



Morgan St. Pierre photo

The lake is quiet at the moment, but it will soon swarm with boaters and swimmers as it heats up for the summer.

State parks geared up and ready

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — With Memorial Day marking the unofficial start of summer, area state parks are certain to see increased activity and that certainly includes Lake Denison in Winchendon.

The facility on Route 202 (beach - 1366 Main St; campground 219 Baldwinville State Road) has long been a magnet not just for locals but for visitors from parts far and wide. Steve Hunt, who founded and owned Lickity Splitz for over a decade often said he saw a lot of first-time visitors to his landmark ice-cream place during summer weekends, and many

told him they'd been camping at Denison. Part of the Army Corps of Engineers Birch Hill Flood Control Project, Denison is home to 150 campsites in addition to the beach which fronts an 85 acre lake. There are some 50 miles of mountain biking trails in the adjacent Birch Hill Wildlife Management area, according to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Though the park was open earlier this week, the first big influx of the year was anticipated to celebrate the holiday weekend, especially with a positive weather forecast. Daily parking fees are \$8 for Massachusetts

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Work on GAR Park continues

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — There was some concern expressed by community members last year when it was noticed that crews were toppling some of the red maple and sugar maple trees that had occupied G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Park since park opened in the late 1880s. Of the 43 trees calling the park home, 32 had to be removed. An arborist recommended removal of the trees because they were "sick" and at risk of coming down during a storm with strong winds.

The G.A.R. Park Committee is now in the midst of an initiative to replace all of the trees which fell victim to the chain saw. Anyone who would like to donate a tree to the park and have their generosity remembered for generations to come can do so by contributing \$300 to the park improvement committee. Checks must be made payable to the town of Winchendon. Individual donations will be used to purchase trees from Noel's Nursery. A memorial plaque listing all those who contributed to the trees purchase will be erected at the Murdock Avenue entrance to the park. A num-



Greg Vine photo

A different look at the Civil War soldier atop the monument at Grand Army of the Republic Park.

ber of individuals and groups, including local service organizations and at least one graduating class from Murdock, have already made their donation.

A storyboard detailing the history of the park will also be erected.

Other improvements to the park will include the resurfacing of walkways. The main entrance, from Murdock

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Town plans music festival

WINCHENDON — Using the acoustically superior Old Centre Church as the venue, an earnest series of baroque, folk and jazz music concerts is planned for a summer weekend in town. The entire weekend is free and open to the public.

Andrew Arceci, who has roots deep in the Winchendon soil, parents and grandparents hailing from the town, has chosen to arrange the weekend and found other musicians of equal talent to join him in ensembles to tackle work that would be the envy of any concert hall in a larger city.

On Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m., the concert will feature baroque music and will be led by Arceci, Teresa Wakim and an ensemble.

Developing a varied career as performer, composer/arranger, and scholar, Arceci performs regularly on the viola da gamba (viol), violone, and

double bass throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. In the United Kingdom, he has appeared with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Cöthen Baroque, and Oxford Baroque. In the United States, he has collaborated with the Boston Camerata, Handel & Haydn Society, the Arcadia Players, Tempesta di Mare - Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra, Harmonious Blacksmith, the Folger Consort, the Washington Bach Consort, and the Washington National Cathedral; he currently serves as principal bassist with Boston's L'Académie Baroque Orchestra and Chicago's Baroque Band. He has given workshops at the University of Oxford (UK), the University of Cambridge (UK), the University of Edinburgh (UK), the Narnia Arts Academy (Narni, Italy), the Taipei National University of

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Different bridge slated for replacement

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Public Works Director Al Gallant announced last Thursday night the bridge on Royalston Road North which spans Tarbell Brook will soon be reduced to one lane. Gallant said the move is necessary due to the deterioration of three of the eight beams that support the roadway.

His announcement came during a public hearing on the state's plans to replace

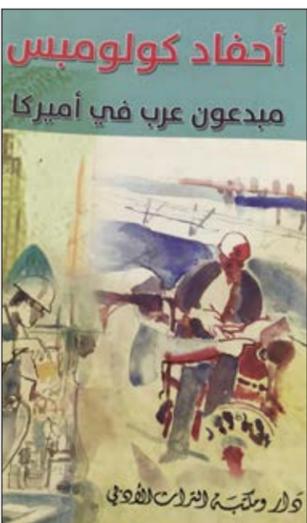
the bridge. Those plans had been drawn up and the hearing scheduled before Gallant learned of the advanced decay of the support beams in a call from the state Department of Transportation Thursday morning. Load limits for the bridge have been reduced twice and can't be lowered any further, according to Gallant.

The DPW chief said he was given one week to either close the bridge or reduce it to one lane.

The possibility of closing the

bridge had been considered but doing so would result in about a five-mile detour for residents living on the western side of the span. Instead, it is likely stop signs will be posted at either end of the bridge, with motorists self-regulating the flow of traffic. The efficacy of utilizing traffic lights also has been weighed, but the cost of renting lights runs about \$5,500 a month and it will be more than a year before construction of the new bridge gets under way.

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Colette Kotoch has written a book about Arab-Americans who have made their mark in this country.

Local author hopes book promotes understanding

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — How many of you are familiar with Jameel Joseph Farah? How about Kemel Amen Kasem? Here's an easy one; do you know Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll?

You may not immediately recognize the names but you certainly would recognize the face or voice of Jamie Farr, of M*A*S*H* fame, radio personality Casey Kasem, or singer, songwriter and record producer Shakirah. All three happen to be Arab Americans and all three, coincidentally, are of Lebanese descent.

Other well-known Arab Americans include Donna

Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services under Bill Clinton, CalTech professor and 1999 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry Ahmed Zewali, Apple founder Steve Jobs, Today Show co-host Hoda Kotb, the late journalist Helen Thomas — the bane of every president from Eisenhower to Obama, Patriots quarterback Doug Flutie, author William Peter Blatty of "The Exorcist" fame, and consumer advocate and three-time presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

For a group that comprises all of about 1.14 percent of the U.S. population, Arab Americans have had a seemingly disproportionate impact on American life.

To highlight the successes of Arab Americans and to educate people in her homeland about the opportunities available to them in the United States, Lebanese-born Winchendon resident Collette Kotoch has written "Descendants of Columbus: Innovative Arabs in America." Kotoch has interviewed a number of Arab Americans; people who tell their stories of working toward — and achieving — the "American dream."

Kotoch said she felt compelled to write the book after hearing of actor/writer Michel Ashkar's biography and one-man play about Lebanese-American poet, artist, and

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Collette Kotoch



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Lady Devils will face Tahanto in first match-up

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WEEKLY QUOTE

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers



Kitty Korner

Will is a petite, sweet, outgoing young cat that was found fending for himself outside. He loves attention and will roll on his side for some belly rubs. He is very cute in person. We are not sure if he would do well in a home with other pets, but because of his laid back personality, we suspect he might.

Will has been examined by a veterinarian, neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

If you would like to meet him A Better Tomorrow shelter at 202 Central St. is open Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon-3 p.m., and by appointment. For an adoption application, please visit www.shelterforcats.org or call (774) 641-1271.



Back under one administration, how did it work?

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — With the existence of the middle school as a separate entity coming to a close this month (next fall, Murdock middle and high schools will be re-consolidated under one administration), Principal Len Mackie reflected last week on three years of separate identities.

“We created a school culture,” stressed Mackie, who guided the middle school from the outset of the transition to the brink of re-unification with the high school.

“The kids were really the ones who carved out that identity,” he said. “The staff and faculty played a major role, too, but it was really the students who

in many ways built a separate school for themselves. They took the lead and rose to the occasion.”

He pointed to the ‘memory book’, the middle school yearbook, as a prime example of youngsters taking the initiative. “They did it. Certainly they had some guidance from Lisa (Paulitzky) and myself and the design experts, but they were the primary creators,” he noted, citing student Emily Burns as an up-and-coming artist who contributed significantly to the book.

“All schools are student-centered,” Mackie acknowledged, “but we had a real esprit de corps in our building. It has been a very active place.”

Mackie pointed out the annual trip to Boston “is the time of their lives” for some students, and not without adven-

ture, either. Last year, confusion about directions resulted in a 2 a.m. arrival back in Winchendon following a day of exploring the city, capped by attending a Red Sox game at Fenway Park. It was another very late night/early morning return this year but that was due to sobriety checkpoints on Route 2. “That just gave the kids more time to be together,” Mackie said.

“Scott (Rogers) had his seventh graders at camp (last week). All this builds camaraderie which contributes to creating a successful school experience.”

He’s also proud of the academic progress that’s been made, which is, in the end, the primary objective for schools.

“For the most part, we’ve seen good work. The eighth grade this year has been most successful. Our on-going

curriculum is doing well in preparing students for high school. The PBIS (Positive Behavior Instruction and Support) model has worked, is working. So has PART (Pride, Accountability, Respect, Teamwork). Additionally, our teachers are willing to go the extra mile. That shows when they get to high school.”

Mackie looks back with pride on what’s been accomplished in terms of establishing an identity.

“The hall of flags. Raising the flag outside. We’ve sent positive messages and the kids picked up on that and send their own. They’ve been rewarded when we catch them doing something good.”

“We set in motion something positive. We’re proud of that,” he said.

Antonellis graduates



Dr. Paul Antonellis

NEW ORLEANS LA — It is with distinct pleasure that Dr. Richard Senese, PhD, interim president, Capella University announces the graduation of Dr. Paul J. Antonellis Jr., Ed.D.

The 2016 commencement was held on March 12, 2016 in New Orleans, LA. Senese said, “All of us at Capella, our board of directors, faculty, and staff, are honored to share this day with you and recognize the significant accomplishments. Your academic achievement, determination, and perseverance have brought you to this point.”

Antonellis completed his doctor of education with a specialization in educational leadership and management. Some of the course work complet-

ed in the program consisted of: foundations of educational leadership and management, leadership through personal and professional development, creating a culture of learning, data-informed decision making for educational leaders, and leading and managing change in addition to his dissertation requirements. Antonellis earned the highest honor at the doctoral level with Graduation with Distinction meaning that he maintained a 4.0 GRP.

His dissertation title was: Creation of systematic employment phone screening procedure for hiring tenured track faculty: An Action Research Study.

Antonellis has go on to have his research published in the peer reviewed International Journal of Human Resource Studies with his co-author in February 2016. Publishing his academic research in a peer reviewed journal allows for the sharing of this knowledge with

others around the world and allows the base of knowledge to be expanded. During his doctoral studies, he was encouraged by his professor to submit a course research papers to a peer reviewed journal for review due to the high quality of work demonstrated. While a doctoral student, he submit his course research paper, after an extensive blind peer review process, he published “Revisiting Action Research” article in the Journal of Social Science in 2014. Publishing in peer reviewed journals as a doctoral student is very challenging. Antonellis is no stranger to writing, he has published more than 40 trade journal articles, three books, and currently working on several research papers.

Antonellis is a graduate of Murdock High School class of 1985 and former member of the Winchendon Fire Department. His education also includes a Masters degree in labor and

policy studies with a concentration in human resource management from Empire State College (Saratoga Spring, NY), BS degree in fire service administration Empire State College, AS degree in criminal justice, and AS degree in fire science technology from Mount Wachusett Community College.

Antonellis is currently employed my Merrimack College Business School in North Andover as an assistant professor in the management department were he serves as the director of the human resource management program. Over the past 30 years, he has traveled nationally and international speaking on various emergency service topics.

Antonellis is the grandson of the late Dr. Carl Antonellis, a local physician in Winchendon for many years. His parents are Paul and Betsy Antonellis of Kennebunk, ME.

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Monty Tech CyperPatriots win semifinal competition

FITCHBURG — By turning in a top-finishing performance at the CyberPatriot VIII semifinal competition, Monty Tech’s JROTC CyberPatriot team qualified to move on to the national championship.

The Monty Tech team will be defending its first-place finish in the All Service division earned at last year’s national competition.

Led by Monty Tech’s Marine Corps JROTC instructor First Sgt. Paul Jornet and information technology instructor Richard Duncan, the team of students from Monty Tech excelled in the CyberPatriot VIII qualifying rounds, demonstrating teamwork, critical-thinking skills, and technical knowledge key to a successful career in cybersecurity.

Team members are: Leon Gaulin of Winchendon, captain, Brandon Trundy of Westminster, Alexander Commodore and Rian Ayers, both of Gardner, Cameron Truehart of Athol and Nicholas Sullivan of Fitchburg.

Established by the Air Force Association, the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program was created to excite, educate, and motivate students toward careers in cyber security and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation’s future.

A total of 3,379 teams from across the nation registered to compete in CyberPatriot VIII, with only 13 teams qualified to move on to the national finals.

CyberPatriot’s core program – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – challenges teams of two to six students across the United States, Canada, and from schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. Top teams from the preliminary rounds win an all-expenses-paid trip to Baltimore for the live National Finals Competition, where students compete for national recognition and scholarships.

