

Cumby to BOS: 'Tanks a lot'

BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — The building of a new Cumberland Farms convenience store and gas station at the corner of Central and Front streets — in the works for about two years now — continues to take baby steps toward the start of construction. The new facility will sit on the same site as that currently occupied by the chain's existing store. The parcel it will occupy, however, will be much larger than the current lot and construction of the new store will require the destruction of two historically significant, but seriously dilapidated,

structures — the long-vacant Joseph's Variety Store and the adjacent Fairbank house.

Because the number of gas customers is expected to spike significantly along with an increase in the number of pumps from two to six, the company also needs to install larger fuel storage tanks. To that end, the Board of Selectmen at their meeting Monday night held a public hearing on Cumberland Farms' request for permission to install two tanks holding a total of 32,000 gallons of gasoline and 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel. To make way for the new tanks, the three 8,000 gallon tanks now on site will have to

be removed.

Speaking on behalf of the company, Nathaniel Mahonen of Southborough-based Bohler Engineering, told the board the double-walled tanks are made of fiberglass and noted that double-walled product piping will also be used.

Mahonen added that all local, state, and federal regulations will be strictly adhered to.

The three tanks to be removed are currently located directly in front of the store on Front Street. The two new tanks will be placed approximately in the area now occupied by the fuel pumps used by patrons to fill the tanks of their

vehicles. Overflow containment and spill containment devices will also be installed. The site will be monitored 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

"The fire department will have final review and say of the actual construction plans for construction of the tanks and the installation of the tanks themselves," said Mahonen. They'll oversee the issuance of the removal permit for the existing tanks, as well as the installation permit for the new tanks. They'll also oversee over the annual operational permit that goes along with the facility itself."

Once details for the installation of the new tanks were provided, discussion turned to details of the overall plan for the site.

"We're also doing a lot of other things which we think will benefit the town," said Phil Lombardo, the attorney representing Cumberland Farms. "For instance we're greatly improving the drainage design for the area. We have to put a new drain line in some 100 feet away from the store in order to accommodate not only our drainage but also that coming from the town hall. We have

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Keith Kent photo

Robinson Broadhurst Foundation members and members of the town fire department including from left Don Van Etten, 'Bud' Fletcher, Charles 'Lad' McKenzie, Heather Clark, Chief Tom Smith, Ralph Beisler, Cindy Landanno, Glenn Hunt and 'Skip' Parks take time to look over the town's newest ambulance purchased with R-B funds.

Foundation again provides for town

BY KEITH KENT
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WINCHENDON — Once again the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation has generously provided a state of the art cardiac monitor and ambulance to the town; saving taxpayers \$246,000.

Chief Tom Smith explained, "We always run two ambulances. We are on track for over 2,000 calls this year, and more likely to be around 2,200. As with most departments, there is usually a 70/30 split between medical calls, and fire related calls. That seems to be the average for most departments."

The ambulance, which was placed in to service in the last week of August after being purchased, was the culmination of two years of donations by the foundation. Members of the foundation which serves the town of Winchendon, along with the towns of Stamford and Worcester, NY, met at the WFD to inspect the new ambulance.

Smith pointed out, "This new ambulance is one of a long line of donations provided for

the town of Winchendon by the foundation for just the WFD alone, not including all the other causes they have graciously supported locally. Robinson Broadhurst has also paid for the purchase of two engines, a quick attack truck, the chief's command vehicle, and also paid for two-thirds of our older ambulance. Even as recently as last year, the foundation purchased \$30,000 in equipment for our dive team. We can't say enough about how much they have done to help both the fire department and the community. The foundations support has been nothing short of exemplary and outstanding!"

Foundation members gathered around the new ambulance, some pointing out the newer model is larger than the previously replaced vehicle. Smith also pointed out the vehicle should be more durable, and last at least the next ten years.

According to its website, Robinson Broadhurst in addition to the WFD, also locally supports the Beals Memorial Library, Boy Scout Troop 35, House of Peace and Education,

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Annual 9/11 memorial solemn occasion

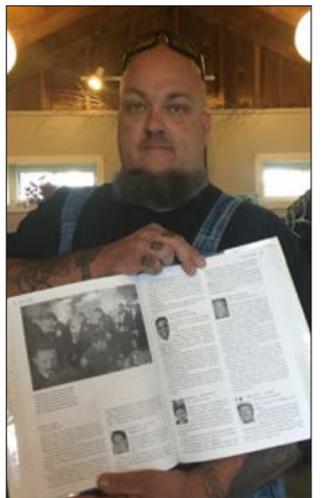
BY TARA VOCINO
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RINDGE — About 45 people who knew people killed or missing in action during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack came out on the 15th anniversary to remember those lost during a reverent reading at Cathedral of the Pines on Sunday.

The Remember-to-Remember September 11 memorial is a reverent reading of the names of the 2,977 people, who were killed by the terrorist attack against the United States on 9/11, the names of the five victims who perished as a result of the Boston Marathon bombing, and the 49 victims of the Orlando nightclub shooting.

In honor of the 15th anniversary of 9/11, there were two readings of the victim's names. The first reading began at 8:45 a.m. The second reading began at 1 p.m. Each reading took

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Tara Vocino photos

Phillipston resident Jason Boutelle holds up a picture of his friend Lt. Andrew A. Fredricks who is missing in action.



Ruth DeAmicis photo

Clues, clues everywhere, but not all of them lead to the truth. Just how would you figure out the right answers to escape from not one, but two locked rooms in under an hour?

First step taken in Marvin transition

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — The Zoning Board of Appeals last week voted to grant the Winchendon School's application for a special permit to convert the town's former Marvin School building into faculty housing. The building was last used as a school during the 2014-15 academic year when it was home to the high school's alternative Murdock Academy for Success. The school department transferred ownership of

the building to the town last summer.

The Winchendon School recently assumed ownership following the completion of a "land swap" with the town. The school took control of the Ash Street property, while the town assumed ownership of the approximately 47-acre Ingleside property that lies between Maple Street, and the shores of Whitney Pond. Several of the school's faculty members are currently living in the house at Ingleside and

will continue to occupy the home until the end of the current school year.

During the Sept. 7 public hearing on the school's special permit application, Leominster architect Brent Heinzer explained, "What we're looking to do is provide four studio apartments for faculty members. It's currently handicapped accessible on the first floor, the second floor is not. There'll be two handicapped apartments on the first

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Do you love a mystery?

WINCHENDON — Forget Pokemon-Go and the newest video games, taxing your brain for real is the challenge now.

The Winchendon Historic & Cultural Center has conjured up just the thing going into the fall season to meet that challenge too. The craze is the Escape Room. And using two rooms at the Isaac Morse house, the chance to find yourself in a dilemma to think your way through is just waiting.

You, and your teammates (it works better with a team) have

60 minutes to figure it out. As you bounce ideas off one another, you'll find that one thinks better in numbers, another sees answers in colors or shapes... and they all help.

You begin in one room, and if you figure it out correctly you get to open a second room, but you need both rooms to finally escape.

Think about the video games where you search for the treasures, solve the mysteries, find

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WEEKLY QUOTE

"Beware of the man who won't be bothered with details."
William Feather

End of industry: program discusses area's demise

REGION — For years, Nichols & Stone was the largest furniture factory in Gardner; and three employees amassed more than 84 of those years working there before it shuttered its doors for good in 2008. Dale Lucier, of Winchendon, Barbara Suchocki and Denis Boucher will be part of a panel with Robert Farrant, professor of history with UMass Lowell at the Gardner Museum Sept. 22.

Framing the context of growing up with that furniture industry, then the deindustrialization and its impact will help frame the context for the region; and the world.

Lucier, of Winchendon, started working at the Nichols and Stone furniture factory when she was a late teen. She says at the time she did not even know what was made there. After working at the iconic furniture manufacturer in Chair City for three decades years Lucier had basically grown up at Nichols and Stone. When the plant closed in 2008, she lost more than a job; she lost the relationships and identity she had been building her whole adult life.

"It was an emotional time," comments Lucier about her final days. "Everybody just kind of said good-bye. I walked out to my car carrying a box with some of my stuff and that was it. I always thought I'd

retire from there, no doubt in my mind. But, I'm glad I walked in there that first day and they hired me. I enjoyed going in there every day. It was just a good part of my life — 33 years of my life, I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Lucier, Suchocki, and Boucher are all participants in the Chair City Oral History Project, which is based out of a small community art center in downtown Gardner. It seeks to honor the recent memory of working in the industry that was the life blood the small north central Massachusetts city.

Tracie Pouliot, director of the project interviewed Lucier, Suchocki and Boucher in 2009, a year after the last large furniture manufacturing plant in Chair City closed down. Now she works with volunteers at the Chair City Community Workshop to transform interviews from furniture workers into hand bound books printed on a 1960s era letter press.

"After Nichols & Stone closed, I knew it was a big deal, I knew it had a big impact on a lot of people and on the region," explains Pouliot. "I interviewed people to save these memories but I always wanted to find a way to honor the stories and reach a bigger audience with stories about the impact of losing the work that's a big part of who you are."

At the Sept. 22 panel discussion, which Pouliot will moderate, the three former furniture workers will talk about what it was like to grow up in the furniture industry and what it was like to lose that entire industry. Farrant will help frame what happened.

Farrant has not only studied these issues, he has also lived them. He spent the first part of his career working in the metal industry at American Bosch in Springfield. When the plant there closed, in 1986, he decided to go back to school, and focused his research on global labor issues, international development, and industrial history.

Recent Memory: The Chair City Oral History Project will take place at the Gardner Museum starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22. The event, which is funded in part by Mass Humanities and the Gardner Cultural Council, is free, but it is recommended that those interested in attending contact the Gardner Museum to reserve seats.

