



Mat Plamondon photo

Frenchy (Michaela Benedict) learns about her future from the Teen Angel/Johnny Casino (Patrick Cortis). Her future isn't looking bright. More photos and another review, page 2.

## Greased Lightnin' hits the stage at Murdock

BY APRIL GOODWIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

A new generation hopped back in time to the age of poodle skirts, slick cars, and even slicker hair with Murdock High School's electrifiin' performances of Grease. The beloved characters had the audience laughing, singing, and doing the hand-jive all throughout the night. Opening night was Friday, March 3rd, with a second performance the following eve-

ning, both drawing in a full and eager crowd. Though the temperatures outside were below freezing, all the audience could imagine were Summer Nights and cruising downtown in Greased Lightnin'.

The hardworking cast and crew put in countless hours of work to make the production possible, and their efforts definitely paid off, making the play the only one everyone wanted.

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## Local author does book signing

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Not Just Produced may be a food store, an antique store, a gift shop and a unique shopping experience, but March 4 it became a bit more as Caela Anne Provost had a book signing of her new novel *Someone Else's Shoes*.

When asked what inspired the novel, Provost said, "The inspiration was really that I've always been drawn to literature as, I don't want to say escape but I feel a lot of young people like myself love diving into worlds of fiction. It allows them to experience a world of characters and conflict that may be different than their own. But they learn something from it about their own lives."

"So, that's why I'm drawn to writing, why I was drawn to writing this book, because I wanted to reach that age group I felt was vulnerable," she explained.

"I feel like everyone, when they are eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen...that we are



Chris Martin photo

Caela Provost had copies of her book available.

trying to figure ourselves out and trying to figure out our place in the world. I wanted to write for that age group."

But it was growing up here, in Winchendon, that helped

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## Solar project on schedule for May completion



Keith Kent photos

Workers from Solar Foundations attached support brackets for future solar panels.

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

The current solar project with Onyx Renewable Partners L.P. of Delaware, MD located at the transfer station is quickly taking shape as warmer temperatures have paved the way for rapid expansion.

Solar Foundations of Egg Harbor Township, NJ has been driving support beams into the ground and staging supports at a rapid pace. It was also confirmed the project is currently scheduled to be completed on time by roughly May, 15 depending on future weather conditions.

It was also confirmed by Tracy Murphy, Director of Planning & Development, the project site to the right of the old landfill and behind the transfer station storage garage is roughly 15 acres in size.

Town Manager Keith Hickey explained, "The project is not costing the town a dime. It is all privately funded and the facility will have a maximum generation output of 3.1Megawatts, AC. We have estimated and been able to budget a savings town wide of \$105,000 annually in electrical costs including the school department, and water

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Avril Clapp photo

### FOX DANCING

The Clapp family were quick with the camera when they noticed a pair of fox dogs in the yard recently. It is obviously spring and a young fox' fancy turns to thoughts of...

## Taken by surprise: cousin comes home

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It was an ordinary Monday morning at Murdock Middle School for seventh grader Chloe Higgins, but it sure didn't stay that way. The Higgins' are a close family, drawn together by enduring the loss of matriarch Carol to cancer; and for the last several months Chloe's cousin Eric has been away at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio, TX.

More than a thousand miles away, Eric's been missed, but that all changed Monday when he walked into a third-



Saraya Underwood photo

Chloe Higgins and her cousin Eric after a total surprise encounter at Murdock Middle School.

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## Champney is newest Toy Town officer

WINCHENDON — To say Winchendon's newest police officer is modest may be an understatement. Joseph Champney almost seems uncomfortable talking about himself. But, at 34 years of age, Champney is embarking on a career that didn't seem to be in the cards just a few short years ago.

Officer Champney is joining the force after first spending

time with the Winchendon Police Department as a part-time officer under former Chief Scott Livingston. His gig as a part-timer began after he graduated the part-time police academy in West Boylston.

When a couple of full-time positions with the department opened up, current Chief David Walsh first sent Caleb Similia to the full-time academy. While

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Courtesy photo

Police Chief David Walsh and new officer Joseph Champney



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# Student production lauded by appreciative crowd

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Grease was very much the word last weekend as Murdock students put on the iconic show; but even before the curtain rose opening night, the Courier had the opportunity to be in the audience when the musical was previewed for the middle school.

“We’d been working since before winter break,” noted music director Aly Galipeau. “That’s when we cast the show. Then in January and February, we had the snow days and vacation and all that really cut into practice time,” she said.

All that happened before Thursday’s powerless rehearsal so Galipeau wasn’t far off the mark when she noted, “it’s been a crazy year. We’ve just rallied together.”

Powerless? Yes, the damaging winds which swept across the region Thursday left a lot of people without power and that included Murdock, though the final prep for Friday and Saturday’s main events went on anyway.

The middle school students saw a condensed version of the show.

“Time constraints,” shrugged Galipeau, pointing out less than an hour had been put aside for that performance.

Grease, of course, has been done who-knows-how many times around the word, on stage and then there’s the famous movie version starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John.

“These kids all know the story,” said Galipeau, referencing the fictional 1959 Rydell High School where characters Danny Zuko (played by stage veteran Aidan Provost at Murdock) and Sandy Dumbrowski (Kaileen Dibble last weekend) regale their friends with very different versions of a summer romance which is the catalyst for the events as the show progressed.

In the movie, the part of the rough-around-the edges Betty Rizzo was played by Stockard Channing who went on to become an Emmy winner for her portrayal of First Lady Abby Bartlett in The West Wing. Last weekend, senior Alyssa LaBrack was making her high school stage finale as she played Rizzo.

Other cast members included Alex Marshall as Kenicke, Zachary Cardarelli as Doody, Jack Newbrough as Roger, Tom Aho as Sonny, Molly Murphy as Marty, Maria Polcari as Jan, Michaela Benedict as Frenchy, Emily Smith as Patty, with her sister Lindsey as Chacha, Aidan DeHays as Eugene, Robyn Ufema as Miss Lynch, Patrick Cortis as Teen Angel/Johnny Casino and Will Iannacone as DJ Vince Fontaine.

Additionally, the Pink Ladies were played by Izzy Alcantara, Marissa Losurdo and Hanna Seghir.

The Beauty School dropouts (also the choir) were Kaylee Fleurant, Brittney Jackson, Cassidy Stadtfeld, Elyssa Boucher, Lynna Laford, Lindsey Gemme, Lindsey Smith and Brianna St. Pierre.

Rydell students included Shyla Palmer, James Murdock, Matthew Casavant, Owen Benedict, and Brandon Newbrough.

One “star” didn’t have a single line. This star’s not even human. That would be ‘Greased Lightnin’, the classic car for which tires were donated by Tractor Supply company.

No show can go on without the crew. Several dozen unsung heroes weren’t onstage but made sure the production flowed. They were pit band players Cody Arington, Ian Galipeau, Scott Ryder, Sam Vendt and Caela Provost; building and set members David LaBrack, Kris Provost, Dean Iannacone, Rob Marshall and Jeff Smith.

Becky Benedict joined Kris Provost and Dean Iannacone as a “jack of all trades.”

Rob Marshall and David LaBrack were the electricians; Laura LeBrack and Maureen Provost the artistic/mural designers with Katie McKellick as graphic designer.

Gail Braman and LaNette Palmer handled the costumes with Robin and Alexa Steinbring doing the photography.

Jason Bourgoin served as back stage manager with a crew including Sean Wilson, Trent Pare, Anastasia LaRose, Mateo DelaRosa and Keenan McKinney. Martin Johnson was “McGyver of Theatre.”

Jordan Manuel, and Vicky and Nicole Lemire ran lights and sound and Arianna Dibble and Wyatt Cardarelli handled spotlights.

Laura Marshall was in charge of tickets and marketing, Laura Woodbury the “house” and Laura LaBrack did sets and marketing. Mary Ellen Mansfield was known as the ‘Queen of Concessions’ with Dom Iannacone the ‘Director in Training’.

The actual director and ‘leading Pink Lady’ was, as usual, Kristi Iannacone. Marcus Provost served as assistant director. Maureen Provost was the artistic director and Aly Galipeau was in her customary place as music director.

“It’s fun to do a show everyone knows,” she said before the Wednesday preview.



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# Fitzwilliam Community Church Concert Series

FITZWILLIAM — Our February concert of cello and piano duets was wonderfully received and we had many compliments on the caliber of the performers and on the quality of the refreshments. Our many thanks go to Virginia and Vladimir for their outstanding performance and to all the church community members who supplied the superb refreshments.

Our March 12 concert program, called Afternoon Pastimes, will be a selection of various flute and piano duets featuring Elizabeth (Beth Ann) West on flute and Hugh Keelan on piano.

Included will be works by Lukas Foss, Saint-Saëns, Mozart, Schubert, Gary Schocker and Joachim Andersen.

West, who currently lives in Keene, has studied under Robert Willoughby and has a degree from Oberlin Conservatory. She has studied in some well-known New York music schools, and she plays in local flute ensembles as well as the Keene Chamber Orchestra.

Her accompanist is Hugh Keelan, pianist and music director of the Windham Orchestra of Brattleboro, VT. Keelan is an accomplished pianist, as well as a

violinist and musical arranger. He has guest conducted and recorded with orchestras and opera companies throughout Europe. Born in Kingston on Thames, England, he has studied at Cambridge University, Indiana University and Mannes School of Music and was tutored by Vladimir Kin of the Leningrad School of Music. He has worked at the Julliard American Opera School at Julliard School of Music, as well as being music director of Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic and the Erie Philharmonic. He has had the honor of being the first

musical conductor of The Blanche Moyses Chorale after Moyses left the podium.

Please join us at the concert beginning at 2 p.m. at the church, Rte. 119. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and our music program. There will also be a reception with lots of good food downstairs after the concert so you can fraternize with the performers.

In April, we will host Ronald and Adrian Meck with an afternoon of Celtic and Folk music. Please watch for more details next month.

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### TEACHER'S NIGHT

McDonald's of Winchendon joins forces with local teachers, and turns the aprons over to them on Thursday, March 16 5-7 p.m. as part of a fundraiser for upcoming programs at Memorial Elementary School. A portion of every purchase goes toward the projects. Come be waited on by your favorite school staff!

### GOBI AIDE

Tyler Wolanin, district aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of March. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at [tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov](mailto:tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov), or call at (508) 641-3502. Appointments are encouraged so that information on cancellations can be shared.

Tuesday, March 14: Winchendon Town Hall, 11 a.m. to noon; Ashburnham Town Hall, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### CONCERT FOR VETERANS

The New England Symphony Orchestra will present a second annual "Salute to Veterans" concert Saturday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stratos Dukakis Performing Arts Center at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, 1050 Westminster St. in Fitchburg. Tickets can be purchased through the NESO's Web site at [newenglandsymphony.org](http://newenglandsymphony.org) or (978) 466-1800.

Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$35, discounted to \$25 to \$32 for seniors and \$12 for students. Bring your family, friends, or significant other to a memorable concert you won't want to miss.

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### AUDITIONS SCHEDULED

Mount Wachusett Community College's Theatre at the Mount, Gardner announces auditions for the upcoming production of BOEING, BOEING. It's the 1960s and swinging playboy Bernard juggles three fiancées — each one a beautiful flight attendant — who are all engaged to him without knowing about each other. He keeps "one up, one down and one pending" until the invention of a new and speedier Boeing jet and unexpected schedule changes bring all three fiancées to Bernard's apartment at the same time. With his friend Robert forgetting which lies to tell to whom, Bernard's elaborately scheduled love life turns into catastrophically funny chaos. Fasten your seat belts!

Director Lorien Corbeletti is looking for a small adult cast of two men and four women. For detailed character descriptions visit the TAM web site at <http://theatre.mwcc.edu> Auditions for BOEING, BOEING will be held in room 182 at Mount Wachusett Community College on Tuesday, April 4 and Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. No appointment is needed. BOEING, BOEING runs June 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. For additional information contact Professor Gail Steele at (978) 630-9162 or [g\\_steele@mwcc.mass.edu](mailto:g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

HAMDEN CT — The following area

students were named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the Fall 2016 semester: Nicole Gianino of Ashburnham.

FRAMINGHAM — The following local Framingham State University students were named to the Dean's List or the President's list for the Fall 2016 semester: ASHBURNHAM: Sydney Buono, Brittany Cormier and Jessica Cowgill. BALDWINVILLE: Rachel Davis. GARDNER: Daynah LeBlanc, Julia Sarcinelli and Shayna Yacyshyn. ROYALSTON: Kevin Nunes. WINCHENDON: Jessa Pereira.

WORCESTER — The following area students were named to the Becker College Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. The dean's list recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades. Winchendon students includes Amber Angelos who is pursuing a degree in criminal justice; Brianna Rogers who is pursuing a degree in criminal justice; Katherine Landanno, who is pursuing a degree

in early childhood & youth education; and Renee Rogers, who is pursuing a degree in veterinary science.

### HEALTH FAIR

The Templeton Senior Community Center is holding a Health Fair on April 7 from 10 a.m.-noon, this event is open to the public. Local agencies will be available to share information and guidance where possible. For the complete list of agencies and their services please call 978-894-2783 and Alisha will fill you in.

### ART SHOW

The Templeton Senior Community Center will be open to the public on Sunday, April 2 from 10 a.m.-noon for an Artist Open House featuring local artist Kevin Bird. Visit our latest gallery and enjoy light refreshments.



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### PREPARING FOR MOWGLI'S TRIP

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The cast from the after school Toy Town Elementary Drama Program have been practicing hard for their upcoming presentation. The play, *The Jungle Book*, will be performed at the Toy Town Auditorium on Thursday March 30, Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 at 7 p.m. For tickets and information call Jennifer Haddad at (978) 616-1458. Tickets are \$5 each, and may also be purchased at the door.

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Dr. Oliva earned her medical degree from Rutgers University-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, NJ and completed her residency at Swedish Family Medicine, CO. Her clinical interests include Family Medicine, Obstetrics, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Dermatology and Wound Care.

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## VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

## EDITORIAL

## A life lost

This isn't the editorial I wanted to write today. And yes, this is very personal, so I've dropped that editorial WE for the moment.

The town lost a young person Tuesday night. Anastasia LaRosa was only 17. She was a little blonde spitfire. She was kind, you could see the life in her eyes.

She sat across from me at the Courier office telling me about how she wanted to learn how to be a writer. She had been part of a new program through the Murdock Academy for Success, an intern program to let the students try out jobs; see what the real world had to offer.

She wanted to write.

She made no qualms about telling the counselors and teachers and anyone who would listen that she wanted to work here. To learn to do anything and everything it takes to be a journalist.

I've worked with students before, they energize me as much as I mentor them. I enjoy seeing that spark ignite.

So she came here.

And we talked about what she would write. About how she could write about actually being in the Grease production, in the jobs of those kids who weren't necessarily on the stage. About being a student at the Academy and how that version of high school had changed her experience of school.

She had brought me her first writing attempt, and it was good. She could write. Her sentences were complete, her grammar was good. It was not professional yet but it had potential. We talked about how to improve it, she took notes, and told me about her next project; the one about being in the play.

She left my office excited. We did a quick hug, because we genuinely like each other as people.

She texted me Tuesday, to tell me where she was with the writing, and that she wouldn't be at the office Wednesday for our usually scheduled meeting. I reassured her it was OK, to try to get one or the other of the stories done so we could get it into print for her. I wanted to see that she had a chance to see her work in the newspaper.

Now that isn't going to happen.

Ana died Tuesday night. It was an accident, kids in a car, on Teel Road; a corner, a tree. It was Ana who died. The boys were injured.

But Ana died.

Her family may find notebooks full of poetry, short stories, essays she has written. She told me she has been writing for herself so I suspect she has work squirreled away. In this day and age it may be on an iPad or on notebooks, but I suspect it's there.

We'll never know what her potential might have turned into, she definitely had a spark there, an ability to see and interpret what she saw. She was young, yes and her views were of the young; but she would have improved.

Though my own knowledge of Ana was small, and short lived, I could see so much possibility. She will be missed.

The schools did the right thing, counseling their students, helping one another deal with the loss. It's a small school, so even students who might not have had classes with Ana most likely know her. A population of less than 300 it isn't difficult to know one another.

So her place will be empty and the space will be noticed.

Goodbye Ana.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Hussellbee: announcing candidacy

To the Editor

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Winchendon's Board of Selectman and ask for your support as I want to commit to serving our town, and continue the progress that the town has made since our financial crisis a few years ago. We as a community have come so far, and I want to serve our community as we shift towards the future.

I am currently a master's candidate at UMass Amherst's Isenberg School of Business studying accounting. While doing so, I am also in the capacity of working for the Upward Bound Math and Science Program through Mount Wachusett Community College as part of the federal government's "STEM" initiative to get low income and first college-bound generation students to college. I serve students at Murdock High School, Gardner High School, and Athol High School.

Some of my previous roles include a year of service with the Commonwealth Corps and working at Deloitte Tax. During my year of service through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I was assigned to Ralph C. Mahar to work with middle school students on the benefits of obtaining a higher education. In my role in Deloitte Tax, I got tremendous exposure to nonprofit accounting and governmental accounting that would allow me to commit due diligence and make appropriate actions as a member of the Board of Selectmen. I've also held executive positions on different boards and clubs in my college community.

As an individual that has been raised in the town, I will be at the forefront of protecting the ideals that make Winchendon great.

As a rural town with beautiful landscapes and scenic natural resources, I want to make sure that our town is utilizing the resources at its disposal to taking care of our ecosystems. This includes streamlining the process between the town's building instructor and the conservation committee for new properties to protect wetlands currently marked. Also, I want to assure that our DPW has the needed funds to dispose of trash that was disposed of on public properties and roadways.

Focusing on our economy, I want

to make sure that, as chain businesses continue to move into our town, we also focus on our small businesses as well. Driving down Central Street and seeing all the closed storefronts, it could be deceiving that the downtown is dead. I'm excited for what is about to come. With the recent renovations to the (what is now the) police station, the new renovations that are about to come to the old RHI building, and the renovations to the corner that currently hosts Cumberland Farms and the old Joseph's Candy Store building, the future of business in Winchendon is bright. I want to make sure that we as a town continue to make progress on attracting business to every storefront, and fill the void that the departure of IGA left on our community in obtaining groceries.

In terms of infrastructure in our community, I support much of the measures that the town has put forward in terms of fixing infrastructure that is in dire need. The areas I would want to focus on are in terms of the chronology of the timings of when these events occur. For example, there is a proposal currently that we need to buy three firetrucks because some of the ones we have need too much work. So, I want to make sure we are spending smartly on gapping the purchases of these trucks so that our future expenses do not come at once.

Most importantly, I want to continue the great work that our Town Manager, Keith Hickey, has done in making our town financially responsible again. I want to make sure that we continue to pay back our current debts from our financial crisis in a timely manner.

Engaging different perspectives, respecting the past while looking forward and facilitating a future in Winchendon are a portion of my ambitions. Winchendon means a significant deal to so many individuals, and I hope to help lead us in a direction that continues to make us prosperous. If there are issues that are important to you that I have not addressed or you want my opinion on, my email is [cj.hussellbee@gmail.com](mailto:cj.hussellbee@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration.

CHARLES HUSSELLBEE  
WINCHENDON

## The week that was...

First, we had no hot water for two days because the 30 inches of snow on my deck and however much was in my yard all melted at once, flooding the basement. Then we lost power on Friday, or (maybe it was Thursday, I can't even remember anymore), because of the winds.

We weren't the only ones, of course, and ours was back on within eight hours, which made me us a hell of a lot more fortunate than plenty of other people. Me? I wasn't home for any of it. I was out covering the story, seeing all the downed trees and power lines and dodging the debris on a lot of streets. I even took my own pictures for probably the first time in the nearly 15 years I've been working at the Courier. Amazing things happen every day.

Then on Saturday, my computer needed a bath. What can I tell you? You cope.

Sometimes, though, it's hard to cope with one first-world crisis after another, especially in winter. At least that's the case for me. Feel free to



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blame the difficulty coping on my bi-polar disorder. I do, and why not? Folks with the bi-polar disorder tend to do better with structure, order, and routine. Last week offered none of those. By the end of the week, I wasn't handling the accumulated stress well at all. Trust me — I wasn't fun to be around. It happens.

I wasn't the only person having a bad week. Those people at the Oscars, you know, the ones who had the simple job of handing the right best movie envelope to presenters, they didn't do so well, either. Seriously, how hard was that responsibility?

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mypresident didn't have a good week either, but then again of course he didn't. Does he ever? Let's talk for a minute about his claim that #mypresident Barack Obama had wiretapped Trump Towers as the campaign neared its chaotic end last October. Sometimes you take denials from public officials with a grain of salt, and often a lot more than a grain. Not this time. Even if it were true and, emphatically, there's not a scintilla of evidence it is, it would have said a lot had the previous Administration had enough concern about contacts with foreign governments to warrant such a request from a FISA judge. But although there's obviously a lot of reasons to be very worried about who has talked to who about who-knows-what, this clearly never happened. From where the-in-very-much-over-his-head clueless Donald came up with this, I have no idea. Even Republicans who have been cowardly declining to speak ill

of him were adamant they too had utterly no clue where those tweets came from. Who knows? Just another mind-boggling day in whatever passes for the White House these days.

Nor did Jeff Beauregard Sessions have a good week. It's to his minimal credit that he had the sense to recuse himself from any investigation of this whole Russian thing but that was a pretty low bar. Whom among you trusts the intelligence committees to take their jobs seriously and conduct genuine bi-partisan investigations? Raise your hand if you do. Yeah, I thought so. We shouldn't ever overuse special prosecutors (right Ken Starr?) but in this case, one is unquestionably required. Archibald Cox can tell you why.