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Royalston group launches program for young adults



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Previous course members with beds they made

ROYALSTON — Millers River Educational Cooperative founder and operator of the Village School in Royalston, is launching a new educational program for adults aged 18-plus. Under the title Skills-for-Life, the program involves a two-week residential course that will combine 'inner life' practices, including meditation, work with attention, and self-discovery, with practical skills such as woodworking, gardening and cooking. The course aims to share ways of bringing people's inner and outer life into balance. It will also foster a sense of community, and show people how to conduct group projects in a non-hierarchical way.

"In approaching the coming decades, people will need to develop an inner resilience, and the ability to deal emotionally and practically with rapid changes in society, and the social and physical consequences of climate change," says George Bennett, a teacher at the Village School, and one of the facilitators of the Skill-for-Life course. "People will need to be able to cooperate with others, whether they like them or not! These things can be learned, and a communal, residential setting is ideal for doing so."

The course facilitators have decades of experience in a variety of practical fields, as well as in techniques of meditation, exercises in inner attention, and working to bring people's inner and outer lives into an effective harmony.

MREC has operated the Village School for the past 25 years, and the independent elementary school has built a reputation for giving children a balanced education that accounts for their intellectual, emotional and physical needs, while laying the foundation for successful further education.

The first Skills-for-Life course will be run at Camp Caravan in Royalston, from Aug. 6-20. For more information, visit skills-for-life.org, or email info@skills-for-life.org.

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Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons
By Janet Tharpe

Simple Side Dish for Summer, Brown Rice Citrus Salad

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Trish Morris
Pahrump, NV
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See step-by-step photos of Trish's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/ricesalad. You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

Brown Rice Citrus Salad	
What You Need	Directions
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CLYDE'S CORNER

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
TOY TOWN MARKET: The Toy Town Outdoor Market (formerly the Toy Town Farmers' Market) is now open! Plants and in-season vegetables are available, along with items made by local artists and craftsmen. Located at 126 Central St. (the front lawn of the UU Church, across from the Clark YMCA), vendors will be there Thursdays 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

OLD MURDOCK OPEN HOUSE: the Center, 52 Murdock Avenue, will be open for free tours with refreshments from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A chance to see this lovingly kept building in its splendor.

WINCHENDON SCHOOL: 89th annual commencement at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds of the school, Ash Street.

ALUMNI SOFTBALL: June 4 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Murdock softball field; Murdock Alumni of all ages welcome to play! Please call Sue at 978-257-5671 if interested in participating. Hoping to have a great turnout this year. Family and friends encouraged to attend to cheer on your favorite player!!

MONDAY, JUNE 6
YOGA: yoga classes are held at

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
STORY HOUR: On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Beals Memorial Library on Pleasant Street hosts a story/craft hour for preschoolers' and up.

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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Winchendon SEPAC invites everyone to an ice cream social at the Better Tomorrow Youth Center, 200 Central St. beginning at 6 p.m. Please call the Special Ed office at (978) 297-1850 or email sepac@winchendonk12.org to let us know you are coming to be sure we order enough ice cream! There is no charge! Come learn more about SEPAC and meet the new officers.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
BINGO! Hyde Park residents hold bingo in the community hall every Wednesday night beginning at 6 p.m. It's inexpensive, just two cards for 5¢, and the community is

invited! Anyone over the age of 50 is welcome to join in. We'd love to have more players.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9
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Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

EDITORIAL

Caroling bells

Have you heard them? If you have been in downtown Winchendon this week, you've heard heavenly music. Carillon music from the United Parish Church on Front Street. A beautiful addition to the downtown atmosphere.

On Saturday, the carillon will be dedicated, and it is in honor of a Winchendon resident who will also be recognized by an organized walk at the track at the Clark YMCA beginning at 3 p.m. first, followed by the group walking on to the UP Church for the dedication and refreshments at 4 p.m.

Very fitting, because you see for everything else she might be known for, Carla Fletcher loved to walk.

In the early morning and later in the afternoon, she and Bud could be found on the streets of town, briskly moving no matter what the weather. She always said it kept her young, helped her various aches and pains (she suffered from some chronic back issues) and eventually it helped keep her aware.

This is a kind, and fitting tribute to her. If you can find a few moments in a busy graduation weekend to take a walk, do so.

And it is graduation weekend in Toy Town. The Winchendon School holds ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Saturday; Murdock at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Murdock holds its traditional promenade at the MHS gym tonight beginning at 5:30 or so. A throwback to an earlier, more elegant age; the young men and women truly do a real promenade in their formal attire, showing themselves as the newly minted adults they are to the townspeople who come to see them. It is open to anyone who wants to come and view it, and it is truly worth seeing. Then the young people do as most high school prom attendees do and pile into a bevy of vehicles to go off to dine and dance elsewhere as a rite of passage.

On Saturday, another uniquely Winchendon event occurs, when the alumni gather to honor these newbies at a dinner at the American Legion. The tradition is decades old, and it is a chance for many to see and visit one another who perhaps do not see or visit any other time; even for years. It is also when service clubs, military organiza-

tions, and memorials present scholarships to some of those graduating.

Those involved in choosing the recipients have a very tough time doing so; because they are all very deserving. They work hard, have dreams and goals they want to achieve, and could really use the monetary support as much as the good wishes.

Several thousand dollars are raised and distributed in Winchendon every year.

No small thing to celebrate. So, while we honor those who have contributed, and those yet to make their marks on our world this week let's remember it is no small feat that they are part and parcel of same small town we call home. There is a feeling here, sometimes lost in the hustle and bustle of lives; and sometimes lost in the scheme of things when others try to define for us what we should be; that in fact has always been here. We are, in fact, Winchendon. Toy Town. The home of the Murdock Blue Devils, and Converse Tournament of Plays, which is the oldest continuing such tournament in the entire United States. Clyde the Toy Town Horse, and the rich history behind the many businesses that created this town; the site of the hot springs once revered for their healing powers by native Americans, the home of countless artists and writers and artisans who quietly continue to do their work; the home of an above average Little League program that has hosted state level tournaments, the home of the Massachusetts state nationally sanctioned chili cook off...

We have graduates who have gone on to Tufts University, Harvard, Dartmouth, all branches of UMass, WPI, MIT, and even further afield. They have become doctors, lawyers, teachers, CEOs, owned their own companies, invented new things, helped find cures for diseases, written books and music, and made a success of their lives in unusual endeavors.

We can be very proud of this year's crop of graduates, they are an amazing bunch. They will make us proud. They already do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COA: we need your help

To the Editor:

The Winchendon Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program provides home-delivered meals. They are available to those who are home bound, have a medical need or are unable to attend a congregate meal site. An intake can be done by calling the Council on Aging office or be referred by your physician.

Our current vehicle, a 2003 Ford Windstar, has over 100,000 miles and is currently in need of costly repairs. Each day, Monday through Friday, our driver David Tavares, delivers 40-60 meals, averaging over 200 miles each week. We are looking to purchase a new or gently used van for this program. We will be

holding fundraisers for this purchase. The Friends of Old Murdock Senior Center has made the first donation of \$1,000. Any donation will be gratefully accepted and checks can be made out to the Council on Aging, 52 Murdock Avenue, Winchendon, MA 01475.

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Firefighters:
ceremony

To the Editor:

Thank you Garland Tree Service (Brian Bourgeois) for doing an awesome job landscaping our "Firefighters & Police Memorial park/stones located on Glenallan Street. Brian also donated part of his time for this project.

During our Firefighters Memorial Sunday ceremony Sunday June 12 at 8:30 a.m. all retired FD members, Police Officers, and the public is invited to a very special rededication ceremony.

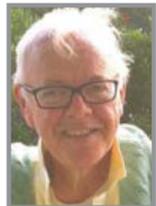
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WINCHENDON FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF
ASSOCIATION



SOUND OFF POLICY

In addition to the Letters to the Editor section, the Winchendon Courier offers an anonymous forum allowing callers to "Sound Off" about the hot-button issues and topics in their towns. The "Sound Off" line can be reached 24 hours a day, at 978-297-0050. Names may be omitted for "Sound Off" calls only, although you may leave a name or initials. All comments should be made clearly and concisely, to minimize the potential for mistakes. Please remember that libelous comments, personal attacks and material that cannot be verified will not be published. "Sound Offs" may be sent to ruth@stonebridgepress.com, or The Winchendon Courier, 91 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 with "Sound Off" in the subject line. All "Sound Off" submissions are due by noon on Fridays. We look forward to hearing from you!

NOTES OF
CONCERN

JACK
BLAIR

One of the nice things about being a columnist is you can write about almost anything. Over the years I have had to write some sad columns, ones that were cathartic for me. This is one of those. If you are in love with your pets or easily moved to tears, you might want to simply not read this one.

For many years my wife and I have had two Labrador retrievers in our household. She was never happy about having two, but I became insistent because our jobs took us out of the house for long periods each day, and I felt my one Lab just wasn't having a very good life, being lonely for most of the time.

So we started having two. When one would pass, I would be out looking for another. After time my wife said we should not get a second Lab. I kept secretly looking. She said she didn't want to have to train a puppy and go through all that stuff again. I kept secretly look-

ing. Our breeders had been predominately from Ohio, so I was in touch with them for suggestions.

One day I received a note saying that the breeder had taken a "pick of litter" expecting the dog to be a show dog but she did not grow to the requirements of length and height. She was eight months old and house trained.

We had always had black male Labradors. This was a yellow female. One night at dinner I was telling our fellow diners about a fabulous, trained Labrador I had learned about in my search for a puppy and said if any of them were interested, I would give them contact information.

That was when I got kicked under the table.

Later my wife asked me why I would be offering a lovable, already trained, beautiful Labrador to other people.

Victory!
Lucy, originally called "Snowy" by the breeder because of her lovely light yellow coat arrived by plane at a local airport. I picked her up. She had

been bathed and fluffed, and when we opened the door at our home, it was love at first sight for my wife and Lucy.

She was a lovely pet. She was playful. She tolerated the cats. She loved to ride in the car. And she was better than ADT at letting us know someone was on the property or at the door.

There was a big difference in my life with this Labrador. All the others were with me short periods of time when I was home and not at work. While Lucy lived with us, I was retired and my wife was still working. So every day, 24-7 we were together. She followed me around the house. She ate any leftovers I had on my plate. She went everywhere with me in the car, even if just a short trip to the grocery. She was my companion.

She had been having some trouble with the ligaments in her right hind leg, and she favored that leg, still getting around on the other three. On the last day of her life she sat at my chair watching me eat eggs Benedict, with that soulful look on her face that said

"save some for me." So she got half an order of eggs Benedict and was very grateful. She followed me around that morning. She lay in front of the fireplace while I read. After lunch I suggested we go outside, and as we walked around the property, she attempted to jump over a low stone fence. Her bad leg did not support her, and her other leg gave way. She landed on the paved driveway, yelping and rolling around on her side. I didn't know what to do. Someone came along and helped lift her into my SUV. I called the vet and explained the situation, saying I thought she might have broken her leg.

After the vet x-rayed her, I was told the situation was not good. The first leg problem was worse. In addition, a new problem had now developed with leg number two. Nothing was broken, but the x-ray showed a large lump of cancer in the spine.

I telephoned my wife who came immediately to the vet to say her goodbyes. Lots of tears and memories. And then she was gone.

From eggs Benedict at breakfast to being gone in a matter of hours. Eleven years of joy and love, gone in an instant.

I know dogs aren't humans. They have a short shelf life. But when they pass, it reminds us of our own immortality. The crate is dismantled and packed away. The toys all over the house are picked up and stored. The collars are boxed. And the favorite toy is being laundered by my wife and will remain with us as a memory of our life with Lucy.

We have had to put a lot of dogs down in our 47 years of married life. People think it must get easier. My wife knows that not to be the case. She says every time we have to put one down, all the memories of the others are stirred up.

I expect to see Lucy every time I open the door. I am distraught when I look at the empty space where her crate was kept. I miss her on my lonely car trips.

But I am ever so happy that she enjoyed eggs Benedict on her last day.

Lucy

Anger...and good

People are angry. Perhaps you've noticed. Not just people for that matter. Annie-the-alleged-corgi-escape-artist is angry too, in her case because she inexplicably and stupidly loves winter and detests summer. She's all eager and insistent about going outside when it's 22 degrees, yes that means at night too, but not when it's 82 degrees. What kind of logic is that, ha ha?

Personally, I'm annoyed that ABC wrongly cancelled Nashville. What were they thinking? Garbage like Sister Wives and Dance Moms survive, and Nashville gets jettisoned? My youngest child was irritated when she couldn't find a specific kind of chicken in some grocery store or another. My eldest child is perpetually grumbling about drivers in Washington. Go to any social media site and you'll see 24/7 unhappiness about this or that. Arguments

about bathrooms or who can marry who, while they're ridiculous when you stop to think about them, are nonetheless causing some to suggest they herald the imminent fall of civilization. I mean, it's reasonable to be angry when you run out of salmon cream cheese on a Sunday morning, okay, maybe not angry but at least a little annoyed, but getting angry about bathrooms? Really?