Last spring Lucier traveled with other volunteers from the Chair City Community Workshop to Lawrence for a symposium about development in small industrial cities. There she met Farrant and spoke on a panel about the decline of the furniture industry. The first book in the Chair City Oral

History book series featured Lucier's story.

"Dale's story really helped inspire the form that the Chair City Community Workshop has taken," says Pouliot. "Dale talked about how hard it was to lose the place where you spent time with your co-workers doing something you were proud of. We try to recreate that kind of space at the Workshop."

Volunteers at the Chair City Community Workshop are currently printing the final pages of the third book in the oral history series. This book features the story of Ann Ouellette, who supervised the sales department at Nichols & Stone before she retired in 1999. This summer they celebrated the release of the second book in the series about Guy Savioe, who also lived in Winchendon until his death in 2010. Denis Boucher's book will be next Chair City Oral History Series book on the press.

In August the Workshop took the printing out into the street, using a pavement roller to produce giant wood cut prints at the Gardner Sidewalk Sale. Volunteers spent hours carving three 4x3 foot wood blocks, each featuring a manufacture in Gardner. These first prints in the Gardner Makes series included images of people working making chocolates at local fixture Priscilla

Candy, working at the concrete block manufacturer A. Jandris & Sons, and doing industrial printing at Garlock Printing and Converting.

When asked about the connection between the furniture industry stories in the oral history small hand printed books and the 4x3 pavement roller prints, Pouliot points up the street at the 100 year old Heywood Wakefield buildings.

"Heywood Wakefield was once the biggest employer in Gardner, with a couple of thousand people working there making furniture," she explains. "Now Garlock is the biggest manufacture in town. For a hundred years the people working in manufacturing have made this city what it is. We want to celebrate those people and their stories."

The panel at the Gardner Museum will not only honor people's recent memories about working in the furniture industry it will seek to dig in deeper and look at some of the tough questions cities like Gardner face when the industries that are part of their identity move away.

For more information and to reserve your seat contact the Gardner Museum at (978) 632-3277 or at info@gardnermuseuminc.com.



Courtesy photo
Mount Wachusett Community College students Jessie and Jammie Mascitti of Rindge, pause to write a note of appreciation to area first responders in commemoration of Sept. 11.

Appreciating first responders in a small way

GARDNER — Mount Wachusett Community College student volunteers are collecting notes of appreciation for first responders in the region who put their lives in jeopardy for the sake of others, as a way of honoring the nearly 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

For the second year, the activity was coordinated by the college's Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success and the Student Leaders in Civic Engagement program, an initiative of MWCC's Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement.

Volunteers provided and collected cards throughout the day on Monday. Each year, the college community pauses to remember Carrie Beth Progen, a 1995 alumna from Ashburnham who was among the victims at the World Trade Center. A memorial to Carrie, located adjacent to the library entrance, was created several years ago in collaboration with her parents, Don and Kathy Progen, and her brother, Matt, all alumni of MWCC. A scholarship created by the family in Carrie's memory is awarded to an art student each year through the MWCC Foundation.

Clements has new job title

BY GREG VINE
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WINCHENDON — He's already pretty well known around town, having taken the reins at Winchendon's Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church about 14 months ago. Still, Fr. Mike Clements was introduced to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting Monday night Chief David Walsh as the newly appointed chaplain of the Winchendon Police Department.

"We first met last fall and I was very impressed with his enthusiasm," said Walsh. "We had several good talks and I was impressed with his enthusiasm for the community, things he'd like to do, and how we could benefit each other. Father Mike offered his services as a police chaplain."

Walsh said the diocesan priest would offer his services, including counseling, during "crisis incidents." The chief explained that police officers tend not to express emotions when dealing with emotional or personal issues. He said Fr. Clements could offer the kind of psychological and/or spiritual counseling that some officers may need.

"I think police would be much more open to that type of a person," Walsh said. "That's how it would benefit us as a department. As far as the benefit to the community, he could offer his services and the officers can focus on what they need to focus on as far as law enforcement, whereas he'll be helping with more faith-based or spiritual counseling."

Walsh said the priest has done some "ride alongs" and has been "very well received by the officers. It's going to be an asset to the department and the community."

"My background, my faith base is Catholic," said Fr. Clements, "but (my) job is not to encourage others to join our church, rather it's just to be there as a sympathetic ear, someone that you can talk to, that you can reflect with. The conversation between a chaplain and a member of their department is privileged...so that trust is built up by my presence with the officers."

Fr. Clements said he was very much looking forward to his new duties.

A unusually detailed discussion was sparked by an application for a permit hold a race on the North Central Pathway.

A group calling itself Girls on the Run sought the permit for a 5K race to be run on Sunday, Dec. 4. The Council Director for the Worcester County Chapter of Girls on the Run, Karen Spencer, described the group as a "positive youth development program."

"We operate at after school programs or out of a Y or other community centers...across Worcester County. So far we've served 345 girls in Worcester County and delivered \$11,000 in scholarship assistance to the girls. It's a 10-week program of curriculum-based programming" that integrates running into its classes.

Spencer explained that a "celebratory 5K" is held at the end of every season. For the past three years, the races have been held in conjunction with another group in Boston, but the Worcester County group would now like to hold its own event.

"The Clark Memorial YMCA has graciously offered their services and full support," said Spencer. "They'll be hosting the site this season, in the fall."

Theresa Thompson of Gardner, a member of the board of directors of the North Worcester County Girls on the Run, said this year's race would also be opened up as a fundraiser for the organization. She anticipated as many as 500 participants and spectators — "if not more" — would likely find their way to Winchendon for the event.

Thompson said the event, because of its size, would benefit the town by

generating revenue for local stores and eateries.

"It's a win-win situation," she said.

"That's a lot of people," said board Chairman Barbara Anderson. "I don't know. Where are they going to park?"

"Well, you have a number of parking areas that we would plan to utilize," Thompson responded. "Areas that get used during events like Summer Solstice, for example. We'd be looking at IGA, Rite Aid, CVS. You have, obviously, Oak Street and other side streets where people could park. So, we're confident with parking areas."

While Town Manager Keith Hickey conceded the benefits of holding the event in Winchendon, "my concern is 500 people, 300 to 400 cars — that's my only concern is the parking. I'm not sure that all the parking lots you mentioned are public parking lots. They're private parking lots owned by IGA, CVS, Rite Aid, so I would respectfully suggest that you speak to the owners of those properties to make sure it's okay to park a number of cars in those lots, and ensure that their customers aren't going to be inconvenienced."

Thompson said the number of cars on Toy Town streets for the day would probably not hit the 300 to 400 level anticipated by Hickey.

"We have 200 girls and most of them will have parents with them, and the parent would be the one driving the car."

Thompson estimated there would be fewer than 200 cars visiting on that day.

Board members also expressed concern that the large number of runners anticipated might inconvenience members of the general public who would likely be using the pathway on a Sunday afternoon.

Thompson said the timing of various parts of the race would make it unlikely that problems would arise.

Once they had aired their concerns, selectmen voted unanimously to grant the permit.

A special one-day liquor license was also granted to the Snowbound Club for this Sunday's second annual Tom Fors Benefit Ride and Barbecue.

In other action, the board tentatively set Nov. 14 as the date for this year's fall town meeting.

IT'S A CLASSIC

Greg Vine photo

A black 1950 Ford Custom was one of the highlights of Saturday's classic car show at Broadview Assisted Living. The car is owned by Joe Gonyor of Shirley. The '50 Custom, manufactured at the long-closed Ford plant in Somerville (Assembly Square), was the first American car to feature turn signals as standard equipment. This particular vehicle was used in the 1978 film "The Brinks Job" starring Peter Falk, Peter Boyle, and Gena Rowlands.



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Knights of the Inferno and a whole passel of students and teachers gathered to accept the donation at Murdock last week.



And Special Olympics means a bit of good natured fun too; as can be attested by everyone heaving and hoeing on a tug of war. At right: The Special Olympics held before the end of school last spring included hugs and encouragement from everyone.



Donation to Special Olympics appreciated

BY JERRY CARTON
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WINCHENDON — Murdock Middle and High school's Special Olympics team was the recipient of a \$750 donation last week, the first awarded by the local Knights of the Inferno motorcycle club. "We know dollars are always tight and this seemed like the right charity for us," said Frank McKinnon, president of the local chapter, the first Inferno group in the state. The organization has a personal connection to Murdock through member Mark Desmarais, whose wife Cathy is a special education teacher at the school. "Cathy came up with the idea," Mark

reflected, "and sold it to (principal) Josh (Romano) and it kind of took off from there." A handful of club members roared up to the flagpole at the high school on a warm, overcast and occasionally drizzly Wednesday morning to participate in the presentation. "There are a million causes out there, a million worthy and valuable causes," acknowledged McKinnon. "We felt this one was the best one for us and we were happy to be able to give them this much money. Mark is right, tough. Cathy gets the credit for coming up with the idea." "They really came through for us on a very important cause," said Romano.

"This will help bring awareness, more awareness, to Special Olympics, which is important to us here." Middle School Assistant Principal Jess Vezina pointed out, "it's not often we get this kind of donation for any project in school. We're really appreciative to them." Added Superintendent Steve Haddad, "this is awesome. This is a lot of money, a lot." Also awesome to school officials was McKinnon's promise the donation would not be a one-time thing. "We're committed to doing this next year too," he assured. "We are committed to the cause."

Taking Project Playground to the streets!

KEITH KENT
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — They have become a perennial sight in Toy Town: a group of eager volunteers in the street, usually at the corner of Front and Lincoln trying to attract the attention of passing motorists. Most people understand it is a one time thing for this group, though last week or last month someone else may have been at the same corner doing the same thing. At the end of August, it was volunteers from Project Playground, the group trying to raise funds to rehabilitate the playspace at Toy Town Elementary School.



Guy Santos thanks a driver for a donation.