It's hard to overstate how surreal all this really is. I can't imagine that many Trump voters, seeking some sort of change from alleged politics-as-usual, had this in mind. I'll grant he probably has a solid base of support irrespective of his behavior, but

you already see some buyer's remorse beginning to show, especially as it starts to dawn on people their own health care might be at stake. There's supposedly a replacement plan for the ACA being written but it's being done in such secret even a lot of Republican legislators aren't being allowed to see it. Say what you want about the original passage of the ACA but that vote came only after months of public hearings.

I could go on and on — federal agencies being barred from contact with media deserves a column of its own as one example. Suffice to say that we don't have a federal government functioning in the transparent fashion which is supposed to be the hallmark of a democracy.

"They're all the same," that tired, superficial, lazy catchphrase was never true in any event and any illusion it was should have been shattered beyond repair by now. The most frightening part of all — we probably haven't seen the worst yet. Mull that over for a while. See you next week.

## Presidents allegations demand proof

On Saturday, March 3, our President made a statement so profound, unconventional, and unexpected, that it rocked the political world, new organizations, and just about everything in between when he claimed his phones at Trump Tower were wiretapped by former President Barack Obama during the 2016 Presidential campaign and elections.

Tweeting his words in social media our president said, "Terrible! Just found out that Obama had my "wires tapped" in Trump Tower just before the victory. Nothing found. This is McCarthyism!" and "How low has President Obama gone to tap my phones during the very sacred election process. This is Nixon/Watergate. Bad (or sick) guy!"

The president offered no proof what so ever to back up his enormous claims, and still has not as of yet despite public outcry for such corroborating evidence as his allegations are a virtual first in presidential politics especially when involving the use of electronic social media.

A warrant for wiretapping would legally have to originate from a FISA, or Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. It is essentially a secret tribunal with the legal authority to grant or deny warrants for electronic surveillance against would-be spies or ter-



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rorists based on evidence presented to its members of the court. The court was authorized under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. Any wiretapping without this court's approval, would be highly illegal in nature.

The court is composed of 11 federal judges, serving 7-year terms and selected by the chief justice of the Supreme Court. It meets in private settings and has even been known to on occasion meet in the middle of the night. The courts targets are highly classified.

Top Republicans are now even as we speak backing off of the outrageous and

unsubstantiated claims. Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell said he hasn't seen any type of evidence to back up what was a series of weekend Twitter tweets by President Trump which directly accused President Obama of the wiretapping.

The powerful Senate Majority leader even went on to say to the free press, "We have an existing intelligence committee looking at all aspects of what may have been done last year related to the Russians or the campaign and we'll leave it there."

Leave it there? Well folks in Washington talk that pretty much in summary means, "Oh my Lord, how do we deal with this outburst."

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# BOH to businesses: enforce smoking ban

The Winchendon Board of Health says it wants local businesses to abide by tobacco regulations that prohibit outdoor smoking near building entrances. Chairman Lionel Cloutier said at the board's meeting Monday night that he has been approached by several residents who complained of people smoking near the entrances to restaurants in town. According to Cloutier, he has seen the problem as well.

Cloutier said the smoking prohibition applies to any business that sells food. He said he was informed by North Central Tobacco Control Alliance director Joan Hamlett that violators can be fined \$100 for each of the first three citations they may be issued. A fourth violation could lead the Board of Health to issue a 30-day closure of the offending business.

The chairman said the ordinance applies to any business that receives a food permit from the board. Such businesses, he said, include restaurants, barrooms, package stores, and convenience stores.

Board member Jason Moury expressed concern that many business owners, particularly those who don't receive licenses for the sale of tobacco, may not be aware of the ban. He suggested that information on the ordinance be

handed out whenever food licenses are issued. Moury said there are close to 100 locations in Winchendon who have received permits to sell food.

According to Cloutier, smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of an entrance. He said he would speak with Hamlett about the best way to get the word out to businesses who may be affected by the regulation.

# Board to adopt new MCAS scoring parameters

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — With the evolving upcoming changes from the traditional Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System to a new test currently referred to as Next-Gen MCAS, the Board of Elementary & Secondary Education is now considering applying new descriptive terms to promote the appearance of being less judgmental and more positive of children and students' efforts in grades 3 through 8.

Massachusetts has four independent educational systems. The Department of Early Education and Care, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Higher Education, and the University of Massachusetts.

BESE (Board of Elementary & Secondary Education) held a meeting on Feb. 28 to discuss and possibly vote on the following possible proposed MCAS descriptor changes. The traditional score of Advanced as proposed would next become "Exceeding Expectations." Proficient would now be termed, "Meeting

Expectations." The score of Needs Improvement would be changed to "Partially Meeting Expectations" and finally if voted, a score of Warning/Failing would now become "Not Meeting Expectations" in an effort to be less damaging to the self esteem of a child and student.

Committee members of BESE solicited feedback through both outreach and stakeholder groups with an online survey, collecting 450 responses.

The four new category scoring descriptors for MCAS proposed as follows:

1. Exceeding expectations: A student exceeded grade-level academic expectations and is well prepared in this subject.
2. Meeting expectations: A student met grade-level academic expectations and is prepared in this subject.
3. Partially meeting expectations: A student partially met grade-level academic expectations. The school and parent/guardian may wish to evaluate the need for academic assistance for this student.
4. Not meeting expectations: A student did not meet grade-level academic expectations. The school and parent/guardian should evaluate the

need for academic assistance for this student.

Regarding new MCAS testing and scores, Commissioner of Massachusetts Elementary and Secondary Education Mitchell D. Chester as part of a weekly preview on the DESE website released the following on his time line.

"The Department has established a preliminary timeline for releasing scores from the upcoming spring administration of the next-generation MCAS to students in grades 3-8 in English language arts and math. Because the test is new, the timeline must include a standard-setting process in which teams of experts will set the thresholds for each achievement level. The Department hopes to release multiple-choice results to districts in June and full preliminary results to districts in August. Parents and students will likely see individual students' results in October."

Chester in a memorandum to educational officials and the board also recently said, "The switch is intended to give parents, students, and teachers a better understanding of whether students are ready for 'academic activities at the next

level' and reflects a desire to use positive and motivating language."

The proposed changes if accepted and approved were to take effect within the next month, and affect students in grades 3 through 8. It should be noted current category names for high school students have not been changed

But DESE Media Relations Coordinator Jacqueline Reis reported, "No vote was taken as further discussion and examination about the descriptors was agreed upon. The item is tentatively scheduled to come back to the board for a vote on March, 28."

In an unrelated development BESE also recently approved three new charter schools. The Hampden Charter School of Science in Westfield, which would have a focus on both math and science. Second, the

Map Academy Charter School in Plymouth, to serve students who have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out and would offer a more flexible schedule. Third, the Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School beginning with 160 students and eventually serving 360 students who will come from 11 area towns eventually growing to grades K-8. It will offer project based learning, an emphasis on character development, and daily access to resources at Old Sturbridge Village.

BESE also approved the expansion of three existing charter schools which, when combined with other previous expansions since November 2016 the state approved, has added 1,000 new seats to existing schools during the current academic school year of 2016-17.



## CLYDE'S CORNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 12  
BLUE & GOLD BANQUET: the Winchendon area Boy Scouts celebrate their year with the annual Blue & Gold banquet at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14  
LEARN: Computer classes for adults are offered on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Beals Memorial Library and are open to adults ages 18 and older.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15  
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.

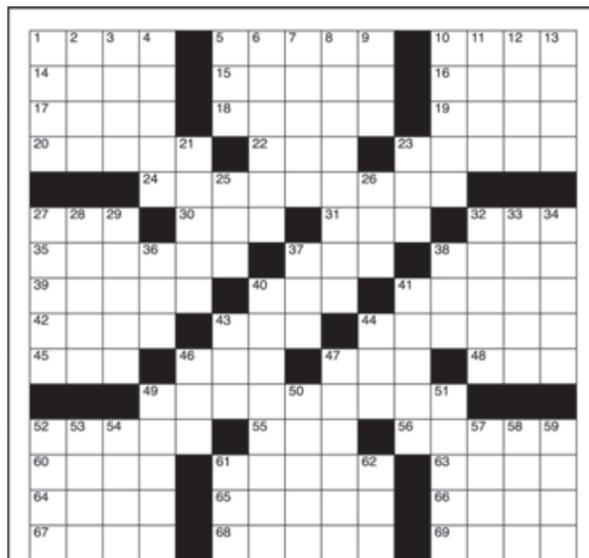
FRIDAY, MARCH 17  
ST. PATRICK'S BUFFET: the annual buffet and entertainment at Carriage House restaurant to benefit the Kiwanis of Winchendon 4-9 p.m. with the Irish step dancers at 6 p.m. and Irish music all evening long with Garold Amadon. Buffet includes classics like corned beef and cabbage, Guinness fish & chips and Irish stew. \$20 per person.

JAMES MONTGOMERY: Join the Lions at the American

Legion Post 193, 295 School St. for an evening of blues with James Montgomery beginning at 8 p.m. Mini live auction, \$20 in advance (available from Lions members or at the Legion), \$25 at the door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18  
SIGN PAINTING EVENT: Join the Crafty Cauldron and your friends for a paint event for a good cause, \$35 a person at 2 p.m. Paint 2 wooden signs in your choice of color and design. Fundraiser to benefit the Kiwanis of Winchendon backpack program. Register in store or online prior to the event, no space will be sold that day. The Crafty Cauldron, 91 Central St., www.thecraftycauldron.net/events.html. Email: thecraftycauldron@yahoo.com.

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. "ER" actress Leslie
5. Hebrew name for Babylon
10. News
14. Leaf angle
15. Dravidian language
16. Ridge on nematodes
17. Monetary unit
18. Determined the tare
19. Unfreeze
20. Merits
22. World's oldest broadcasting organization
23. Vacation spot
24. December 25
27. Ottoman military command
30. Resin-like substance secreted by insects
31. A.C. Comics female supervillain
32. Insect linked to honey
35. Opinion
37. In the middle of
38. Basketballer Yao
39. Remove lid
40. Pressure wound therapy
41. Fabric
42. Witnessed
43. Defunct European economic organization
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. When you expect to arrive
46. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
47. Danish airline
48. Insecticide
49. Scientific instrument
52. Type of seal
55. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
56. Cavalry sword
60. Ottoman title
61. Gurus
63. Cold wind
64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
65. New Jersey is one
66. Divulge a secret
67. Finely chopped mixture
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

### CLUES DOWN

1. "Dark Knight" actor
2. S. African plants
3. Castle in County Offaly, Ireland
4. White (French)
5. Morsel
6. Semitic language
7. Areas outside cities
8. Crackling
9. Cub
10. Landmark house in Los Angeles
11. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
12. Mineral
13. Late night host Myers
21. Pull along
23. Not good
25. British Air Aces
26. Upset
27. Maltreatment
28. Nocturnal, cat-like animal
29. Hollyhocks
32. Shelter
33. Finished
34. Discharge
36. "X-Men" actor McKellen
37. Beloved dish \_\_ and cheese
38. Holds coffee
40. Languish
41. Quenches
43. Electric fish
44. Consume
46. Type of school
47. Erase
49. Educate
50. "Transformers" actress Fox
51. Spiritual leader
52. Every one
53. Site of the Taj Mahal
54. Welsh village
57. Weapon
58. Geological times
59. S. Asian crops
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness



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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.

