

# Proposed businesses go ‘up in smoke’

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At its most recent meeting, Winchendon’s Board of Health shot down a proposal to increase the number of tobacco licenses available to local businesses. There are currently nine licenses in existence and the board has adopted a policy to cap the number at that amount. The licenses must stay with the existing business, meaning anyone who purchases an existing business may buy the license that goes with it. But no licenses will be granted to newly-established retailers. If a business holding an existing license closes its doors for good, the license dies with it. The possibility of expanding the number of licenses arose earlier this year when local businessman Mark Atkinson signed a lease to establish a vape shop on Pond Street, behind Gabby’s Pizza. Unfortunately, Atkinson signed the lease under the misper-

ception that he would be able to obtain the tobacco license he would need to open the business. After obtaining several permits and sinking a fair amount of money into renovating the space, he was informed there were no licenses available. Atkinson then went to the board in the hope that members would agree to increase the number of licenses. The board was approached at its last meeting by Shannon Ford, who had plans to open a smoke shop next to Silver Hawk Jewelry on Spring Street. Ford explained she currently holds a medical marijuana card and must travel to area communities to purchase the supplies she needs. “I found that most of them charge very high prices; they’re very pricey,” she said. “To increase the number of tobacco licenses available in Winchendon would benefit residents who will need supplies

as local pot shops open. I’ve been forced to travel around to buy my own products, which has made me want to start my own business in Winchendon. That’s why I’m looking for you to lift the cap and allow other businesses to operate.” In addition to selling tobacco products, Ford said she planned on selling cannabis-based products, such as oils, as well as pipes, bongs, and other items used to consumer marijuana. Winchendon Tobacco Control Agent Joan Hamlett told Ford, “You’re kind of mixing up marijuana with tobacco, and CBD oils with tobacco. Tobacco and marijuana will never be sold in the same location, and tobacco and marijuana products will never be sold in the same location. That’s by design of the state and the Cannabis Control Commission. When it comes to CBD oil, if you open up an

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Winter on the Millers River by Sue Simonds, awarded Best in Show.

## Beals now hosting photo exhibit

The first-ever Millers River & Watershed Photo Exhibit has moved to the Beals Memorial Library, located at 50 Pleasant St. in downtown Winchendon. The exhibit is viewable now through Dec. 8 during the library’s open hours: Monday through Thursday 1-3 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; both the library and exhibit are wheelchair-accessible. MRWC and the library will host a public reception on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 6:30-8 p.m. The photo exhibit features the ribbon winners from the photo contest judged by noted nature photographers Paul Rezendes of Athol, Bill Fournier of Gardner and Dale Monette of New Salem. Above: Winter on the Millers, by Sue Simonds - awarded Best in Show.

## Rail line may impact area

BOTH MCGOVERN AND TRAHAN  
SUPPORT PELOSI

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As Democrats prepare to become the majority in the House of Representatives, Rep. Jim McGovern(D), whose district includes part of Winchendon may be poised to help the town when it comes to transportation. MassLive news service is reporting McGovern might help speed up federal funding for the oft-talked about rail line expansion from Boston to Western Massachusetts

with possible yet-to-be-determined stops in between. Whether or not any would, if any come to fruition be close by Winchendon is an open question, but state Sen. Eric Lesser thinks there’s a good chance the line will get built. “It’s not going to fall by the wayside. There’s too many people who care too deeply about this and know how important it is, from the business community to the advocates to just everyday

people. We’re not going to let it go away,” he said last week. “The stars are hopefully aligning for some major movement forward,” he added. However, the study commissioned by the state is expected to take between 12 and 15 months to complete. “We start to build the political will and the consensus to make it happen. We’ve lost our ambition, I think, in this country, about what we can do.

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## Businesses ready for Small Business Saturday

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A total of nearly two dozen local businesses have signed up to participate in Small Business Saturday. First observed in 2010, the event is sponsored by American Express and falls between Black Friday and CyberMonday, two of the busiest shopping days of the year. The first Small Business Saturday began as a partnership between the credit card giant, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Roslindale Village Main Street, and Boston Mayor Tom Menino. Winchendon Business Group spokesman Cailte Kelly sees Small Business Saturday as a way to both boost sales for small businesses and to increase awareness

of those businesses in smaller communities. “Small businesses represent more than just a store,” said Kelly. “It’s the community, your neighbors. It’s unfortunate it takes days like this to drive awareness, but many businesses are able to gain some attention and parlay that into residual business all year long.” Kelly said each business has its own reason for participating. “Businesses have different objectives for being involved,” he said. Some are trying to make a big impact all at once, others are looking to solve gaps in gift ideas that may need several local visits. I would encourage shoppers if they’re looking for something specific, don’t hesitate to ask the local

business. Many times, they have it; you may just not see it yet.” “Last year some businesses did see a boost in sales that day,” said Winchendon Planning and Development Director Tracy Murphy. “The intent is to spark business moving forward. We will re-evaluate if hosting the Vendor Fair at town hall has an impact or not.” A vendor fair was held last year in the second-floor auditorium at Winchendon’s town hall. While a number of visitors participated, Murphy said the amount of traffic didn’t seem to justify doing it again this year. According to Kelly, Small Business Saturday

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Greg Vine photo

A fall of snow does not improve the look of the building falling in on itself.

## Court OKs White Mountain Freezer building demo

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After several fruitless trips to court to get permission to demolish part of the old White Mountain Freezer plant, a judge has finally given the town of Winchendon the okay to raze the dilapidated structure at 283 Lincoln Avenue Extension. “Dilapidated” greatly understates the condition of the building, which long ago began caving in on itself and portions of which have fallen into the street. Town officials have sought to tear down the building due to its obvious threat to the health and safety of the public. The owner of record, J.A. Jameson, owes in excess of \$13,000 in delinquent property

taxes and initial steps have been taken by town officials to seize the property through a tax taking. Property caretaker Mike Holmes reportedly told Winchendon Building Commissioner Geoff Newton the owners currently reside in Puerto Rico. Last week a judge granted the town the permission it needed to enter the property to begin the process of demolition. At Monday’s meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Keith Hickey said, “The judge expanded the decision from the initial request, which was just to demolish the building, to demolish the building and also address the rodent issue in and around

the building.” “We received that notification Thursday,” Hickey continued. “Our building commissioner has been reaching out to demolition companies and a crane company to get three prices for the work. I had reached out to see if we could be relieved of some of the procurement regulations, specifically asking not to have to go out to bid through the paper but to be able to simply reach out and get three bids. That was approved, so we are now in the process of trying to get those three written bids.” The town manager went on to explain: “Public Works Director Al Gallant made a suggestion to me last

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WEEKLY QUOTE  
People will travel anywhere for good food - it's crazy.  
– Rene Redzepi





# 2019 Paint Trends: Connect, Disconnect, Repeat

Modern-day culture makes room for all of our divergent personalities, from the back-to-nature enthusiast to the tech multitasker. And according to color expert Kate Smith, color trends for 2019 address them all, focusing on the three main trends of connecting, disconnecting and reconnecting.

The Connect palette reflects Americans' growing desire to connect with their roots (think DNA kits and genealogy test-



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ing). According to Smith, "The colors of this 'Connect' palette have a well-worn look. It's almost like they are 'comfort colors' handed down from another generation. Each hue is a toned-down version of a color that was once brighter, but has now mellowed with time."

Among the shades in this color palette are Endless Sea, Dark Hunter Green and Cavern Clay from Sherwin Williams, and Raisin in the Sun and

Amber Autumn from Behr.

The Disconnect color palette is aimed at the multitaskers who, after so much time spent daily on their devices, must come home to disconnect. According to Smith, as people begin to understand the need for fewer distractions, they disconnect and gravitate to softer hues and more subtle tones.

"At the intersection of high-speed connections and calm minds, we find inspiring neutral colors that defy being easily named," she explains. "They're not quite gray or taupe or tan, but have an almost magical

ability to blend with an unlimited range of colors." That's why you'll find colors in this palette with more esoteric names, like Synchronicity, Magnolia Blossom and Discover from PPG, and Misty and Moth Wing from Sherwin Williams.

Finally, the Reconnect palette reflects our reaction to the often overwhelming world events happening around us. As Smith explains, when the world around us feels like it has gone crazy, we turn to family, friends and homes to find happiness.

"Comfortable surroundings

in upbeat, happy colors make us smile," she says. "Golden yellows, earthy light terracotta and sky blue are just some of the colors that help people reconnect. These are joyful, nurturing colors that remind us to take a deep breath - and that everything and everyone is going to be okay."

The upbeat colors in the Reconnect palette include, Endless Sea, Eros Pink, Honey Bees and Elation from Sherwin Williams, and Sprite Twist from PPG.



## CLYDE'S CORNER

### Saturday November 17

**NIGHT OF COMEDY:** The Knights of the Inferno are hosting a Night of Comedy Saturday, Nov. 17 with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the comedians taking the stage at 8 p.m. all at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Tickets are \$20 each, \$30 a couple. This is a fundraiser for the high school scholarship program. There will be raffles, 50/50.

**HOLLY BAZAAR:** The United Parish of Winchendon, 39 Front St., hosts its annual Holly Bazaar Saturday Nov. 17 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**GALLERY OPEN:** This will be GALA's last art show and sale for the year. This is like a starving artist show with a variety of over 150 art pieces from local artists. The walls are flooded with artwork that is \$100 or less. VERY

affordable artwork for you to purchase for your family and friends. There is something for everyone! We also have pottery and jewelry. So stop by for your holiday shopping. Our reception will be this Saturday, 17th from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Then we will be open every weekend noon-4 p.m. until Christmas. Hope to see you this weekend and hope you will also support your local artists.

### Thursday November 22

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

### Friday November 23

**TOY DRIVE:** Friday, Nov. 23 Spirit of Christmas Toy Drive from 12 noon to 4 pm, stop by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St., with your donations of new and gently used toys to brighten Christmas for local families in need. Volunteer help that day is welcome, too! Call Rev. Arthen at 978-297-1730 if you have questions.

### Saturday & Sunday November 24 & 25

**GALLERY OPEN:** GALA's walls are flooded with artwork that is \$100 or less. VERY affordable artwork for you to purchase for your family and friends. There is something for everyone! We also have pottery and jewelry. We will be open every weekend noon-4 p.m. until Christmas. Hope to see you this weekend and hope you will also support

your local artists.

### Sunday November 25

**SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST:** at the Snowbound Club, 130 Baldwinville Road, 8 a.m.-noon. Open to the public. Come enjoy with us! For information (978) 297-0124.

### Saturday December 1

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** the ever popular Breakfast with Santa at the Carriage House restaurant, sponsored by Kiwanis of Winchendon and Key Clubs of Mahar and Murdock high schools. Buffet breakfast, adults \$8; children \$1. A chance to see Santa. Parents bring a camera or phone, great photo opportunity.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:** Broadview Assisted Living, 547 Central St., hosts a Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with all local vendors. Santa will visit 11:30-2 p.m. and kids are invited to make their own crafts. For more

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## GOOD NEWS

## Murdock announces honor roll

Murdock High School has announced the following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the first quarter.