So, yes, people are angry, and while some of that was obviously tongue in cheek, there are good people out there too, people who don't seem angry at all. Let me restore a little of your dwindling faith in humanity, even on a small scale. Last Saturday, when it was what, 92 degrees or so, I was on my way to Gardner when I blew my left front tire on 140, a tire I had bought just a week earlier. I began to call AAA but we were in that section where reception (I

use Sprint) is sometimes spotty. Before I could get through, a car pulled up behind us. Meet Charlie and his friend from Chile. Charlie is from Arlington and they were on their way to a yoga retreat somewhere in Vermont. Charlie also knew how to quickly change a tire. "People should help each other," he said. He's right, and on an individual basis that's exactly what people tend to do. But approach issues on a broader scale and all those biases and resentments and anger pop right back up.

This broader-scale anger is not restricted to one side or the other. You tend to see it expressed more visually at Trump rallies, of course, but the Sanders phenomena proves that people on my side of the fence are pretty pissed off, too, and who can blame them?

The reason people feel betrayed by elected leadership is because they, we,



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have been betrayed. We were betrayed by George W. Bush when he launched a pair of un-winnable wars and by Barack Obama when he didn't immediately get the hell out of both. Now we get to choose between one candidate who's more hawkish than Bush or Obama and one who appears to believe in isolationism. Awesome. On this issue, feeling betrayed in perfectly valid.

A lot of people feel betrayed because government wasn't able to stem the inevitable technological progress which inevitably rendered some jobs obsolete, though having had community colleges

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Heroes in the classroom

It's graduation season and, as happens every year at this time, my mother is on my mind even more than usual. During her nearly 40 years in the classroom, mom taught French, Spanish, and a little U.S. history. Her main subject, however, was Latin. When she retired she was head of the foreign language department at Oakmont Regional High School.

I was always proud that my mother was an educator. The fact she taught at the same school I attended held the potential of making life very uncomfortable for me. Luckily, it didn't turn out that way.

Mom was well liked and respected by both her students and her colleagues. And, trust me, I was shown no favoritism by any of my teachers just because they worked with my

mother. I received my share of detentions.

To this day, nearly 33 years after her death, I still run into Oakmont grads who speak fondly of her. More than a few say her no-nonsense approach to teaching, coupled with her calm demeanor and easy sense of humor, made it easy for them to learn a not-so-easily-understood language. Others have said her belief in her students and constant encouragement of, and confidence in, their abilities gave them the tools they needed to succeed in other classes, in college, and in life. To some she was a hero.

But that's the way it is with teachers. The best ones become heroes. They may not be recognized as such by the students sitting in their classrooms, but



VIEW FROM THIS CORNER

GREG VINE

after graduating and moving on to whatever life holds in store for them, those same students look back and realize the impact certain educators had on their lives.

I certainly have my heroes; Pat Lasky, my third grade teacher, and my fifth grade teacher, Peter Jasinski, among them.

But the people who impacted me most were those I had at Oakmont. International affairs teacher Joe VonDeck, U.S.

history teacher Bill Wyman, English instructor Frank Stout, and math teacher Bill Webber contributed more to my life than they could have known.

Their respect for my talents as a writer, forbearance of my sense of humor, and their cultivation of my intellect – such as it is – has stayed with me over the past 43 years.

Teachers today have the same positive impact on students, but they do it while bearing pressures that did not exist when I was in school. Yearly cuts (it seems) in budgets and staff, the need to purchase some of their own classroom supplies, prepping students for MCAS and PARCC exams, continuing education requirements, and more, all add up to make teaching a tougher

career than it used to be.

Some teachers, those who look upon teaching as a just a job, don't last long in the profession. Real teachers, those committed to their students, their schools, and their communities, are meant to teach. It is a calling much more than it is a career choice.

I'm proud my mother's picture hangs in the library at Oakmont. But, truth be told, I believe the pictures of every committed teacher who has touched the lives of our nation's students should don the walls of libraries, classrooms, and hallways in schools all across this country.

They are, no less than first responders and members of the military, true heroes.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Here is the list of activities happening at the Old Murdock Senior Center, 52 Murdock Ave., for the month of June 2016. As always, lunch is served daily starting at 11:30. Reservations are required and can be made one day prior by calling the Center at 978-297-3155. Visit us on the web at <http://www.coa.winchendonweb.com>

June 6: Wii Bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga – 10:00

June 7: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

June 8: Mystery Shopping 9:15; Wii Bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool /Cards/Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

June 9: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Games/Cards/Shuffleboard;

June 10: Lunch @ Glenn Caffe` 11:15; Peanut Auction 10:30

June 13: Market Basket 12:30; Wii Bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00

June 14: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

June 15: Wii Bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool /Cards/Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

June 16: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Games/Cards/Shuffleboard;

June 20: Wii Bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga – 10:00

June 21: It's Real Cool SWING! – with Bill Sbrogna 10:30-11:30; Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

June 22: Market Basket 9:15; Wii Bowling

9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool /Cards/Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

June 23: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Games/Cards/Shuffleboard;

June 24: Patriotic Wreath Craft 9:30; Peanut Auction 10:30

June 27: Wii Bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga – 10:00

June 28: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Card Games/Shuffleboard

June 29: Market Basket 9:15; Wii Bowling 9:30; Chair Exercise 9:30; Yoga 10:00; Pool /Cards/Shuffleboard; BINGO 12:30

June 30: Wii Bowling 9:30; Pool/Games/Cards/Shuffleboard

Buy a bag: donate a buck

REGION — Gardner Area League of Artists, a nonprofit committed to supporting the arts and culture in central New England, has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps reusable bag program for the month of June.

This exciting program has been designed to support local nonprofits like GALA. For every blue Hannaford Helps reusable bag with the GOOD KARMA messaging purchased at the Gardner Hannaford store located at 21 Timpany Boulevard, GALA will receive a \$1 donation in order to help fulfill its mission.

"We are very surprised and honored for being chosen, and it couldn't come at a better time. This helps the planet and the arts so please go pick up a few bags!" said GALA's President Deb Giordano.

GALA has a goal of raising \$1,000 during the month of June as a beneficiary of the program. GALA plans to use the projected funds to help with renovations of their new arts gallery in Winchendon.

Learn more about GALA by visiting www.gal-agardner.org.



For more information on the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit hannaford.bags4mycause.com or [facebook.com/hhbagprogram](https://www.facebook.com/hhbagprogram).

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better funded to establish retraining programs to bridge the gap between one job and another might have been a good idea. God forbid. Others feel betrayed because people who love one another regardless of gender can, gasp, marry one another. Yet others feel betrayed because they feel like their kids' schools are failing or their neighborhoods are drug-infested or, well, you name it.

Many of these feelings of betrayal are valid, though not the sanctimonious bleating about marriage. But, and you know there's always a but, this is the other side: people want things — better schools, more jobs, you know the list, but too many of us don't accept these things cost money. Hence, what you often have is anger, valid anger to be sure, but anger, "unencumbered by the restraints of reality," as many of Bernie Sanders' ideas were once described.

This, then, is the contradiction. We want, we want, we want, but we (the collective we) don't want to pay for what we want. That's why, on the left, Sanders' calls for free college are cheered without any thought to the feasibility or how this would be implemented and why on the right, Trump's pledge to build a wall are applauded without any thought to the cost or real life logistics. Too many people are angry and want simplistic pie-in-the-sky solutions that are never going to happen. Then when they don't, people feel betrayed again, but they've really betrayed themselves by delusional expectations.

I don't have any idea how to change this mindset. My guess is you can't change it for a whole lot of people. That, my friends, is reality and that's one big reason rational political discourse is so elusive. What can I tell you? I'm annoyed, too. After all, I'm writing this Sunday morning and I have no salmon cream cheese left. At least yesterday Charlie and his pal reaffirmed my faith, for the moment, in the inherent good in most of us. How's that? See you next week.

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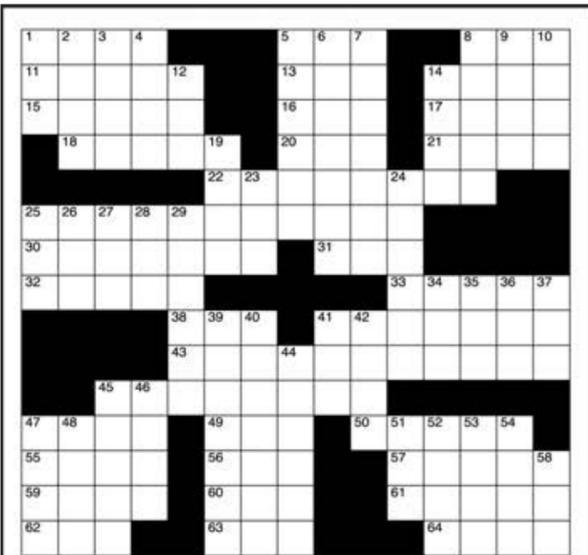
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- Tires have this
- Physical attraction
- Goddess of wisdom
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- Napolean came here
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- Mickey's pet

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POLICE LOG

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

MONDAY, MAY 23
 12:02-3:13 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:26 a.m.: repossession of MV (Royalston Road North) info taken; 1:43 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 5:18 a.m.: ambulance (Lakeshore Drive) transport; 6:42 a.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to other agency; 7:13 a.m.: fraud (Whitney Street) no cause for complaint; 8:35 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 8:47 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 9:52 a.m.: investigation (Memorial Drive) info taken; 11:12 a.m.: harmonious (Washington Avenue) report taken; 11:28 a.m.: warrant of apprehension (Happy Hollow Road) services rendered; 11:36 a.m.: animal complaint (Otter River Road) refer to ACO; 12:53 p.m.: be on the look out (Gardner Road) info taken; 1:11 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) no cause for complaint; 1:26 p.m.: gunshots heard (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 1:54 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street) info taken; 2:29 p.m.: vandalism (Summer Street) no cause for complaint; 2:41 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) refer to ACO; 3:27 p.m.: fire unknown type (Front Street) extinguished; 4:32 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 5:06 p.m.: ambulance (School Street) transport; 5:27 p.m.: summons service (Mill Street) served; 6:29 p.m.: fraud (Monadnock Avenue) spoken to; 8:02 p.m.: larceny (Cardinal Lane) spoken to; 9:05 p.m.: harassment (Walnut Street) spoken to; 10:50 p.m.: FD call (Island Road) assisted; 11:47-11:59 p.m.: building checks, secure.

TUESDAY, MAY 24
 12:03-3:57 a.m.: building checks, secure; 7:28 a.m.: disturbance (Memorial Drive) spoken to; 7:44 a.m.: deliver message (Cardinal Lane) delivered; 8:57 a.m.: trespass notice (Lakeview Drive) services rendered; 9:27 a.m.: lift assist (Town Farm Road) services rendered; 11:17 a.m.: ambulance (Maple Street) transport; 12:11 p.m.: suspicious MV (North Ashburnham Road) gone on arrival; 12:16 p.m.: investigation (Royalston Road North) no PD service required; 12:58 p.m.: burglar alarm (Juniper Street) false alarm; 1:17 p.m.: general info (Royalston Road North) services rendered; 1:24 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 2:04 p.m.: investigation (Mechanic Street) no PD service required; 3:01 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central Street) unable to locate; 3:51 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) spoken to; 4:31 p.m.: officer wanted (East Street) unfounded; 4:37 p.m.: accident (Grove Street) report taken; 5:28 p.m.: property found (Central Street) report taken; 5:44 p.m.: investigation (Washington Avenue) spoken to; 7:15 p.m.: suspicious MV (North Ashburnham Road) gone on arrival; 8:21 p.m.: parking violation (Front Street) no PD service required; 8:54 p.m.: suspicious other (Central Street) assisted; 9:14 p.m.: be on the lookout (phone) advised officer.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
 12:33-6 a.m.: building checks, secure; 4:09 a.m.: disabled MV (Spring Street) spoken to; 4:23 a.m.: FD call (Rindge, Main Street) services rendered; 4:46 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 5:28 a.m.: written warning; 6:01 a.m.: general info (Front Street) info taken; 6:15 a.m.: ambulance (Jameson Way) transport; 7:24 a.m.: property found (Central Street) returned to owner; 8 a.m.: keep the peace (Bosworth Road) info taken; 8:58 a.m.: summons service (Monadnock Avenue) served; 10:16 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 12:32 p.m.: annoying phone calls (Hyde Park Drive) no cause for complaint; 12:45 p.m.: ambulance (Bayberry Circle) transport; 12:55 p.m.: general info (Rose Court) info taken;

Police Blotter

Tuesday, May 31
 A small plane landed upside down in Lake Monomonic about 500 feet off shore on the Rindge side about 8:30 p.m. Neither the pilot, who owns the plane and property on the lake; or the passenger, were injured in the incident. It was expected the plane would be removed from the water sometime on Wednesday. The FAA and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will be involved in investigation of the incident.

Court News
 Peter Baldini, age 25, was deemed too dangerous to be allowed bail in a hearing last week. He will be continued to be held pending further court proceedings. Baldini was arrested in early April when police were called to a Maple Street home for reports of gunshots fired to find Baldini wielding a large knife and threatening. He attempted to evade arrest on a bicycle but was apprehended after a foot chase. He also became combative with police.