### Wednesday, March 1

1:36-7:55 a.m. building checks & extra patrols, secure; 7:30 a.m.: child welfare check (address not printed) spoken to; 8:39 a.m.: carbon monoxide incident (School Street) no FD service required; 10:17 a.m.: assist citizen (Mike's Auto Body) assisted; 10:43 a.m.: investigation (Front Street) spoken to; 11:18 a.m.: 911 hang up (Memorial Drive) non-emergency call; 12:19 p.m.: assist other PD (Murdock High) assisted; 2:08 p.m.: ambulance (Ready Drive) transport; 2:23 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) traffic citation; 3:12 p.m.: ambulance (Robbins Road) false alarm; 3:29 p.m.: suspicious person (Walnut Street) secure; 4:35 p.m.: traffic hazard (School Street) spoken to; 4:53 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 5:07 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Drive) assisted; 8:05 p.m.: ambulance (Irving Gas) report taken; 8:48 p.m.: investigation (Spring Street) spoken to; 10:26 p.m.: neighbor dispute (Main Street) report taken.

### Thursday, March 2

12:33-2:46 a.m.: building checks, secure; 4:46 a.m.: FD call (Winter Street) assisted; 6:03 a.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 6:14 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) traffic citation; 7:20 a.m.: general info (School Street) refer to DPW; 8 a.m.: suspicious person (Walnut Street) area search negative; 8:15 a.m.: traffic hazard (Baldwinville Road) refer to DPW; 10:03 a.m.: tree down on wires (Laurel Street) refer to other agency; 10:07 a.m.: tree down (Glenallan Street) removed traffic hazard; 10:11 a.m.: harassment (phone) report taken; 10:12 a.m.: tree down on wires (Hale Street) refer to other agency; 10:19 a.m.: (Royalston Road North)

refer to DPW; 10:38 a.m.: tree down (Baldwinville Road) removed traffic hazard; 10:42 a.m.: tree down on wires (Laurel Street) refer to other agency; 10:45 a.m.: tree down on wires (Highland Street) refer to other agency; 10:45 a.m.: wires down (Baldwinville State Road) refer to other agency; 10:46 a.m.: tree down (Benjamin Street) report taken; 10:50 a.m.: accident (Waterville Plaza) summons: Mary Jo Dufresne, age 53 of 240 Main St., Winchendon: unlicensed operation of MV; 10:50 a.m.: tree down on wires (Front Street) refer to other agency; 10:53 a.m.: tree down on wires (Front Street) refer to other agency; 10:58 a.m.: FD call (Jameson Way) fire extinguished; 11:01 a.m.: tree down (School Street) removed traffic hazard; 11:06 a.m.: tree down (Teel Road) refer to DPW; 11:20 a.m.: tree down on wires (Brown Street) refer to DPW; 11:50 a.m.: wires down (Spring Street) refer to other agency; 11:55 a.m.: wires down (Beaman Court) refer to other agency; 12:05 p.m.: tree down (Old Murdock) removed traffic hazard; 12:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Baldwinville State Road) false alarm; 12:10 p.m.: tree down on wires (Alger Street) refer to other agency; 12:16 p.m.: ambulance (Health Center) transport; 12:27 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street) area search negative; 12:32 p.m.: tree down on wires (Monadnock Avenue) refer to other agency; 12:40 p.m.: tree down (Royalston Road South) removed traffic hazard; 12:57 p.m.: wires down (Hale Street) refer to other agency; 1 p.m.: traffic hazard (School Street) removed; 1:22 p.m.: tree down (Doyle Avenue) refer to DPW; 1:35 p.m.: tree down on wires (North Ashburnham Road) refer to other agency; 1:47 p.m.: tree down (West Street) refer to other agency; 3:57 p.m.: tree down (School Street) refer to other agency; 4:17 p.m.: tree down (Main Street) refer to DPW; 4:45 p.m.: accident (Front Street) report taken; 5:14 p.m.: wires down (Tucker Street) refer to other agency; 6:44 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 8:29 p.m.: MV stop (School Street) verbal warning; 8:42 p.m.: burglar alarm

(Central Street) secured building; 8:51 p.m.: power outage (Ipswich Drive) info taken; 8:55 p.m.: MV stop (Ash Street) traffic citation; 9:50 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning.

### Friday, March 3

12:19 a.m.: investigation (Cumberland Farms) no PD service required; 12:45-2:30 a.m.: building checks, secure; 1:47 a.m.: registration check (Spring Street) no PD service required; 5:36 a.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 5:50 a.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6:12 a.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) written warning; 8:25 a.m.: animal complaint (86 Front St.) assisted; 10:44 a.m.: ambulance (Winchendon Road) call canceled; 11:05 a.m.: tree down on wires (Harris Road) refer to other agency; 11:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street) returned to home; 11:19 a.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Central Street) services rendered; 12:43 p.m.: general info (Maple Street) spoken to; 12:52 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) removed to hospital; 1:30 p.m.: ambulance (Carriage Lane) transport; 1:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street) refer to ACO; 2:20 p.m.: general welfare check (address not printing) report taken; 2:47 p.m.: fraud (Baldwinville State Road) report taken; 3:05 p.m.: accident (Main Street) report taken; 3:16 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street) secured building; 3:58 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) report taken; 4:24 p.m.: general juvenile (Black Bridge) unable to locate; 4:34 p.m.: tree down on wires (Hale Street) refer to other agency; 4:46 p.m.: suspicious MV (Walnut Street) report taken; 6:04 p.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road) refer to ACO; 6:12 p.m.: tree down on wires (Court Street) refer to other agency; 6:15 p.m.: fire alarm (Linden Street) arrest: Justin D. Martel, age 30 of 105 Linden St. #4, Winchendon: disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and interfere with firefighter; 6:24 p.m.: intoxicated person (Glenallan Street) services rendered; 6:46 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) report taken; 7:14 p.m.: accident

(Spring Street) report taken; 7:18 p.m.: missing person (School Street) no cause for complaint; 7:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Cardinal Lane) report taken; 8:03 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) no FD service required; 8:38 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) verbal warning; 9:31 p.m.: accident (Spring Street) spoken to.

### Saturday, March 4

12:11 a.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) transport; 2:09 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 3:20-3:51 a.m.: building checks, secure; 3:53 a.m.: vandalism (River Street) report taken; 4:11 a.m.: MV stop (Royalston Road North) spoken to; 7:12 a.m.: vandalism (86 Front St.) report taken; 8:42 a.m.: ambulance (Old Centre) transport; 9:21 a.m.: suspicious other (School Square) services rendered; 9:50 a.m.: general info (Webster Street) spoken to; 9:55 a.m.: investigation (Baldwinville Road) spoken to; 11:10 a.m.: ambulance (Murdock High) transport; 11:59 a.m.: MV operating erratically (School Street) services rendered; 12:03 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) report taken; 12:51 p.m.: ambulance (Main Street) transport; 3 p.m.: ambulance (Cedar Terrace) transport; 4:01 p.m.: vandalism (Central Street) report taken; 4:18 p.m.: harassment order service (Athol PD) info given; 4:55 p.m.: open door (Grove Street) info given; 5:36 p.m.: extra patrols (bike path) secure; 6:04 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 6:31 p.m.: suspicious person (Webster Street) report taken; 6:56 p.m.: MV stop (East Street) spoken to; 7:42 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) verbal warning; 8:09 p.m.: suspicious MV (Ash Street) secure; 8:39 p.m.: registration check (Spring Street) info given; 9:16 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 9:30 p.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 9:36 p.m.: disturbance (Toy Town Pub) arrest: Carson P. Riggs, age 36 of 36 Spring St. #6, Winchendon: based on warrant. 11:19 p.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 11:34 p.m.: suicide threats (Spruce Street) transport.

## Murdock senior killed in accident

WINCHENDON — According to a release by Lt. Kevin Wolski of the Winchendon Police Department, the police and fire departments were called to the scene of a single car accident Tuesday, March 7 at about 8:46 p.m. in the area of 264 Ash St.

The single car had crashed into a tree; there were three occupants in the car.

On arrival, it was discovered a female occupant in the back seat was in cardiac arrest. All three were transported to Heywood Hospital, where the 17 year old passenger, Anastasia LaRosa, died from her injuries.

Another juvenile occupant, Mateo DeLaRosa, and the driver Austin Boogolian, had unspecified injuries but both were expected to recover.

All three were students of Murdock

High School, both DeLaRosa and Boogolian were graduates, LaRosa was a senior this year.

Sgt. Ray Anair is the investigating officer. Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction and Crime Scene Services were called to help with the investigation.

The initial investigation suggests speed may have been a factor in this crash. The investigation is continuing.



Courtesy photo

Anastasia LaRosa was named the Student of the Month for the Murdock Academy for Success just last month.

# New solar at Heywood moves hospital closer to green



Morgan St. Pierre photo

The new solar arrays at Heywood Hospital serve two duties.

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

GARDNER — No doubt you've seen the work going on at Heywood Hospital, those solar panels on the north, or main parking lot, covering some 350 spaces in fact, complete with gutters to catch rain and snow and providing shade in the summer.

Over the course of the last few years, the hospital has been taking steps to become more environmental-friendly and this project has been the most recent of those efforts. The Courier has reported about high-tech cleaning systems and how food service and distri-

but ion have changed. Those initiatives represented the acceleration of Heywood's commitment to going green.

Michael Grimmer, the hospital's vice-president for support services, joked to media outlets, "we're going greener on Green Street." The hospital is located on Green Street.

While the panels themselves were finished a couple months back, the benefit Heywood anticipates getting from them will be starting soon when wiring is completed and the hospital will start using electricity from the project.

That project "has no negatives because it's cost effective and considered good for the environment as a clean renewable energy source fitting into the idea of "corporate social responsibility."

"People seem to think doing the responsible environmental thing

costs more money and that's been proven wrong time and time again. Anytime you do one of these things, you save utilities and you do the right thing. Hospitals are one of the most energy-intensive businesses out there because they run 24-7. One of our strategic goals is to be one of the greenest hospitals in the state," said Grimmer, who doubles as chief operating officer at Heywood HealthCare owned Athol hospital.