### GRADE 9

Highest honors: Arielle Benedict; Daniel Fuller; Evelyn Haley.

High Honors: Domenic Iannacone; Matthew Marshall; Makeighla Marston.

Honors: Nicholas Bond; Lilly Digman; Caden Keeney; Nobalegh Laraba; Rachel McCarthy; Moeketsi Molai; Taylor Patterson; Kevin Pesce; Chloe St. Peter.

### GRADE 10

Highest Honors: Nicole Becotte; Jonathan Polcari; Julio Rodriguez.

High Honors: Briahna Bouchard; Abigail Leahey; Cameron Monette; Christanely Noble; Justin Thira.

Honors: Alexia Allard; Vivian Beauvais-Michaud; Tyler Goodwin; Meagan Knight; Paige Lafrennie; Cameron LaPlaca; Rachael Legault; John Maloney; Philip Quinn; Jonathan Russell; Evan Sawyer; Laruen Serratore; Logan Wilson.

### GRADE 11

Highest Honors: Hannah Demanche. High Honors: Samuel Hauver; Cassandra Wightman.

Honors: Owen Benedict; Rebekah-Lynn Bergeron; Gabriella Cote; Logan Huff; Erica Lashua; Morgan Pace; Grace Sutherland; Brook Tenney; Joseph Williams.

### GRADE 12

Highest Honors: Nicole Lemire.

High Honors: Dana Devarney; Britney Jackson; Lindsey Smith.

Honors: Izaria Alcantara; Matthew Casavant; Yang Yi Chen; Adam Digman; Lindsey Gemme; Ciera Guild; Chloe Lawrence; Maria Polcari; Timmy Quinn; Emily Smith; Jaelynn Stetson; Ryan Thira; Jacob Woodard; Jared Woodard.

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adult smoke shop you'll only be able to sell CBD vapes; you will not be able to sell anything you can't vape or smoke."

Hamless told the *Courier* that CBD oils are processed to contain cannabidiol, a cannabinoid constituent of cannabis which contain little or no THC, the

element in marijuana that produces a "high" when used.

"If you want to sell other CBD products, you have to go to the Cannabis Control Commission and work with them," she told Ford.

Former Board of Health member Diane Cosentino told the board she opposed lifting the cap on tobacco licenses.

"The purpose of the Board of Health,"

she said, "is to protect the public health. Lifting the cap would go against that mission."

Ultimately, a motion to allow for the expansion of the number of available licenses was shot down on a four-to-one decision, with Chairman Lionel Cloutier and members Corey Wilson, Ed Bond, and Keith Kent voting against the proposal and member Brian Croteau voting in favor.

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Much harder projects have been pulled off," insisted Lesser.

Once the study is done, Lesser said he'll be urging legislators to "get to work. This is no longer just a Western Mass project. The whole state is involved in it."

Consultants are expected to be looking at as many as six options for a potential passenger rail line between South Station in Boston out to Springfield with multiple stops along the route in 90 minutes.

The rest of Winchendon will be represented in January by Rep.-elect Lori Trahan (D), who spent part of last week in Washington at an orientation seminar for newly elected members of Congress.

Trahan, who was neutral during a ten-way primary campaign and the gen-

eral election, now says she'll support Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the House when Democrats become the majority in January. Trahan, whose district includes most of Winchendon, said she has signed a letter backing Pelosi, according to media reports.

When Trahan came to Winchendon during the summer, she declined to tell the *Courier* specifically how she planned to vote in the Democratic caucus whether the party was the majority or minority, assuming she herself won. She said she was going to decide "after the election."

McGovern, who represents a single Winchendon precinct has supported Pelosi from the get-go, and said so whenever asked on the campaign trail.

"Absolutely," he said during a regional campaign swing a week before the election.

Trahan and McGovern, who represent more rural areas of the state are bucking a movement being pushed by

Rep. Seth Moulton, who is spearheading the anti-Pelosi faction within the Democratic caucus.

Trahan told the Lowell Sun, "There's no one else with the experience and proven track record of Nancy Pelosi. The stakes are high right now and it's important we have at the helm of the party someone who knows how to balance the role of holding the administration accountable while also being someone who can get legislation passed."

Trahan joined 60 other newly elected or re-elected women in signing the letter supporting Pelosi. She said she made her decision after meeting with new colleagues and Pelosi during last week's "freshman orientation" in Washington.

Trahan served as chief of staff for UMass-Lowell President Marty Meehan when he held the seat she will occupy. Pelosi was minority leader during that era and had just been chosen Speaker after the 2006 election when Meehan left Congress.

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# Tobacco advertising collectibles

CDC statistics show that 42.4% of the population smoked in 1965. By 2014, the figure had dropped to 16.8%. Despite the declining number of smokers, many people still collect tobacco related memorabilia.

Before I discuss tobacco memorabilia, I'll provide some tobacco history. Tobacco in North and South America dates back to 6,000 BC, according to the University of Dayton website. Native Americans used tobacco for religious and medicinal purposes as early as 1 BC. Native Americans gifted Christopher Columbus with tobacco. The plant was brought back to Europe, where it was believed to have healing properties. They thought it could cure everything from cancer



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to bad breath. Tobacco was even used as currency during the 1600s. In 1776 tobacco was used as collateral for loans to France that helped finance the Revolutionary War.

The danger of tobacco use was first discovered in 1826, when nicotine was discovered to be a dangerous poison.

In 1836, New Englander Samuel Green stated that it was an insecticide and could kill people.

Despite the reported dangers, Philip Morris began selling hand rolled Turkish cigarettes in 1847. J.E. Liggett and Brother was established in 1849 and became the world's first manufacturer of plug chewing tobacco in 1855. In 1901 3.5 billion cigarettes and 6 billion cigars were

sold. Cigarette demand increased from 1914-18 during World War I when they were called "soldier's smoke." During the 1920s, Marlboro and Lucky Strikes marketing was targeted toward women. During World War II cigarette companies provided cigarettes for soldiers that were included in their C-rations.

More studies came out in the 1950s showing evidence linking cigarette smoking and lung cancer. In 1964 the Surgeon General's report on "Smoking and Health" was issued, linking smoking to lung cancer and heart disease.

Cigarette advertising was curtailed in 1964, but there are plenty of earlier advertising collectibles that can fetch huge auction prices. An "Our advertiser" cardboard store display filled with tobacco sacks sold for \$8,000 at auction in 2014. A trifold Old Gold

cigarettes sign depicting Babe Ruth brought over \$9,000 in 2009. A 1934 die-cut card cardboard sign picturing Dizzy Dean and Paul "Daffy" Dean advertised Beech-Nut tobacco. It sold for \$12,000 in 2015. Last year a 6 sheet lithographed poster sold for Mail Pouch tobacco fetched \$25,000 at auction. Some wooden antique hand carved "cigar store Indians" have sold for over \$100,000 at auction.

Even some of the tins that held the tobacco can be very valuable. A Shogun tobacco mixture tin brought \$7,500 in 2010. A taxi crimp cut tobacco tin went for \$4,750 in a 2011 auction. An Empire State pocket tin picturing the Empire State Building sold for \$20,000 on the auction block in 2014. A Ty Cobb tobacco tin also went to auction in 2014. When the smoke cleared, it had sold for \$16,000.

I'll be at the Shrewsbury Historical



Society on December 12th at 7:00 PM for an antiques presentation. It is open to the public. We are continuing to accept quality consignments for our January 31st live auction. See [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other upcoming events.

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## Zlotnik has plans for next term of office

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Continued economic development and education reform remain top priorities for state Rep. Jon Zlotnik (D) as the legislator prepares to begin his fourth term in January.

Zlotnik defeated Republican Ed Gravel and independent Yasmine Khdeer earlier this month.

He stressed the urgency of "finding ways to help communities like Winchendon," which haven't shared in what passes for economic recovery in north-central Massachusetts. Pointing to empty retail spaces, Zlotnik said revitalizing those sites would be an important step in jump-starting the local economy and floated the idea of prospective tax credits for investors willing to take the risk. He said creating similar tax credits for workplace apprenticeships would benefit employers and apprentices alike because they'd offer a break for the employer and valuable experience for apprentices who might use that as a springboard to a career in that field.

"It seems to make sense," he said.

Zlotnik has been pushing for education funding reform for several years and believes momentum is building for change. The 1993 formula is "very outdated. It doesn't even have a technology component but we're making progress in getting support for change. There really has to be a more equitable distribution to schools in districts like ours," he emphasized.

He's pleased that civics education will be return-

ing to the classroom, a policy created through a bill he co-sponsored.

"That's important. We had a pretty good turnout" of younger voters this year and Zlotnik believes if schools stress the importance of civic participation that will encourage continued involvement and maybe not just on Election Day. A student of British politics, Zlotnik noted turnout there is significantly higher than it is here. Perhaps more civics education would help change that.

Zlotnik is optimistic the majority Democratic legislature will continue to be successful in working cooperatively with Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, who won a second term on Nov. 6.

"Absolutely," said Zlotnik, noting Baker is no one's idea of a radical.

"We've always been able to work with the governor," he said.

Zlotnik added his recent re-election triumph was a campaign filled with bi-partisan support.

"I am always looking to build a consensus," he remarked. "I want to thank my supporters, friends, family, and everyone who continued to show the confidence they have in me" for sending him back to Beacon Hill for another term.

### THANK YOU!

I want to take this opportunity to thank my friends, family, business associates and colleagues for the amazing tribute. It was entirely unexpected.

While as anyone who knows me can certainly attest, I would be the first to duck out on such an event, it was well done and yes, it was a complete surprise.

Thanks to the Kiwanis, for organizing; to the Carriage House for hosting, and to the many, many people who made it special.

Bruce Cloutier

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## Vietnam Veterans donate \$2K to MWCC veteran students

GARDNER – Members of Gardner-based Chapter 907 of the Vietnam Veterans of America recently donated \$2,000 to the Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation's Veterans Memorial Scholarship.

The donation is part of the group's annual giving with the funds primarily being raised during the group's Vietnam Veterans of America Memorial Ride that takes place on the Sunday before Memorial Day. The group donates nearly all of what it raises every year, said President James Benton III.

The Veterans Memorial Scholarship

was established to assist student veterans and ensure that their service and sacrifices will not be forgotten. Scholarship funds are awarded to new or returning full-time students who were honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces, or are currently serving in the Reserves or National Guard.