1:36 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 1:42 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 3:31 p.m.: investigation (School Square) info taken; 4:46 p.m.: missing person (High Street) report taken; 5:15 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 5:16 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 5:20 p.m.: suspicious MV (Mill Circle) spoken to; 5:36 p.m.: MV stop (Water Street) verbal warning; 5:58 p.m.: general juvenile (Maple Street) spoken to; 6:09 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 6:12 p.m.: gunshots heard (Monomonic Road West) unable to locate; 6:20 p.m.: parking violation (Front Street) spoken to; 7:06 p.m.: ATV complaint (High Street) spoken to; 7:16 p.m.: larceny (Ready Drive) report taken; 8:01 p.m.: officer wanted (River Street) unable to locate; 8:23 p.m.: officer wanted (Glenallan Street) no cause for complaint; 8:25 p.m.: gunshots heard (Teel Road) unfounded; 10:43 p.m.: suspicious other (Glenallan Street) unable to locate; 11:19 p.m.: noise complaint (North Street) no cause for complaint.

THURSDAY, MAY 26
 12 a.m.: harassment (Front Street) report taken; 12:05 a.m.: suspicious person (Jackson Avenue) spoken to; 12:12 a.m.: MV stop (Murdock Avenue) report taken; 12:31 a.m.: alarm type unknown (Central Street) secure; 1:39-3:01 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:16 a.m.: suspicious MV (Murdock Avenue) secure; 2:28 a.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) assisted; 5:09 a.m.: MV stop (School Street) verbal warning; 6:24 a.m.: fire unknown type (Main Street) extinguished; 8 a.m.: general info (Lakeshore Drive) assisted; 10:36 a.m.: animal abuse (Prospect Street) refer to ACO; 11 a.m.: burglar alarm (Mill Glen Road) secured building; 11:18 a.m.: accident (Glenallan Street) report taken; 12:33 p.m.: suspicious person (Gardner Road) gone on arrival; 1:49 p.m.: warrant of apprehension (High Street) unable to locate; 2:19 p.m.: suspicious person (Lakeshore Drive) unable to locate; 2:24 p.m.: ambulance (Winter Street) services rendered; 3:27 p.m.: suspicious other (School Street) spoken to; 3:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street) refer to ACO; 4:23 p.m.: property damage (Spruce Street) unable to locate; 4:26 p.m.: officer wanted (Front Street) no cause for complaint; 4:55 p.m.: suspicious MV (Lakeview Drive) spoken to; 5:07 p.m.: suspicious other (Hale Street) unable to locate; 5:25 p.m.: fire alarm (Crescent Road) assisted; 6:0 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) traffic citation; 7:03 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 8:34 p.m.: MV stop (Jackson Avenue) traffic citation; 8:53 p.m.: disabled MV (Spruce Street) secure; 9:10 p.m.: burglary B&E (Alger Street) no cause for complaint; 9:36 p.m.: animal complaint (Spruce Street) refer to ACO; 9:43 p.m.: disabled MV (Main Street) spoken to; 10:27 p.m.: suspicious MV (Juniper Street) spoken to; 11:28 p.m.: registration check (Central Street) info given; 11:30 p.m.: noise complaint (School Street) spoken to; 11:39-11:50 p.m.: building checks, secure.

FRIDAY, MAY 27
 12:31-12:34 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:07 a.m.: suspicious MV (Elmwood Road) secure; 2:26 a.m.: ambulance (Town Farm Road) transport; 4:15 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street)

transport; 8:05 a.m.: assist citizen (Alger Street) assisted; 8:15 a.m.: unattended death (Liberty Drive) report taken; 9:32 a.m.: animal complaint (Spruce Street) refer to ACO; 9:45 a.m.: larceny (Peggi Lane) report taken; 10:50 a.m.: assist citizen (Elmwood Road) assisted; 10:58 a.m.: traffic hazard (Glenallan Street) refer to state DPW; 11:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Mill Street) area search negative; 11:20 a.m.: mental health issue (Hyde Park Drive) removed to hospital; 11:27 a.m.: accident (Front Street) unfounded; 11:44 a.m.: ambulance (Gardner Road) transport; 11:49 a.m.: ambulance (Old Centre) transport; 11:51 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) no cause for complaint; 12:22 p.m.: fire alarm (Maple Street) accidental; 1:03 p.m.: lift assist (Prospect Street) assisted; 1:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) refer to ACO; 1:29 p.m.: suspicious person (Grove Street) spoken to; 2:49 p.m.: general info (Gardner Road) info taken; 4:02 p.m.: unwanted party (Spruce Street) gone on arrival; 5:02 p.m.: ambulance (School Street) call canceled; 5:07 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) unable to locate; 5:17 p.m.: harassment (Washington Avenue) report taken; 6:07 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street) no PD service required; 7:13 p.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) info given; 7:53 p.m.: animal complaint (Front Street) refer to ACO; 8:03 p.m.: burglary B&E (Spring Street) gone on arrival; 8:24 p.m.: dog bite (Glenallan Street) report taken; 8:40 p.m.: larceny (Alger Street) report taken; 8:48 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 9:13 p.m.: ambulance (Juniper Street) transport; 10:21 p.m.: DPW call (Pine Street) referred; 10:23 p.m.: animal complaint (Bayberry Circle) refer to ACO; 11:11 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street) secure; 11:40 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Ash Street) secure.

SATURDAY, MAY 28
 12:01 a.m.: officer wanted (Brown Avenue) spoken to; 12:07 a.m.: ambulance (Glenallan Street) transport; 12:10 a.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) spoken to; 12:17 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 12:47-4:12 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:35 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) spoken to; 2:14 a.m.: transport (Spring Street); 7 a.m.: animal complaint (Mill Glen Pond North Road) refer to ACO; 7:55 a.m.: assist other PD (Loon Road) message delivered; 9:52 a.m.: harassment (Washington Avenue) info given; 10:02 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 10:05 a.m.: ambulance (Pine Street)

transport; 10:24 a.m.: ambulance (Hale Street) transport; 11:22 a.m.: burglar alarm (Royalston Road North) secured building; 12:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Lakeshore Drive) refer to ACO; 1:27 p.m.: property found (Central Street) returned to owner; 2:03 p.m.: burglar alarm (Spring Street) secured building; 2:05 p.m.: FD call (Alger Street) fire extinguished; 2:38 p.m.: fire alarm (Highland Street) false alarm; 2:59 p.m.: fire alarm (Highland Street) false alarm; 2:59 p.m.: assist citizen (Maynard Street) assisted; 3:15 p.m.: accident (Glenallan Street) summons: Lacey M. Mercier, age 20 of 55 Green St. #7, Gardner: negligent operation of MV; 3:50 p.m.: ambulance (Gardner Road) call canceled; 4:01 p.m.: burglary B&E (Town Farm Road) report taken; 4:08 p.m.: unattended death (Goodrich Drive) services rendered; 4:30 p.m.: animal complaint (Mechanic Street) refer to ACO; 4:54 p.m.: burglar alarm (Memorial Drive) advised officer; 4:55 p.m.: suspicious person (Town Farm Road) spoken to; 7:32 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street) spoken to; 9:17 p.m.: investigation (Walnut Street) unable to locate; 10:47 p.m.: harassment (Washington Avenue) spoken to; 11:41 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Bridge Street) call canceled.

SUNDAY, MAY 29
 12:37 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Cathedral Road) call canceled; 1:15 a.m.: investigation (Central Street) unfounded; 2:06 a.m.: suspicious MV (Main Street) spoken to; 2:18 a.m.: investigation (Baldwinville State Road) spoken to; 8:53 a.m.: officer wanted (Juniper Street) spoken to; 9 a.m.: transport (Brown Street) info taken; 9:19 a.m.: investigation (Spring Street) services rendered; 10:01 a.m.: assault (Spring Street) report taken; 10:48 a.m.: larceny (Pearl Drive) summons: Christopher Richard Snow, age 22, homeless: larceny under \$250; 10:56 a.m.: trespassing (Alger Street) spoken to; 11:45 a.m.: investigation (Elm Street) area search negative; 2:09 p.m.: extra patrols, secure; 3:26 p.m.: custody dispute (walk in) referred to court; 5:38 p.m.: unwanted party (Juniper Street) spoken to; 6:34 p.m.: FD call (Front Street) fire extinguished; 6:36 p.m.: intoxicated person (Central Street) unable to locate; 7:22 p.m.: accident (Alger Street) removed to hospital; 8:13 p.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) unable to locate; 8:18 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Mechanic Street) assisted; 8:40 p.m.: suspicious MV (Brown Court) spoken to; 8:55 p.m.: gunshots heard (Pleasant Street) advised officer; 9:39 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 10:45 p.m.: general info (Alger Street) checked, secure.

A night of historical figures come to life

GREG VINE PHOTOS



EGYPTIANS

Memorial School second-graders showed off their knowledge of a wide range of historical figures at the annual Biography Night event which was held last Wednesday, May

25. Students wrote biographies of, drew pictures of, and dressed up as their subjects. Historic Egypt was covered by Cleopatra (Cristal Mangual) and King Tut (Cody Irons).



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Holly Beaman showed her patriotic side by portraying flag-maker Betsy Ross.

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Abe Lincoln (Alexander Valentin) stops for a picture before heading off to Gettysburg.



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Raymond Dutra does his best impression of a hip-shaking Elvis Presley.



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OBITUARIES

Deborah L. (Bergeron) Fisher, 66



Orange — Deborah L. (Bergeron) Fisher, age 66, of East River St., died on Sunday, May 22nd, in Heywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner, with her loving family by her side, after a brief battle with cancer.

She leaves her two sons, Robert J. Fisher and his wife Kelly of Charlton and William N. Fisher and his wife Alison of Leominster; a brother, Arnold W. Bergeron Jr. and his wife Debra of Athol; a sister, Jeanne Rogers and her husband John of Rindge; seven grandchildren, Alexander, Colby, Jaydon, Aleah, Sebastian, Drew and Liam; her best friend, Ginger; and her faithful dog, Jac.

She was born in Winchendon, the daughter of Arnold W. and Lottie M. (Wallace) Bergeron, Sr. Deborah graduated from Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School and enjoyed playing clarinet in the school band and marching band. Following high school, she went on to attend Mount Wachusett Community College and obtained her associates degree. Deborah worked for

several years as a food service supervisor at Gardner Manor Nursing Home. She also worked as a paraprofessional for Lake Grove at Maple Valley in Wendell, Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School in Orange, and a cook at Kelly's Brunch Box in Athol.

In her younger years, Deborah enjoyed camping with her two boys and attending their sports and school activities. Many of our homes are filled with items that she knitted and crocheted. She also enjoyed bingo and spending time with her beloved friends at Colonial Acres. Deborah truly enjoyed life and loved to spend time with her two sons, watching them grow and form wonderful families of their own. Above all, she loved her grandchildren. Deborah loved to attend their sports games and school activities. She was always there to help watch the grandchildren whether it was babysitting, attending baseball and basketball games, cheering or just treating them to a relaxing Saturday of yard sales, playing cards, board games and sleep overs.

A graveside service and burial for Deborah in South Cemetery, Orange will be private. There are no calling hours.

Mickey D. Manson, 68



WINCHENDON — Mickey D. Manson, age 68, of 67 Juniper St. died unexpectedly Friday evening, May 27 in Heywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner.

He was born in Troy, Ohio on Nov. 1, 1947, son of the late Kenneth C. and Marjorie L. (Rager) Manson and was a graduate of Troy High School. He later graduated from Middlesex Community College.

Mickey proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and served at one time in the Arctic Circle. A resident of Winchendon for 30 years, Mickey had worked in maintenance at the Groton School. Most recently, he delivered flowers for Last Minute Flowers. Always generous and willing to lend a helping hand, Mickey did volunteer work for local veterans. He was a member of Eugene M. Connor Post #193 American Legion.

He leaves a son, Robert B. Manson of Winchendon; a sister Arleen Rico and her husband David of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Kenneth C. Manson Jr. and his wife Susie of Troy, Ohio; his former wife Cherie Ladeau and her husband Joe of Winchendon; his extended family from a long list of close friends, including Billy and Lorraine Carroll, Jim Carroll, Len and Denise Newton and Shannon Allaire.

Military funeral services will be held Friday, June 17 at 2 p.m. in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St. Calling hours will be held from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Friday in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St. preceding the funeral.

Memorial donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Fitchburg Chapter #30, 131 Newtonville Ave, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

Lawrence Morin, 59



RINDGE — Lawrence "Larry", "Grumpy" Morin, age 59, of Rindge, died peacefully Saturday, May 14, 2016 in Cheshire Medical Center of Keene, following an illness.

He was born in New Bedford, on Sept. 25, 1956, the son of the late Mitchell and Georgiana (Robello) Smith.

Lawrence attended Bristol Plymouth Technical School of Plymouth. He was an engineering technician employed by New Hampshire Ball Bearings of Peterborough for 35 years, retiring due to illness.

Lawrence enjoyed spending time golfing, boating and barbecuing. He also enjoyed traveling and planning vacations. Lawrence treasured spending time with his family.