He added the hospital is anticipating saving \$2 million throughout the 20 year-lease agreement reached with financier Prairie Gold Solar. Grimmer thinks the lease rate is about 20-percent cheaper than what Heywood had been paying in its deal with National Grid.

The work isn't done, either. The hospital is expected to apply for a grant to install a heat and power generator, too.

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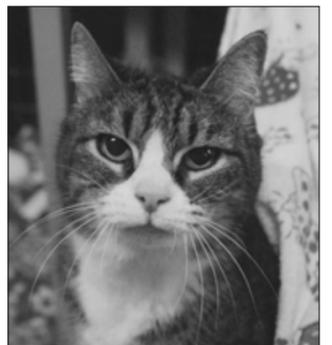
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# OBITUARIES

## Clifford P. Beauvais, 90



WINCHENDON — Clifford P. Beauvais, age 90, of 305 Benjamin St., died peacefully Tuesday morning, Feb. 28, 2017 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. He was the son of

Homer H. and Mary (Charois) Beauvais and had resided in Winchendon all of his life.

Clifford was inducted into the Army August 1944. He did his basic training in Texas and was assigned to the Canon Co. 310 Infantry regiment, serving in the European Theatre. He was assigned to Berlin for occupation after the war. The Cannon Co. was the Honor Guard of the 310th regiment. He was discharged July, 1946 and recalled for the Korean War September, 1950 and discharged October, 1951 having served with the 502 Regt of the 101st Air Borne Div. Clifford stayed in the active reserve, retiring in 1968. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College. He retired from the Department of the Army in 1986 as a Major.

Clifford is a 1944 graduate of Murdock High School, attended Becker College, Worcester and the U.S. Fidelity School of New York City. Mr. Beauvais worked for the Metropolitan Insurance Co from 1949 to 1954. Clifford founded the Clifford P. Beauvais Ins. Agency in September 1954 retiring in 2010. Clifford also owned and operated a Hallmark Card and Gift Shop from 1970 to 1988. He also owned and operated the E.F. King Insurance Agency in Ashburnham from 1977 to 1986.

Clifford held a Gold Life membership in the Eugene M. Connor Post 193 and was a charter member in 1962. He was a member since Aug. 3, 1981 in the Lt. Frederick Wilder White Post

#2158 VFW. He was past president of the Murdock Alumni Association in 1952; past president of Winchendon Kiwanis Club in 1961. Cliff was also a chairman of the Winchendon School Committee, a director of the former Marquette Credit Union, serving as its president from 1990-92 until the merger between Marquette Credit Union and GFA in 1993. Clifford is a past Supervisory Committee member of the GFA.

Clifford was a communicant of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and served as an usher for many years.

He leaves his wife of 69 years Theresa N. (Lebel) Beauvais; six children: Linda B. Fenlason and her husband James of Springfield, Joyce M. Beauvais of Winchendon, James C. Beauvais and his wife Phyllis of Rindge, Joanne B. Slavin and her husband Gary of Charlotte, NC, Lisa A. Beauvais of Winchendon and Christopher J. Beauvais of Winchendon; 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce St.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon are Friday, March 10, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. Members of Eugene M. Connor Post American Legion will conduct a Legion Service at 6:30 p.m.

Interment will be at a later date in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Renovation Fund, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon, MA 01475.



## Leonard J. Charbonneau



WINCHENDON — Leonard J. Charbonneau of Winchendon died peacefully at home Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

He was born in Springfield, the son of Leonard Charbonneau and Gladys (Fisher) Michaud.

Leonard was a heavy equipment operator for Winchendon Highway Department, Roger Dines Construction and retired from Pitcherville Sand and Gravel. He was a lifetime member of Winchendon Rod and Gun Club and enjoyed salt water fishing, cooking and spending time with his family and dog, Andy.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Angeline (Agnelli) Charbonneau; two daughters, Brenda Hamel and her husband Denis of Otter River and Karen Parks and her husband Corey of Winchendon; two sons, Leonard Charbonneau and his wife Cheryl of Templeton and Brian Charbonneau and his wife Tamie of Winchendon; eight grandchildren, Amanda Hamel of Otter River, Ryan and Karisa

Bussiere of Tennessee, Trevor LaPerle of Winchendon, Jacqueline Bussiere of Winchendon, Chad Charbonneau of Templeton, Kyle Charbonneau and his wife Vanessa of Templeton, Cody Charbonneau of Winchendon and James and Maryssa Charbonneau of Athol. He also leaves six great grandchildren, Ava, Dawson, Alexis, Joseph, Anthony and Blake; seven brothers and sisters, Gladys Charbonneau of CN, Ellen and Paul LeClair of Holyoke, George and Christine Michaud of Georgia, Hector Michaud of New Hampshire, Michael and Tess Michaud of Winchendon, Betty Ann Michaud of Worcester and Brenda Ann Michaud of Florida. He was predeceased by a sister Carol Higgins of Winchendon. Leonard also leaves many nieces and nephews and a very special friend Richard "Dick" Caron.

At the request of the family, there will be no calling hours or service.

Memorial donations may be made to GVNA Hospice 34 Pearly Lane, Gardner, MA 01440 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

## Virginia M. (MacArthur) Hassam, 86



GARDNER — Virginia M. (MacArthur) Hassam, age 86, of 123 Cherry St., passed away Friday, March 3, 2017, after a period of declining health.

Born May 11, 1930 in Medford, she was the daughter of the late Fred W. and Mary F. (Nagle) MacArthur. She graduated from Medford High School in 1948 and went on to graduate from Pierce Secretarial School, Boston, after which she was employed with Eastern Gas and Fuel Co. as an accounts payable manager.

She enjoyed volunteering her time reading to children at the library's story hour. She will be remembered as a caring and nurturing mother to her daughters and granddaughter, as well as to her nieces and nephew.

Ginny is survived by her two daughters, Paula Hassam of Gardner and Jennifer H. (Hassam) Kirwan and her husband Wayne of Winchendon; her cherished granddaughter Haleigh K. Kirwan of Winchendon, her brother Paul F. MacArthur of Ashland, and her

sister-in-law Lila MacArthur of Oviedo, FL. She was predeceased by her infant daughter Laurie A. Hassam in 1966 and by her brother Fred W. MacArthur Jr.

Ginny also leaves behind her beloved nieces Rosemary (Maloney) Lusk, Lauren (MacArthur) Montenegro, Lynne (MacArthur) Atkinson, Leila (MacArthur) Manti and Freda (MacArthur) Lee and a treasured nephew Steven Maloney.

She was predeceased by her husband of 38 years, Eugene N. Hassam, in 1991. Ginny and Gene graciously welcomed and enjoyed many international visitors at their home during his career at Simplex Time Recorder Co.

A Celebration of Ginny's life was held Thursday, March 9, 2017 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. Rev. Francis A. Roberge officiated.

Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery at a later date.

At her request, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Make A Wish Foundation, 1 Bulfinch Place 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

## Patricia T. O'Donnell, 88

MARLBOROUGH — Patricia T. O'Donnell, age 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 3 at Marlborough Hills surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Boston, the daughter of Joseph F. and Mary F. (Monahan) Wallace, and had lived many years in Hudson. She was the loving wife of the late Hudson Police Sgt. Charles W. O'Donnell. She is survived by her two daughters, Kathleen Headberg of Marlborough, and Maureen Giancola and her companion, Bob Brennan of Stow; her six grandchildren, Stephanie Keane and her husband, Adam of Berlin, Corey Headberg of Marlborough, Gina Dansin and her husband, John of Winchendon, Randy Giancola of Marlborough, Eric Headberg of Hudson, and Rebecca Provencher and her husband, Justin of Hudson; four great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Sharon Girard; her sister, Dorothea Tracey; and her brother, Hugh Wallace.

Patricia was a member of St. Michaels Church. She enjoyed going to Bingo, going out to eat with family and friends, and taking care of her home. She loved raising her family. Her great joy was traveling with Charles after he retired, and spending time with her family.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, March 6 in St. Michaels Church, 21 Manning Street, Hudson. Burial followed in Forestvale Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of the Tighe Hamilton Funeral Home, 50 Central Street, Hudson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130.

## Lore (Kuhn) Tenney, 89



WINCHENDON — Lore (Kuhn) Tenney, age 89, of Winchendon, died Monday, Feb. 27, at Broadview Assisted Living, after an illness.

She was born Nov. 23, 1927, in Khe Durlach, Germany, daughter of the late Karl and Karoline (Henkenhaf) Kuhn. Mrs. Tenney met her husband, Richard, in Germany. She has lived in Winchendon for the past 55 years. Mrs. Tenney was a hairstylist for 50 years and owned Lore's Beauty Salon for many years. She attended Cornerstone Church in Winchendon. She enjoyed family, sports, especially swimming, gardening, sewing, and was a phenomenal cook.

Her husband of 43 years, Richard E. Tenney, died in 2004. She was predeceased by two brothers, Karl Kuhn and Dieter Heinz Kuhn, and three sisters, Lotte Bonz (Kuhn), Else Mlodoch (Kuhn) and Renate Kuhn.

She leaves, four sisters-in-law, Carol Murphy, Nancy Lillie, Gloria Moylan, and Elizabeth Duval, all of Winchendon; several nieces and nephews in the United States and Germany.

A service will be held Friday, April 7, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at Cornerstone Church, 122 Gardner Road, Winchendon. Burial will follow at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

Fletcher-Hebert Funeral Home, a Mack Family Funeral Home (mackfamilyfh.com), 70 Pleasant St., Winchendon, is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Lawrence J. Driscoll, 86



JAFFREY — Lawrence J. Driscoll, age 86, of 93 Peterborough St., formerly of Waltham and Tewksbury, died peacefully Thursday evening, March 2, 2017 in Edith Nourse Rogers Veterans

Administration Hospital, Bedford, with his wife at his side.

He was born in Boston on Feb. 11, 1931, son of the late Lawrence J. and Mary (Gibbons) Driscoll and grew up in the Lakeview area of Waltham. After serving with distinction in the military, he lived in Tewksbury from 1964 to 1985 and had lived in Jaffrey since 1985.

Lawrence served in both the United States Army and the United States Air Force. He served in the Korean War in a long range reconnaissance unit with the 1st Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment. He earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star medal with valor device, the Korean War Service medal with three bronze stars, United Nations Service medal, National Defense Service medal, Republic of Korea Service medal and the Purple Heart medal.

Following his military career, Mr. Driscoll worked as a medical equip-

ment repair technician for the United States Army from Cutler Army Hospital and the Edith Nourse Rogers Medical Center in Bedford. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and automotive repair.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Patricia (Lynch) Driscoll; three sons, Lawrence Driscoll and his wife Cindy of Deridder, LA, Sean Driscoll and his wife Patricia of Gainesville, VA, and Kevin Driscoll of Jaffrey, a brother Alan Driscoll of Chesapeake, VA, six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a daughter Lynn Graham, who died in 2009, and a brother Frederick Driscoll.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, March 10, 2017 at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home (stone-ladeau.com), 343 Central Street, Winchendon, MA are Friday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. preceding the funeral.