Photo caption: Members of the Gardner-based Chapter 907 of the Vietnam Veterans of America recently donated \$2,000 to the MWCC Foundation to support scholarships for veterans. Pictured from left are: State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik, Senior Staff Associate to the President and MWCC Foundation Jo-Ann Meagher, MWCC Director of Veteran Services Robert Mayer, MWCC President James Vander Hooven, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 907 President James Benton III, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 907 Vice President Charles Hodgkinson, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 907 Michael Zlotnik, Vietnam Veterans of America member Marianne Temes, and Massachusetts Senator Dean Tran.

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Because cinnamon-scented pinecones only happen once a year – thankfully.  
Because online shopping doesn’t

come with a smile, a joke, or an offer to help you carry it out to the car.  
Because how else will you get 10,000 steps?  
Because holiday seasons are fleeting and moments create memories.  
Because if something’s not quite right, you can take it right back.  
Because “free candy canes” at the cash register.  
Because we model for our children how to ask questions, to use good manners and to be gracious.  
Because holiday decorations spark smiles and excitement.  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heywood: thanks for vote

To the Editor:  
Heywood Healthcare offers its sincere appreciation to all the communities in the North Central and North Quabbin regions, for their support in defeating Ballot Question 1 in this month’s election.  
Ballot Question 1, which proposed rigid, government-enforced nurse to patient ratios, in all hospital units at all times, was defeated, with 70.4% of the voters voting “no” on the question. The city of Gardner along with several surrounding communities including the towns of Winchendon, Athol and Orange all reported “no” votes at higher than the state average; a resounding call of support for keeping access to local quality care.  
Every hospital across the Commonwealth came out in strict opposition of Ballot Question 1, a stance reinforced by the Massachusetts Hospital Association, American Nurses Association and over 100 other statewide organizations. The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, through an independent study, estimated the implementation of these ratios would cost the state upwards of \$900 million during the first year of implementation alone. Governor Charlie Baker also came out in strong opposition of the

proposed ratios.  
Several members of the Heywood medical staff, passionate about how the proposed ratios would have had a negative impact on access to care, especially in more rural regions, donated their time and expertise to help educate the communities we serve. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. John Harrington, Dr. James Faust, Dr. Ellen Ray, Dr. Beth Nottleson, Dr. Gretchen Kelly and Dr. Donald Mruk. Additionally, many long time nurses and hospital supporters shared publicly why they opposed Question 1 including Chris Baldini, Cheryl Fletcher, Ellie Goderre, James Meehan, Jeannie Sanborn and Joyce Fletcher.  
Several community partners also publicly endorsed Heywood Healthcare’s opposition to Question 1 and the potential impact on the North Central and Quabbin regions including Wood’s Ambulance, GVNA Healthcare, Inc., CHNA 9, The Greater Gardner, North Quabbin and North Central Chambers of Commerce.

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The season begins...

And so the “holiday season” is upon us. People are recovering from yesterday’s turkey feast, some by incomprehensibly going to stores at ungodly hours or standing in insane lines in frigid temperatures. I never understood the thrill in any of that. I sure stood in my share of lines when I was younger and mobile but certainly not to shop. To each their own.  
I never much liked “the holidays.” I suppose that’s in part because I’ve never liked cold weather or darker days, in part because I have to deal with this exasperating and pesky bipolar disorder which seems to be more impactful in winter, more recently partly because Riley and Annie both crossed the Rainbow Bridge in November and because the last year and a half has been a waking nightmare and for once I’m not talking about the guy one of my friends has cleverly dubbed “President

Pumpkinhead.”  
My initial reaction to the awarding of the first scholarship from Courtney’s memorial was understandably bittersweet. While I’m glad we and all those who generously and graciously donated are able to help an aspiring social worker finance that expensive Smith education (and the academic MSW program is, I’ve been assured by her cohort, first-rate), it all for lack of a better expression simply sucks. It really does. I have this whole shelf in my home office of pictures and letters and other memories of her and I haven’t been able to look any of it for I don’t know how long. I can look at her Facebook memory page and in fact I frequently write notes to her on it, sometimes



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today will be a year and a half and for whatever reason the last month or so has been impossibly difficult, not every moment of every day of course, not by a longshot, but there have been moments, sudden, unexpected and crushing. They pass but they keep coming. I guess they will forever.  
Certainly it’s possible part of it is seasonal. Plenty of people who haven’t endured unspeakable tragedy don’t like “the holiday season” either. Maybe

serious, sometimes not, but I can’t bring myself to reach a foot to my right and open a book or re-read a letter someone wrote or look at a picture. I was able to do that more in the first year after she left us than I have in this second. Two weeks from

that’s in part because we see these Norman Rockwell images on TV and are at least briefly sad when our lives aren’t like those depicted even those we know the commercials are in reality nothing more than sales pitches. Maybe it’s in part because we all have regrets which occasionally bubble to the surface. There are a myriad of reasons this time of year is a downer for so many, not everyone by any means but for a lot of people, or so my friends in the mental health business tell me.  
Does it bother me the emphasis of the next month is overwhelmingly Christmas-oriented? No. Not at all. I used to joke if someone wanted to give me a Christmas as opposed to Chanukah present, hey, a gift is a gift. Does it bother me when people tell me “Merry Christmas”? That depends on who’s saying it. If someone at the Wendy’s

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Ah, those industrious Finns



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“You must listen to the spruce tree under which you dwell.” - Finnish saying

Because the ethnic makeup of our region has changed a great deal over the last half-century or so, many area residents may be unaware there was great influx of Finnish immigrants to local cities and towns before the turn of the last century. Many of them settled in Fitchburg and Westminster. They estab-

lished a Finnish-language newspaper, Raivaaja, which was published from 1905 until 2009. They also established the Finnish Farmers Cooperative and were instrumental in the creation of Fitchburg’s Saima Park. They also started what is now Workers Credit Union.  
Growing up in Westminster, I passed the Finnish Farmers Coop building on Leominster Street more times than I could possibly count. I grew up with friends and neighbors with last names like Autula, Lahtinen, Leikinnen, Aho, Tuominen, Jarvenpaa, Palojarvi, Kaarela, and Saari. And I can recall the Finn Hopps, the equivalent of Polish Polkas, which were held in the second-floor auditorium of the old town hall on Bacon

Street. People would dance into the night to the sounds of the favorite Finnish polka bands.  
Homes of friends of Finnish heritage would be filled with the smells of their grandmother’s cooking. They would serve up dishes like hernekeitto ja pannukakku (pea soup and pancake), riispuuro (rice porridge), and lohikeitto (salmon soup).  
But one of the traditions I most admired was the annual Finnish festival of forest raking. Each year in late fall, Finns of all ages, men and women, rich and poor, would gather at the Farmers Coop, each with rake in hand, to plan their strategy for cleaning the floor of the thousands of acres of woodlands that blessed the

Cracker Town. Each would be dressed in their traditional forest-raking attire.  
In the days before 30 gallon plastic bags, every participant would come with a supply of burlap bags with which to remove the piles of forestland waste they would accumulate over the course of the weekend. Yes, so efficient were these industrious Finns that it took them a mere two days to rake the forest floors, collect tons of leaves, sticks, missing socks, dust bunnies, and other sundry items, and dump it all into a giant pile. The mountain of waste was then put to the match and the Finns would dance around the fire – in their Finn Hoppy way – and sing songs and shout prayers to the

reindeer god of their Lapland ancestors.  
This woodsy tradition was, I am told, brought over from the mother country. The celebration, as the story goes, served as a way of having a good time while preventing the kinds of devastating forest fires which so plagued the people of other European countries where forest raking was looked upon as tedious, painful work. Yes, Finns from the Arctic Circle to the Baltic Sea suffered from weepy blisters and rough caluses after two days of sweeping and raking, but the effort - “forestation” I think it was called – was well worth it.  
I recall how, in 1964, two impressive brush fires con-

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There’s more to democracy than voting

Right now, with the elections almost upon us, the nation’s attention is understandably drawn to what happens in the voting booth. Yet as crucial as voting may be to making our representative democracy work, what happens outside the voting booth is just as crucial.  
So I’d like to take a step back from the politics of the moment, and consider five essentials to living in a democratic country that you’re unlikely to see mentioned in the next few weeks’ news coverage.  
The first is transparency. Without it, voters cannot do the work our Constitution entrusts to them. With very few exceptions — mostly related to national security — information generated or gathered by the government should be public.  
Why? Because if citizens do not know what’s being done in their name,

and so are unable to pass informed judgment on the elected officials and administrations who govern on their behalf, then you cannot have a representative democracy worthy of the name.  
Government needs daylight, and citizens have to be able to weigh decisions and assess the decision-makers. It is all too common for public officials to want to hold information to themselves; it makes them feel more important and makes policy-making easier. But be suspicious of those who do so. Surely the burden is on them to persuade us that keeping us in the dark is to our benefit.  
The second essential follows nat-



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urally from transparency: accountability. It is part of democracy’s bedrock — and is vital to good governance. Officials have to be held accountable for their actions and their decisions, especially if they choose not to adhere to their obligations or to follow the law.  
This is not as rigorous as it ought to be. Officials seldom step up and say, “I’m responsible for this.” Within government, there needs to be a clear command and control structure that promotes accountability, with clean lines of authority. Decision-makers have to take responsibility for what they are charged to do. Few things in government frustrated me more than

my often unsuccessful efforts to learn who was in charge.  
Our system was created to encourage accountability by balancing power — among the three branches, between the House and Senate, between the federal government and the states, between elected officials and voters. The Founders set up a system of elaborate checks and balances to prevent abuse and the concentration of power, because they believed that the accumulation of power in any person or institution diminished accountability and could lead to tyranny.  
At the same time, however, our system demands cooperation: between branches, parties, political leaders — really, all of us. We’re all in this together, and in the end, government cannot function if we do not work in a cooperative manner.

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# Giving back to community by ringing in holidays

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Once more, Salvation Army volunteers are ringing bells to encourage donations around the region at Price Chopper and Wal-Mart in Gardner as well as other sites and among the crew are several Crystal Clubhouse members from Winchendon, who will be stationed at Market Basket in Rindge.

“Winchendon’s an important part of our membership.

We wish we could have even more,” from Toy Town said Crystal executive director Tammy Deveikis.

The season opened with a brief ceremony last week at Price Chopper where the Salvation Army’s Nick Ringwood lauded the annual Red Kettle program as a way to help those experiencing “financial stress” get through the year’s coldest months.

Deveikis was pleased Winchendon residents are making a contribution.

“We work hard at finding people employment of course but it also matters when members volunteer in various projects,” she said.

“Sometimes we’re perceived as being only about Gardner and that’s not the case at all. Winchendon matters to us, though we understand there can be transportation issues,” said Deveikis.

Nonetheless, she stressed, serving the Winchendon community remains a priority for Crystal Clubhouse and having

Winchendon members participating in the Red Kettle drive helps strengthen the commitment to Toy Town.

Employment and community outreach coordinator Katlin Murphy put it this way, “Mental health challenges are all around us and everyone needs support and positivity in their lives. Crystal House is a great start to improving lives and focusing on personal goals! Although I am not a Winchendon resident, my ties to the community are strong

and I’d love to see more collaboration between us.”