He was a past Master of the Free Masons Charity #18 of Jaffrey, and was a member of the American Legion, Jaffrey post.

Lawrence leaves his wife of 29 years, Lynn J. (Charland) Morin of Rindge; three sons: Jeffrey M. Morin and his wife, Buzzy of Hope Mills, NC, Peter M. Morin and his fiancé, Chylene Anderson of Plymouth and Andrew S. Morin and his wife, Darcie of Jaffrey; one brother, Eric Morin and his wife, Janette of Jaffrey; four sisters, Andrea Soul of Carver, Heidi Carrero of Florida, Sarah Richard and her husband, Joe of Florida and Bonnie Harriman and her husband, Brian of South Carolina; four grandchildren, Tiffani, Nicky, Amber Lynn and Alexis; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Boucher Funeral Home, Inc., 110 Nichols Street, Gardner is handling the arrangements.

Jay C. LaFalam, 58



RINDGE — Jay C. LaFalam, age 58, of 80 Hunt Hill Road, died peacefully Friday afternoon, May 27, 2016 in Monadnock Community Hospital, Peterborough, NH.

He was born in Winchendon on March 10, 1958, the youngest child of Aline P. (Lupien) LaFalam of Winchendon and the late Henry L. LaFalam and was a 1976 graduate of Murdock High School, where he was a member of its hockey team.

Jay worked for 25 years as a machinist at New Hampshire Ball Bearing in Peterborough and most recently at Graphicast in Jaffrey. An avid motorcyclist, Jay was a member and road captain of the Hawg Haulers of

Winchendon. He was also a member of the Sons of Eugene M. Connor Post #193 American Legion.

In addition to his mother, Jay leaves his wife of 25 years, Celinda "Cindy" (Crane) LaFalam; two brothers, Henry Steven LaFalam and his significant other Darlene Anderson of Winchendon and Kerry Mike LaFalam and his wife Kandy of Winchendon; a sister, Jacqueline Otts of Winchendon and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 11 a.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. Burial will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Rindge.

Calling hours in the funeral home are Wednesday, June 1st from 4 to 7 p.m.

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

Mary Jane McCarthy, 88



HAMPTON NH — Mary Jane McCarthy, age 88, of Hampton, entered into eternal peace on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, surrounded by her loving family, in her daughter's home in Rye.

Jane was born March 5, 1928, in Worcester, daughter of the late Hubert and Mary (Ward) McGourty.

She graduated from North High School in 1946 where she met the love of her life, the late Allen E. McCarthy. The two were married on October 6, 1951, in Worcester where they raised their seven children.

In 1976, Jane and Allen relocated to their summer home in Hampton. The Seacoast has always held a special place for them. There are many beautiful memories of sailing with family and friends on the Pisces, spending time enjoying the Rye Beach Club, and the endless cookouts at their home on North Beach.

Jane will always be remembered for her kindness and generosity. Her home was always open and just like the dancing waves along the New Hampshire Seacoast, that she so loved, Jane always made us smile and feel welcomed. What

a wonderful legacy to leave behind! Jane is survived by her three daughters, Lisa Sheehan and her husband, Bob, of Nashua; Taryn McCarthy Loch and her husband, Bob Loch of Rye; Susan Pope and her husband, Richard, of Kennebunk, ME; and her daughter in law, Nina McCarthy, wife of her late son Stephen W. McCarthy of Stratham; her three sons, Allen "Jay" McCarthy and his wife Lee Anne of Hampton Falls; Duffy and his wife Jen of Hampton; and Timothy and his girlfriend, Cheryl Hughes of Sacramento, CA; her eleven grandchildren, and her two great grandchildren, her sisters, Ann Mathieu of Winchendon, and Carole Harmon of Worcester, and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Theresa Hansen and Sara Clark for their love and support of our mother these past two years.

A visiting hour will be held from 9-10 a.m., on Friday, May 27, 2016, in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., immediately following the visitation in St. Theresa Church, 815 Central Road., Rye Beach. Burial will be in the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

Robert C. Polcaro, 75



TEWKSBURY — Robert C. Polcaro, age 75, of Tewksbury, retired Local 49 teamster, co-founder of P.C. Trucking Co. of Tewksbury, passed away on May 25, 2016.

He was beloved husband of 56 years to Joyce A. (Cannon) Polcaro. Son of the late Angelo and Rose (Astore) Polcaro. Father of Robert C. Polcaro of Tewksbury, Marlene C. Polcaro of Ashburnham, and Richard W. Polcaro and his wife Anne Marie (Byrd) of Tewksbury. Grandfather of Robert, Cassandra, Brittany, Crissy, Michael,

Melissa, Kathy, Erica, and Kevin. He leaves 17 great grandchildren including Tabitha. Brother of Angelo Polcaro Jr. of Watertown and the late Richard W. Polcaro. Brother-in-law of Patricia (Bye) Polcaro of Weymouth. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

His funeral was held Wednesday, June 1 from the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury followed by a graveside service at the Tewksbury Cemetery, 172 East St.

In lieu of flowers, donations, in his memory, may be mailed to Tewksbury Police Dept. Drug Awareness Programs, Attn: Maria Ruggiero, 918 Main St., Tewksbury, MA 01876

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COURIER CAPSULES

CANDY TEA!

Willy Wonka himself will be on hand to lead the games at the Murdock Whitney house on Sunday, June 12 from 2-4 p.m. to celebrate an afternoon of sweetness! Just \$5 per person, call the Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center at (978) 297-2142 to hold a place for you!!!

WESTMINSTER PROGRAM

On Tuesday June 14 a Finnish JUHANNUS PROGRAM, is scheduled at 7 p.m. at Farmers Cooperative Camp on Leominster Street in Westminster. Program on local Finnish artists of Westminster. Public is invited.

POP WARNER REGISTRATION

It's time again for registration for both youth football and cheering.

Dates:

Saturday, June 18 9 a.m.-3 p.m. during Summer Solstice YMCA-WPW booth

Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bentley Field, Grove Street, across from Toy Town Elementary during Little League Field Day

Saturday, July 30 at the Jaffrey Riverfest Celebration at the Winchendon Pop Warner booth

Online registration is also available at www.winchendonpop-warner.com.

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STEPPING IN TO HELP

Greg Vine photo

Volunteers from Keller Williams North Central recently helped give the Gardner Community Action Committee offices and food pantry a new coat of paint. Wendy Burdette of Baldwinville, Melanie Ruggiero of Lunenburg, and Rochelle Jonsword of Shrewsbury were among the volunteers who pitched in. Keller Williams Real Estate agents from Winchendon also helped out. This is an annual event for all Keller Williams offices.



SUPPORTING A CAUSE

Courtesy photo

D'Ambrosio Eye Care continues to support NEADS: Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans headquartered in Princeton, with its third quarterly donation. Donations are from sales of promotional eyeglass lens packages and the sale of stuffed NEADS puppies available at any of their four offices in Lancaster, Acton, Gardner and Athol.

Presenting the check is Jocelyn Mylott, RDO optical manager at D'Ambrosio Eye Care to Currahee and Cathy Zemaitis of NEADS.



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SPORTS

Lady Devils will face Tahanto in first match-up



Morgan St. Pierre photos

Murdock seniors Tatum Mahoney, Haley Jandris, Deanna Polcari and Chandler Torres-Pagan celebrated senior night and coaches v. cancer at their final home game.



Haley Jandris had mixed feeling about being the catcher when she was first placed there; but it has become a comfortable play space for her.

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

REGION — After doubling their win total from a year ago, the 14th seeded Murdock Lady Devils opened District play yesterday with a visit to Tahanto, against whom they dropped a close contest a few weeks back and were eager for the rematch.

Last week's regular season finale against Quaboag combined senior night with the ongoing coaches v. cancer program, and when you throw in excellent weather, the event drew a large crowd to the American Legion field on a night reminiscent of well-attended Little League games throughout much of the last decade.

Seniors Haley Jandris, Tatum Mahoney, Deanna Polcari, and Chandler Torres-Pagan, veterans of many of those games were honored before the last contest of 2016. For Jandris, Mahoney, and Polcari, it was their third

senior night of the year, having previously been recognized in basketball (all three), field hockey (Jandris and Mahoney) and soccer (Polcari). Torres-Pagan celebrated a senior night at field hockey as well. Mahoney signed her letter of intent to attend Fisher College before Wednesday's game.

"It's weird to play here again," said Jandris regarding the game being contested at the Legion where she and her school teammates played much of their Little League careers.

"For me, it's nostalgic to play here one last time," reflected Mahoney.

"We were pretty young when we began," recalled Torres-Pagan.

Since October, Murdock's coaches v. cancer campaign has raised more than \$700 for breast cancer research. What began several years ago as an October commitment by the field hockey team, one originated by Jandris and her mom Erin O'Dea, has evolved into a year-round project with

involvement from multiple school teams. Basketball held a special night in February prior to last week's event and rising senior Jordan Manuel said it's his intention to make the campaign the centerpiece of his service project next school year.

Junior Sydnie St. Pierre spearheaded the softball team's participation. "I'd want someone to do it for me," she said, adding, "I really encouraged people to get involved. We did this, (including the tie-dye tee shirts the team wore during the game) in two weeks. People pitched in."

For faculty member Stephanie Rondeau, who recently lost her father to cancer, the cause is personal. "It really is. This has been a long-term concern for me. As for the kids, they've done nice things - making birthday cards for survivors. Tatum made cupcakes. My sister (Sharon Mirovich, who helps run Relay for Life) have been committed to this for a long time. It's important for the kids to be involved."

"I've liked playing with my friends," Jandris reflected. "It took a little while but I settled into catching a few years ago (after being a shortstop through Little League). I'm glad we're back in Districts, but at the same time, I'm ready to move on" from Murdock, she noted. Jandris is headed for Mercy College in New York where, aside from academics, she'll be playing field hockey.

Polcari, too, is ready to go. She'll be off to Columbus and Ohio State University. "It's been fun but I'm looking forward to going to the football games" in that gridiron-crazed locale.

The night also drew a number of former MHS athletes. Recent grads Vicky Marshall, Chelsea Bitter, and Nicole Eliason were there, as were longer-ago athletes Courtney Carbon and Lindsay Kuchta.

"I've been really busy, but I wanted to be here tonight to support my old teammates," said Marshall. Bitter was a soc-

cer player in high school, but remarked, "I have friends on this team. I'm glad to be here."

Even other schools were represented. Kayla Fontaine, whose dad Mike, is the Lady Devils coach was on hand too. She played her high school career at Gardner but warmly recalled "lots of Little League games I played here. I have great memories from here, especially the night games," she laughed.

Those night games were played under lights nowhere near as bright as the ones which illuminate the field now. Those and a newly installed brighter scoreboard lent the big-game feel.

Murdock lost to Quaboag but every qualifying team is now 0-0. A year after a their first miss since 2007, the Lady Devils are back in the post-season, restoring the program to its customary spot. "We'll be ready," Mike Fontaine promised.

Off season time to focus on improvement

BY CHRIS MARTIN
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The recent two defeats resoundingly at the hands of Quabbin and Monty Tech hasn't discouraged Murdock coach Bob Polcari entirely, he is already focusing on how to convince his young team they can do better and improve.

"Being our team hasn't played much in the last couple years (late starts in spring have meant shortened seasons) they don't understand the part where if you put pressure on teams they can make mistakes just as much as we do," he said.

Those last two games, May 23 against Quabbin and May 27 against Monty Tech, proved his

point.

When the Quabbin Panthers came to Winchendon, they managed a 15-1 victory. Sean Sutton got the start and pitched five and a third innings, surrendering four hits, 13 earned runs and ended the day with five punch outs. Calvin Clinkscale came in for relief for one and two-thirds innings with one strike out and giving up three hits and two earned runs.

With the loss, it gave the Blue Devils their 17th loss. Offensively in this one, Evan Drake went one for three with a double, Calvin Clinkscale went one for three with a single and Will Iannacone went three for three with two singles, a double and an RBI.

On the 27th Monty Tech made it to Memorial Field and came away with a 12-3 victory, handing Murdock their 18th loss on Senior Day.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 2-0 lead and tacked on another run in the second. The Devils got back on track with defense in the third inning sitting the Bulldogs down in order.

Monty Tech grabbed two more runs in the fourth to take a 5-0 lead but then the Devils came back with spectacular defense in the fifth sitting the Bulldogs down in order for the second time.

The Devils finally got on the board in the fifth when Jake Robichaud drove in Sam Drake to cut the lead to 5-1.

The Bulldogs got another

er in the next inning though, and took it to 6-1.

In the bottom of the sixth the Blue Devils brought in two more runs to half the score; but the Bulldogs would again pull away in the final inning, bringing home six runs to end the game 12-3.

Connor Clinkscale would get the start in place of the injured Joe Curtin. Clinkscale pitched six and a third with two strikeouts, 10 hits and surrendering eight runs. Zach Richards pitched the final two-thirds inning in the seventh with one strikeout, three hits and four earned runs.