Burial, with military honors, will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.



## Lorraine M. (Avena) LeClear Marsh, 83



SWANZEY, NH — Lorraine M. (Avena) LeClear Marsh, age 83, of 185 Monadnock Highway, died peacefully Monday afternoon, March 1, 2017 at her residence with her family at her side.

She was born in Boston on Nov. 1, 1933, daughter of the late John A. and Mary (Rosati) Avena and was raised in South Boston. Lorraine was a 1951 graduate of South Boston High School and Bay State College. Lorraine was a resident of Swanzezy for the last two years and had been a long time resident of Rockland and Quincy. Before moving to Swanzezy, she had resided in Fitzwilliam for six years.

Lorraine worked for the Department of Health and Hospitals as a dental coordinator for the city of Boston until her retirement. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary, Fitzwilliam Garden Club, and was past

president of St. Augustine Guild and Laboure Mothers Club. Lorraine was also a member and past president of the New England Grotto Association and a member and past president of Taleb Grotto. She enjoyed cooking.

She leaves her husband, Myles E. Marsh; two daughters, Michele Madjerec and her husband Carl of Rindge and Denise Bicknell of Kansas, ten grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren; two brothers, John Avena of Ohio and Robert A. Avena of FL; two sisters, Frances Tuttle of Quincy and Sally Cornett of Las Vegas and many nieces and nephews. A sister Jean Rabidau, predeceased her.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 2 p.m. in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central St., Winchendon. A calling hour will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. preceding the funeral.

Burial will be in Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallan St., Winchendon.

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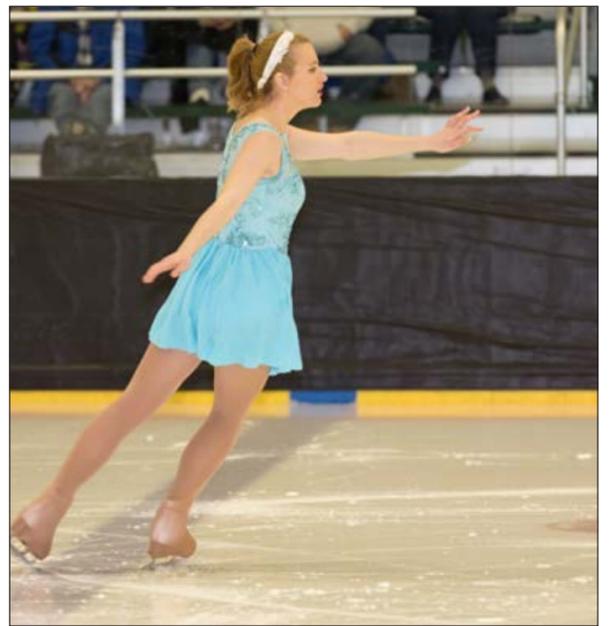


# SPORTS

## Grace on ice

Jeff Millman photos

The annual Winchendon Skate Club show last weekend at the Ritchie Rink at the Winchendon School was as always a visual delight. From the tiniest beginner to the accomplished ice dancers, the afternoon showcased amazing talent.




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## And the winner will be...?

Yes, the World Baseball Classic is underway. No, I haven't watched much of it. Have you? The concept itself, sort of a mini-Olympics, is pretty good. The problem is the timing, right as spring training gears up. Admittedly, I don't know when a better time would be — conducting the tournament after the MLB season isn't practical because a lot of guys who play in the WBC are, by October/November, tired and banged up and want to rest. Additionally, no general manager or manager wants their pitchers still throwing after the 162-game marathon plus several weeks of post-season play and the month of exhibition games which preceded Opening Day. The positive angle of the timing is that guys who might not have otherwise gotten a lot of innings in Florida and Arizona are getting looks.

Speaking of tournaments, we're

two days away from Selection Sunday when we find out who will comprise the 68-school field for this year's NCAA tournament. There's no standout favorite. You can make a plausible argument for as many as a dozen teams and your analysis would be considered completely rational. We all love the first Thursday/Friday upsets but come early April, it's rare for any mid-majors to still be around. It does happen — George Mason, Butler (twice) and VCU all made runs to the Final Four the last dozen years, but that's just four teams of a possible 48 and no, Gonzaga is not a mid-major anymore by any stretch of the imagination.



TALKING SPORTS

JERRY CARTON

You want to call it Kansas or Villanova or UCLA or Oregon or Carolina or whomever? Be my guest. If I had to go out on a limb, I'll tell you Villanova will become a reasonably rare repeat champion. It's not that the Wildcats are dominant, it's just that they've been as steady as anyone in a season where no one has stood out and they've been there before and so why not? The men's tournament ain't the women's where the result is pretty much pre-ordained with the only question being whom UConn will dispatch in the championship game, South Carolina, Notre Dame, Maryland, Stanford being the most likely sacrificial lambs.

As for the men's season, it was fun to watch Duke struggle for a while. It was not fun to see Blue Devil guard Grayson Allen never be substantially punished for being a genuinely repeat offender dirty player. I think coach K, you know, the supposed sainted one, sat him for one meaningless game. That's sending a message. Or not. At some point the

kid will get his deserved come-uppance. It was fun to watch Maryland start three freshmen all year and deliver a surprising 24-7 record. It was fun to watch Georgetown come up empty yet again, firing up demands coach John Thompson III be canned. Not happening. The joke is Georgetown is the North Korea of college hoops with the rotund son of the legendary dictator being job-safe for life. That's not too far-fetched an analogy. Big John II may not be the AD or university president or chairman of the trustees board but he's, well, he's Big John. Any more questions?

In any event, March Madness is upon us and if you work for Warren Buffet, you've got even more reason to be excited. The multi-billionaire is offering any employee in his company a million bucks annually for life if they turn in a perfect bracket. I'm thinking that's a pretty safe offer. What are the odds? How can you factor in the luck? Can you really pinpoint the right upsets next week? Then again, what's a million to Buffet?

So here we go. Again, I'll eat the semi-chalk and take 'Nova, which is also how I prefer my lox. You?

## Grant benefits dek hockey program

WINCHENDON — The American Street Hockey Institute, run out of Mylec, Inc on Route 140 has received a \$1,000 grant from what's technically known as the Harvard-Pilgrim Health Care Foundation.

"We're appreciative," acknowledged Mylec boss Ricky Laperriere who took time out from preparing for the upcoming dek hockey season which begins April 1, to talk about the award.

"That was very generous of them," he said. "It's nice when these things, unexpected things, happen."

Harvard-Pilgrim employee Kelly Foley along with Nicholas Ramos nominated American Street Hockey. The Foundation created the Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant Program to honor the memories of Harvard-Pilgrim employees who died in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The program

allows each employee to donate \$500, paid by the Foundation to the local charity of their choice every year. Foley and Ramos selected ASHI, the first time a Winchendon-based business has been the recipient. Since the program was launched in 2002, more than \$5.2 million has been donated to organizations throughout New England.

"It was very thoughtful," added Laperriere. Meanwhile, sign ups are ongoing for the soon-to-start season. "We're excited," said Laperriere about the seventh season. "It's been really successful."

There are six age groupings for boys and girls (Chipmunk, 4-6 year olds; Penguin 7-9; Beaver, 10-12; Cadet, 13-15, Freshman 16-18, and Men's 18 and older) and so far, five separate women's teams, which begin play April 9, have been formed as well.

"We're thinking about a co-ed 18-plus league too,

if there's enough interest," noted Laperriere.

"We might even try an over 40-league. Or maybe over 35," he laughed.

Coaches and referees are needed as well. "The program has really grown. People seem to love it," enthused Laperriere.

While the spring season is just around the corner, teams from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania have already signed up for the annual summer tournament and plans are well underway for a trip to a June tourney in the Czech Republic.

"It's going to be a busy season, seasons," he noted.

Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.dekhockey.com](http://www.dekhockey.com), found on National Dek Hockey Center's Facebook page or filled out at the rink at 37 Commercial Drive. The phone number is 978 297-0088

## Tough loss takes Murdock out

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Last Thursday the Murdock Blue Devils traveled to Turners Falls to take on the Indians, looking to come away with a win in their second consecutive play-off game. But the final three minutes of the game found the Indians dominating after trading buckets throughout the game; and the Turners Falls team managed a 73-63 victory.

Jared Nelson got the Devils offense going, with the first 2-0 lead; but Turners Falls would beat back to a 5-4 lead within a couple of minutes. Spencer Pelkey eked out a point lead for his team, making it 6-5 with a little over four minutes left in the quarter.

On the next possession, Nick Roy drew a foul and make the basket to put the Devils up by four to 9-5. LJ Hicks got a two to expand it to 11-5 and then it was a quick run, with a score of 17-13 ending

the first quarter.

John Murphy would add six, being their largest lead of the night at 23-17, but the Indians would not be denied, regaining the lead toward the end of the second quarter and heading into the locker rooms at 28-27 in their favor.

It was a lead trade for the second half all the way up to four minutes left in the game, and that's when the Indians took it over for good, eliminating the Blue Devils from the playoffs.

Scoring were Roy with 19, Hicks with 17, Nelson with 12, Pelkey with six, Murphy, Zach Richards and Ross O'Toole with four points each and Tyler Cota managed a single point.

Coach Matt O'Malley admitted, "It was a tough one. You never want to end your season with a loss, I mean every team does, but I'm proud of these guys. They gave me everything they had."

"We made great strides this year, and I hope it carries on next year."

## Steps prior to hiring an estate sale company

In past columns I've discussed differences between auctioning items and having an estate sale. I've also provided some tips on hiring an estate sale company. Some of the most important decisions that an estate personal representative makes should take place before they hire an estate sale company though.

Securing the property is extremely important. A past client had a family member who transitioned from her home to assisted living. She was very well liked in the area and gave several of the neighbors keys to her home. There were also family members who felt that they were entitled to some of the personal property that were seen peering through the windows. When they explained this to me, I recommended changing the locks immediately. The family also posted no trespassing signs. Additional measures such as portable security cameras and alarms may be used if needed.

With a few exceptions, don't throw anything out! Items from bath towels to cars can be sold at an estate sale. If in doubt, leave it to the estate sale company to determine whether or not something should be discarded. However, you may remove any personal papers, family photos and financial paperwork that you find. Make sure that the company that you hire will save any others that they find for you.

Don't have a yard sale yourself, sell your items online or invite other buyers to the estate before you call the estate sale company. If you are hiring an experienced company, they will know how to price items. You should rely on their expertise. Sellers often under price their valuable items. You also don't want to sell the better items and then not have enough for an estate sale company to run your sale. You may not find an estate sale company willing to run your sale if many of the valuable items have been sold and there is not enough personal property left to make it profitable for the company. If you have antiques this is even more important. Word travels quickly in the antiques community. Dealers and collectors may not attend the sale if they learn that many of the items were previously sold. Heirs should remove any items that won't be included in the sale from the



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home prior to the event. If items can't be removed, it is best to place them in a room or closet than can be taped off so that people attending the sale don't open it.