Keith Kent photos
Christie Verville and Michael Wentzell at the toll booth

to thank all those who donated, including people pulling over a donating from multiple states. It was a great day for Project Playground!"

Christie Verville, Michael Wentzell, Guy Santos, and Rich Verville were manning the toll booth. During the event Christie Verville said, "We are both very happy and amazed at how many are pulling over to stop and donate to such a great cause. We also had Kathy Brooks helping earlier, along with her two sisters, nieces, and nephews. We thank everybody who is donating to help out. Christie Verville later confirmed the toll booth for project playground raised just over \$1,342. Verville then followed up with, "After totaling up all the donations from the toll booth, we just want to say how amazed we are at how well it went, and want

MICROBURST IN WINCHENDON?



While the National Weather Service has not officially declared a Microburst occurring in Winchendon, multiple trees were snapped off at their bases in a direct path with one of several cow barns at Otter River Farm behind Smith's Country Cheese on September 11. A section of a barn connected to the milking parlor, has the roof not only bent back some 20 feet, but parts of the metal roof were torn off and blown away. DPW Superintendent Al Gallant said Winchendon had five streets closed off on that day due to storm damage across town.

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VIEWS

Opinion and commentary from Winchendon and beyond

What doesn't get in

Man, we ran out of room AGAIN. Winchendon is a happening little town, it absolutely is whether you want to believe it or not. And we have a bevy of news that just didn't make it onto our crowded pages this week.

Case in point: photos from Casino Royale. We want to do it justice, so we will save them to do a whole page next week.

Another historic house story with a photo. That's been done for two weeks, but hard news stories squeezed the space.

More news from Monty Tech and Mount Wachusett Community College. A lot of Winchendon people are part of those communities; and we need to be sure we include their information in our pages.

Pictures and information from the wonderful Scout event on Sunday. Lots of kids are part of Scouting in Winchendon, lots more are interested in the programs. It was a great event. We want to do it justice.

A more involved story and photos from Broadview, celebrating an anniversary this year, and their great event.

Business news provided by other businesses with ties to Winchendon like banks, health organizations and so on.

And there are more.

We could fill a newspaper — twice.

We also have columns from guests, syndications, the smaller information into capsules (which also didn't make it onto the pages this week) and the calendar Clyde's Corner.

Whew.

We would like to add to it of course. We would like to have birth announcements, wedding announcements, and engagements...we don't charge for those you know we consider them news. And there are more stories from the schools, from the churches, from organizations we could include.

So it is the decision to put in the most urgent usually. The "Hard" news from the boards and commissions that impact the citizens and the tax dollars; the dated stuff people need to know about to do planning; that sort of thing.

And when we have to hold something, we try to put it first on the list for next week.

So if you sent us something, or are waiting to see something you know about, please be patient with us. Putting together the jigsaw puzzle that is this publication means we have to make some tough decisions sometimes.

We'd rather not have hold-over; but it can't be helped at this time. We say, thank heavens for a community with the problem of being so busy!

Hyperbole: the Lfleblood of American politics

Hyperbole: noun: hy-per-bo-le\hi-per'-boh-le: language that describes something as better or worse than it really is; extravagant exaggeration (Merriam-Webster's Dictionary)

"Extravagant exaggeration"; two exquisitely simple words that describe the state into which political discourse in our country has devolved. The latest example came last Friday at a big-bucks fundraiser in New York City.

Donald Trump still holds a commanding lead in the race to the bottom which has become the 2016 presidential campaign, but at that fundraiser — hosted by none other than Barbra Streisand — Hillary Clinton narrowed the gap considerably. Speaking to a crowd in which she felt comfortable — dangerously so, it turns out — "Hill" declared: "To just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump's supporters into what I call the 'basket of deplorables.'"

Apparently thinking her "extravagant exaggeration" did not go far enough, Clinton added "some of those folks...are irredeemable."

Hyperbole at its finest.

Said George Bernard Shaw: "Never wrestle with pigs. You both get dirty and the pig likes it." It's a lesson that none of Donald Trump's opponents — from the moment he announced his candidacy until this very day — has adequately learned or sufficiently taken to heart.

As columnist Dan Balz wrote in the Sept. 10 Washington Post: "Trump has taken his opponents down to his level, and they have paid a price for it...When they tried to play his game, they ended up scarred."

Immediately upon descending that escalator in Trump Tower — like Jesus descending from Heaven to lead the Rapture — Donald kicked off his campaign by declaring: "When Mexico sends its

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people, they're not sending their best...They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with them. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists."

In the wake of last December's ISIS attack in Paris which claimed 130 lives, Trump painted every refugee fleeing Middle Eastern violence as a potential terrorist and infamously proposed banning all Muslims from around the world from entering the United States.

"They could be ISIS...This could be one of the great tactical ploys of all time. A 200,000-man army maybe, or if you said 50,000 or 80,000 or 100,000, we got problems and that could be possible. I don't know that it is, but it could be possible..."

Right. It's possible they could come here on flying carpets, each with a genie in a lamp. I mean, what the heck? As long as we're being ridiculous, er, hyperbolic — right?

And let's not forget last November when, after polls showed Ben Carson leading the Republican presidential pack ahead of the Iowa caucuses, Trump posed this thoughtful inquiry: "How stupid are the people of Iowa? How stupid are the people of the country to believe this crap?"

Now, these unbalanced utterances don't by any means justify Clinton's outrageous comment. But more disturbing than her words was the feigned shock and phony revulsion expressed by the Trump/Pence ticket. He may not

take the credit (although, Donald being Donald, you know he'd just LOVE to) — and, again, this does not excuse the former Secretary of State — but Trump set the tone for this campaign some 16 months ago.

And any "righteous indignation" the GOP ticket could legitimately lay claim to flew right out the window when Vice Presidential nominee Gov. Mike Pence — when given the chance — refused to characterize former Ku Klux Klan leader and enthusiastic Trump supporter David Duke as "deplorable." If the man who once led an organization with a bloody history of brutal beatings and gruesome lynchings doesn't indeed qualify as deplorable, who does?

When asked, Pence did say he and Trump don't want Duke's vote, but he disdained employing the "d" word. Could it be that some Trump supporters (far less than half, I'm sure...really...I am) actually do hold deplorable views? In fact, I have no doubt other candidates have some highly questionable backers as well. Ultimately, one must ask, can a person who embraces a deplorable ideology or world view avoid being deplorable themselves?

So, was Hillary Clinton simply guilty of being overly-hyperbolic while making a point that was, to some degree, accurate? I mean, I keep hearing supporters of one candidate repeatedly lauding him for his "straight talk," praising him for "telling it like it is," and egging him on in his battle against "political correctness."

Anyway, that's for readers to decide. One thing, however, is certain; candidates will continue to be hyperbolic, to resort to "extravagant exaggeration" — to be insulting, inappropriate, and outrageous — as long as we continue to reward them for their bad behavior. History seems to illustrate we just can't help ourselves.

911 lessons

Fifteen years ago two airplanes collided with The World Trade Centre in New York City, one hit the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and one was brought down before it could reach the capital by brave passengers in a field in Pennsylvania.

The common denominator in each of these attacks was radical Muslim terrorists.

What have we learned in the fifteen years since that horrible day?

1 Our intelligence was insufficient to warn us in advance.

2 NYC was unprepared to protect target buildings adequately.

3 Rescuers were sent into a situation where clearly not only the 3,000 lives were lost, but over the years many of those who breathed in those toxic materials and decaying bodies would give their lives up much too early.

4 A group of radicals with no state sponsorship was able to pull off one of the worst atrocities on American soil. Even they were surprised!

What of the victims? Probably not one had given any thought to Islam. Probably none thought they were in danger when they went to work that day, just like every other day in their lives. I can assure you of one thing: they were all victims of the roll of the dice.

I worked as a senior vice president for years on Wall Street. I walked by the World Trade Centre often on my way to my office. I attended numerous breakfast meetings in the dining area at the top of the building. I had business meetings with people who had offices in the building. Any person conducting his daily business on Wall Street could have found himself in that fatal position on that day.

When I would rise to catch my computer train to work each morning, my wife and four children would be asleep. It took me two hours to get to my desk each day. If I had had a breakfast meeting that day, I would be among those lost. And it reminds me each day of how fickle fate can be.

It is my belief as more time passes, we will find further horrors befalling many of those who tried to be rescuers and had to work in the dangerous environment of a rescuer. That will be the continuing sadness of this event.

In 15 years there have been other terrorist activities, but none of this magnitude. For that we owe to the Republican and Democrat presidential administrations that followed a great deal of credit. You would have to be naive not to assume our government has nipped in the bud other events planned to

be continuations of 9/11.

Muslims on a whole have taken a bad rap on this. But it is human nature when one realizes that the terrorists were Muslims to lash out or at best be cautious toward others of that faith. Are there non-Muslim terrorists? Of course. Are the great majority of Muslims peaceful and hopeful? Of course.

The greatest way the Muslim community could take this universal target off their backs would be to identify terrorists, turn them into authorities and help prevent further loss of life. In other words, they could (and some have) become active partners with the world who want peace and be seen as active players.

I am concerned over the huge decrease in the American Navy and Air Force. I have friends who remind me we will have one of the largest forces in the

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world but in considering what faces us, the kind of enemy who wishes to engage us, I am willing to overspend on security. It is my hope that the new administration will reverse recent decisions which limited our ability to be a big player on the national scene and, like it or not, the perception of a strong military helps eliminate these sorts of things.

But this week we honor those who died; we honor those who helped with the rescue effort; we honor our leaders for doing a great job of keeping us essentially safe after 9/11.

But we also remind ourselves that only preparedness, vigilance, and great military power and superb intelligence capabilities can prevent us from a similar occurrence.

