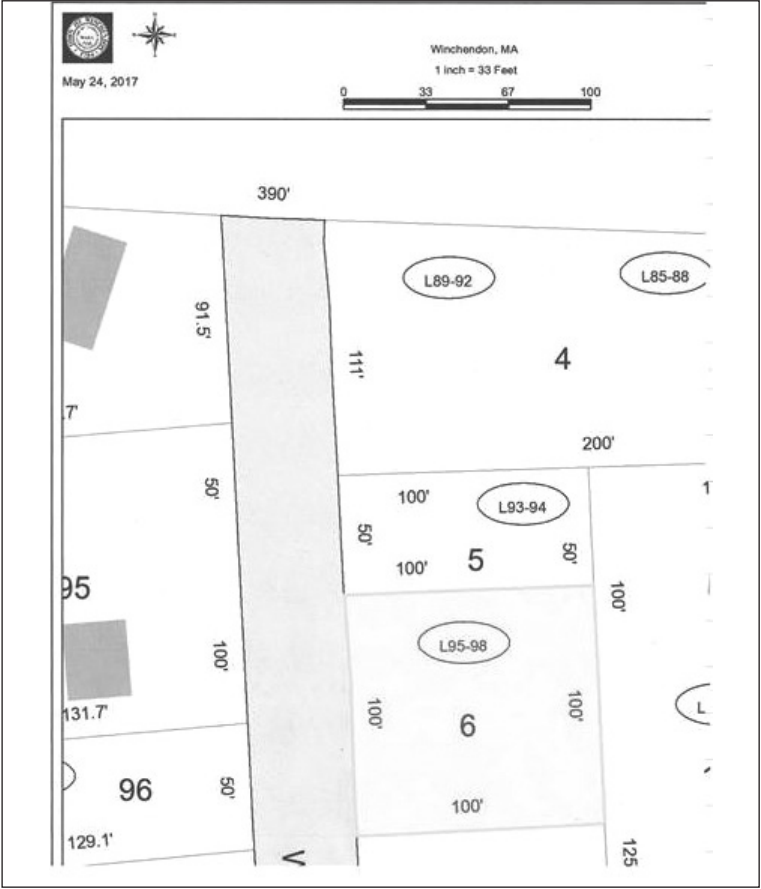
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## Powell announces candidacy as clerk of courts



Joanne Powell

WORCESTER — Charlton resident Joanne Powell has announced her intention to run for the Clerk of Courts for Worcester County. Highlighting the need for professionalism, efficiency and accountability within the Clerk's Office, Joanne is eager

to share her vision with voters of Worcester County.

"It is time for a hands-on manager to create an atmosphere of professionalism, efficiency, and accountability in the Clerk of Courts office," said Powell. "After all, it is your tax dollars that go towards these services. The voters of Worcester County deserve them to be spent in the most efficient manner possible."

Currently, Joanne is employed at the Probate & Family Court located in the Worcester Court, where she has been heavily involved in making some extraordinary changes. In part with Powell's keen oversight, the Probate Office now boasts a dramatically decreased processing time for claims, which went from several weeks to just a few days, despite working with a 10 percent reduction in staffing. In addition to implement-

ing increased efficiency within the office, Powell was also instrumental in developing a community outreach program to assist Worcester County seniors when they require services provided by the Probate Office.

Accountable to the citizens of Worcester County, the Probate & Family Court was also pleased to return over \$1.7 million in escrow monies to the proper families or to the state's unclaimed monies fund.

Prior to the Probate & Family Court, her work experience includes time working for District Attorney Joseph D. Early's office as a community liaison. During her time at the DA's office, Powell spoke to thousands of students, parents, school staff, and law enforcement officials on the public safety challenges of our time; including bullying, domestic violence and the opioid epi-

demic.

In addition to Powell's service in the District Attorney's office and Probate & Family Court, in 2017 she was appointed by Governor Baker to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children, where her current responsibilities include surplus fund allocation of over \$2 million dollars. Ever committed to strong public education and to our local schools, in 2006 Joanne was elected as vice-chair of the Dudley-Charlton School Committee, where she approved and helped manage a budget of over \$50 million.

Deeply rooted in her community, Joanne has been married for 32 years to her husband Rick, with whom they have five adult children. A graduate of Salem State University, Joanne earned a Bachelor's of Science degree. After starting a family and while working

part-time, Joanne returned to school, earning her Master's of business administration from Assumption College in 1993.