Open Sky, the new name of the merged Bridge and Alternatives will be hosting a bowl-a-thon later this winter at Playaway Lanes in Winchendon. Murphy came up with the idea last year and convinced local pizza shops Gabby’s and C&S to help sponsor. She’s hoping to build on that this winter as well.

# MWCC hosting discussion of peace and prayer

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College will explore different perspectives on war, peace, prayer and growth at the Hope and Moving Forward symposium on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

“I really hope people take away a message of inspiration and motivation. By having these community leaders speak with us I want people to remember that there is always something that can be done, no matter how small it may seem,” said MWCC student Vanessa Lynch, who is one of the organizers of the summit.

The symposium guests will share their experiences, with particular attention being given to peace and prayer. The ultimate goal of the summit will be to cultivate ideas to help create more peaceful and just societies. The event is free and open to the public. It will be

held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the college’s Gardner campus in the art wing.

“We live in pretty scary times. If it’s not a natural disaster like the California fires or a nuclear plant mishap then it’s the threat of war, starvation, deportation, violence from hate groups or just surviving the mental roller coaster that accompanies so much turbulent news in a time of never ending news updates. I imagine this day will be a chance for people to slow down, however briefly, and share something memorable,” said Lynch.

The speakers are:

Gyoway Kato is the presiding monk of the New England Peace Pagoda whose practice is walking, beating a prayer drum, and chanting for peace. Kato has initiated many peace walks across the country and around the world. The New England Peace Pagoda is a place for

people of all faiths and backgrounds to come together in peace.

Tim Bullock is a long-time community organizer. As the primary organizer of many peace walks initiated by the New England Peace Pagoda, his work around peace and nuclear disarmament is through direct action and prayer. In 1998, Bullock completed the Middle Passage walk, which retraced the roots of the trans-Atlantic slave trade backwards, starting in the United States and ending in Cape Town, South Africa. Following this journey, he stayed on the continent for several years building community and doing healthcare and anti-poverty outreach throughout West and South Africa.

John Schuchardt is a veteran who works to support refugee children in receiving life-altering and life-saving medical support in Boston. He and

his wife Carrie facilitate the House of Peace in Ipswich, which is a spiritual shelter for victims of war that the two built in 1990. Schuchardt is a longtime proponent of nuclear disarmament and a veteran who shows his support for those recovering from the trauma of war with his work as a member of Veterans for Peace, partnerships with the Fellowship of Reconciliation and travels to war-affected areas.

Glen Douglas is a Vietnam-era veteran who describes himself as a human being who has received Anishinaabe spiritual teachings and follows the way the best he can.

“All of them have experience working in a variety of communities,” said Lynch. “I think there is something that everyone can gain from listening to these folks.”

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drive-through window says it, of course not. When some people who know me says it, (admittedly this is case-by-case) that can be a different story. That’s just reflexive laziness. It’s not malicious by any means but it’s there and it’s sporadically annoying depending on my mood at the moment.

The point of all this meandering? It’s the “holiday season.” I

don’t like the “holiday season.” The end of it can’t come soon enough.

Changing gears. Last week a federal judge ordered the White House to restore CNN reporter Jim Acosta’s press credentials. No doubt Acosta hasn’t been the least bit shy about milking attention the way Dan Rather did during the Nixon years but you do not get to revoke credentials because you have a personal beef or think a journalist is being unfair because they’re asking tough questions.

That’s exactly what Acosta and those African-American female reporters so feared by President Pumpkinhead and his lacky Sarah Sanders should do. That’s the role of a free press. Period. I was heartened to see even FOX vigorously support Acosta. Who knows? Maybe we’re starting to see cracks in the heretofore stonewall? We shall see.

Finally this. On Tuesday, my parents celebrated their 68th anniversary. Pretty impressive. Love you guys, and thanks. See you all next week.

## VINE

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sumed many acres on Bean Porridge Hill and on Bigelow Hill (now home to Raynor Corp.). Sadly, many of the town’s Finns had traveled to Finland to celebrate the tricentennial of the birth of the forest-raking tradition. The event included, of course, a giant Finn Hopp, a scintillating symposium on the proper use of rakes, and an eye-popping workshop on the best methods for rake-making.

Apparently, however, this proud tradition has – like so many others – faded away. Earlier this week, after President

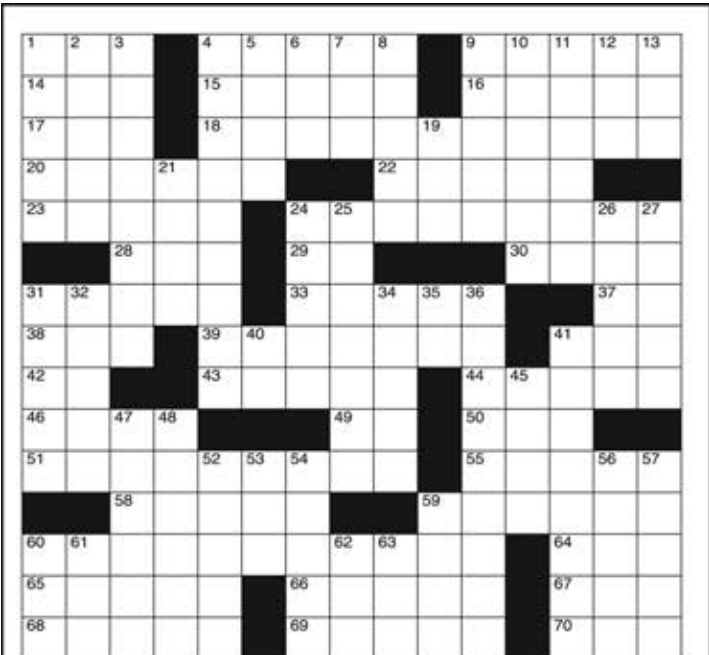
Trump declared that the president of Finland had related to him that country’s penchant for forest-raking, said Finnish president denied ever talking to The Donald about such a practice.

Oh, wait. Could it possibly be our president invented his discussion with the Finnish president (lied about it, maybe?) in order to bolster his contention that the California wildfires responsible for (at last count) at least 80 deaths, the destruction of thousands of structures, and the devastation of thousands of lives and livelihoods were the result of poor forest management? After all, we’re all aware of the president’s expertise in that particular field of study.

We truly must weep at the destruction and the suffering we see on television screens each night from California. We must also do what we can to help.

As for our president, we can either seethe in anger at his incompetence and total lack of empathy, or we can see him for the buffoon he is and have a good laugh at his expense. In this case, I choose the latter.

I mean, the guy couldn’t even remember the name of the city wiped from the map in the worst conflagration in California history. “Pleasure.” Twice, TWICE, he referred to Paradise as “Pleasure.” Must have had Stormy on his mind.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxi

4. Long periods of time

9. Boiled cow or sheep

14. Ottoman military commander

15. Pig

16. Don't go near

17. Benin inhabitants

18. Pop star

20. Removes

22. Your sibling's daughter

23. Trade

24. Dabbled

28. Tax collector

29. Atomic number 73

30. Russian emperor

31. Broad-winged bird of prey

33. Pale brownish yellow

37. A type of bill

38. One or a sum of things

39. Stiff, untanned leather
41. Naturally occurring solid material

42. Promotional material

43. Beer mug

44. Nostrils

46. Very rich

49. Atomic number 10

50. Not even

51. Pulls apart

55. City in western Finland

58. Wing shaped

59. Paddling

60. Player

64. Japanese classical theater

65. S-shaped lines

66. Coined for one occasion

67. Pitching stat

68. "M" actor

69. Some are noble

70. Lair

### CLUES DOWN

1. Places to eat

2. Marketplace

3. Unoriginality

4. Administrative officials

5. Female sheep and a loch in Scotland

6. Something to drill for

7. Midway between north and northeast

8. Cassia tree

9. Founder of medical pathology

10. Long-legged wading bird

11. \_\_\_ and goers

12. Go quickly

13. Used to cut and shape wood

19. Small island (British)

21. Dry or withered

24. "Last of the Mohicans" actress

25. Manufacturers need one

26. Tidal bore

27. Makes free of moisture
31. Semitic titles

32. Inappropriate

34. Gregory \_\_, US dancer

35. \_\_\_, denotes past

36. Makes nicer

40. Indicates position

41. Made a priest

45. Sixth month of Jewish calendar

47. One who refrains

48. Type of top

52. Pay increase

53. Curved shape

54. Keeping down

56. Sleep sound

57. Tiny Iranian village

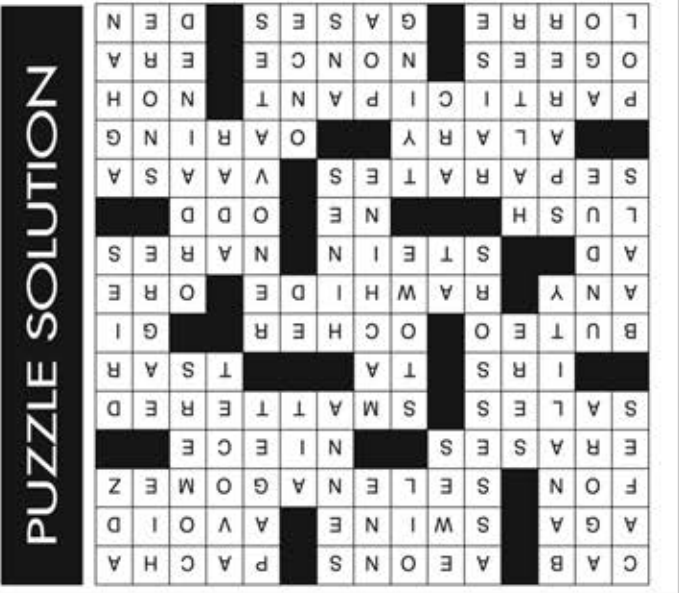
59. Only one time

60. Elected official

61. Before the present

62. Genus of grasses

63. Autonomic nervous system

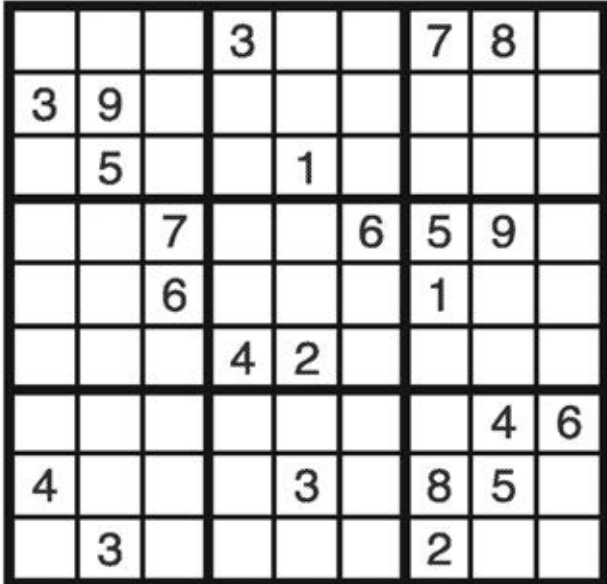


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# POLICE LOG

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

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:30-3:04 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:44 a.m.: alarm/type unknown (Railroad Street), unfounded; 7:00 a.m.: DPW call (Central Street), referred; 8:07 a.m.: property found (Gardner Road), info taken; 8:28 a.m.: ambulance (High Street), transported; 8:52 a.m.: summons service (Front Street), unable to serve; 9:01 a.m.: summons service (Mill Glen Road), served; 9:11 a.m.: summons service (Maple Street), served; 10:17 a.m.: harassment order service (Old Gardner Road), unable to serve; 10:34 a.m.: noise complaint (Beech Street), info taken; 10:36 a.m.: summons service (Eli Drive), served; 11:26 a.m.: property found (Lakeview Drive), info taken; 11:27 a.m.: 911 non-emergency (Jackson Avenue), no service necessary; 11:48 a.m.: fraud (Baldwinville Road), report taken; 2:12 p.m.: traffic hazard (Maple Street), info taken; 3:03 p.m.: traffic hazard (Emerald Street), spoken to; 3:54 p.m.: officer wanted (Russell Farm Road), advised civil action; 4:48 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 4:51 p.m.: 911 hang up (Maple Street), accidental; 5:28 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), citation issued; 6:15 p.m.: harassment order service (Court Street), served; 6:17 p.m.: FD call (Central Street), referred; 7:26 p.m.: suspicious/other (Benjamin Street), secure; 7:38 p.m.: harassment order service (Old Gardner Road), unable to serve.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:45 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), written warning; 12:57-1:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:18 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:43-3:03 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:21 a.m.: DPW call (River Street), referred; 8:20 a.m.: suspicious/other (River Street), services rendered; 8:52 a.m.: wires down (Howard Street, Gardner), services rendered; 9:01 a.m.: DPW call (Baldwinville State Road), referred; 11:02 a.m.: harassment order service (Old Gardner Road), served; 11:04 a.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), services rendered; 1:13 p.m.: mv

## Police warning of sex offender

Winchendon Police have issued a warning that Luis Cruz, a registered level three sex offender, has moved to 25 Walnut St. Suite 1A.

Cruz, age 47, is a Caucasian with hazel eyes, gray or partially gray hair and is about 5'8" tall weighing about 206 pounds.

He was convicted in April 2009 of three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 years of age; and three counts of rape and abuse of a child.

Cruz has been classified as a Level 3 sex offender by the Sex Offender Registry Board. The Board has determined that this individual has a moderate or high risk to reoffend and that the degree of dangerousness posed to the public is such that public safety interest is served by public availability of registration information. M.G.L. c. 6, §§ 178C-178Q.

To access the Sex Offender Registry Board's website, go to [www.mass.gov/sorb](http://www.mass.gov/sorb).

Sex offender registration information shall not be used to commit a crime against an offender or engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender. Any person who uses sex offender registration information for such purpose shall be punished by not more than two and one-half years in a house of correction or by fine of



Luis Cruz

not more than \$1000.00 or both. M.G.L. c. 6, § 178N.

Any person who uses sex offender registration information to threaten to commit a crime may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than six months. M.G.L. c.275, § 4.

stop (Main Street), citation issued; 1:23 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 2:55 p.m.: traffic hazard (River Street), removed; 3:17 p.m.: harassment (Morse Avenue), report taken; 3:58 p.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), spoken to; 4:27 p.m.: larceny (Mill Street), report taken; 4:34 p.m.: ambulance (Ash Street), transported; 4:37 p.m.: investigation (Pearl Drive), spoken to; 5:23 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road), report taken; 6:33 p.m.: missing person (Central Street), report taken; 8:55 p.m.: suspicious/other (Carriage Lane), unfounded; 9:17 p.m.: info/general (Mill Street), unable to locate; 9:40 p.m.: investigation (Lakeshore Drive), unfounded; 10:03 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 11:50 p.m.: building checked, secure.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:03-3:01 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:49 a.m.: ambulance (Central

Street), transported; 8:56 a.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal warning; 9:15 a.m.: mv stop (Ash Street), verbal warning; 9:26 a.m.: mv stop (Water Street), citation issued; 9:50 a.m.: investigation (Maple Street), unable to locate; 10:38 a.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive), advised officer; 1:04 p.m.: mv stop (Maple Street), spoken to; 3:34 p.m.: mv stop (High Street), verbal warning; 4:49 p.m.: info/general (Alger Street), unable to locate; 5:40 p.m.: assist citizen (Central Street), assisted; 5:49 p.m.: fire/CO incident (Toy Town Lane), services rendered; 6:05 p.m.: Section 12 (Polly's Drive), services rendered; 6:14 p.m.: erratic operation (Brown Street), unable to locate; 7:35 p.m.: info/general (Central Street), unable to locate; 9:22 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Hyde Park Drive), spoken to; 9:29 p.m.: disabled mv (Teel Road), removed traffic hazard; 10:29 p.m.: disabled mv (Rice Road),

referred; 11:52 p.m.: building checked, secure.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:13-2:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:05 a.m.: ambulance (River Street), transported; 7:27 a.m.: accident (Glenallan Street), report taken; 7:30 a.m.: DPW call (River Street), referred; 8:40 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), info taken; 8:46 a.m.: investigation (Central Street), unable to locate; 8:52 a.m.: accident (Teel Road), report taken; 8:54 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), services rendered; 9:13 a.m.: accident (Central Street), report taken; 9:14 a.m.: investigation (Maple Street), services rendered; 9:42 a.m.: investigation (River Street), unable to locate; 10:01 a.m.: investigation (Goodrich Drive), unable to locate; 10:09 a.m.: parking violation (Central Street), services rendered; 10:45 a.m.: accident (Cross Street), report taken; 12:14 p.m.: ambulance (Memorial Drive), transported; 12:18 p.m.: FD call (Front Street), services rendered; 1:12 p.m.: suspicious/other (Spring Street), services rendered; 2:00 p.m.: missing person (Memorial Drive), services rendered; 2:11 p.m.: ambulance (Spruce Street), transported; 2:26 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street), referred to ACO; 2:49 p.m.: custody dispute (Ash Street), spoken to; 4:36 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued; 4:43 p.m.; fire/box alarm (School Street), unfounded; 5:40 p.m.: structure fire (High Street, Orange), extinguished; 6:07 p.m.: ambulance (Teel Road), transported; 6:46 burglar alarm (Central Street), services rendered.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:08 a.m.: accident (Old Gardner Road), Devante F. Pena, 26, 365 Pleasant Street, Gardner, OUI liquor, negligent operation, arrest; 1:34 a.m.: traffic hazard (Main Street), removed; 1:46 a.m.: traffic hazard (Mill Glen Road), no service necessary; 2:47 a.m.: ambulance (Alger Street), transported; 6:47 a.m.: property damage (Mill Glen Road), secure; 7:14 a.m.: ambulance (High Street), transported; 8:14 a.m.: animal complaint (Metcalf Street), returned to owner; 8:28 a.m.: property found (Baldwinville State Road), returned to owner; 10:32 a.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street), assisted; 11:45 a.m.: summons service (Ash Street), unable to serve; 11:46 a.m.: assist citizen (Eagle Road); 12:10 p.m.: burglar alarm (Elmwood Road), false alarm; 1:05 p.m.: traffic hazard (Spring Street), referred; 1:35 p.m.: summons service (Pearl Drive), served; 1:37 p.m.: welfare check/gener-

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## Sheriff Evangelidis announces national accreditation



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**Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis and Worcester County Sheriff's Office Superintendent David Tuttle along with WCSO employees Diane Cook, Kimberly Roy & Dominic Barbara receiving their certificate of accreditation from American Correctional Association (ACA) Officials recently in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office received 100% compliance for all mandatory standards.**

WEST BOYLSTON — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis has announced the Worcester County Sheriff's Office has successfully completed all the requirements for re-accreditation from the nationally recognized American Correctional Association (ACA). Earning 100% compliance for all mandatory standards and 98.4% for non-mandatory standards. Built in 1973, the Worcester County Jail & House of Correction is the oldest county correctional facility in Massachusetts. Due to the inherent structural and square footage limitations of an older facility, physical plant waivers were awarded by the evaluation panel during the accreditation process.

The American Correctional Association founded in 1870, is the oldest and largest correctional association in the world. Their mission is to provide professional organization to departments that share their goal of improving the justice system.

In order to meet the criteria for this award, the department had to be in compliance with 384 stringent standards evaluated through a series of reviews, evaluations, an extensive audit and a formal presentation to the ACA panel. The required standards focus on issues ranging from inmate care and safety, discipline, health care, education, fis-

cal efficiency, program development, officer training, and facility administration. Agencies that are accredited must be re-accredited every three years to maintain their status.

Evangelidis said, "There is no requirement the WCSO complete the rigorous and challenging process of maintaining national accreditation, but it is important for our entire staff to demonstrate to the residents of Worcester County that we are committed to professionalism by adhering to the highest industry standards. It is a tribute to our hardworking staff that we excelled in our ACA re-accreditation, considered by many throughout the country as the highest standard of excellence in corrections."

As the last requirement to complete the re-accreditation process, the sheriff's department presented before the national board in Minneapolis, MN in August.

"The feedback during our presentation was excellent, they were very impressed with our operating procedures especially in light of the numerous facility challenges that are inherent in operating the oldest county correctional facility in Massachusetts," said Superintendent David Tuttle.

"When I took office, I made a commitment to increase professionalism at the

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# OBITUARIES

## Evan C. Gerrard, 40

WORCESTER — Evan C. Gerrard, age 40, of 22 Catharine St., Worcester passed away at home with family on



Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 after a six-year battle with cerebral cancer. Evan was born in Worcester in 1977 and grew up in Leicester. Evan worked at Genesis Club, Inc. of Worcester (international training center for clubhouses worldwide in mental health recovery) for 15 years as a rehabilitation counselor. Evan's position at Genesis Club also took him around the world to train members of Clubhouse International.

Evan leaves his husband Brayan; his father John Gerrard of Leicester, his mother Ann Raymond (Gerrard) of Derry, NH, four brothers; Aaron Gerrard and his wife Dawn of Manchester, NH, Spencer Gerrard of Winchendon and his ex-wife Erin (Eaton) of Winchendon, Austin Gerrard and his wife Tiffany of Worcester, Kevin Raymond and his wife Alishia of Newton, NH. Evan also leaves his aunts; Peggy Gallant (Gerrard) of Sarasota FL, Etta LeBlanc (Gerrard) of Gardner, Mary Labor and her husband Barry of Nashua, NH; five nieces and a nephew, along with numerous cousins and his beloved

dog, Peluche.