JOURNEY
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CARTON

Should Hillary Clinton release a more comprehensive medical report? Sure. When you're running for President at age 68, that's not an unreasonable request. But when you're running for President at 70, and we really don't how any idea about your health at all, then you definitely have a responsibility to release equally comprehensive health records and not a hastily scrawled three or four paragraph letter which was written, poor spelling and all, in five minutes.

Older voters represent the highest turnout demographically and we (55-plus) love talking about health issues, ours or anyone else's. Or everyone else's for that matter. As long-time readers know, this series of essays began 11 1/2 years ago with an account of my now-famous March 7, 2005 heart attack in the Philadelphia airport. In the 576 columns since, I've written about other health scares/events and those tend to get response from, well, older readers. I got tons of responses six years ago when I spent September of 2010 in the UMass

ICU (thanks nurse Heather for helping me make it through) and was discharged with a seven figure bill. That's right: over one million bucks. There was widespread interest in the details of that. See? We love to babble and gossip about health and we're not particularly picky about whose.

So yeah, if you're applying for the job which would make you the so-called Leader of the Free World where you're going to have control of those nuclear codes, it's not asking too much to give your prospective employers the straight skinny on your health. And for that matter, your taxes too, Donald.

Anyway, so Hillary evidently had pneumonia. Better her than me. When I get it, things have sometimes tended to become a little bit dicey. You've been able to read about all that here through the years. But while pneumonia's not the end of the world, what would it have hurt the Clinton campaign to say so. One of the criticisms frequently leveled against her is she's aloof and imperious and prone to secrecy, traits her friends vehemently deny but it's taken root out there. Acknowledging she had pneumonia would have actually made her seem more like the rest of us. Everyone gets sick. But the Clintons don't operate that way and so it became at the very least

a multiple news cycle problem rather than an opportunity.

As for Trump, it's outrageous we don't have a full accounting of his health. If he's really a specimen of perfect health, let's see those details. The truth is every major party nominee should submit to a complete physical by independent physicians who aren't affiliated with them or their campaigns.

FDR was dying when he ran for a fourth term in 1944 and though years later, the celebrated author Jim Bishop wrote a gripping account titled "FDR's Last Year", voters at the time had no clue Roosevelt was so sick. His doctors knew but felt no obligation to tell anyone outside the inner circle. It's debatable whether Eleanor was entirely aware of the severity of her husband's condition. Woodrow Wilson had a massive stroke in 1919 and there seems to be a consensus among historians that Edith Wilson cagily guarded access to the President for the remainder of his term. We now know JFK did in fact suffer from Addison's and there have been other presidential ailments, some serious. (Grover Cleveland had throat cancer), some not so much, we only found out about long after they left office.

As I've written before, Clinton on her worst day is a million times more qual-

ified for the presidency than Trump on his best even though she's the most conservative candidate my party has nominated since Jimmy Carter. I'm not under the illusion there's any magic wand which will solve complicated public policy issues or get a divided Congress to behave responsibly and so in my native state of Maryland, people are more directly and more immediately, like on a daily basis, impacted by Governor Hogan's cancellation of a segment of the light rail rapid transit system than anything Hillary and Donald are promising they'll do on day one. Or two. Or 100 — you know, those famous "First One Hundred Days".

No one questions the immense power of the presidency but no one doubts the stress either, so it seems to me we have a right and for that matter a need to know how healthy the prospective President is. I don't expect he will but Trump really should come completely clean on his health history and Hillary really needs to stop treating legitimate questions as if they're part of that famous and very real "vast right-wing conspiracy" which has been relentlessly hounding she and Bill for a quarter-century. We deserve that much.

There's illness...and illness



Tara Vocino photos
Clarissa Simmers-Swanson, age 16, paints Captain America onto Tristan Fuller, age 6.
At right: Ava Malcolm, age 4, and Kayla Spofford, age 4, complete the balloon race in under a minute.



Ending summer reading with a bang

BY TARA VOCINO
 COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — About half the children in the summer reading program participated in an end-of-summer reading party at Beals Memorial Library on Saturday.

Children played games, had their face painted, and grabbed goodie bags. They gave out prizes to the kids who did the work needed to complete the program.

Clarissa Simmers-Swanson, age 16, of Winchendon, was face painting Tristan Fuller, age 6, of Winchendon. She painted Captain America on Tristan, and he was pleased with the results.

"I like the red, white and blue shields," Tristan said. "That was what I wanted. She did a good job on it. It took about 10 minutes."

If he could get another one, it would be Black Widow from Iron Man.

Library Director Manuel King, who started on Monday, said reading is an essential part of growth development and early childhood.

"Having parents read to their child is so important for their ability to do well in school," King said. "It fosters a level of reading that lasts a lifetime. This is where love starts — when parents bring their kids to the library."

King said parents should start reading to their children in their womb.

"That should continue until kids start reading on their own," King said. "Then, kids should read to their parents. However, any time is good to read to your kid."

Bedtime is a great time, because it has a calming effect on children, as they are ready to fall asleep.

King was previously the adult services librarian at Wheeler Library in Orange.

Library technician Alexis Chanthachack said children under five years old read picture books, and those more than five years old read chapter books. The program is for ages one to 12 from June to September.

The most popular picture book for girls ages one to seven is 'Fancy Nancy' while the most popular chapter book ages to eight to 12 is 'Magic Treehouse.'

Chanthachack said reading helps them to be creative and engages children.

For her, reading is an escape. "It helps me to engage in another world," Chanthachack said. "I read an hour a day before I go to bed. Three books daily."

Storytime is on Thursday for all ages, and on Friday at 9:15 a.m. for the toddler age, and 10:15 a.m. for the preschool age.

There are incentives for weekly reading during the program. For every book they read, they color in a bookmark. They pull out a weekly prize winner from a fishbowl.

Across the field, Kayla Spofford, age 4, of Winchendon, was playing Knock the Cans. She threw a ball and knocked six cans down.

"I knocked five cans down on my first try," Kayla said. "I knocked down the final can with another ball."

Her grandmother, Louise of Baldwinville, brings Kayla to Storytime on Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. and on Friday from 9:15 to 10 a.m. for the preschool age.

Over two years, she has noticed a difference.

"She has come out of her shell," Spofford said, who sometimes leads Storytime. "She gets up there and knows the rhymes."

The books are age appropriate with colors and numbers.

A few feet over, Ava Malcolm, age 4, of Winchendon, participated in a balloon race, where she ran to the trash can with a balloon between her legs.

"It took about one minute," Ava said. "I dropped it a couple of times, and had to put it back. I could use my hands."

It made Ava walk funny, she said.

"I like the balloon," Ava said. Her mother Kristen of

Winchendon, liked the bunny face paint that Clarissa did on Ava.

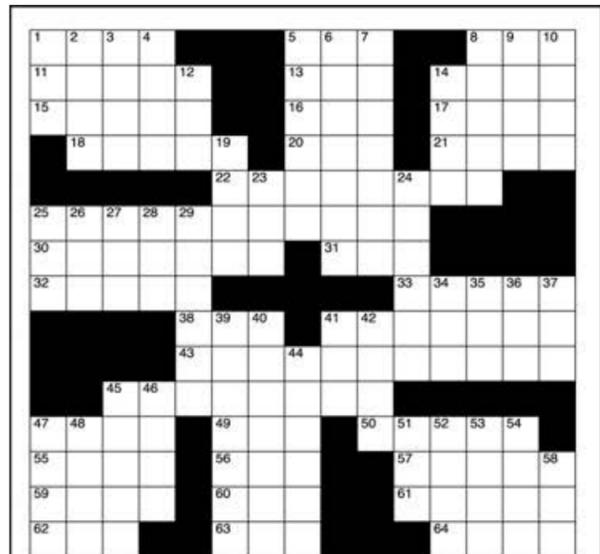
"Technology is awesome," Cormier said. "The girl looked down on her phone, grabbed a picture, and it actually looks like the picture. I like the teeth. That's cute."

And Ava liked the bunny

ears. Clarissa also painted about 10 other designs in two hours -- flowers, hearts, pigs, Pokemon, and cats.

The program is an asset, especially for homeschooled children.

"It brings them out, so they can have fun," Clarissa said.

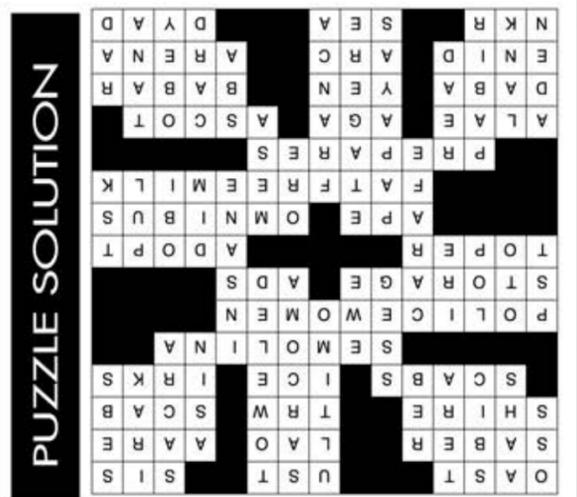


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Kiln
- 5. American time
- 8. Female sibling
- 11. Fencing sword
- 13. Spoken in Laos
- 14. Swiss river
- 15. Fictional Middle-earth
- 16. "The Real World" (abbr.)
- 17. Replacement worker
- 18. Form after cuts
- 20. Frozen water
- 21. Irritates
- 22. Type of bread
- 25. Female peace officers
- 30. Where to put things
- 31. Commercials
- 32. Hard drinker
- 33. Take in
- 38. Copy
- 41. Volume of published materials
- 43. Used to be called "skim"
- 45. Organizes
- 47. Parts of worms
- 49. ___ Khan; hereditary title
- 50. A cravat with wide square ends
- 55. Central China mountain range
- 56. Longing
- 57. Elephant's name
- 59. British children's author Blyton
- 60. Something curved in shape
- 61. Home to important events
- 62. Nagorno Karabakh Republic (abbr.)
- 63. A very large body of water
- 64. Consists of two elements