Citing her education, extensive public service experience both in the courthouse and the community, Joanne is grateful for the overwhelming confidence and support so many voters have already expressed towards her candidacy. Powell's platform includes: open access to justice in a fair, efficient, and timely manner – and implementing a renewed sense of professionalism and accountability to Worcester Superior Court.

Joanne enthusiastically looks forward to getting to know the voters of Worcester County. Along with her husband, five adult children, friends and many supporters, she will make her official campaign announcement at her kickoff in early May.

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Hickey also pointed out the town provides \$10,000 a year for the Clark to maintain the soccer field for use as a Med-Flight landing area.

"Even though the park doesn't belong to the town," said board Chairman Barbara Anderson, "when I was raising my kids I was flying that kite down there all the time. My kids were using that playground all the time. They learned to ride their bikes around the track. We utilized it as a public property. There are an awful lot of families

down there doing the same thing. So then, it kind of becomes public."

Board member C.J. Husslebee asked why the board should provide additional funds to the Clark when it already gives the Y \$10,000 annually to maintain the landing site. Connor responded by saying the town's contribution was used for more than that single purpose, also helping to cover the cost of upkeep of the outdoor tennis and basketball courts.

"I completely understand how important the Clark is to Winchendon," said Husslebee. "However, as an independent non-profit, and with the heirs' caution about using the funds for this

purpose...I'm very leery of it."

A motion by Husslebee to deny the Clark's request was defeated by a 4-1 margin.

Board member Audrey LaBrie subsequently moved to give the Clark \$10,000 from the Converse Fund. That motion was approved by a vote of 3-2, with Anderson, LaBrie, and Austin Cyganiewicz voting in favor and Husslebee and board member Mike Barbo opposed.

Prior to considering the Clark's request, selectmen approved giving \$35,000 in Converse Fund monies to the town's Ingleside Utilization Committee to help pay for trail clearing, trail

marking, establishing ADA compliant picnic and viewing facilities, and other improvements at the property off Maple Street. Five-thousand-dollars of the total will be committed to public outreach and volunteer recruitment efforts.

The Ingleside Utilization Committee had requested a total of \$50,000 in funding.

The vote to approve the lower amount for Ingleside, which came after some discussion on whether the property constitutes a municipal park, was unanimous.

### DALMATIANS

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a lot of theater opportunities. This is great because now they can start in 3rd grade if they want, and actually go all the way up to 12. Hopefully they like me and stick with it because that's the goal" added a jubilant Iannacone.

As motivation is often a key component of any activity, Iannacone when asked about hers replied, "I have very 'sporty' children. So often I see that drama, theater, and music, are kind of the first things to always get cut in school districts. If I can keep it going, and start students even younger it would be very beneficial."

Iannacone said, "I just don't think that every child likes sports. Not every child has something to do after school. This is another option and opportunity which isn't sports related. I see both sides of children who like sports and those who don't. It's always a bit scary when budget cuts are coming, because you hope it's not music, arts, or chorus. We try hard to keep these options available for kids who might not have something else after school."

Asked about differences in approaching the various age groups of drama and theater participants at the elementary level vs high school Iannacone replied, "They're greener to the stage so I always say 'OK, we are going to do acting 101.' We'll work on projection and things like facing the front. As they get older you can tell who the kids are who have been with me for years because they just know those things and many others. It's about getting them comfortable where there are no nerves. They just do it so many times that they will

no longer get nervous as repetition is key."

In the classic story, Roger and Anita reside happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, who are raising a very, very large brood of puppies. However, the sinister Cruella De Vil, Anita's former classmate, plots to kidnap the puppies to make a new fur coat. Pongo and Perdita enlist the help of all of London's canines to mount a rescue of the pups from the clutches of Cruella and her somewhat hapless co-conspirators, Horace and Jasper.

The production includes such favorite musical numbers as "Dalmatian Conga," "Kanine Krunchies," and "My Beautiful Coat."

Director of extended day programs Jennifer Haddad said, "This fundraiser for our programs is part of the program, which runs October through March, and one of our three sessions. People should know how much this means to the students. They love the music and songs. They can be heard singing them as they go through the hallways. It's just so cute. Please come out and support all the hard work our students are doing and the program by coming to see 101 Dalmatians."