Evan graduated from Leicester High School in 1990, received his Bachelor's Degree at Worcester State University and earned a Master's Degree at Assumption College in advanced graduate studies rehabilitation counseling in 2007.

Evan loved outdoor activities with a great love to vacationing on Cape Cod. At the Cape, he enjoyed camping at Nickerson State Park, swimming, board surfing, paddle boarding on the outer Cape, walking his dog "Peluche" at a dog park.

Evan took great enjoyment in giving back to others by volunteering in serving Thanksgiving dinners to the homeless. Evan took pride in taking part in activities of fundraising walks/5K runs for firefights, mental illness and the homeless. Evan had many friends from several ethnic backgrounds.

Relatives and friends were invited to a memorial service remembering Evan's memory on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester.

Family is requesting in lieu of flowers, and, if you wish to make donations in Evan's memory, contributions may be made to Genesis Club, Inc. 274 Lincoln St. Worcester, MA 01605, or you may wish to visit the Genesis Club web page: [www.genesisclub.org](http://www.genesisclub.org)

## Charlotte (Greenberg) Greenberg, 98

WEST HARTFORD CT — Charlotte (Greenberg) Greenberg, 98 years of age, of West Hartford, CT, passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert L. Greenberg.

Born in Hartford, CT she was the daughter of the late Harry and Nora (Glantz) Greenberg. Charlotte is survived by her son, Peter R. Greenberg and his wife, Janice, of Winchendon; her daughter, Linda Germain and her husband, Michael, of West Hartford, CT; her grandchildren, Jennifer Rosenfeld and her husband, Joel, Matthew Hoberman and his wife, Dena, Adam B. Greenberg and his wife, Anna, Amy Mason, Laura Pinard and Ian Laberge; her beloved great-grandchildren, Nora,

Emily, Jane, Hayden, David, Hanna, Nicholas and Emily. In addition to her husband, Charlotte was predeceased by her brother Victor Greenberg and her sister Florence Gold and her great-grandson Robert.

Funeral services took place on Thursday, November 15, 2018 in the Piaterer Verein Cemetery, 1361 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, CT with Rabbi James Rosen officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah ([www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org)).

For further information, directions, or to sign the guest book for Charlotte please visit online at [www.weinstein-mortuary.com/funerals.cfm](http://www.weinstein-mortuary.com/funerals.cfm)

## Charles A. 'Chuck' Murray, 83

NORTHBOROUGH — Charles A. "Chuck" Murray, age 83, of Northborough died peacefully on



Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 at Westborough Healthcare in Westborough. He was the husband of Caryl (French) Murray with whom he shared 47 wonderful years.

Born in Winchendon, the son of Allan A. and Mary D. (Spaulding) Murray, Chuck graduated from Murdock High School in 1953. Upon his graduation, Chuck enlisted into the Air Force and served his country for three years during the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Worcester Junior College where he received an Associated Degree in arts and later attended the University



of Buffalo and received a Bachelor's Degree in accounting. Chuck worked as an auditor for the US Government for 32 years following which he worked for 20 years at Stop & Shop in Westborough.

During the last four years, while in retirement, Chuck was able to truly enjoy his hobbies of coin collecting and bird watching. Those were pastimes that he enjoyed for many years, however most of all he enjoyed time spent with Caryl and his children whether it was at the dinner table, or at one of many family gatherings. Over the years, he remained a member of the American Legion, Post 234 in Northborough.

In addition to his wife, Chuck is survived by his son Charles A. Murray of Northborough, daughter Margaret Polissack and her husband David of Worcester, four nieces and nephews and three great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Allen Murray.

Britton-Shrewsbury Funeral Home is assisting the family with a private service.

## Joseph Hector 'Hank' Melanson, 69

SPOKANE WA — Joseph Hector "Hank" Melanson, age 69 2018 passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in his home in Spokane, WA.



Hank was born in Shediac, New Brunswick, Canada on June 30th, 1949, a son to Leonard and Louise (Richard) Melanson. He immigrated to Massachusetts in 1956, where he was raised. He served as a United States Marine in the Vietnam War in the battle of Khe Sanh. Always generous, he gave back through his kindness to others, volunteer work at the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys

for Tots program, helping build schools in South America, and service as an Honor Guard for other fallen heroes. Hank loved life and tried to live it to the fullest, having sailed the South Pacific, ran countless ultra-marathons, fishing, enjoyed scuba diving, and always had

his sights on Mt. Everest. He retired as an aircraft mechanic and inspector, having worked with U.S. Customs, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon.

He is survived by his life partner, Kirsten of Spokane, WA; children: Christopher Melanson and wife Lori of Jacksonville, FL, Dana Melanson and grandchildren of Palm Bay, FL, Lindsay (Melanson) and husband Christopher Camaioni of Fort Belvoir, VA, Jerry and Sean Smith of Spokane, WA, and Megan Smith of Oakland, CA; siblings, Raymond Melanson and wife Debra of Fitchburg, Leonard Melanson of Wichita, KS, Frank Melanson and wife Kathy of Winchendon, Laurie Melanson and wife Linda of Fitchburg, Annette Melanson of Pennsylvania; many nieces and nephews. Hank was predeceased by his brothers Ronnie and Louis Melanson.

We will remember the laughs shared and meals prepared; we will remember the lessons learned and hard times adjourned; we will remember the wisdom taught and kindness brought; we will remember the love bestowed and friendships grown. A warrior to the end, he will always be missed, loved, and memories cherished.

# Holiday meal tips from the pros

Few holidays compare to a traditional Thanksgiving celebration. Unlike Christmas, which can be a rush of excitement and energy, Thanksgiving provides extended families the perfect pause to relax and simply enjoy each other's company. In fact, AAA projects 54.3 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more (presumably to be with loved ones) during the Thanksgiving holiday, a 4.8 percent increase over last year. According to the motor club, that figure represents the highest Thanksgiving travel volume in more than a dozen years (since 2005)!

Whether you're cooking at home or traveling this Thanksgiving, the highlight of an annual feast is undoubtedly the turkey, served up as a crowning centerpiece of the both the table and the holiday. Read on for some kitchen tips from experts (some old, some new) sure to help you achieve a Norman Rockwell-worthy Thanksgiving celebration.

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Not sure how big a turkey to buy? A general rule of thumb is to allow one pound of uncooked turkey per person from an 8 to 12 pound turkey. Larger birds have a larger proportion of meat to bones, so three quarters of a pound per person should serve well when purchasing heavier birds.

Want a more precise estimate? Butterball.com offers a "Plan Perfect Portions Calculator" on its website that calculates the exact amount of turkey and stuffing per person.

Other tools on the website include a timing checklist, temperature conver-

sions and a weights and measures conversion.

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If you buy a frozen turkey, it is important to thaw it safely. The National Turkey Federation offers the following guidelines to properly defrosting frozen turkeys: Like all protein foods, should be thawed in the refrigerator, never at room temperature. When foods are thawed at room temperature, surface bacteria can rapidly multiply to dangerous levels at temperatures of 40° F and above. For safety and superior quality, leave turkey in the original packaging and place in a shallow pan. Thaw, in the refrigerator, using the simple formula: whole turkeys thaw at a rate of four to five pounds per 24 hours. Example: A 15-pound frozen bird will take three to four full days to thaw in the refrigerator. To speed thawing, keep turkey in the original tightly sealed bag and place in a clean and sanitized sink or pan. Submerge in cold water and change the cold water every 30 minutes. The turkey will take about 30 minutes per pound to thaw. Refrigerate (at 40° F or below) or cook the turkey when it is thawed. Do not refreeze uncooked, defrosted turkey.

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Stuffing is a delicious requisite for most Thanksgiving meals, but if you plan on stuffing the turkey it's important not to do so until just before it is



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per pound of turkey.

It's also important to test the internal temperature of the stuffing as well as the turkey. The internal temperature in the center of the stuffing should register 160 to 165° F.

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Did you know even a "pre-basted bird can benefit from hand basting? Basting gives your bird color, crisps the skin and helps hold in juices. Rub the bird with a few tablespoons of softened butter and pour two cups of turkey broth, chicken broth or water into your roasting pan. Baste every half hour or so. And be sure to baste quickly, because the oven temperature will reduce every time you open the oven door.

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Deep frying a holiday turkey has fast become a popular tradition. Experts say turkeys from about eight to 12 pounds are the perfect size for deep frying. And keep in mind the oil you use should have a high smoke toleration. Only oils that have high smoke points should be used. According to the National Turkey Federation, peanut, refined canola, corn oil, rice oil and pea-

nut oil are all good candidates.

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Here's a tip that's appeared in the column before, but it's worth repeating: Experts claim there are three simple secrets to perfect homemade gravy: 1. Cook the flour in the fat thoroughly before adding liquid to avoid a starchy flavor; 2. Avoid lumps by stirring in the flour with a wire whisk; and 3. The key to best flavor is salting it right.

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

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Worcester County Sheriff's Department including adhering to the highest industry standards with successful reaccreditation being imperative to reaching our goals. I am proud to say, our department is now one of the finest in corrections today. We will always continue to strive for excellence" said the Sheriff.

The American Correctional Association has been accrediting public safety agencies since 1978. According to the ACA, benefits of accreditation include: improved staff training, increased safety of staff and offenders, assessment of program strengths and weaknesses, reduced insurance liability costs, and increased staff professionalism and moral.



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## Weather impacting hunting this year

This past weekend's snow storm sure changed outdoor activities for some sportsmen, but it could also provide some great tracking conditions for deer hunters. The background of snow in wooded areas can make the spotting of deer a lot easier, and could help in the final days of the archery deer hunting season. Shotgun deer season opens on Monday Nov. 26. This week's picture shows Collin Cormier with his 165 lb. 7 point buck harvested in North Brookfield with his bow. Nice buck.

Pheasant hunters were not too happy with the snowstorm which hampered bird hunting activities. The final state stocking of pheasant prior to Thanksgiving Day signaled the end of the pheasant hunting season, which officially closed Nov. 24.

The second segment of the Canada goose season, and duck season closed on Nov. 24. The season will open again on Dec. 11, and will close Jan. 1 in the Central District, for both Canada geese and ducks. The season for the late Canada goose season will start Jan. 15, again allowing a daily bag limit of 15 birds. If fields remain covered with snow goose hunting on local rivers should provide for some great shooting.

Waterfowl hunters that have a good retrieving dog will be rewarded with some great retrieving of downed birds. Others will need to retrieve their birds with the use of a small boat or use of a pair of waders. This time of year can be extremely dangerous for both man & dog. Ice cold water conditions



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and unsafe ice, have cost duck hunters their life in past years. This time of year can also be extremely dangerous for dogs. Dogs should be wearing a safety vest as well as hunters that attempt to retrieve their waterfowl from their small boat or canoe. My first Labrador retriever Max got into a serious predicament many years ago while retrieving a goose in the Rice City area. While he was retrieving the bird he made the mistake of trying to take a short cut back to the goose blind located on the small jetty. He attempted to climb onto the ice while holding onto the goose.