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Former CIA
- 2. Ooohs and ___
- 3. Invests in little enterprises
- 4. Spanish river
- 5. In the preceding month
- 6. Malignant tumor
- 7. Dried off
- 8. Via ___; main street of Ancient Rome
- 9. Asian country (alt. sp.)
- 10. One point south of southeast
- 12. Confederate soldier
- 14. Popular Bollywood actress Thottumkal
- 19. Small scale embedded generation (abbr.)
- 23. Female sheep
- 24. Of unsound mind
- 25. Pacific Time
- 26. Iowa town 51044
- 27. Trim
- 28. Wrath
- 29. Used to serve wine
- 34. Make less bright
- 35. Skywalker mentor ___-Wan Kenobi
- 36. Protestant, Ulster, Loyalist
- 37. Expression of disappointment
- 39. Tropical fruits
- 40. Furniture with open shelves
- 41. Metal can be extracted from it
- 42. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 44. Lingua ___
- 45. Chadic language
- 46. Peruse
- 47. Yemenese port city
- 48. Lean
- 51. Helps little firms
- 52. Blackjack players need this
- 53. Be obedient to
- 54. Source of the Nile River
- 58. Cool



LaPlante beating the drum for new students

BY GREG VINE
 COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Starting next Tuesday, Winchendon resident Leon LaPlante will be offering lessons to area young people interested in learning how to drum. Now, if you're thinking about learning how to emulate the drum solo to Inagaddadavida or Santana's Soul Sacrifice, think again.

LaPlante teaches students how to play the snare drum to traditional marshal music, similar to what might be performed by a drum and bugle corp.

"The primary thrust is to teach music with drum," says LaPlante. "Most of my students are beginners. No experience is needed, so if you're interested come on down."

LaPlante says his youngest students are generally in 5th or 6th grade.

"I will work with younger kids if the come in with their parents," he says. "Lots of times they'll start young and stay with me for four or five years. The parents are invited to learn with their children if they want."

LaPlante says he started drumming when he was seven-years-old.

"My father was a professional drummer. He played in a number of orchestras during the '20s and '30s. He worked steady during the Depression. He made a dollar a night, but it was enough to keep my parents going."

Music runs in the family. LaPlante says he used to jam with his father and his sister, who played the clarinet. His son plays the flute, as does his daughter, who earned her degree in performing arts from Lowell State College (now UMass Lowell).

After graduating from Murdock in 1953, LaPlante spent four years in the relatively new U.S. Air Force. Until 1947 it was known as the Army Air Corps. For two

and a-half years he served with the "Hurricane Hunters" out of Bermuda.

After leaving the service, he continued his drumming. LaPlante played with several drum and bugle corps, including the Winchendon VFW and Simplex.

In the mid-70s he joined the Company of Fifers and Drummers in Essex, CT.

LaPlante's students will learn how to play the snare drum with sling.

"I keep doing this because I still enjoy drumming," he says.

And he must enjoy it a lot. This is the 35th year LaPlante has offered the lessons. He receives no stipend for his work and his classes meet once a week every week that school is in session. He'll tell you that the number of students he teaches fluctuates from year to year, but he keeps at it.

"A couple of times I've had as few as two," he says, "but if I have any students I show up to teach. When you learn snare drum you can do what you want, and you need to start at the beginning. I've had some kids stay with me for

four or five years. I'm happy with teaching classes. I won't even look at giving private lessons."

LaPlante did say that most of the young people who sign up for his classes are boys.

"I'd say I've taught half as many girls as boys. I wish it were different. I'd really like to see more girls sign up."

Students fortunate enough to be taught by LaPlante may learn the snare drum, but they'll also be exposed to other forms.

"I'll show them African drumming, for example. I have bongos and djembe (a rope-tuned, skin-covered goblet drum that originated in the Mali region of Africa). And I also play washboard and spoons."

Sign-up for LaPlante's classes takes place at the Murdock Middle High School Music Room starting at 6 p.m. this coming Tuesday, Sept. 13, and the following Tuesday, Sept. 20. Students may also pre-register by calling (978) 297-1250 or e-mailing laplante2@verizon.net.

"I really enjoy the kids and I enjoy teaching them," says the 81-year-old LaPlante, "so I guess I'll keep on doing it."

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POLICE LOG

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:04-12:49 a.m.: building checks, secure; 12:25 a.m.: fire alarm (Winchendon School) services rendered; 9 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Rte. 12 southbound) advised officer; 10:23 a.m.: ambulance (Ipswich Drive) transport; 10:51 a.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 2:28 p.m.: traffic hazard (Glenallan Street) refer to other agency; 2:55 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to ACO; 3:20 p.m.: animal complaint (Alger Street) refer to ACO; 3:32 p.m.: animal complaint (School Street) refer to ACO; 3:34 p.m.: burglar alarm (Toy Town Elementary) secure; 3:35 p.m.: open door (Mason Street) secure; 4:02 p.m.: traffic hazard (Teel Road) assisted; 4:05 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street) accidental; 5:38 p.m.: larceny (Rice Road) report taken; 6:04 p.m.: officer wanted (Willoughby Avenue) spoken to; 7:22 p.m.: animal complaint (Old Gardner Road) spoken to; 8:17 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 10:50 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) assisted; 11:25-11:55 p.m.: building checks, secure.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

2:53 a.m.: noise complaint (Maple Street) unfounded; 3:17-6:13 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 4:11 a.m.: mental health issue (Pleasant Street) spoken to; 10:14 a.m.: smoke (West Street) services rendered; 11:17 a.m.: warrant (Royalston Road North) arrest, no further info provided; 11:52 a.m.: general welfare check (address not printed) refused assistance; 12:38 p.m.: fire alarm (Murdock High School) false alarm; 1:17 p.m.: road rage (Central Street) spoken to; 1:49 p.m.: larceny (Central Street) report taken; 1:52 p.m.: illegal dumping (Lincoln Avenue Extension) spoken to; 1:59 p.m.: elderly welfare check (address not printed) assisted; 2:15 p.m.: harassment (Elmwood Road) spoken to; 2:26 p.m.: harassment (Willoughby Avenue) advised officer; 2:38 p.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 2:51 p.m.: fire alarm (Murdock High School) services rendered; 3:11 p.m.: summons service (Hyde Street) unable to serve; 3:15 p.m.: disabled MV (Elmwood Road) advised officer; 3:30 p.m.: summons service (Hyde Street) served; 3:40 p.m.: suspicious person (Front Street) spoken to; 3:44 p.m.: threats (Teel Road) report taken; 4:30 p.m.: 911 hang up (Goodrich Street) spoken to; 5:04 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 5:10 p.m.: general info (Juniper Street) spoken to; 5:30 p.m.: registration check (Eli Drive) info given; 6:08 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) refer to other agency; 6:25 p.m.: disabled MV (River Street) info taken; 7:11 p.m.: MV stop (Lincoln Avenue) verbal warning; 8:18 p.m.: assist citizen (Highland Street) report taken; 8:48 p.m.: accident (Lakeview Drive) unable to locate; 9:16 p.m.: MV stop (Railroad Street) verbal warning; 9:42 p.m.: officer wanted (Spring Street) property returned to owner; 10:17 p.m.: suspicious person (Gardner Road) transport; 10:40 p.m.: suicide threats (Alger Street) mental health issue; 11:30 p.m.: building check, secure; 11:41 p.m.: suspicious person (Gardner Road) transport.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:04-2:33 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:38 a.m.: MV stop (Brown Street) traffic citation; 4:34 a.m.: noise complaint (Alger Street) spoken to; 4:50 a.m.: disabled MV (One Stop Plaza) assisted; 5:47 a.m.: MV

stop (Gardner Road) written warning; 10:05 a.m.: ambulance (Teel Road) transport; 10:11 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) no FD service required; 11:28 a.m.: ambulance (Hyde Park Drive) transport; 11:28 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) no FD service required; 11:51 a.m.: summons service (Brooks Road) unable to serve; 12:12 p.m.: recovered property (Pearl Drive) property seized; 12:25 p.m.: assist other PD (School Street) info taken; 12:57 p.m.: sex offender registration (Colonial Lane) info taken; 1:08 p.m.: ambulance (West Street) transport; 1:34 p.m.: unattended death (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 2:22 p.m.: harassment (Harrisville Circle) spoken to; 2:24 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Lake Denison) advised officer; 2:33 p.m.: death notification (Maple Street) unable to locate; 3:23 p.m.: larceny (Hale Street) spoken to; 3:25 p.m.: ambulance (Mechanic Street) transport; 3:46 p.m.: threats (Front Street) spoken to; 4:20 p.m.: harassment (West Street) report taken; 4:24 p.m.: disturbance (Hyde Park Drive) spoken to; 4:52 p.m.: larceny (Front Street) spoken to; 5:02 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) mental health issue; 6:01 p.m.: fire alarm (Front Street) false alarm; 6:57 p.m.: assist other PD (Teel Road) summons served; 7:40 p.m.: animal complaint (Central Street) refer to ACO; 8:29 p.m.: harassment (Beech Street) spoken to; 8:59 p.m.: drug, narcotic violations (Monadnock Avenue) report taken; 10:04 p.m.: ambulance (Sibley Road) transport.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