Finally, Iannacone said, "I feel like the after school programs are so important especially at the younger ages. For working parents, it's also great to know the children have somewhere to go and something positive to do for a few hours after school, no matter if it is drama, sports, cooking, or other. It's really important they have something to do after school. I believe it's beneficial to both the parents and children to have these programs."

The popular movie and play are based on the 1956 novel "The One Hundred and



The full cast of 101 Dalmatians Kids.

"One Dalmatians" by English children's writer and playwright Dodi Smith.

The cast for the upcoming production includes: Alyshia Richard (Cruella De Vil); Reagan Kelly (Anita/Poodle 2); Sladyn Nutt (Roger); Ethan Vanhillo (Horace); Brielle Voorheis (Jasper); Emily Sarsfield (Poodle Narrator); Kyleigh Nolin (Boxer Narrator); Kayla Agnelli (Chihuahua Narrator); Wendi Wang (Scottie Narrator); Mya McDermott (Nanny); Eva Martin (Sergeant Tibbs); Christian Carl Marcial (Pongo); Madison Eldredge (Perdita); Lily Lancey (Lucky); Crista Manual (Patch); Riley Mullin (Penny/Boxer 2); Kendra Burgess (Pepper); Addison Brooks (Police Officer/Chihuahua 2); Arianna Vooreis (Dog Catcher/Scottie 2).

Production Crew: Kristi Iannacone, Director; Maureen Provost, Artistic Director; Kaileen Dibble, Student Assistant Director; Arie Dibble and Alex Marshall, Student Volunteers;

Morgan Eldredge and Domenic Iannacone, Back Stage Volunteers.

In addition to Winchendon Public School, contributors include the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation and Murdock Friends of Music.

The program committee is made up of: Jennifer Haddad, extended day director; Cindy Darcy, TTE teacher; Mary Aker, TTE principal; Maureen Provost, Friends of Music; Sam Vendt, elementary music teacher.

If you would like to purchase tickets to the upcoming children's theatrical rendition of 101 Dalmatians at Toy Town Elementary being held on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m., you can either purchase them at the door, from students, or call Jennifer Haddad at (978) 616-1458.

Correspondent Greg Vine contributed to this story.





# LEGALS

**MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Daniel R. Sweet to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 24759, Page 379 subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45115, Page 331 and subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MASTR Reperforming Loan Trust 2005-1 by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, formerly known as First Union Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48678, Page 201; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on April 9, 2018 at 67 Grove Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Winchendon, with the buildings thereon, numbered 67 Grove Street, bounded and described as follows, to wit: COMMENCING at a stone monument on the Northerly side of Grove Street; thence running NORTHEASTERLY on line of land formerly of Willard N. Sawyer et ux, now or formerly or John B. Abood et al, and land formerly of Marion U. Gregory, now or formerly of George W. Gregory et ux, one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet, more or less, to an iron pin in line of land formerly of John R. Fisher; thence NORTHWESTERLY on line of said Fisher land ninety-six and 525/1000 (96.525) feet, more or less, to a stone monument; thence SOUTHWESTERLY on line of land of Henri M. Prescott one hundred thirty and 35/100 (130.35) feet, more or less, to an iron pin in the Northerly line of said Grove Street; thence SOUTHEASTERLY on line or said Grove Street sixteen and one-half (16-1/2) feet, more or less, to a stone monument; thence continuing SOUTHEASTERLY on line of Grove Street sixty-one and 875/1000 (61.875) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This conveyance is made subject to all restrictions or record which are now in force and apply. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying the same premises conveyed by Mary E. Young to Clarence L. Lincoln dated April 9, 1915, and recorded with Worcester District registry of Deeds, Book 2950, Page 280. For my title see Estate of Marguerite P. Lincoln, Worcester County Probate Case No. 270638. Clarence L. Lincoln died February 22, 1972, as evidenced by death certificate Recorded herewith, Instrument No. 41156 See Doc # 135081

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

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

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

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

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANS PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
17-007125  
March 9, 2018  
March 16, 2018  
March 23, 2018

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kimberly Fleurant and Joseph Fleurant, III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, dated January 6, 2012 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48377, Page 116 as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded with said records at Book 56245, Page 5, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated March 30, 2015 and recorded with

said Registry on April 3, 2015 at Book 53551, Page 16, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 41 BROWN STREET, WINCHENDON, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,  
TO WIT:

A certain parcel of real estate with the buildings thereon, in the Village of Waterville in said Winchendon and numbered 41 Brown Street, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the Northerly side of the road leading from Waterville to Hydeville, now Brown Street, at a corner of land now or formerly of Elisha M. Whitney (a drill hole in a stone charged with lead);  
Thence North 20° East, 136 feet to a drill hole in a large rock charged with lead;  
Thence South 62° 10' East 169.7 feet to a corner;  
Thence South 27° 40' West 161 feet to the line of said road;  
Thence on line of said road North 47° 30' West about 35 feet and North 53° 45' West about 119 feet to the place of beginning.