After numerous attempts to climb onto the ice I realized he was in trouble and I could see the fear in his eyes. Grabbing a long stick with a small fork in it I walked out onto the ice. When I got within 50 feet of him I started to crawl, hoping the ice would not give way.

I was now approximately within 10 feet of the dog. I extended the stick out to him and luckily the small fork of the stick grabbed hold under his collar. I felt the stick tighten and a slow hard pull was enough to give him the ability to climb onto the ice. Slowly slithering my body back on the ice towards the shoreline, I realized that I had taken a great risk that could have cost myself and the dog our life. Max was still holding onto the bird when we reached shore. I took the bird from him, gathered up all of my hunting equipment and headed for the car.



Courtesy photo

Collin Cormier with his seven point buck shot in North Brookfield with a bow.

Driving home many thoughts went through my mind, and I again realized that I was lucky to be alive. I never told anyone about the incident until today. Every time I go by Rice City I am reminded about the stupid move I made, but I could not watch my dog drown as I stood by and did nothing.

Max is buried on the hill in my back yard with numerous other dogs that I had owned, and during the summer months I often find myself sitting on my

lawn tractor thinking about all of the great times they gave me in the field. After wiping away a few tears I continued to mow the grass. Grown men do cry even for man's best friend!!!

Wishing everyone a great holiday season & stay safe.

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

## Football... and a stove

Tomorrow afternoon, Ohio State and Michigan meet for the umpteenth time when something big is at stake. This is how it almost always is the Saturday after Thanksgiving but this year the script was nearly rewritten.

Last Saturday, the Buckeyes had to go to overtime to subdue a relentlessly pesky Maryland team which was not only using a backup QB but was still reeling from the chaos of all the fallout which began with Jordan McNair's entirely unnecessary death last spring. In fact, the Terps came within a missed two-point conversion of rendering the OSU-Jim Harbaugh game meaningless in terms of the standings. There was a lot of chatter afterwards about how the effort should be enough to give Maryland interim coach Matt Canada the full-

time gig in 2019.

No. A thousand times no. Unfortunately for Canada, who has done an admirable job of keeping the program upright this fall, a complete housecleaning is absolutely essential after a 19 year-old died. Period.

Lots of kudos go to McNair's teammates who have someone summoned the strength to carry on. Talk about profiles in personal courage. Nonetheless, it's time to start over in College Park when it comes to football.

I watched the whole game. I kept waiting for OSU to blow it open and since that never happened, I'm sure it was the first time I've watched an entire UM football game at least since the Terps went to the Orange Bowl 15 or so years ago. Maybe longer, maybe dating back to the Bobby Ross era three decades back. MD football? Eh.



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The Terps last won a national football title in 1953 Just as college sports don't really resonate here in New England all that much, football isn't a big deal at Maryland except for the checks being cashed from the Big Ten TV deal.

I've never quite understood why college sports never had much allure around here. Arguably the most famous pass in college football history was thrown of course by BC quarterback Doug Flutie. Bob Cousy played at Holy Cross

before becoming a Celtic (and eventually a Cincinnati Royal). And it's not like the Red Sox and Patriots have always been successful. You tell me.

Meanwhile since there's snow on the ground, that translates to being Hot Stove time and I saw one MLB Network analyst (John Smoltz) suggest the Phillies might be in play for Bryce Harper AND (caps intended) Manny Machado. This was during a 'preview' of the NL East which is an exercise in absurdity until we see what happens with Harper and the Nats, but if Philadelphia gets them both, I assume nothing less than an NLCS appearance will be considered successful for the Fightin' Phils next year. Speaking of Smoltz though, MLB N ran a documentary on his Braves team which won 14 straight division titles

but made it to "just" five World Series and won only once. Lamentable? I'd take five Series in 14 years for the O's. Hell, I'll take less than 100 losses next season as a start. Anyway, the doc was entertaining and reminded just how remarkable a run that truly was.

The Orioles won five of the first six editions of the AL East and that was barely more than a third of what Atlanta did consecutively.

I don't think those Braves teams get enough credit just because they won it all only in 1995. Anyway, I'd be surprised if the Phils get both.

How's this for a guess. In April, Harper will be playing his home games the same place he has throughout his career. Manny? He won't be back in LA but who knows? See you next week.

## Postponed Powder Puff plays indoors

The Junior and Senior girls faced off against each other in the annual Powder Puff Football game. The twice postponed game (due to inclement weather) finally took place Nov. 14th at the Clark Memorial Field House, where the girls played 7 on 7 flag football. The Junior and Senior boys were also on hand to coach and cheer on their teams, and each "cheer squad" performed a halftime routine!

Special thanks to the Clark Memorial YMCA for use of the Field House, Stephanie Rondeau who coordinated the game, David Larson and Bob Polcari who refereed the game, and Mark Gauthier who served as the evening's announcer. The seniors were victorious over the juniors by a score of 38-14, resulting in bragging rights for the class of 2019. Proceeds from the game are split between the two classes with a portion also donated to the American Cancer Society.

The field hockey team ended the 2018 season with their awards banquet on Monday. After the team members and their families enjoyed a potluck dinner, the awards ceremony took



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place. Each player was presented with her letter or pin by coaches Amanda Lawler and Cassie Maillet. Coach Lawler presented special recognition awards to Erica Lashua (Coaches Award), Evelyn O'Dea (Most Improved) and Lindsey Smith (MVP). Also recognized were senior co-captains Emily and Lindsey Smith.

Lawler stressed the qualities of a captain as being a leader on and off the field, committed to the team, respectful and a leader in the classroom. These qualities have also been noted in Erica Lashua who was named captain for the 2019 season. Senior co-captains Lindsey Smith and Emily Smith then presented gifts to each of their teammates and coaches. Both Smith girls were in agreement that the 2018 season was the most fun and rewarding in their high school careers. With a team that was quite young, the captains weren't sure what

to expect, though they both looked forward to teaching the younger girls about the game of field hockey.

What they didn't necessarily expect, however, was the feeling of "family" that the team brought to them and the reinforcement of their love for the game.

Statistics from the season that were presented were: Overall record: 6-10-1. League record 3-5. Ashley Signa as goalie for first seven games had 71 saves and allowed 19 goals. Shae Dupuis as goalie for 12 games had 142 saves and allowed 27 goals. Top scorer was Lindsey Smith with 10 goals and seven assists. Chloe St. Peter scored seven goals and had one assist. Emily Smith and Jocelyn Garner each scored two goals and had one assist, while Stephanie had one assist.

Upcoming Events: Saturday, Nov. 24: Bottle/Can Drive at Rite Aid Parking Lot sponsored by International Travel Club

Monday, Nov. 26: Winter sports practices begin

Friday/Saturday, December 7 & 8: Tournament of Plays at



Sue Polcari photos

seniors Lindsey Gemme, Emily Smith, Lily Hunt, Maria Polcari and Lindsey Smith

7:00 p.m. both nights  
Wednesday, Dec. 12: National Honor Society Induction at 6:00  
Friday, Dec. 14: Wreaths Across America at Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery  
Wednesday, Dec. 19: Winter Concert at 6:30 p.m.



Lindsey O'Toole enroute to scoring a touchdown!





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al (Maple Street), spoken to; 1:38 p.m.: summons service (Juniper Street), served; 1:51 p.m.: 911 non-emergency (Franklin Pierce College, Rindge), referred; 2:06 p.m.: officer wanted (Elmwood Road), assisted; 6:01 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), citation issued; 6:06 p.m.: gunshots heard (Ash Street), unable to locate; 7:12 p.m.: mv stop (Baldwinville Road), verbal warning; 7:43 p.m.: accident (Spring Circle), report taken; 8:30 p.m.: mv stop (Ash Street), report taken; 9:53 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), Matthew Dinoia, 31, 21 Halford Street, #1, Gardner, op w/suspended license/subsequent offense, citation issued; 10:49 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive), transported; 10:57 p.m.: unwanted party (School Street), spoken to; 11:26 p.m.: suspicious person (Oak Street), spoken to; 11:30 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), citation issued.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:08 a.m.: ambulance (Prospect Street), transported; 2:21-2:59 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:06 a.m.: vandalism (Willoughby Avenue), info taken; 9:17 a.m.: FD call (Woodlawn Street), services rendered; 9:42 a.m.: suspicious mv (Central Street), unable to locate;

10:07 a.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive), transported; 10:48 a.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street), accidental; 12:32 p.m.: ambulance (East Street), transported; 1:18 p.m.: mv stop (Front Street), written warning; 4:03 p.m.: suspicious person (Grove Street), spoken to; 4:11 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), Karen Lynn Barrett, 53, 366 Baldwinville State Road, Winchendon, op w/suspended license, no inspection sticker, summons; 4:27 p.m.: mv stop (Glenallan Street), written warning; 4:38 p.m.: property found (Central Street), returned to owner; 5:35 p.m.: mv stop (River Street), verbal warning; 6:47 p.m.: property found (Elmwood Road), returned to owner; 6:48 p.m.: fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive), referred; 7:18 p.m.: mv stop (Central Street), verbal warning; 7:44 p.m.: mv stop (Lincoln Avenue), citation issued; 7:52 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street), transported; 8:33 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 9:48 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:43 p.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street), transported.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:06-2:29 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:30 a.m.: assist other PD (Glenallan Street), transport; 3:01 p.m.: building checked, secure; 5:17 a.m.: ambulance (Brown Street), transport-

ed; 5:35 a.m.: animal complaint (Murdock Avenue), referred to ACO; 5:54 a.m.: suspicious mv (Mill Street), spoken to; 6:16 a.m.: ambulance (Lincoln Avenue), transported; 7:23 a.m.: info/general (Maple Street), spoken to; 7:27 a.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street); 7:30 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street), accidental; 9:00 a.m.: DPW call (Oak Street), referred; 9:00 a.m.: fraud (Main Street), spoken to; 9:05 a.m.: ambulance (Linden Street), transported; 9:37 a.m.: ambulance (West Street), transported; 10:46 a.m.: info/general (Goodrich Drive), spoken to; 3:40 p.m.: ambulance (Walnut Street), transported; 3:52 p.m.: erratic operation (Spring Street), spoken to; 4:19 p.m.: missing person (Whitney Street), canceled; 4:39 p.m.: missing person (Town Farm Road), report taken; 5:26 p.m.: mv stop (Spring Street), verbal warning; 6:15 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street), transport; 8:26 p.m.: mv stop (Gardner Road), verbal road; 8:38 p.m.: disabled mv (Grove Street), secure; 8:45 p.m.: disabled mv (School Street), Kimberly Rader, 40, 11 Central Square, Apt. A, Troy, arrest based on warrant; 9:30 p.m.: property found (Central Street), spoken to; 9:50 p.m.: CO detector activation (Baldwinville State Road), referred.