If a car or other motor vehicle is sold, look for the title or have the estate sale company look for it if you are unable. Any receipts that you find can help with pricing and may make buyers more comfortable with their purchase.

If you decide to move forward with the sale, most estate sale companies will have a clause in their contract to charge a fee for any items that are removed from the sale.

They calculate their fees based upon what is in the house when the contract is signed. Make sure to remove any items that won't be part of the sale prior to signing the contract and make sure that other heirs have removed their items as well. Handling an estate is never an easy job but these guidelines can make it less overwhelming.

We will be auctioning a milk bottle collection and other dairy collectibles with many from local dairies on April 27th in Worcester. See [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for more information on this and additional upcoming events.

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### INDUSTRY MATCH

AIS, Inc., a multi-million dollar office furniture manufacturer based in central Massachusetts will be hosting an Industry Match-Making event at their state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Leominster. The company will be seeking to meet with small businesses throughout New England who provide services and/or materials to the manufacturing industry. The event will be held on Thursday, March 16 8:30am-noon. Advanced registration is required in order to participate in the event. Small business representatives interested in expanding their business opportunities with AIS, Inc. can register online at <https://tinyurl.com/AISMeetGreet>

#### JOB SEEKERS

Job Seekers Networking Group hosted by North Central Career Center and Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce. Meetings are open to all job seekers and are held on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. at the Chamber conference room, 29 Parker St. 2nd floor, Gardner. Contact the Chamber at (978) 632-1780.

### EMPLOYERS

These help wanted ads are FREE! Contact the Courier to find out how to get help for your business by calling (978) 297-0050 x 100 or email [ruth@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:ruth@stonebridgepress.news).

#### FOR RENT

##### ROOMS FOR RENT

Downtown Winchendon, immediate occupancy: located on second floor in secured, peaceful, friendly, well maintained, quiet & drug free building. Independent group of older gentlemen to co-habitat, hallway & bath facilities are shared. 1 parking space, dumpster use, heat/HW included, electric included (except AC in summer). \$475 per month. References, income verification, first & last to move in. Applications available: Dick's Place Barbershop, 298 Central St. (978) 297-2281.

#### GOODRICH APARTMENTS

Now taking applications. Call for guidelines. (978) 297-0231. TFN

#### WANTED WANTED

Motorcycles, ATVs, scooters. Cash paid for good deals. (978) 297-1800. 11.1.16

#### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Drum teacher Leon LaPlante seeks used instruments and drum stands to help out high school students. (978) 297-1250.



**Executive Director**

Heywood Wakefield Commons, a 78 apartment assisted living community, is seeking an Executive Director. The ideal candidate will be responsible for hospitality services, directing the operation, staff retention, census development and maintaining compliance with all state and federal regulations. This results oriented individual with demonstrated administrative experience must have professional verbal and written communication skills, a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and at least one year experience working with the elderly. We offer a wonderful work environment that takes pride in its employees, and a competitive salary with excellent benefits. EOE CORI required.

Please send resume with cover letter to:

Heywood Wakefield Commons, Attn: Thomas McMullen  
50 Pine Street, Gardner, MA 01440  
or email: [tmcmullen@christopherheights.com](mailto:tmcmullen@christopherheights.com)

## LEGALS

### 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 Beverly A. Laprade to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated August 16, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37079, Page 100 of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-10 is the present holder by assignment from Option One Mortgage Corporation to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, 2005-10 dated August 30, 2007 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42111, Page 221 and assignment from U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust 2005-10 to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-10 dated January 8, 2013 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50354, Page 207, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 115 East Monomac Road, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00PM on March 24, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on East Monomac Road in the northeasterly part of Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the easterly line of the road leading by the easterly side of Lake Monomac from East Rindge NH to said Winchendon and by the big dam, so-called, said pipe being at the land now or formerly of Joseph E. Roy et ux; Thence southerly on said road fifty (50) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of one Horrigan; Thence easterly by said Horrigan land two hundred (200) feet to an iron pin; Thence northerly fifty (50) feet to said land of Joseph E. Roy et ux; Thence westerly by said land of Joseph E. Roy et ux two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning.

Also granting the right to pass and re-pass to Lake Monomac over a strip of land 10 feet wide across Lot A on Plan 38, Plan Book 45 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Lot A being the premises conveyed to Norman W. Estabrook et ux by deed of Emma Stevenson dated August 27, 1962 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 4310, Page

166; said 10-foot strip being bounded on the south by Lot B on said Plan, on the west by Lake Monomac, on the north by a portion of Lot A on said Plan and on the east by the road leading from Winchendon to Rindge New Hampshire.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37079, Page 98.

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., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 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.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-10 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Laprade, Beverly A., 14-019561, March 3, 2017, March 10, 2017, March 17, 2017 March 3, 2017 March 10, 2017 March 17, 2017

#### Town of Winchendon - Planning Board

##### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40A, The Winchendon Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:35p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium (second floor), 109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 to consider the following proposed amendments to the zoning bylaw:

A. To amend Article 5.1 Basic Requirements by adding new section entitled Additional Requirements Adding the following: *Any proposed*

*use may be subject to the Site Plan Review provision of this Bylaw per Article 12.*

B. To amend Article 5.2.1 Residential Uses for the Planned Development District to allow the following as a *use permitted as a matter of right*: 5.2.1.A. Single family detached dwelling, 5.2.1.B. Two family attached dwelling and 5.2.1.H. Accessory dwelling unit. C. To amend Article 5.2.2 Commercial Uses for the Planned Development District to read 5.2.2A Retail store or larger scale retail services *larger than 15,001 sq. ft. including sales room or market for sale of merchandise to the public and to be allowed by a matter of right*, 5.2.2B Small scale retail services *that does not exceed 15,000 sq. ft. such as barbershop, dry cleaning, tailoring, shoe repair, caterer, print shop, photography, crafts and to be allowed by a matter of right*, 5.2.2C. Convenience *without gas station and to be allowed by a matter of right*.

D. To amend Article 5.2.2 Commercial Uses for the C2 - Neighborhood District to allow 5.2.2P. Self-service storage facility as a *use permitted as a matter of right*.

E. To amend Article 12 2.1E to read: Any use requiring a special permit in accordance with section 5.2 Schedule of Use Regulations if required by the Board of Appeals *and does not qualify for an exemption under Article 12.3 of the Zoning Bylaws*.

Copies of the draft revisions are available to be viewed in the office of the Department of Planning and Development Room 17, Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon during normal business hours. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Alternative translation and accommodation for disabled persons is available by advance request to the department at (978) 297-5410 By: Guy C. Corbosiero Chairman Winchendon Planning Board March 3, 2017 March 10, 2017

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### NOTICE OF A PHASE I INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER CLASSIFICATION

155 Mill Circle,  
Winchendon Massachusetts 01475  
RTN 2-19250

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), an Initial Site Investigation has been performed at the above referenced location.

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). This site has been classified as Tier 2, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. Response actions at this site will be conducted by Brandywine Farms, Inc. which has employed Cooperstown Environmental, James T. Curtis, LSP, to manage response actions in

accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.000). M.G.L. c. 21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan provide additional opportunities for public notice of and involvement in decisions regarding response actions at disposal sites:

1. The Chief Municipal Official and Board of Health of the community in which the site is located will be notified of major milestones and events, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1403; and
2. Upon the receipt of a petition from ten or more residents of the "municipality in which the disposal site is located, or of a municipality potentially affected by a disposal site, a plan for involving the public in decisions regarding response actions at the site will be prepared and implemented, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1405.

To obtain more information on this disposal site and opportunities for public involvement during its remediation, please contact James T. Curtis, PE, LSP, President, Cooperstown Environmental LC, 23 Main Street, Andover, MA 01810 at 978-470-4755. March 10, 2017

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

##### The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO17P0541EA

Estate of:  
**John P. Brehio**  
Also Known As:  
**John Pershing Brehio**  
Date Of Death: February 19, 2004  
**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lisa Brehio-Robinson of Stamford CT

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Lisa Brehio-Robinson of Stamford CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

March 10, 2017

**GREASED**

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Kristi Iannacone directed the talented cast and crew along with musical director Aly Galipeau, artistic director Maureen Provost, and assistant director Marcus Provost.

Kaileen Dibble and Aidan Provost starred as Sandy Dumbrowski and Danny Zuko. The cast also included Alyssa LaBrack (Betty Rizzo), Alex Marshall (Kenickie), Zachary Cardarelli (Doody), Jack Newbrough (Roger), Molly Murphy

(Marty), Maria Polcari (Jan), Michaela Benedict (Frenchy), Tom Aho (Sonny Latierra), Emily Smith (Patty Simcox), Lindsey Smith (Charlene Digregorio), Aidan DeHays (Eugene Florczyk), Robyn Ufema (Miss Lynch), Patrick Cortis (Teen Angel/Johnny Casino), and William Iannacone (Vince Fontaine). The Pink Ladies were played by Hanna Seghir, Izaria Alcantara, and Marisa Losurdo. The Beauty School Drop Out Choir/Students consisted of Kaylee Fleurant,

Britney Jackson, Cassidy Stadfeld, Elyssa Boucher, Lyanna Laford, Lindsey Gemme, Lindsey Smith, and Brianna St. Pierre. Rydell High Students were Shyla Palmer, James Murdock, Mathew Cassavant, Owen Benedict, and Brandon Newbrough.

The cast had the accompaniment of a live pit band consisting of Cody Arington, Ian Galipeau, Scott Ryder, Sam Vendt, and Caela Provost.

Without the support and dedication of the crew behind the scenes, the play would not have

been the success it was. Building/set coordinator, David LaBrack, worked along with Kris Provost, Dean Iannacone, Rob Marshall, and Jeff Smith to build the retro sets. Kris Provost, Dean Iannacone, and Becky Benedict were the Jack of all Trades. Rob Marshall and David LaBrack worked as electricians. Artistic and Mural were under control of Laura LaBrack and Maureen Provost. Katie McKellick worked on graphic design, Gail Braman and LaNette Palmer worked on costumes, and Robin

and Alexa Steinbring did photography.

Jason Bourgoin was the back stage manager, and Martin Johnson was dubbed the "MacGyver of Theater." Backstage crew included Sean Wilson, Trent Pare, Anastasia LaRose, Mateo DeLaRosa, and Keenan Mckenney. Tech crew consisted of Jordan Manuel, Victoria Lemire, and Nicole Lemire on lights/sound, and Arianna Dibble and Wyatt Cardarelli on spot lights.

Larua Marshall handled tickets and marketing, Laura Woodbury

handled house, and Laura LaBrack handled sets and marketing. Mary Ellen Mansfield was the "Queen of Concessions" and Dom Iannacone was director in training.