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

Being the same premises described in from William W. Whitney and Emily W. Peters, Trustees of the Murdock Trust, to us, dated January 23, 1962, and recorded in Book 4258, Page 315. Subject to rights of Winchendon Electric Light and Power Company under instrument dated November 7, 1933 and recorded in Book 2596, Page 96, if same affects locus.

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

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

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

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

**TERMS OF SALE:**

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

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California Street  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617) 558-0500  
201707-0108 - PRP  
March 9, 2018  
March 16, 2018  
March 23, 2018

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 204 Mill Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Justin A. Oakley and Jamie L. Oakley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GSF Mortgage Corp., said mortgage dated May 8, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41121 at Page 182 and now

held by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated September 26, 2011 and recorded October 4, 2011 in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 47917 Page 286 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on April 2, 2018 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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

**Commencing on the southerly side of Mill Street at a corner of land formerly of Joseph H. Wright; thence On line of said Wright land S. 18° W., one hundred five (105) feet; thence**

**On line of land formerly of Frank L. Leland N. 74° 45' 45' W., forty (40) feet; thence**

**Still on line of said Leland land N. 14° E., eighteen (18) feet; thence On line of land formerly of Asa P. Whitcomb N. 3° 45' E., ninety (90) feet, more or less, to said Mill Street; thence**

**On said Mill Street sixty-three (63) feet to the lace of beginning.**

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

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated 9/30/2003, and recorded in Book 31836 at Page 242 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC  
270 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06032  
Attorney for Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP  
Present Holder of the Mortgage  
(860) 677-2868

March 9, 2018  
March 16, 2018  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FY 2019 PROPOSED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BUDGET**

**WINCHENDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 71, S. 38N, a Public Hearing on the proposed Annual School District Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 will be held at Town Hall, 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA, on Wednesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

The proposed budget can be examined at the Superintendent's Office, 175 Grove Street, Winchendon, MA between the hours of 8:30 am -3:00 pm on March 19, 2018. All interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget.

School Committee  
Winchendon Public Schools  
March 16, 2018



# Scouts hold Pinewood Derby

BY GREG VINE  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Winchendon Cub Scout Pack 193 held its annual Pinewood Derby at American Legion Eugene M. Connor Post 193 on Sunday. A full house of scouts, relatives, and supporters was on hand to cheer on the competitors.

The first Pinewood Derby took place in 1953. It was organized by Don Murphy, Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 280C (now Pack 713) in Manhattan Beach, California. Because Murphy's son was too young to compete in the once-popular Soap Box Derby, he decided to come up with the idea of having younger participants race miniature wooden cars. Winchendon's Cub Scout pack has been hold-

ing the event for a number of years.

Results of Sunday's races are as follows:

Bears: 1. Tony F., Red Lightning; 2. Ethan M., Fireblade; 3. Wyatt N., Fireball; 4. Brandon C., Zamboi.

Buddies: 1. Bentley L., Batmobile; 2. Roger C., Lightning; 3. Levi M., Car #10; 4. Tobyn N., Shark Dummy; Dustin L., Car # 7; Zita C., Rocket.

Lions: 1. Jaxson S., Cool Racer; 2. Vinny F., Bumble Bee; 3. Lucas P., Big Red; 4. Gabe F., Robin; 5. Zakary W., Blue Lightning; 6. Dustin L., Duster; 7. Michael M., Michael Maine; 8. Nate W., Roadster; 9. Jameson B., Kyle Busch; 10. Carter F., Thunder Truck.

Tigers: 1. Rex S., Ty Scout; 2. Mason F., America; 3. Jacob A., Lava Rider; 4. Charles H.,

Chuckles Mobile; 5. Anthony G., Deep Blue; 6. Zackary M., Green Turbo; 7. Orion F., Captain Jack; 8. Kasen L., Sonic.