HAMILTON

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That's why people like bipartisanship: it's a key sign of cooperation. Polarization and extreme partisanship rightly irritate Americans because they exacerbate the differences among us. They make it much harder to govern. Trying to get all hands to work together for the common good is right at the core of representative democracy.

Which means that inclusivity is also key. People don't want to be shut out or to be voiceless. Being shunted aside by those in power only builds resentment and anger.

The fourth essential is actually a matched set: accuracy, integrity, fairness — these are traditional values that ought never to go out of style, even if sometimes they appear to be in eclipse. If those who operate our system speak untruths, lack basic honesty, and show bias, it will surely fail.

Finally, democracy rests on pragmatism. Strong

institutions to carry out policy, highly competent government officials, realistic expectations on what can and cannot be achieved, civility, compromise, and respect for all views — these are the necessary ingredients to make progress in a complex, divided country.

Pragmatism does, however, need to be leavened with a little optimism. Governing effectively requires a mindset that progress is possible, that we can understand the problem, look at proposed solutions, make rational judgments about what should be done, and then get them enacted into law and implemented.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dawn Bednarczyk, Richard Bednarczyk to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for NFM, Inc., dated May 20, 2009 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44336, Page 201, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated August 11, 2017, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57774, Page 295, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., recorded on December 17, 2012, in Book No. 50136, at Page 218 Bank of America, N.A. to PennyMac Loan Servicing, LLC, recorded on August 19, 2015, in Book No. 54176, at Page 363

Bank of America, N.A. to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded on November 10, 2015, in Book No. 54554, at Page 11

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on December 3, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 712 River Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings situated in the westerly part of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the southerly side of the road from Waterville to Royalston, known as River Street, being shown as Lot 3, on a plan entitled 'Plan of Lots prepared for Nathan J. Olson, Winchendon, MA, June 12, 1995, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA," recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 696, Plan 42, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

\*\*FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY\*\*

THE improvements thereon being known as 712 River St., Winchendon, MA 01475

TaxID#4-160

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WAS TAKEN IN FEE.

BEING the same property which, by Deed dated April 7, 2008, and recorded on April 29, 2008 in the Office of the Registry of Deeds of the County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in Book 42760, Page 88, was granted and conveyed by Robert A. Baron, Jr. and Catherine A. Baron unto Richard Bednarczyk and Dawn Bednarczyk.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42760, Page 88.

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 St., 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.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500

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November 9, 2018

November 16, 2018

November 23, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSERVATION COMMISSION WINCHENDON, MA

Regarding the Property Located at: 122 Gardner Road Map 12, Lots 28 and 50 Winchendon, Worcester County, MA 01475

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40 and the Town of Winchendon Local By-Law, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on December 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA for review of an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by *GEI Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Carmichael Solar, LLC, 455 Winding Brook Drive, Ste. 201, Glastonbury, CT 06033*. The applicant seeks approval of a delineated wetland line to allow for construction of a solar array. The property is owned by Elaine Mroz and the Cornerstone Church and is located at 122 Gardner Road, Winchendon, MA, Map 12 Lots 28 and 50, In accordance with the plans on file in the Town of Winchendon Conservation Commission.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend. If you have questions about this application, you can contact me at the address below.

GEI Consultants, Inc.

Karen Stackpole

Senior Consultant

CEI Consultants, Inc

455 Winding Brook Drive, Suite 201

Glastonbury, CT 06033

Applicant Address:

Carmichael Solar, LLC

3402 Pico Boulevard

Santa Monica, CA 90405

November 23, 2018

Legal Notice Winchendon

Conservation Commission

Bemis Road; Assessor's Map 12, Lot 20

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 29th, 2018 at 7:15 pm to consider the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Toy Town Solar, LLC on behalf of property owner Kathleen Van Dyke for confirmation of Wetland Resource Area boundaries at Bemis Road; Assessor's Map 12, Lot 20. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

November 23, 2018

Legal Notice Winchendon

Conservation Commission

Gardner Road; Assessor's Map 12, Lots 28 and 50

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 29th, 2018 at 7:30 pm to consider the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Carmichael Solar, LLC on behalf of property owners Church of the Cornerstone and Elaine Mroz for confirmation of Wetland Resource Area boundaries at Gardner Road; Assessor's Map 12, Lots 28 and 50. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

November 23, 2018

Legal Notice Winchendon

Conservation Commission

356 Lakeview Drive; Assessor's Map M-15, Lot 8

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 29th, 2018 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Julie Osborne for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Lake Monomonac at 356 Lakeview Drive; Assessor's Map M-15, Lot 8. The project entails demolition and reconstruction, including new foundation, within the same footprint, of an existing two-bedroom dwelling. The work includes removal of three

6"+ diameter pine trees. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

November 23, 2018

Legal Notice Winchendon

Conservation Commission

24 Sibley Road; Assessor's Map 7, Lot 154

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:55 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owners Bruce and Rosemarie Santangelo for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 24 Sibley Road; Assessor's Map 7, Lot 154. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements for an existing subsurface sewage disposal system serving a three-bedroom dwelling. The hearing will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

November 23, 2018

Winchendon

Conservation Commission

192 Main Street; Assessor's Map 4D-4, Lot 41

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 29th, 2018 at 7:50 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Ronald Alger, Jr. for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 192 Main Street; Assessor's Map 4D-4, Lot 41. The project entails repair/upgrade to meet Title 5 requirements for an existing subsurface sewage disposal system serving a three-bedroom dwelling. The hearing will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-5402.

November 23, 2018



## Spending a day in the country



***This youngster took some time to feed the goats at the Thanksgiving Harvest Festival, held Saturday and Sunday at Red Apple Farm in Phillipston.***



**Blacksmith Joe Lambert, owner of Iron Artistry in Athol, was among the vendors participating in the Thanksgiving Harvest Festival at Red Apple Farm in Phillipston.**



**Garth Shaneyfelt of the Artisan Beverage Cooperative of Greenfield serves up samples at the Thanksgiving Harvest Festival at Red Apple Farm. The cooperative produces ginger beer, mead, and kombucha.**

**SATURDAY**

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isn't necessarily just for retailers.

“There are ways that service oriented business can get involved,” he said. “In fact, we encourage all local business to visit at least one local store and spend at least \$20 and get the word out to their clients. Service-oriented business are part of the community and their customers are also a part of that community. It may not seem like much, but a small effort by many can make a huge impact.”

Asked if an event similar to Fall Fest or Summer Solstice could be used to generate more

traffic for Small Business Saturday, Kelly said there are a number of factors to take into consideration.

“This is an interesting idea,” said Kelly, “However, there are additional limitations to this such as unpredictable weather and the Summer Solstice and Fall Festival are often organized and run by the very businesses that are looking for support during the holiday season. I would encourage more people to volunteer in local organizations like Kiwanis, Lions, Masons, Legion and the Clark and perhaps new ideas with new energy can make it happen.”

The big dilemma is how to increase traffic for local busi-

nesses year-round.

“This is the ultimate question,” Kelly concluded. “How do we increase engagement and loyalty to local business? It’s always been frustrating when people complain about there not being enough local options but still don’t shop locally. There have been signs of hope in the excitement and participation of the Summer Solstice, Fall Festival and other local events. If you want to continue to improve your community – and this includes your business community – you must invest in it by shopping locally.”

Murphy said there are other steps that could be taken to make shopping locally a week-

lv habit.

“We could look at starting a Buy Local campaign,” she said. We could, perhaps, highlight a local business every week in the Courier. We need to market Winchendon as a business friendly place and to show people what businesses are here, both new and those that have been here for many, many years. It’s also important to increase awareness in business organizations such as the WBG and the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce. These are just a tip of the iceberg.”

Businesses featured on this year's Small Business Saturday map include: Horse and Buggy Feeds, Cruisin' 12 Diner, Reflections Country

Collections, Ruschioni  
Homestead, Homesteader's  
Hands Massage Therapy,  
Not Just Produced, 2nd  
Impressions, Rescued  
Treasures, To Each His Own  
Design, Gardner Area League  
of Artists, Hometown Cafe,  
Belletetes, Subway, Patty's  
Jewelry, Morin Real Estate,  
River's Edge Restaurant, Toy  
Town Stained Glass, Zoe's  
Restaurant and Pizzeria, Powell  
Stone and Gravel, Silver Hawk,  
More Strength and Fitness,  
Little Anthony's and Little  
Lizzy's, Deedee's Treasures,  
Fairy Tale Concierge Travel,  
and Smith's Country Cheese.

Free refreshments and raffles will be offered at many locations.

**DEMO**

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Thursday and again today; he has an employee who has his licenses in the building demolition business. He has expressed a willingness to demolish this building for the town. We would have to rent an excavator, or some piece of equipment that he could use to demolish the building. We would also have to hire a crane company to cut away from the building – and remove –

the catwalk.”

At the previous meeting of the board, Newton pegged the cost of demolition at between \$50,000 and \$70,000. The cost to the town, if it is carried out by the town's DPW worker, would be about 20 percent of the original estimated cost, according to Hickey. He also told the board the town's liability and worker's compensation insurance would cover the worker even though he would be doing work outside the scope of his normal duties.

"Whether we hire an outside company or we do the work with an internal employee," said Hickey, "we will need to coordinate with the fire department to hose down the materials as we demolish the building."

Hickey said he has also spoken with some of the neighbors of the property who had appeared at the previous board meeting to urge all possible haste in the demolition of the building.

"I think they're happy that things are moving forward," he said. "I know it's not moving forward as quickly as they would like to see it move forward, but it's just a matter of finalizing prices and trying to determine how quickly someone can get here. So, I'm hoping that before the end of the calendar year we will have that building down and the catwalk down. The rodent situation, I would think, would be dealt with prior to the demolition of that building."

“The police department has also been notified,” Hickey continued, “that the owners and the caretaker, as part of this decision, are not allowed back on the property – at least that portion of the property. So, if the police do see him up there he’ll be asked to leave and we’ll

address whatever situation comes from that as needed.”

Board Chairman Audrey LaBrie and member Barbara Anderson expressed some concerns about having a DPW worker undertake the project. In addition to any liability issues the town might face, the pair wondered about the potential for depleting the amount of manpower available during the winter season, when crews are often stretched to the limit while trying to keep town roads clear during and immediately after winter storms.

Hickey said that issue would be taken into consideration before any final decision is made on how to proceed with the work.

Anderson was adamant that rodents and other vermin calling the building home be eliminated as completely as possible before demolition work begins.

"I don't want the building to come down, only to have the rats scatter to homes in the neighborhood," she said.

"If we can hire a pest service to go out and address that first," said Hickey, "we can that started now. Our health officer has secured one price for the work. He's trying to get two more. We can try

to eliminate the rodent population as much as possible before they scurry someplace else."

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