1:22-4:13 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 3:08 a.m.: suspicious MV (High Street) report taken; 5:01 a.m.: animal complaint (Glenallan Street) unable to locate; 8:34 a.m.: lift assist (Central Street) services rendered; 9:47 a.m.: MV stop (Town Farm Road) spoken to; 10:03 a.m.: investigation (Town Farm Road) spoken to; 11:19 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) info taken; 11:28 a.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 11:30 a.m.: harassment (Glenallan Street) report taken; 12:58 p.m.: animal complaint (Murdock High School) refer to ACO; 1:55 p.m.: ambulance (Central Street) transport; 2:49 p.m.: investigation (Maynard Street) spoken to; 3:53 p.m.: automatic fire alarm (Hyde Park Drive) services rendered; 4:27 p.m.: larceny (Hale Street) spoken to; 4:36 p.m.: FD call (Lakeshore Drive) services rendered; 4:45 p.m.: lift assist (Pine Street) assisted; 5:20 p.m.: registration check (High Street) services rendered; 6:12 p.m.: officer wanted (Washington Avenue) spoken to; 6:39 p.m.: officer wanted (walk in) spoken to; 6:47 p.m.: accident (Baldwinville Road) report taken; 8:18 p.m.: MV stop (Gardner Road) verbal warning; 8:36 p.m.: traffic hazard (Maple Street) spoken to; 10:42 p.m.: accident (Central Street) summons; Cameron Hart, age 20 of 48 North St. #2, Jaffrey: negligent operation of MV.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

12:53 a.m.: ambulance (Goodrich Street) transport; 1:07-4:07 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:32 a.m.: ambulance (Mill Street) refer to FD; 4:52 a.m.: fire alarm (River Street) refer to FD; 5:41 a.m.: animal complaint (Baldwinville Road) refer to DPW; 6:54 a.m.: accident (Cross Street) assisted; 7:50 a.m.: MV stop (Glenallan Street) spoken to; 9:03 a.m.: general juvenile (Hale Street) report taken; 9:24 a.m.: sex offender registration (Central Street) info taken; 10:03 a.m.: animal complaint (Maple Street) refer to ACO; 10:31 a.m.: MV stop (Front Street) verbal warning; 10:35 a.m.: investigation (Oak Street) spoken to; 11:15 a.m.: animal complaint (Maynard Street) refer to ACO; 11:59 a.m.: ambulance (Old Murdock Senior

Maxwell freed on bail

BY TARA VOCIÑO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Thomas "Tommy" E. Maxwell was released from the Worcester County House of Corrections after his surety posted \$20,000 cash bail.

Donald O'Malley Jr., age 32, died following a struggle with family friend and next-door neighbor Maxwell, age 45, of 169 Spruce St., on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 6:48 p.m.

Maxwell's father Douglas gave \$20,000 cash to the clerk's office in Winchendon District Court on Aug. 19.

He was previously being held with one count of aggravated assault and battery.

O'Malley's mother Tawnee said on Tuesday that she has to remain more-or-less unbiased since she is facing grand jury in Worcester Superior Court on Friday.

"I was advised more or less that it's better if I don't say anything," O'Malley said. "I still have to go before a grand jury, and they need my statement to be unbiased."

Her father Tom Oja and Douglas Maxwell, already did.

However, O'Malley could say she is glad that Maxwell has more freedom.

He was confined to the house previously. Now, he can go into his backyard.

"He's on an ankle bracelet," she said.

Worcester Superior Court Judge Janet Kenton-Walker set Maxwell's term of release under a few conditions: he is allowed to leave his GPS tracking device only for medical and legal purposes. Maxwell must report to probation weekly.

She also reduced his cash bail amount from \$50,000 to \$20,000.

Maxwell said, in the early stages, the bail was set at \$100,000.

Maxwell said in the backyard of his house last week that all he cares about is O'Malley losing her son.

"It was a real tragedy that her son died," Maxwell said. "But it's not all over yet. Unfortunately, the state has to do what they need to in order to find out more about what happened. I'm still waiting for results from the medical examiner to come back to determine the cause of death."

However, Maxwell said there was not any anonymity between the two of them, who were neighbors as well as good friends.

"It was accident," Maxwell said. "No one threw punches. It was not a fistfight. I did not kill him at all. Him and I fell together side-by-side."

O'Malley said Maxwell should not

have been in jail.

She does not feel that Maxwell killed O'Malley intentionally. She said he was trying to guide him from relapsing. O'Malley was not supposed to be drinking since he was in a recovery program at AdCare in Worcester.

However, she said Maxwell was fully on top of O'Malley when she arrived on scene during an earlier interview.

Neighbor Carl Russell, age 69, of 158 Spruce St., who lives across the street, explained the turn of events that led to the alleged physical altercation.

"Donald went to over to Tommy's house," Russell said. "Donald was tipping Tommy's glasses around. Tommy said, 'That's my beer that you drank.' He grabbed the beer back from him."

Russell said Maxwell said to leave his eyeglasses alone, saying, 'What are you going to do about it?,' and he then got up in his face.

Like O'Malley, Maxwell was not able to comment on the turn of events, pending the grand jury this week.

State Police Trooper Shawn Murphy wrote in court documents that Maxwell told police he, in part, had his hands on O'Malley after O'Malley got up in his face. His arm was stuck under O'Malley's upper chest for an extended period of time, the report states.

"Maxwell stated he spun around with O'Malley and eventually both of them ended up on the ground together," Murphy wrote.

Maxwell said when they fell together, his arm was pinned up, but he is not sure if it was partially or fully.

He said his anxiety is up.

"He was just a young kid," Maxwell said.

After O'Malley became blue in the face, EMTs tried to revive him for about 45 minutes. He was later transported to Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner, where he was pronounced deceased.

Jerry Draleou, age 60, of Winchendon, an auto collision technician who works at JD Custom Collision across the street from the house, said Maxwell was being a good neighbor — literally — to O'Malley.

Draleou said he is glad that Maxwell has since been released from jail.

"I am glad that he is out," Draleou said. "Accidents are accidents. I always see him taking care of his father, Douglas, who lost his wife, Bertha, last year."

Draleou is surprised that Douglas Maxwell was able to make such a high amount of cash bail.

"I never thought that bail amount could be met," Draleou said. "That's a lot of money."

Maxwell's pre-trial hearing is continued to Oct. 28 in Winchendon District Court.

Center) transport; 12:09 p.m.: ambulance (Pearl Drive) transport; 1:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Teel Road) refer to ACO; 1:58 p.m.: accident (Gardner Road) no PD service required; 3:23 p.m.: animal complaint (River Street) refer to ACO; 4:23 p.m.: ambulance (Pleasant Street) no FD service required; 4:42 p.m.: 911 hang up (Pearl Drive) child playing with phone; 5:25 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) traffic citation; 7:04 p.m.: keep the peace (walk in) assisted; 7:20 p.m.: harassment (Juniper Street) report taken; 7:25 p.m.: trespassing (Murdock High School) spoken to; 8:23 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Ash Street) unable to locate; 9:50 p.m.: keep the peace (Gardner Road) assisted; 10:04 p.m.: DPW call (Murdock Avenue) referred; 10:11 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 10:13 p.m.: MV stop (Spring Street) verbal warning; 10:18 p.m.: suspicious MV (Spring Street) spoken to; 10:28 p.m.: officer wanted (Hale Street) report taken; 11:50 p.m.: general info (Hyde Street) message delivered.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1 a.m.: suspicious other (Railroad Street) report taken; 2:10-2:22 a.m.: building checks, secure; 2:22 a.m.: suspicious MV (Gateway Convenience) secure; 7:04 a.m.: burglar alarm (Central Street) secure; 7:21 a.m.: animal complaint (Spring Street) refer to ACO; 8:28 a.m.: fire mutual aid (Heywood Hospital) services rendered; 8:46 a.m.: hazardous materials spill (Gateway Convenience) services rendered; 11:25 a.m.: suspicious MV (Alger Street) assisted; 11:28 a.m.: MV operating erratically (Lincoln Avenue) unable to locate; 12:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Washington Avenue) area search negative; 1:04 p.m.: sex offender registra-

tion (Colonial Lane) assisted; 1:49 p.m.: fire alarm (River Street) false alarm; 2:25 p.m.: MV stop (Central Street) spoken to; 2:57 p.m.: ambulance (Spring Street) transport; 3:32 p.m.: fire mutual aid (Commercial Lane) removed to hospital; 3:43 p.m.: animal complaint (Cardinal Lane) refer to ACO; 3:52 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) advised officer; 3:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Maple Place) refer to ACO; 3:58 p.m.: larceny (Hale Street) report taken; 5:36 p.m.: larceny (Royalston Road North) summons; Casey E. Gormley, age 20 of 35 Royalston Road North, Winchendon: larceny over \$250 and B&E in a building during daytime for a felony; 6:22 p.m.: larceny (Elm Street) info taken; 6:30 p.m.: carbon monoxide incident (Brown Street) services rendered; 7:05 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street) spoken to; 7:58 p.m.: MV stop (Baldwinville State Road) traffic citation; 8:36 p.m.: summons service (Woodlawn Avenue) unable to serve; 11:26 p.m.: harassment (West Street) spoken to.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:06-3:06 a.m.: extra patrols, building checks, secure; 12:14 a.m.: be on the lookout (Dunn Road) call canceled; 12:46 a.m.: loitering (Central Street) dispersed gathering; 2:42 a.m.: suspicious MV (Gardner Road) spoken to; 6:26 a.m.: fire alarm (Ready Drive) assisted; 8:58 a.m.: property damage (Baldwinville State Road) info taken; 9:11 a.m.: tree down on wires (North Street) refer to FD; 9:12 a.m.: tree down on wires (Ash Street) refer to other agency; 9:20 a.m.: tree down on wires (Baldwinville Road) refer to other agency; 9:25 a.m.: accident (Baldwinville State Road) report taken; 9:28 a.m.: tree down on wires (Teel Road) refer to other agency; 10:05 a.m.: tree down on wires (West Street) refer to other agency; 10:40 a.m.: investigation (Oak Street) report taken; 10:51 a.m.: tree down on wires (Doyle Avenue) refer to other agency; 11:48 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Place) spoken to; 12:17 p.m.: fire alarm (Ready Drive) refer to FD; 12:36 p.m.: burglary B&E (Lincoln Avenue Extension) spoken to; 12:44 p.m.: property found (Mr. Mikes) info taken; 1:06 p.m.: tree down (Pearl Street) refer to DPW; 1:29 p.m.: fire alarm (Ready Drive) refer to FD; 1:43 p.m.: gunshots heard (Town Farm Road) spoken to; 3:10 p.m.: general info (Front Street) info taken; 3:44 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Gardner Road) unable to locate; 5:24 p.m.: animal complaint (Highland Street) refer to ACO; 5:41 p.m.: MV operating erratically (Spring Street) arrest: Adam Kuhn, age 31 of 49 Williams St., Bellows Falls VT: negligent operating of MV and possession of electrical weapon i.e. stun gun; 5:55 p.m.: burglar alarm (Glenallan Street) call canceled; 5:57 p.m.: intoxicated person (Spring Street) no PD service required; 7 p.m.: larceny (Lakeshore Drive) info taken; 7:12 p.m.: general info (Pond Street) report taken; 9:37 p.m.: MV stop (River Street) spoken to; 10:01 p.m.: FD call (McDonald's) services rendered.