Wolves: 1. Tristan F., Star Spangled Mobile; 2. Carson F., Bun Bun; 3. Bradleigh P., The Black Bullet; 4. Anthony C., The 193 Car; 5. Brody H., Brodster Racer; 6. Hunter M., Alien Force; 7. Adam M., The Boss; 8. Stephen W., M&M; 9. Joshua W.; 10. Anthony A., Gretzky; 11. Jack M., Piranha Attack.

Webeles: 1. Shamus S., Rando; 2. Wiley M., Miami Dolphins; 3. Benjamin F., Ancient Vehicle; 4. Tommy L., Steve; 5. Deaven M., Blue Lightning; 6. Alex V., Blaze; 7. Charles F., JJ; 8. Chrystofor L., Lightning McQueen; 9. Logan G., Logan-o; 10. Jack V., Undertaker; 11. Romeo M., Triforce; 12. Michael F., JF; 13.

Deven L., Grey Matter; 14. Colby S., Patriot Racer.

Siblings: 1. Ashlyn M., Nyan Cat Racer; 2. Dominik F., Optimus Prime; 3. Gemma S., Rainbow; 4. Eden S., Rainbow Jr.; 5. Smith K., Fast Car; 6. Evanjelo L., Sue; Fetzner C., Bat Girl; 8. Logan H., Shark Attack.

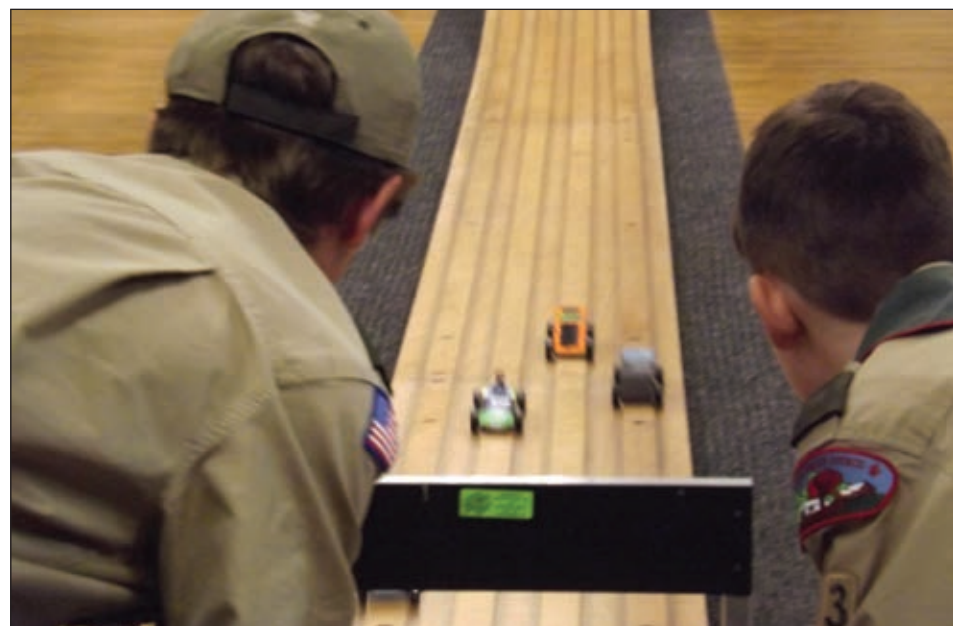
Adults: 1. Laura F., Epona; 2. Daniel F., On My Honor; 3. James S., Woody; 4. Paul M., Thor's Chariot; 5. Trent S., Ginger's Revenge; 6. Kevin F., Utini!; 7. Bob D., Bob's Car; 8. Jim V., Boba Fett; 9. Kayle M., Dunkins; 10. Chris Smell C., The Puck; 11. Khristina S., Batman.

Grand Finals: 1. Rex S., Ty Scout; 2. Tony F., Red Lightning; 3. Tristan F., Star Spangled Mobile; 4. Jaxson S., Cool Racer; 5. Shamus S., Rando.



Photos Greg Vine

rophies await the winners of the Pinewood Derby held Sunday at the American Legion by Winchendon Cub Scout Pack 193.



Contestants in the Pinewood Derby have the backing of their parents as the first heat is about ready to start.

LEFT: Entries into Sunday's race hurtle toward the finish line.



Entries into the Pinewood Derby are neatly racked and ready to roll.



A Pinewood Derby contestants places his entry at the starting line.



Getting ready for the next heat.

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