Offensively for the Blue Devils Austin Barrows went one for three with a double, Drake went two

for three with a triple and a single; Robichaud went two for three with two singles and an RBI, Iannacone went two for three with a triple, a double and an RBI; and Connor Clinkscale went one for three with a single.

Polcari said after the Monty Tech game, "I think we pretty much left it out on the field. Connor pitched a great game, and a phenomenal effort considering he just got his cast off Tuesday."

He praised the work with bats, saying Robichaud got his first two hits of the year, but "unfortunately, it took us a little long swinging the bats."

He had praise for Iannacone, who has led his team, "he runs the

bases hard, we need a little bit more of that, need to learn it a little bit more."

"The second half of the year we did much better, we got a couple of hits to fall," he said; and is already planning his player training.

"Our award ceremony is June 8 and I plan to give the kids information on training; programs for hitting, and hopefully they will take it and use it. That would be my first thing: get us to be a better hitting team."

But, he has other goals as well.

"We got to elevate our skill level: hitting, develop pitching, and develop catching. Those are our keys, so if we could do that, we could be in good shape."

B-Ball in the earlier times had a different connotation

Way back in 1973, the National Invitation Tournament was a big deal, a very big deal, if not essentially equal in prestige to the NCAA Tournament, certainly not very far behind. In fact, the NCAA was the late-comer to the party. The NIT had begun first and largely because the whole tournament was played at Madison Square Garden, the New York media was able to hype it into the more important post-season bash. Times have changed of course but in 1973, an invite to the NIT was no consolation prize for a school like my alma mater.

There were and are D-1 schools and then there are D-1 basketball schools. In the first round of the 1973 NIT, I'm sure the Louisville Cardinals were wondering who the American Eagles were. That AU team was led by Kermit Washington, who later became famous for punching out Rudy Tomjanovich. Rudy T emerged if not unmarked, mentally unscathed and went on to coach the Houston Rockets to back-to-back NBA titles. Washington bounced around the Association for a while then dropped from sight. Until last week.

That's when Washington was indicted by a federal grand jury for, among other things, diverting charity funds for personal uses like vacations. Washington wasn't alone in the scheme. Ron Mix, the Hall of Fame San Diego Charger, who chose the upstart AFL over the then two-time defending NFL champion Baltimore Colts in 1960, pleaded guilty to tax fraud last week, stemming from the same investigation.

These guys are hardly the first athletes to get caught being stupid and criminal but every time I read something like this, it reminds me some of them really believe rules don't apply to them. Pathetic. Needless to say, the story reverberated among those of us who were in school back then, a year or couple years behind him. A hard fall indeed, but one KW brought on himself. The high point of his life came at 21. Talk about pathetic.

Speaking of cheating, the other



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day the Russian Sports Federation, to the surprise of, well, no one, admitted maybe as many as a dozen of its athletes were doped up at the 2012 London Games. Shocking, I know. Sure. Only 12? I guess that doesn't include Maria Sharapova, who's technically Russian even though she's lived in Florida since she was 3. Maybe as a concession, the Russians should have to return that fraudulent basketball gold medal they "won" in 1972?

Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist is skipping the Belmont Stakes on June 11. Turns out the colt spiked a fever after finishing third in the Preakness. Or at least that's the official story. Four years ago, Nyquist's connections were campaigning I'll Have Another, who won the Preakness after taking the Derby. Poised to maybe win the Triple Crown, IHA was scratched the day before the Belmont. His trainer, you see, had previously been suspended when post-race urine tests of some of his horses came up dirty. New York's testing system

is pretty stringent. To be fair, trainer Doug O'Neil had and has a lot of horses and he can't be there to supervise every inch of his far-flung operation with horses at multiple tracks. Still, you're certainly responsible for the people you hire and in any event, O'Neil was with IHA and Nyquist all the time. Who knows? All I can tell you is at the racetrack, past performances are what you look at.

Then there were the couple 25th guys on MLB rosters who were banned half a season last week. Some people don't get the memo. Isn't it ironic, though, we have NFL players who look like cyborgs or something and we tend to shrug but when at least some baseball players get caught, it creates a national uproar. It was noted last week on some MLB show that David Ortiz' season at 40 is reminiscent of the one Barry Bonds had at the same age. Ah, yes, we live in a cynical age but when you're on "the list" of suspected PED felons, there's always going to be raised eyebrows. "We ain't role models," Chuck Barkley once said. In many cases, even if a minority of them, no kidding..

GAR PARK

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Avenue to the memorial statue, will be widened to 12 feet. The other walkways will be resurfaced but will remain 6 feet in width. A walkway will also be installed from the

Smith Community Pavilion to Murdock Avenue.

The gazebo itself will also be renovated and the banners replaced. The Winchendon Garden Club will be planting annuals around the circumference of the gazebo.

Earlier this week, a Winchendon Department of

Public Works crew placed a number of large boulders in the northeast quadrant of the park. The boulders, which were installed for children to play on, were donated by C.J. Mabardy, Inc.

The improvements to the park, site of numerous civic events throughout the year,

has been generously funded by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation.

The Winchendon Soldiers' Monument at the park stands 27 feet high. The granite column sits on a granite base that is eight feet square. The figure of the Union soldier atop the monument is made of brass.

The monument's sculptor was Melzar Hunt Mosman. The monument, which was cast at the Chicopee Bronze Works, was dedicated on October 16, 1889.

The rededication of the park has been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. Details of the ceremony are still in the works.

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vehicles and \$10 for out-of-state cars and vans. It costs \$17 for state residents to camp and \$20 for out of state visitors. Larger groups are charged \$35. Reservations are available at Reserve America's website.

An annual highlight of the season is the Massachusetts Triathlon which will mark its tenth anniversary in July. The event draws tri-athletes from across the nation and begins and ends at Lake Denison. Max Performance sponsors the event in partnership with the Clark Memorial YMCA and the Alzheimer's Association.

"Lake Denison remains an extremely popular place for the public and their families to enjoy," said DCR's Troy Wall. "It offers year-round opportunities including swimming, boating, and fishing."

More information is available at (978) 297-1609.

Oh, and that name: according to the Rev. AP Marvin's history of Winchendon, published in 1868, the story behind the lake names it for a fellow lost in the woods who climbed a tree and found the glorious lake. He was, "supposed to be a descendant of Major General Denison famed in the early history of Massachusetts," and in fact there is a Denison listed as one of the grantors of property in Ipswich Canada, the precursor of Winchendon and most likely a relative. So the name of the lake, named for the explorer who found it, should indeed be with one 'n' and not two.

Equine vaccinations especially important this year

REGION — Officials from the Department of Agricultural Resources are advising horse owners to plan "spring shots" with their veterinarians to ensure proper protection from mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus and eastern equine encephalitis virus.

"It is important to stay a step ahead of these diseases and administering vaccinations in a timely manner is the best way to protect our equine population," said DAR Commissioner John Lebeaux. "The timely use of these preventative measures are a benefit to both horses and horse owners and ensure a safe and healthy equine population across the Commonwealth."

There were zero cases of WNV and EEE in 2015, however, DAR reminds horse owners that annual vaccinations should be administered during this time of year to ensure their animals are protected prior to the peak arboviral season beginning in late July and August. Owners are urged not to wait until positive cases are reported in their area, since it can take several weeks for an animal to be fully protected by a vaccine.

WNV and EEE pose serious risks to horses. Horses and other equines infected by EEE and WNV develop neurologic symptoms that can lead to death. Horses are not considered to play a role in further spread. Other species such as pheasants, emus, llamas, and alpacas can be affected as well. Owners should consult with their veterinarian regarding other at-risk species.

In addition to vaccination, owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools — especially after heavy rains. Water troughs may provide mosquito breeding habitat and should be cleaned periodically during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should consider keeping horses in indoor stalls during times of peak mosquito activity between dusk and dawn to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Use of approved repellents should also be considered.

If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to DAR, Division of Animal Health by calling (617) 626-1795 and to the Department of Public Health by calling (617) 983-6800.

Athletes of the Week**GIRLS**

Deanna Polcari finished her career with several strong offensive performances and even pitched a little as the Lady Devils returned to the softball playoffs...

BOYS

Will Iannacone was recognized by his coach as a leader of his baseball team as the season winds down and the team begins to plan training for next year.

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the Arts (Taiwan), Burapha University (Thailand), and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (USA). Currently, he directs the Collegium Musicum at Wellesley College, is the founder/director of the Winchendon Music Festival, and works as a freelance artist throughout North America, Europe, and Asia.

Both Arceci and Wakim have been cited for their musicality in major newspaper reviews. Each has a web-

site: www.andrewarceci.com and www.teresawakim.com.

On Saturday, June 25 at 7 p.m., the program shifts gears to feature Floyds Row and a folk program. "For sophisticated folkies," as the Cambridge Day, describes them.

The ensemble includes: Emily Noël - soprano & autoharp; Asako Takeuchi - fiddle; Arceci - viola da gamba, double bass & cittern; Chris Ferebee - mandolin, guitar & cittern; George Lykogiannis - accordion; and George Lernis - percussion.

BRIDGE

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Jim Spofford, who lives on Royalston Road North, expressed concern over whether the bridge would be able to accommodate emergency vehicles — specifically fire trucks — if it's reduced to one lane.

"We don't want them having to go all the way into Royalston to get to us in Winchendon," he said.

Gallant said the single lane would allow for the passage of firetrucks in the event of an emergency.

Richard Masse, district project development engineer for MassDOT, said the bridge was originally built in the 1850s and was last reinforced in 1980. Bridges are given a safety rating of 0-9, with nine being the best. The Royalston Road North bridge

is rated "three" he said.

Plans for the new bridge call for the installation of precast concrete girders to support its load. The concrete will not deteriorate as metal would, he said. Masse added that joints, which can fail, will be eliminated from the updated span.

The state plan presented at Thursday's meeting says "(t)he new bridge is to be built in the same approximate footprint as the existing bridge and will be 52 feet in span." The existing bridge is 28 feet long. The width of the bridge will also be expanded from 20 feet to 24 feet.

The cost of the project is estimated at around \$2 million, not counting any right-of-way acquisition costs. The federal government will cover 80 percent of the cost of the bridge work, with the state chipping in 20 percent.

KOTOCH

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writer Gibran Khalil Gibran. Gibran, best known for his seminal work "The Prophet," published in 1923. Since its publication, the book has sold nine million copies in its American edition alone. It has been published in over 40 languages.

"I felt (my book) was very important because I'm an Arab American," says Kotoch "I felt it was my responsibility to write about these people. I want to show my culture to American society, and America to my people in Lebanon.

"I want to show how these people worked hard to reach their goals. Right now, almost nobody knows about them."

Kotoch says she wants "to show the right image of Arab Americans. Americans have a bad picture of Arab Americans because of Sept. 11. A few of the Muslims are not good, but those who live here are working hard to build the America of tomorrow."

Many Americans might be surprised to find that only about 24 percent of Arab Americans are followers of Islam. The largest number, 35 percent, are actually Catholic, while 18 percent

are Orthodox Christians. Another 10 percent are Protestant and 13 percent belong to other religions, such as the Bahai faith.

"Most Arab Americans work doubly hard to show a good image in America," Kotoch says. "They're working to build a cultural bridge between here and their home countries."

Kotoch moved to the U.S. in 1994 to marry her husband, Wajid, whose family emigrated from Lebanon in the 1970s.

At first, she says, she found it difficult to adapt because of the language difference and her unfamiliarity with American society.

"Later, things got easier. I was happy to make American friends. America is a very beautiful country."

Kotoch recently returned to Winchendon after spending eight months in Lebanon.

"Most Lebanese do follow the news here, but they didn't know a lot about (Donald Trump) or the other candidates. What they do know is we need peace. We need America to help us find security in the Middle East."

She did say Trump's call for ban on Muslims entering the U.S. "did have an impact there. They didn't like it. Not all Muslims are the same. In fact, most of the subjects in my book are Muslim."

This is an ensemble that has presented this program before, and to rave reviews. Floyds Row is well known in folk music circles, and described as appealing and classy.

Finally, on Sunday, June 26 the weekend ends beginning at 5 p.m. with a jazz ensemble, John Arcaro & Band. This is a national and international pianist, recording artist and clinician with recordings with several named musicians. This promises to be a fitting end to the first program of this kind in Winchendon.

ists may now experience heading onto the bridge.

Once work on bridge officially begins, a temporary one-lane bridge will be constructed on the south side of the existing bridge. The single-lane bridge will be 12 feet in width. Temporary traffic signals will be installed at that time for traffic control.

Craig Boucher, whose property lies on the stretch of road to be worked on, asked, "Who's responsible if someone gets hurt while working on my property?"

Masse responded that the contractor for the job has to hold liability insurance.

Final plans for reconstruction of the bridge are expected to be completed sometime next year "and the project advertised for construction bids in the summer of 2017..." Construction should begin in the fall of 2017.

As for Hillary Clinton; "She at least tried to correct some of the problems in the middle east."

Kotoch says she wants to show the Lebanese, especially the younger residents, "how America can help them reach their goals. Many young people want to exploit their own talent, but they feel their own government won't let them."