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OBITUARIES

Gerard 'Buggo' Grenier, 84



BAREFOOT BAY FL — Gerard "Buggo" Grenier, age 84, formerly of Jaffrey, died peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at his home in Barefoot Bay, Florida, after a brief illness.

He was born Dec. 28, 1931 in Jaffrey, son of the late Louis and Yvonne (Christian) Grenier.

After graduating Conant High School in Jaffrey, Gerard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served our country honorably from 1951-57 and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He served two years of service at the American Embassy in France. Gerard "Buggo" marched in 49 consecutive Memorial Day parades in Jaffrey and for 29 of those years proudly as parade marshal. He was also a member of the John Humiston Post #11 American Legion of Jaffrey. Gerard worked as a sheet metal fabricator first with Marshall Danforth of Rindge until 1961 and then with Al Melanson of Keene until joining the Local 298 in Manchester until his retirement in 1986. Buggo enjoyed golf and travel, especially to Florida, his second home. In addition to his parents, Gerard was predeceased by

his brother, Maurice Grenier. Gerard is survived by his wife of 56 years, Roselyn (Petit-Carpenter) Grenier of Barefoot Bay. His daughter (Grenier) Myshrall of Florida. His two sons, Gerard "Gerry" Grenier of Ridge Springs, SC and Thomas "Tommy" Grenier of Rindge. Eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and two sisters, Lydia Connor of Winchendon and Florence Antognoni of Westminster. and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. Friends and family are invited to calling hours on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 from 10-11 a.m. at the Cournoyer Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 33 River Street, (Route 202) Jaffrey. A Memorial service will take place at 11 a.m., immediately following the visitation in the funeral home chapel. Rev. Wilfred Deschamps, pastor of Saint Patrick Church in Jaffrey will be the celebrant. Burial will follow at Saint Patrick Cemetery in Jaffrey. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Buggo's name to the Jaffrey-Rindge Memorial Ambulance Service, Post Office Box 107, Jaffrey NH 03452.



Marko M. Tuominen, 31



WINCHENDON — Marko M. Tuominen, age 31, of Winchendon, died unexpectedly Monday, September 5, 2016 in UMass Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester.

He was born in Leominster on Nov. 30, 1984 and lived most of his life in Winchendon. Marko graduated from Murdock High School with the Class of 2003. He later studied architectural design at Fitchburg State University. Marko worked as line cook at the former Parents Restaurant in the Waterville section of Winchendon and also worked in construction. He most recently did design work for two years at MH Parks Furniture Company.

Marko was an outdoor enthusiast and enjoyed snowboarding, mountain bik-

ing and fishing. He found great enjoyment in playing disc golf and driving his car. Marko was always helping people and was an animal lover.

He leaves his parents, Matti and Liisa (Kuokkanen) Tuominen of Winchendon; two sisters, a twin sister Amy Tuominen of Shelburne Falls and Susan Tuominen and her fiancé Dennis Meskauskas of Westminster; two nieces, Ricki and Brooke LaPlante as well as aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 10, 2016 in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, 138 Great Road, Acton, MA 01720.

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Helen E. (Guiney) Feleciano, 94



ROYALSTON — Helen E. (Guiney) Feleciano, age 94, formerly of 30 Morse Road, Royalston, died peacefully Friday afternoon, Sept. 9, 2016 in Gardner Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

She was born in Somerville on July 3, 1922, daughter of the late John J. and Helen B. (Robinson) Guiney and lived in Royalston for many years. Helen was a 1946 graduate of Emmanuel College.

Helen had worked as a social worker for the city of Waltham school department for 30 years until her retirement in 1986. She was a member of the former Our Lady Queen of Heaven Chapel in Royalston and the Royalston Ladies Benevolent Society. She was a member of National Association of Social Workers, Waltham Teachers Association and National Educations Association. Helen was an avid garden-

er and knitter. She also enjoyed bird watching, painting and watching sporting events, especially Red Sox baseball.

Her husband, Ralph F. Feleciano, died in 1969. She leaves three nephews, William P. Guiney Jr. of Chatham, John J. Guiney III of Royalston and Philip L. Mickey of New Mexico; a niece, Paula Guiney Fish of North Reading and several grandnieces, grandnephews, and two great grandnephews. Helen was preceded in death by her brothers, William P. Guiney and Rev. John E. Guiney and a sister, Catherine Bernice Guiney.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 at 9 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville. Burial will be in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

Calling hours in Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon are Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Jasmine (Triandafilou) Hatzopoulos, 77

EXETER NH — Jasmine (Triandafilou) Hatzopoulos, age 77, died on the island of Mykonos in Greece on Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016. When she died, Jasmine was fulfilling a wish she had to show her older grandchildren around Greece.

Jasmine was born on Aug. 22, 1938 in Newburyport. She graduated from Newburyport High School, Class of 1956, and attended Lesley College in Cambridge. She married Michael H. Hatzopoulos. Following Mike's passing in 2005, Jasmine moved to West Roxbury into a home where she and Mike had lived when they were first married. This made her very happy. Jasmine moved to Exeter, NH, in January 2015, to be closer to Erica and her family.

She is survived by her beloved son, Michael Hatzopoulos and his wife Amy of Winchendon, and her beloved

daughter, Erica Manuela Kisver and her husband, David, of Stratham, NH. She is also survived by her five cherished grandchildren: Michael Conrad, Ashley Sarah, and Matthew Joseph Hatzopoulos of Winchendon; and Elijah Michael and Evan Lawrence Kisver of Stratham. In addition to her devoted late husband, she was predeceased by her parents, Triantafilos and Evangelia (Theoharidou) Triandafilou, who were Greek immigrants born in Turkey; and by her brother Evan Triandafilou.

A Celebration of Jasmine's life will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street, Reading, MA 01867.

Contributions in Jasmine's memory may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading at the above address.

Richard A. Bosworth, 65

WINCHENDON — Richard A. Bosworth, age 65, of 51 Hyde Park Drive, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at his residence.

A lifelong resident of Winchendon, Richard was born on July 31, 1951, son of the late Louis C. and Doris M. (Topping) Bosworth. He was a graduate of Murdock High School.

Richard proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy. He served aboard the USS Dwight Eisenhower. Following his military service, he worked at National Seat and later as a chef at the former Gardner Manor Nursing Home. He enjoyed collecting and watching old movies and enjoyed family gatherings.

He leaves a sister, Harriet M.

Williams of Ocala, FL and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A brother, Louis C. Bosworth Jr. and two sisters, Shirley M. Tardiff and Louise D. Botti, preceded him in death.

Military funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon. There are no calling hours.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

Thanking those who run toward the trouble

BY TARA VOCINO
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — After a downpour in the morning, the skies brightened for a first responders barbecue at Bethany Bible Church on Sunday.

Police, fire, emergency medical services, and dispatchers brought their families to a lunch that included a petting zoo, games, picnic area, and face painting on the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

And while everyone appreciates the work done by those who run toward the problems, not away from the fire, the accident, the person in trouble; some have more personal experience and interaction.

Stephanie Breen of Winchendon was face painting. She was involved in a three-car collision at the intersection of Grove and Pleasant streets in May on her way home from school around 3:30 p.m.

When a Ford Escape crashed into her, her 1998 blue Nissan Maxima was totaled. The driver pushed her car into the car that was in the intersection when the driver failed to stop at a stop sign. All three cars ended up in the middle of the roadway.

Breen, who suffered minor back injuries, said all of the drivers were from town. However, she did not know their names.

She said Winchendon police handled the motor vehicle accident well.

"They asked me questions," Breen said. "I was crying. They kept making sure I was okay. I have three jobs that I need to drive to."

Their response time was two seconds, she said.

Behind her, Kelly Misner of Baldwinville, was playing with a silky chicken and potbelly pig in the Animal Craze tent.

She was in an abusive relationship for seven years and noted the police handled it well.

"The two female officers who came were kind, respectful and cared," Kelly Misner said. "They were trained well."

She explained the abuse started out as verbal but when her abuser developed psychological issues that manifested itself in anger, the abuse became physical.

Police responded twice when he slapped her in the face.



Mat Plamondon photos

First responders who attended the appreciation picnic included: L-R back Bob Soucy, Troy Ashmore, Phillip Dupell, Gerald Gange, Richard Oinonen, Kevin Wolski, Derek Blair, Dave Walsh, Brennan Jacoby, Marla Driscoll, Row 2- Tracy Flagg, Front Row- Kyle Bradley, Rebecca Wood, James Wironen, Alan Ross, and Jamie Holden.

Misner said 911 is an example of what the first responders risk every day.

"It's a reminder to us that they went into the danger," Misner said. "The burning building. They were led into the danger so that we could escape."

Police and fire are there when people get in trouble to help guide them through it.

Her new husband Brian guided her through trust issues.