The time and effort everyone brought into making the production of Grease a success was well worth while. From the opening act to the closing reprise of We Go Together, it was evident that the talented cast and crew truly belonged together.

**PROVOST**

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with the growth of the book.

"I also really like the idea of writing within the characters in a small town and how that played out, and how it played out in their communities, so that was very important to me."

And the characters played a big part too.

"I have two very strong characters in my novel, one is Vera and she is the female protagonist, the other is Atticus, the male protagonist and they both play equally important roles. I wanted to make sure I highlighted that, because I feel in this day and age just making sure there are strong women and strong men in literature for young people is important."

And as to writing the book itself?

"I wrote my first draft my senior year in college. It took me about six months to write a full draft, but since then, and keep in mind that was 2010, since then I have rewritten the drafts, edited, changed characters around and made sure I made them all sound real and concrete; as opposed to making them larger than life or too perfect."

"I had that first draft in 2010, this draft, this final, at the end of 2016."

Is this the first of many, is this going to be a career for her? Provost is fairly certain it is.

"This is the only book I have right now, but I'm planning on writing a trilogy with these characters. So, I'm currently working on the outlines and so on for the second book and then the third book is sort of a twinkle in my eye."

"It's in my imagination and everything, but the second one is something I'm working on right now. So there should be three."

**CHAMPNEY**

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awaiting his chance to return to the academy, Champney did some "shift work" and also worked as a dispatcher.

Once Similia graduated from the academy and became a permanent member of the department, it was Champney's turn to go to West Boylston, where the training to become a full-time officer can be intense. After 900 hours of class-work and physical training, he earned his place as a full-fledged member

of the Winchendon police force.

A career as a police officer was hardly predetermined.

Upon graduating from Gardner High School in 2000, Champney attended Worcester State College as a chemistry major. He graduated with a bachelor degree in science in 2006.

A dearth of jobs in his chosen field of expertise locally led Champney to go to work as a mechanic at Riverside Auto Recycling in Gardner. The business is owned by his father.

While working at

Riverside, Champney became friends with several members of the Gardner Police Department. It was after speaking to them that he decided going into police work would be a good career move.

Walsh has nothing but praise for his new officer, saying Champney has the drive and demeanor necessary in present-day law enforcement.

As for Champney, he says he likes the community policing aspect of the job, adding that he particularly enjoys getting to know Winchendon's young people.

**CALENDAR**

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**BIG ORANGE MS BENEFIT:** the Big RandOm will play at the annual benefit against multiple sclerosis at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 8 p.m. Dance the night away to the classic rock hits of the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s! Admission \$5, dancing is free. BIG raffles with BIG prizes! Wear orange and get 3 free raffle tickets. TBR Karaoke Fundraiser: pick a song for \$5, or sing with the band for \$10. See all you rockers there!

**Y.M.C.A. BOWLING EXTRAVAGANZA:** at Playaway Lanes, two sessions to choose from: 1:30-3:30 p.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. \$12 per person or \$55 per lane up to five people. \$5 bowl off competition at beginning of each session. Pizza & drinks available for purchase. Supports the Clark Memorial YMCA annual support campaign.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**  
**OPEN MIC:** at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.  
**OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN:** Our Neighbor's Kitchen, Winchendon's Community Supper, is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St.

Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked home-style from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door, contributions from Winchendon churches and organizations, and many hard-working volunteers.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**  
**DEADLINE DAY:** GALA 2017 spring photography exhibit, calling ALL photographers!!

Entry deadline: Sunday, April 2. Register: www.galagardner.org

**MEAT SHOOT:** American Legion Auxiliary Post 193 hosts a meat shoot beginning at 2 p.m. Side raffles, including lottery, 50/50 and a gift basket. Never been? Come learn how to win with just a trio of cards, a handful of markers and a bit of luck.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**  
**MAY BASKET WORKSHOP:** FREE workshop, open to everyone. Keep the tradition going! 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery, 135 Front St. Please

register so we have enough materials: www.galagardner.org.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9**  
**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY!** At the United Parish from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Pack 193's annual Pancake Breakfast! All you can eat pancakes plus sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee! Come visit with the Easter Bunny and have pictures taken. Adults - \$7 Kids 10 and Under - \$5 Families of 4 or more - \$20. All proceeds benefit local Cub Scouts.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**  
**GOLDEN AGERS:** the Golden Agers hold a meeting at 2 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. K9 Clyde, with Officer Jim Wirmonen and Chief David Walsh intend to be hand.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION:** Beals Memorial Library has a book club that meets at 5:45 p.m. the second Thursday each month, the next meeting is Thursday April 13 Books are available at the library.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
**GALA ART EXHIBIT:** opening reception and art awards at Old Murdock Senior Center 2nd floor auditorium, 52 Murdock Ave. 2-5 p.m. More Info: www.galagardner.org

**EARTH DAY:** in Winchendon, roll off dumpster will again be sited on Pleasant Street 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Seeking volunteers and donations toward drinks and snacks for workers. Clean up a street, clean up an acre, help keep our town green.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
**ANNIVERSARY BLOW OUT:** the 10th anniversary of Fire & Iron will be celebrated with the annual spring blow out at American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. beginning at 7 p.m. Come help us celebrate!

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**  
**OPENING NIGHT:** GALA 2017 annual spring Art Show with live music opening reception and art awards 6-9 p.m. Show and reception at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Show runs May 19-21. More info and to enroll, www.galagardner.org.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**  
**COLLAGE WORKSHOP:** Instructor: Jill Pottle will teach a class on collage 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the GALA Arts Gallery, 135 Front St. For more information and to register visit www.galagardner.org.



Keith Kent photos

**A stock pile of more than 400 concrete foundation blocks still exist on the property, a remainder from the SunEdison company who started the solar project then went bankrupt.**

**SOLAR**

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and sewer departments.

The solar array when finished will be completely fenced in for safety, legal, and insurance purposes. With the main entrance to the transfer station located on River Street, the site is surrounded by woodland areas bordered by Brooks Road to the west, Royalston Road North to the north, and Brown Street to the east.

The site has long been plagued with illegal operation of both 4-wheel ATV and dirt bikes, which is easily viewed on a raised banking on the easterly portion of the project site both by tracks in the sand, and even visible off in the distance during normal transfer station hours. The required fence enclosing the entire array should serve to protect against any unforeseen wheeled vehicle accidents.

A walk around the northwest exterior perimeter outside of the current hard-hat area yielded a discovery. As both a reminder and remainder of the pre-existing and now defunct agreement with former project contractor SunEdison, are some 415 large concrete blocks still located on town property measuring 8'

long x 3' wide x 1.5' in. Each block equals 36 cubic feet of concrete weighing up to roughly two tons each depending on the mixture.

As of this time, both ownership, availability, and the outcome of what is to be done with the 415 blocks is in limbo due to bankruptcy filing of SunEdison, and the town's then need to seek a different contract with current Onyx Renewable Partners. It also should be noted both the previous contract and the resulting blocks existed before Hickey was hired.

SunEdison filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection April 26, 2016. At the time of filing listed assets of \$20.7 billion, and liabilities of \$16.1 billion. As of the day of its filing, its stock which once had a high of over \$33 per share, dropped to just 34¢ per share.

Hickey was asked if the town owned the blocks, which had been on town property for some time. Hickey replied, "No, those are not ours, at this point they simply are not ours. I think public works would like to get their hands on some of them. I am hoping to talk to someone from Onyx maybe next week, and ask them if there is an opportunity there to see what they are doing with all of them."

**HIGGINS**

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floor classroom, leaving Chloe in near-shock as her classmates applauded and cheered.

"I was very shocked. I had no idea," she gasped after embracing Eric and turned to face her smiling mom, aunt and other family members and fellow students.

"It's been a while," since they'd seen each other, Eric acknowledged. Here's how it happened:

A Templeton native, Eric graduated from Narragansett Regional High School last June and signed up for the Air Force, hoping to pursue a career in law enforcement, eschewing local collegiate opportunities because the military route would help pay future academic expenses, but even more because, "I always

knew I wanted to join the military. By my junior year, I lost 50 pounds, was running, doing push-ups, everything I could to get ready," and so last September he reported to Lackland; and recalled his arrival in Texas.

"The bus (carrying Eric and the other newcomers from the airport to Lackland), was absolutely silent," everyone lost in their own thoughts, he said. "And we sure recognized the drill instructors. They started yelling at us right away," he said with a wince.

The start may have been unsettling for the 18 year-old, but he persevered and the visit to Chloe came together in less than a week. Eric is slated to report to Minot, ND next week and his aunt Danielle, an MMS teacher, thought it would be wonderful surprise if he came to school. Eric

had flown home last Thursday and Danielle was ready to make it happen Friday.

"I really was," she laughed. Monday proved to be a better day though, and so the plan was hatched.

The secret was kept over the weekend, including by parents Robert and Lisa. When Chloe said she was "very shocked," she wasn't kidding. Others in the room, including district Superintendent Steve Haddad and MMS Assistant Principal Jess Vezina recognized the disbelief on the youngster's face.

"This was so great," she exclaimed after recovering her voice. But while she was elated to see Eric, Chloe made it clear she's not interested in following his lead.

"No military for me," she said firmly.

**KENT**

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Mr. President, when the White House backs you but your Senate Majority leader steps back, just like the Apollo 13 mission, "Houston, we have a problem." What on earth was our President thinking making a claim as powerful as he did would be acceptable without "Any factual evidence to back it up?" A claim as prolific as he alleged, cannot be made to the citizens of the United States of America unless you have immediate proof to support it either in print or electronic media.

If our president and his closest members of his administration by chance do have proof, "Which I doubt at this time" they should have done the responsible thing and "Kept their mouths closed until there was a proper way to present such said evidence."

For our President to make the lofty allegations without a proper roll out including confirmed factual data, and a mountain of evidence, was purely irresponsible, unprofessional, and quite frankly, unbecoming of the office of the POTUS.

I have stated and still support that every single President of the United States deserves a fair chance. I always

will. But when such unsubstantiated claims are raised of one president illegally wiretapping a presidential candidate to help their party win an election, there is no justification or excuse for that kind of conduct. Mr. President, from a citizen and tax payer, I ask either your present your proof immediately, or apologize to our former President, and the American people.

One of President Trump's greatest business talents is creating attention to one event or happening, to draw attention to another. While that is acceptable in the business world, this is not acceptable in government where you answer to "We the People." You are and will be held accountable for unprofessional conduct unbecoming of, and like it or not Mr. President, you do have to answer to "We the People."

There is an old saying that goes, "The most important qualification for being a successful business leader is the continuing ability to successfully blame others for your mistakes." Every time our president seems to not like what is going on or being said, he masterfully creates a diversion to draw attention away to another subject. This time, he may have very well gone too far. Please grow some thicker skin Mr. President, and put down the twitter account.



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