One of the people Kotoch interviewed for her book was actress Kathy Najimy. The two met when Najimy, a women's rights activist, visited Gardner to promote HOPE, the House of Peace and Education.

In addition, Kotoch talked to three NASA engineers, two of whom have found medicines for the treatment of cancer; UN Ambassador Clovis Maroud; the owner of a Detroit newspaper; writers, poets, and journalists, including a UN correspondent and the founder of a women's magazine, and; Dr. Salah Khelfaoui, superintendent of Lowell public schools, an educator well known in the middle east for his educational practices.

Kotoch plans on having her book published in the U.S., first in Arabic, followed by an English language edition. This is her second book, her first being "Arab American Women."

Building a financial emergency kit

What would a sudden financial emergency be in your life? It could be a storm causing massive property damage to your home. It could also be something more personal, like an accident that would cut off your ability to make a living.

Whatever it is, if someone else had to step in to help you in an emergency situation, it's important to have a plan in place so they know what to do.

A financial emergency kit is a crucial component in financial planning. In short, a financial emergency kit involves identifying and planning for potential financial emergencies that could affect you and your loved ones. Building a successful one goes beyond sorting paperwork — it involves looking at a variety of potential situations in your life and then asking, "What's the worst that could happen?"

You will want to create a kit — a set of physical or digital documents and instructions — that can help you or someone else you trust manage in a crisis. Here are some items you'll likely want to include:

1. Estate documents. Estate planning is really the highest form of financial emergency planning, because it addresses the ultimate personal financial emergencies — medical incapacitation or death. Would your family have easy access to this material if something happened to you? In your family financial emergency kit, estate documents would include



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copies of current wills (for you and your spouse or partner), your advanced directives (which instruct doctors on end-of-life or other stages in medical care), health/financial powers of attorney (which designate specific individuals to step in to manage your money or health-care if you cannot do so) as well as other documents that provide additional guidance for operating businesses and managing and distributing other assets you have. Make sure these documents are always current and that contact information is included for all the qualified experts you used to prepare them — estate or business attorneys, tax professionals and financial planners.

2. Insurance policies. Being able to find home and auto policies in a natural disaster is a no-brainer, but it's important to think a little more broadly. File as much policy and contact detail as you can for any health, disability, business, life and accident coverage you have — and remember that it's particularly important to note or file documentation on this coverage at work, too. Sometimes we sign up rather blindly for work-based benefits only to realize how

important they may be in a financial emergency.

3. Tax materials. If a family member dies or becomes incapacitated, tax matters still need to be attended to. If you work with a tax professional, make sure their contact information is in the digital or physical kit (see indexes, contacts and guides, below), but it's also important to keep past returns and relevant supporting data based on your individual tax situation.

4. Investment, savings and retirement documents. If you work with a qualified financial planner or tax expert, you may have access to a particular system that lists and track this information in an organized way that many of us don't have at home. However you plan and track your investments, it should be included in your kit.

5. Indexes, contact sheets and guides. Some people need a little guidance, others need a lot. A family financial emergency kit needs to be usable by all designated family members. Put yourself in the role of a friend or family member who's been called in to help you in a crisis. If you had to step in to settle an estate, healthcare or disaster emergency for a friend or family member and they weren't around to advise you, what information would you need to get started? In any category of information you include in a financial emergency kit, include a separate file or digital instruction that details people to

call, account numbers if necessary, relevant online and physical addresses and other key data to advise that person about what's in front of them and what they should do. If you work with qualified financial experts, make sure their contact information is included.

6. Easy access to essentials under lock and key. If you're away from home when damage occurs or if family members need to access vehicles or other spaces, make sure you have keys and access codes locked safely in your emergency kit. You will also want to ensure that your emergency contacts have the necessary access to your emergency kit in order to retrieve these materials. You or loved ones might also need access to funds, particularly cash in an emergency. If you don't have a bank account established strictly for emergencies that allows specific family members to write checks or make cash withdrawals, you should consider it.

Bottom line: Building a financial emergency kit requires some thinking, but it can help you avoid major losses and speed up decision making in a crisis. Work with people you trust to make it accessible and useful to your family and trusted individuals.

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Summer work underway at WHA

APPLICANTS FOR HOUSING SOUGHT

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT
WINCHENDON — A couple of summer projects are underway at the Ipswich Drive and Pearl Drive developments overseen by the Winchendon Housing Authority.
The Pearl Drive project

includes the refurbishing of 13 bedrooms and upgrades to an equal number of kitchens. WHA Executive Director Dave Connor said the last time work was done to kitchens on Pearl Drive was in the late 1980s, while the bedrooms haven't been touched since the early

1990s. The \$420,000 project is being paid for with \$160,000 the authority received this year from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The balance is being covered by federal funds set aside in recent years in anticipation of the

project getting underway. At Ipswich Drive, the roofs on one of the housing clusters are being replaced at a cost of between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Again, the cost is being covered by HUD. Connor said there are a total of three clusters that need to have roof work done. He said it's hoped that all of the work can be completed by the end of 2017.

Nurses). However, if they move to one of our units they don't have to worry about things like maintenance and shoveling. That's all taken care of. And in the event of an ice storm or serious blizzard, Montachusett Homecare and the VNA aren't going to show up."

Connor says many people have forgotten the consequences of the major ice storm that hit our area in December 2008.

"A lot of our elderly residents couldn't get the services they needed for three or four days. There was no plan to handle that kind of situation. But the people who lived in our facilities didn't have to wait that long."

Connor noted that units are not awarded to applicants, regardless of age or family situation, on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We have guidelines that were set up by the federal government and adopted by the Winchendon Housing Authority. We look at whether applicants are local, a member of a minority, veterans, or in an emergency; that is spending over 50 percent of their income on housing."

"The mission of the WHA is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing for residents of Winchendon."

Anyone wishing to apply can stop by the authority's main office at 108 Ipswich Drive or call (978) 297-2280 and ask to have the applications mailed.

"There are two applications that have to be filled out," said Connor, "one for federal housing and one for state housing. They can look pretty daunting, but if people stop in we can give them assistance in filling them out."

He said while the wait for elderly applicants seeking first-floor units is from one to two years, those willing to take second-floor accommodations might only have to wait from six months to a year.
"Of course, a lot of elderly, especially those who can do stairs, are choosing to stay in their homes longer because they can get home services from groups like Montachusett Home Care and the VNA (Visiting



Using found materials, a local couple has discovered a knack for creating unique homes for feathered friends and had a few for sale as vendors at the Hawg Haulers event. This one is a triple-decker. The entrepreneurs sold out of stock and said they will try to get to other events in the area since their idea proved so popular.



Lisa Gauthier photos

The threat of rain kept some people away, but those who braved the forecast (and it never did rain) found bargains and a bit of fun at the annual Hawg Haulers fair and sale at the Winchendon Rod & Gun Club a couple of weeks ago. The Harley Davidson display of Dr. Dyno always draws attention.

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MOPS at Bethany Bible Chapel, 727 Spring St., will hold a yard sale Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Multi-family; lots to choose from. No early birds.

GIANT COMMUNITY YARD SALE

On the Royalston Common Saturday, June 4 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. The whole town turns out! Lots of bargains. Benefits the Village School.

AMERICAN LEGION

Winchendon American Legion Post 193 annual summer yard sale is scheduled Saturday, June 18 7 a.m.-3 p.m. (rain date June 25) in the pavilion at the Legion, 295 School St. Great time to clean out YOUR garage, attic or cellar, as we are accepting donations! Call Esther at (978) 297-1459 to arrange for pick up. All proceeds go toward children & youth funds of Winchendon American Legion.

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, June 18: TOWN WIDE YARD SALE, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All households in Westminster are invited to participate either from home or a place on the Town Common. Participation and map inclusion is \$30. Registration forms available from www.westminsteshistoricalsociety.org.

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THOMPSON, CT — Morning Beckons Farm, located at 343A Sand Dam Road in Thompson, CT, is proud to announce that they will host the 7th annual North American Alpaca Shearing Competition on Saturday, June 25.

Shearers from around the country will attend this year's competition, which will begin at 8 a.m. and go on until the last alpaca is shorn. The event is open to the public and free of charge to attend. The competition is sponsored by Light Livestock Equipment, located in Jay, NY.

"We invite alpaca enthusiasts and their families to join us for a fun-filled day at our farm. They can watch shearers show off their skills during contests, see baby alpacas, and enjoy learning about the 'alpaca lifestyle,'" said Julie Butler, owner of Morning Beckons Farm.

Bleacher seating will be available and Heavenly Hot Dogs, run by the

Thompson Congregational Church UCC will be on-site during the competition. The Morning Beckons Gift Shop will also be open for business.

During the competition, shearers will be rewarded for a performance that meets the alpaca breeder's expectations by earning points in three categories. These categories are the quality of the shorn blanket, the appearance of the shorn alpaca, and the time it took to complete the shearing. Additionally, the New England Alpaca Fiber Pool will be running a fiber collection event.

Morning Beckons Farm is a 250-acre estate located a short distance off Route 395 in scenic Thompson, CT. It is home to the largest alpaca farm in the Northeast with over 350 alpacas and a breeding program that produces show-winning alpacas in every color and class. To learn more about Morning Beckons Farm, visit www.morning-beckonsfarm.com.



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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 Peter E. Knowlton to Champion Mortgage, A Division of KeyBank National Association, dated December 14, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35358, Page 312, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Champion Mortgage, A Division of KeyBank National Association to Household Finance Corp II dated February 10, 2007 and recorded with said registry on March 12, 2007 at Book 40800 Page 76 and by assignment from KeyBank National Association formally known as Champion Mortgage, A Division of KeyBank National Association to Household Finance Corp II dated January 8, 2013 and recorded with said registry on January 25, 2013 at Book 50339 Page 341 and by assignment from Household Finance Corporation II to U.S. Bank Trust N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust dated September 25, 2015 and recorded with said registry on October 6, 2015 at Book 54397 Page 78, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 76 Main Street, Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN VILLAGE OF WATERVILLE, IN WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 17316, PAGE 286, ID# 5D1-50, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM FLORENCE M. BOSWORTH AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 17316 PAGE 286 DATED 09/01/1995 AND RECORDED 09/14/1995, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 17316, Page 286.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES,
P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201401-0684 - PRP

May 20, 2016
May 27, 2016
June 3, 2016

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by David N. Derby and Dale A. Derby to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, dated July 9, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34126, Page 69, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2004-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-OPT1 by Sand Canyon Corporation f/k/a Option One Mortgage Corporation by assign-

ment recorded in said Registry of Deeds at Book 50048, Page 211; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on June 10, 2016 at 39 Town Farm Road, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the Westerly side of Town Farm Road in the central part of Winchendon near the Old Center Worcester County, Massachusetts, and shown as Lot "3" on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots prepared for Emmett T. Jeffers et ux, in Winchendon, Mass., Scale: 1 inch= 50 feet, August 28, 1980, Michael S. Szoc, R.L. Surveyor, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Mass.", which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 478, Plan 117, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeastly corner thereof at an iron pin on a curve in the Westerly line of Town Farm Road at land now or formerly of Paul A. Herr, Jr.; Thence, SOUTHERLY by a curve to the right having a radius of 815.00 feet, by the Westerly line of Town Farm Road, a length of 104.04 feet to a Worcester County Highway Bound at a point of tangency; thence, S. 12 01' 25" E. still by the Westerly line of Town Farm Road, 143.34 feet to an iron pin in the Northeastly corner of lot "2" on a plan hereinabove referred to and being land now or formerly of Emmett T. Jeffers et ux; thence S 84 16' 08" W. by said Lot "2" and Jeffers land, 516.88 feet to a drill hole in a wall in line of land of Daniel J., Edward P., and Primina M. Petrin; thence, N. 20 54' 45" E. by Petrin land and partly by a wall, 174.25 feet to an iron pin at the Southwestly corner of land of aforementioned Paul A. Herr, Jr.; thence N. 70 44' 44" E. 264.78 feet to a corner of a wall; thence, N. 73 49' 10" E. mostly by a wall, 150.11 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning. The preceding two (2) courses being by said Herr land. Containing 2.135 acres. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18198, Page 341.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2004-OPT1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-OPT1
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS MORAN PLLC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
15-013342

May 20, 2016
May 27, 2016
June 3, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jena E. Fahrini to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated July 26, 2006 and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book

39480, Page 377 of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-15 is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-15 dated May 4, 2011 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47382, Page 368, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 45 Mechanic Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on June 16, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts known and numbered 45 Mechanic Street bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the point in the Easterly line of Mechanic Street at the Northwestly corner of land now or formerly of Edgar F. Wilson; thence NORTHERLY on said Easterly line of Mechanic Street four and eleven twentieths (4 11/20) rods; thence EASTERLY seven and one-tenths (7 1/10) rods; thence SOUTHERLY five and one-fourth (5 1/4) rods; thence WESTERLY seven (7) rods to said Easterly line of Mechanic Street and the place of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23792, Page 222.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-15
Korde & Associates, P.C.
321 Billerica Road
Suite 210
Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100
(978) 256-1500
Fahrini, Jena E., 15-021551, May 20, 2016, May 27, 2016, June 3, 2016
May 20, 2016
May 27, 2016
June 3, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard S. Baum and Debra E. Baum to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., dated January 27, 2004 and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32866, Page 298 of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated March 6, 2012 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48661, Page 388; assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 1, 2015 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54641, Page 320; and assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan

Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 17, 2015 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54834, Page 70, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 296 Ash Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00AM on June 29, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon situated on the northeastly side of Ash Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 6 containing 43,605 square feet on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots, prepared for D. M. Industries, Winchendon, MA., Scale 1 in = 60 ft., May 18, 1987" which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 578, Page 40 and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwestly corner thereof at point in the easterly sideline of Ash Street and at the southwesterly corner of Lot 7 as shown on said plan hereinabove referred to; Thence N. 74 Degrees 05' 33" E. by Lot 7 as shown on said plan 291.30 feet to a point at land now or formerly of D. M. Industries, Inc.; Thence S. 15 Degrees 54' 27" E. by last named land 150 feet to a point; Thence S. 74 Degrees 05' 33" W. continuing by last named land, 291.30 feet to a point in the easterly sideline of Ash Street; Thence N. 15 Degrees 54' 27" W. by the easterly sideline of Ash Street 150 feet to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18178, Page 164.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust
Korde & Associates, P.C.
321 Billerica Road
Suite 210
Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100
(978) 256-1500
Baum, Richard S. and Debra E., 14-018372, May 27, 2016, June 3, 2016, June 10, 2016
May 27, 2016
June 3, 2016
June 10, 2016



LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 591 River Street, Winchendon, MA
 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank Veracka and Nancy Veracka to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, said mortgage dated December 15, 2009, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45595, Page 9, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A. to Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated April 25, 2012 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 48916 at Page 183, said mortgage was further assigned from Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP

to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC by assignment dated March 28, 2014 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 52202 at Page 190; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on June 28, 2016** at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: **EXHIBIT "A"**
SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS:
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF RIVER STREET, WINCHENDON, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF RIVER STREET, SAID IRON PIN BEING AT A CORNER OF BROWN LAND, SO-CALLED; THENCE EASTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID RIVER STREET

AND ON LINE OF SAID BROWN LAND, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 4/10 (224.4) FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN LINE OF WHITNEY LAND, SO-CALLED;
THENCE SOUTHERLY ON SAID WHITNEY LAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR (254) FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT A CORNER OF LAND OF HERBERT H. BOSWORTH;
THENCE WESTERLY ON SAID HERBERT H. BOSWORTH LAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (175) FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID RIVER STREET, AND SAID IRON PIN IS LOCATED THREE (3) FEET NORTHERLY FROM A LARGE MAPLE TREE;
THENCE NORTHERLY ON SAID EASTERLY LINE OF RIVER STREET TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE (233) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
 For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated November 15, 2006, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 40193, Page 261.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
 FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.
 Other terms to be announced at the sale.
 Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP
 1080 Main Street
 Pawtucket, RI 02860
 Attorney for
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
 Present Holder of the
 Mortgage
 (401) 272-1400

June 3, 2016
 June 10, 2016
 June 17, 2016

Winchendon Water Department Public Water System #2343000 2015 Water Quality Report

Dear Water Customer,

We are pleased to present you with the 2015 Winchendon Water Quality Report. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that utilities issue an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to customers in addition to other notices that may be required by law. Contained in this report is information about where your water is drawn from, how it is treated/filtered, how to protect it, levels of any contaminant detected, compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) regulations, residential cross connections, and helpful definitions. The Winchendon Water Department is committed to providing you with the safest drinking water and enough capacity to meet your demands.

Where? How?

Winchendon's drinking water comes from Upper Naukeag Lake in Ashburnham. Upper Naukeag Lake is a shared water source that provides water to both the Town of Ashburnham and the Town of Winchendon. Water is pumped from the lake to the Ashburnham-Winchendon Joint Water Filtration Plant, which is located on Lake Road in Ashburnham. Here the water is treated and filtered. Chemicals are added to aid in the clarification/filtration process and to disinfect the water. The pH of the water is controlled to prevent corrosion to the plumbing systems of homes and businesses, which can cause lead, copper, and other metals to enter your water through the deterioration of plumbing pipes. Phosphates (corrosion inhibitors) are added to aid in plumbing and water main corrosion prevention as well. Water from the filtration plant is then pumped into the 70 miles of water transmission/distribution mains and two, one-million gallon water storage tanks. The total combined storage of the two tanks of 2 million gallons provides almost 3 days reserve based on average water usage. One storage tank is located on the High Street area and the other is on Elmwood Road. In addition, the system has two water booster pump stations that increase water pressure in the system. A third water booster station on Route 140 provides emergency fire supply protection in that area of town. There are more than 2,100 connections to the water system which supply homes and businesses with clean, safe drinking water. The water filtration plant produced an average of 692,662 gallons per day (GPD) for Winchendon, for a total of 252.82 million gallons for 2015. The statistics for 2014 were 608,082 GPD and 221.95 million gallons total – so the average usage in 2014 was approximately 13.5% more than 2014.



Protection and Conservation

Protecting our drinking water is crucial, whether it's from pollution (rain run-off, improper disposal of hazardous materials or cross connection) or waste due to leaks from plumbing fixtures or corroded pipes. Massachusetts DEP has written a Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP) Report for Winchendon's water system. This includes potential contamination sources near Upper Naukeag Lake. This report assesses the susceptibility of the water system. Winchendon was given a rating of "high" susceptibility due to land use in the area. It is important to understand that a release may never occur from a potential source of contamination provided facilities are using best management practices (BMPs). If BMPs are in place, the actual risk may be lower than the threat ranking. Many potential sources of contamination are regulated at the federal, state and/or local levels to further reduce the risk. This SWAP report can be obtained at the Winchendon DPW Office. For more information, call the Winchendon Water Dept. at (978) 297-0170 or go to <http://www.mass.gov/dep/water/drinking/2343000pd> and download it to your computer.

Water conservation is another way to protect our drinking water by ensuring that we don't diminish our resource. As much as 97% of the world's water is saltwater, leaving 3% freshwater, two-thirds of which is stored as icecaps or glaciers. This leaves us 1% of the world's water for drinking. Needless to say, water conservation will help us sustain our precious 1%. Here are a few ways to help out:

- Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. **This can save 750-1,500 gallons per month.**
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. **This can save three gallons each day.**
- Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation. **This can save 500 to 1,500 gallons each month.**
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants. **This can save 750 to 1,500 gallons per month.**



Backflow and Cross-Connections

Massachusetts drinking water regulations state that an approved public water supply may not be connected to an unapproved supply, such as a private well. Such a connection is considered an illegal cross connection. A cross connection is any connection between piping that carries drinking water (also known as potable) and the piping or fixtures that carry other types of water or substances that are not safe to drink (also known as **non-potable**). Ideally, it is best to not have any cross-connections, but in certain situations they are unavoidable. Examples include residential and commercial fire sprinkler systems, wells or auxiliary water systems, lawn irrigation systems, boilers, swimming pools and hot tubs that are hard piped for filling purposes, and even garden hoses. When an installation requires a cross-connection, it must be properly protected with an acceptable backflow prevention assembly or device to eliminate any potential for a reverse flow back into the potable water supply. The vacuum breaker shown is a device that attaches to any garden hose connection and allows water to flow in only one direction. A garden hose placed into a bucket to fill without a device like this could pose a backflow risk if a fire hydrant was operated in the water system. The drop in water pressure could cause the contents of the bucket to be drawn into the water system and possibly contaminate the drinking water. An unprotected cross-connection threatens the health and safety of individuals and may contaminate food or beverage products utilizing water from that system.



Vacuum Breaker for hose bib.

For more information, please review the Cross-connection Control Manual from the U.S. EPA's website at <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/drinkingwater/pws/crossconnectioncontrol/index.cfm>. You can also call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

2015 Drinking Water Quality Test Results

In 2015 your water was tested for total coliform bacteria, chlorine residual, alkalinity, inorganics, nitrate, perchlorate, turbidity (clarity), trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, volatile organic compounds (VOC's) and pH (Treatment Plant Sampling Plan). The results provided in this report are from 2015 or the most recent monitoring period for each contaminant group. Even though contaminants were detected, the presence of contaminants in drinking water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least low levels of some contaminants. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are also available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Sources of Drinking Water and Drinking Water Contaminants

Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present include:



Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants include synthetic and volatile organic contaminants that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production, and mining activities.

Regulated Contaminants

Contaminant (unit of measure)	Date(s) or Frequency Collected	Highest Amount Detected or Highest RAA*	Range Detected	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Sources
Arsenic (ppm)	4/29/2015	0.001	--	0.01	0	N	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from fruit orchards.
Chlorine (ppm)	Monthly	0.45*	0.02-1.38	4	4	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Coliform Bacteria (# of positive samples)	Monthly	0	0-1	>1 positive sample per month	0	N	Naturally present in the environment
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ppb)	Quarterly	59.3*	26.4-78.6	80	--	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s) (ppb)	Quarterly	31.6*	8.20-31.4	60	--	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Perchlorate (ug/l)	9/2/2015	0.062	--	2	--	N	Rocket Propellants, blasting agents, fireworks
Barium (ppm)	4/29/2015	0.006	--	2	--	N	Erosion of natural deposits

*The running annual average (RAA) is the highest average of four consecutive quarters.

Turbidity

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. We begin by monitoring raw water turbidity, then we monitor turbidity after the filtration process and, finally, we take a finished water sample. This tells us how much turbidity we are removing. At the treatment plant, these turbidity levels are monitored continuously in addition to manual sampling each day to confirm that the in-line analyzers are accurate and functioning correctly. The average turbidity in the water leaving the plant for the year (2015) was 0.07 NTU (see important Definitions below).

Turbidity is a measure of the "cloudiness" of the water. It is monitored because it is a good indicator of water quality.

AWJWA Water Treatment Facility	TT	Lowest Monthly % of Samples	Highest Detected Daily Value	Violation (Y/N)	Possible Source of Contamination
Daily Turbidity Compliance (NTU)	1	----	0.13 4/15/2015	N	Soil runoff
Monthly Compliance*	At least 95% <0.3 NTU	100	----	N	

*Monthly turbidity compliance is related to a specific treatment technique (TT). This treatment facility filters the water so that at least 95% of our samples each month must be below the turbidity limits specified in the regulations.

Lead and Copper



If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with the individual service lines to your home/business and also building plumbing systems. The Winchendon Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

Lead and Copper Testing

Your drinking water was tested for lead and copper in 2013. Winchendon has a waiver for lead and copper testing due to historically favorable test results and is only required by MA DEP to complete this testing every third year, sampling will be conducted again in September 2016. Testing was last completed in 2013. Below are the results from the 2013 sampling:

Lead and Copper	Date Collected	90 th Percentile*	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	# of sites sampled	Exceeds AL (Y/N)	# of sites above AL	Possible Sources
Lead (ppb)	September 2013	0.002	15	0	20	N	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper (ppm)	September 2013	0.16	1.3	1.3	20	N	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

*Lead and copper compliance is based on the 90th percentile value, which is the highest level found in 9 out of 10 homes sampled. This number is compared to the action level for each contaminant.

Unregulated and Secondary Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining their occurrence in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. The Winchendon Water Department tested for unregulated/secondary contaminants in 2015 - these results are shown in the following table. Winchendon was last required to test for these contaminants in 2014. Please note that only those substances that were detected in samples have been shown. All detected substances did not exceed any MCL, SMCL, or Action level. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Unregulated Contaminants	Date Collected	Highest Amount Detected	Possible Sources		
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	4/29/2015	1.4	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection		
Chloroform (ppb)	4/29/2015	8.7	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection		
Sodium (ppm)	4/29/2015	11	Natural sources; runoff from road salt		
Secondary Substances	Date Collected	Amount Detected	SMCL	ORSG	Possible Sources
Manganese (ppm)	6/4/2015	0.022	0.05	--	Leaching from natural deposits
Iron	6/4/2015	0.014	0.3	--	Leaching from natural deposits

Important Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Unregulated Contaminants: Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile: Out of every 10 homes, 9 were at or below this level.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic quality of drinking water and are not health based.

ORSG: Office of Research and Standards Guideline.

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units.

PPM: One part per million parts, 1 milligram per liter, equivalent to one drop in 10 gallons.

PPB: One part per billion parts, 1 microgram per liter, equivalent to one penny in \$10 million dollars.

Health Information

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA and MA DEP prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.



Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

***For any additional information about your water system and information about public participation opportunities please contact the Winchendon Water Department, at 978-297-0170. The DPW's administrative office is located on the first floor of the Winchendon Town Hall at 109 Front Street. Copies of the "Winchendon Water Department - 2014 Water Quality Report" are available at the DPW office upon request.

Current Town Hall hours of operation

Monday: 8:00am -6:00pm
 Tuesday through Thursday: 8:00am -5:00pm
 Friday: CLOSED

Summary of Violation(s) that occurred in 2015

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