"I know I'm free," she said. "I can really trust him. My faith has a lot to do with it. I believe that God can do something through Brian."

Brian Misner was sexually molested from the ages of 11 to 15 by two men.

"The one my age did a lot more, but the older guy showed me magazines," Brian Misner said. "My parents didn't know. No one knew."

During his teenage years, he had minor offenses, such as throwing rocks at cars, illegal dumping on the railroad tracks, and malicious destruction of property. He was actually hit by a cruiser during one of those youth incidents. His father Alan was a Templeton EMT.

Fast forward 20 years, he ran into police when his ex-wife Bobbie-Lynn died on May 25, 2000. She died from an accidental overdose when doctors prescribed her medicine for post-partum depression.

Misner explained police responded at 5 a.m. when their 6-month-old and

4-year-old were sleeping.

"They were sleeping in the next room," Brian Misner said. "About 30 Gardner police, EMTs, and fire rescue showed up, and the kids never woke up."

Misner said no quote comes close enough to the appreciation that he has for them.

"I can't say thanks enough," he said. "These people put their lives on the line, so this event is the least I could do. They put their lives on the line every day of the week."

His story is a typical bad-guy-turned-good.

Crystal Abare said Winchendon police has been awesome to her family the past four years after she had a domestic incident.

"They've always had my back," Abare said.

The domestic case is still pending in court.

Police Chief David Walsh said the significance of 911 speaks for itself.

"An event like this where the community demonstrates their appreciation is always a good thing," Walsh said. "We do take our share of criticism, to be expected. But overall, we have good communal support."

First responder and firefighter Kyle Bradley told people all day this event was one of the nicest things he has seen in the community.

"Today, on 911, is a monumental day," Bradley said. "It absolutely feels more special. I am patriotic. I was fresh out of the army when 911 happened. It was tough to get attacked and not be able to fight for our country."

Head Dispatcher Bob Coulomve of Leominster, said 911 is a good day to thank the service guys to make this opportunity happen for all Americans.

"I think this a great event for the community to show their support for first responders," Coulomve said. "We're here to serve them, and we appreciate it." Bethany Pastor Tom Clinkscale said more than 90 first responders came out with their families.

"We must never forget 911," Clinkscale said. "We must remember how important our first responders are, even at tragic events, like that. We have to express our appreciation to them as servants in the community protected by God."

Part of the Converged Worldwide denomination, the verse of the day was "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" (Gal. 5:6 ESV).

Clinkscale said the church believes local churches should be do good deeds in their community to serve those in it and be a living expression of their belief in Jesus Christ.

Local businesses donated gift cards to each responder.



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SPORTS

Year of activities planned to raise awareness

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Several years ago, Murdock High School's field hockey team began participating in the annual breast cancer awareness program and every October would wear pink jerseys, use pink game balls and hold events to raise money for the cause.

Gradually, the campaign spread to other sports with coaches v. cancer basketball games and last spring, the softball team held a 'strikeout cancer' fund-raiser at the final regular season game.

Now senior Jordan Manuel is dedicating his National Honor Society project to the cause with a full school year of activities planned. Manuel said he drawn to the project by seeing survivors at the Gardner-based Relay for Life which is held every June at Mount Wachusett Community College.

"We've been doing the torch run for the last four, five years," said Manuel, referring to his track teammates and himself, who launch Relay weekend by carrying a torch from the MHS parking lot to the Mount.

"I've been amazed by the strength of

the people I saw and even though I've been a little bit involved before, I decided to make this a whole-year event."

"We raised \$750 last year and our goal this year is \$2,500 and I'm convinced it's realistic," he noted.

As an intern for athletic director Jenna Whitaker (among a host of other extra-curricular activities including Student Council, Key Club and yearbook along with NHS), Manuel was instrumental in arranging sports schedules so every MHS team, cross country, field hockey, football and soccer, will play night games during Homecoming week starting Oct. 17 and will devote that week to raising money and heightening awareness.

"We're going to play those games at night" as a way to attract larger crowds, Manuel pointed out.

"Everyone knows Jordan's a great athlete," said MHS Principal Josh Romano (Manuel has been the singular star of the school's track program for several years), "but they might not have known how involved he is off the track. He's a great credit to the school, one of those kids who showcase what we're about here."

"I think we've all got a responsibility," Manuel reflected. "I haven't personally been touched by cancer in my life but I know people who have been and I wanted to do what I could to try and help."

Jordan pointed out he's not doing this alone.

"I'm pretty sure some of my teammates will help," he laughed, and added soccer captain Hanna Seghir and field hockey's Molly Murphy are organizing events for their teams. In addition, "NHS is a pretty tight knit group. I know they're going to help," he assured.

Next fall, Manuel may well find himself at Assumption College or UMass Lowell with becoming a physical therapist his career goal, but that's for then. For now, he sees this project as essential.

"Trying to make a difference matters," he stressed.

Katie Richtarsik photo

Jordan Manuel is usually outstanding on this field of endeavor, but is making himself well known in other areas as well.



Playoffs might be in reach

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — She's not guaranteeing anything, but as Amanda Lawlor begins her second year as coach of Murdock's varsity field hockey team, she would say, "playoffs are very real for us this year."

"We have the potential to do very well and we simply need to execute and work hard and I truly feel the playoffs could really happen for our Lady Devils," she added.

The basis for Lawlor's opti-

mism comes from Murdock's improved season in 2015 when the Lady Devils were on the periphery of playoff contention late into the season for the first time in a decade.

"Sometimes change is seen in a negative light," she reflected about having been a rookie coach a year ago, "but as a new coach, it was my job to ensure that, yes, the change came. It was to an extreme, it was for the better, and we have seen amazing results from it. Our record improved, our level of play improved, and our ability

to compete with the top teams in our league improved. What more could you ask for?" she asked rhetorically.

Lawlor knows defense is the key to winning and she waxed enthusiastically about goaltender Alyssa LaBrack.

"If she plays like she did in the All-Star game, she'll be unstoppable," she promised. In front of LaBrack, defenders will include Rylee Brooks, Glorianne Aldino, and Alia Leblanc.

Jocelyn Garner, Molly Murphy, and Tianna Taylor

are penciled in as midfielders while Maddy Bishop, Anna Dexter and Emily and Lindsey Smith are tabbed as starting forwards.

Also ready to step in as of presstime are Hanna Knowlton, Haley and Hannah DesJeans, Stephanie Melanson, Ashley Signa, Erica Lashua and Erin Scott.

"We have to maintain the same expectations — that they show up all the time, that they give 110-percent, have a positive attitude, show good sportsmanship and never give up. All

these things are happening this year, and more. This team is so cohesive and wants to make great things happen."

"We have a lot of strong returning players and some new players who the veterans are taking under their wings," said Lawlor.

She noted players had been given an off-season training program which "included running as well as field and stick drills. They appear to have worked hard over the summer," Lawlor said.

Varsity off to a slow start Grout tournament again raises funds for Y

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — It's been something of a slow start for the Murdock Lady Devils varsity soccer team as the season has begun with losses to Tahanto, Sizer, and Maynard.

In the latter, Monday's home opener, "we got off to a quality start putting together a solid opening 15 minutes," said Coach Jason Marshall about a team which for a change is low not on numbers but experience, especially at goal.

"We kept it scoreless behind good defense in the middle of the field with contributions from Phebe (Shippy), Michaela (Benedict), Hanna (Seghir), Izzy (Alcantara) and Vicky (Lemire).

"But Maynard finally turned up the heat and finally beat (freshman) Yolanda (Lafrennie) in net," he acknowledged.

Outside forward Mackenzie Lundin scored Murdock's first and so far

only goal of the season in Friday's loss at Sizer, a contest which gave the home team its first-ever win over MHS in any sport. Victoria Swanson assisted.

"We had a few good looks," Marshall lamented afterwards, "but couldn't find a way to beat their keeper. Our best chance came with Maria (Polcari) only feet away with nothing but open net and a bouncing ball. The strike sent it up and over the crossbar," said a disappointed Marshall. "And," he added, "as is the case, when one team pushes on offense, the other capitalizes with a counter-attack," which led to the game's final goal and a 3-1 Sizer win.

That single score "was as close as we got. With more pushing up, we had a few more quality break away attempts but we were thwarted by their keeper," said Marshall.

Emily Kiber-Pervier had made her debut in net for the season open-

er against Tahanto. "She played with a lot of heart for her first time out," Marshall enthused. "Our defense was slow to find their marks which resulted in several three versus the goalie. Emily made some point-blank saves which boosted morale but Tahanto persisted and was up 7-0 at the break."

Lafrennie started the second half. "The girls played as if the score was 0-0. We recognized several players for their efforts," including Marissa Losurdo, Gabby Cote, Sydney St. Pierre, Alcantara, Seghir, and Shippy. Swanson was honored as player of the match as Lundin would be at Sizer and Shippy vs. Maynard.

"Remember we have players who are new to soccer," Marshall pointed out.

"Spirits remain high," he said.

The Lady Devils hosted West Boylston yesterday and play Ayer on Wednesday.

WINCHENDON — With the perennial blue skies above 60 golfers teed off for the Charlie Grout Memorial tournament last weekend to benefit the Clark Memorial YMCA.

The Grout family has said the skies are Charlie smiling down on the participants each year; and it seems to be so this year being an exceptionally nice one.

"My Dad cared very deeply about ensuring that every child have access to quality programs at the Clark. This tournament for the past 12 years has provided the funds to create scholarships for exactly Dad's priority. Every child can enjoy the Y," said Dr. Coral Grout about the day.

The Beauvais Insurance team took first place with a fine 15 under par delivery; followed by a group calling themselves 'No Pressure' with a 13 under par showing and a tie for third place between TD Bank and 'The Journeymen' gave the tie to TD Bank with a blind draw.

Both the first and third place winners turned their prizes back to help the Clark a bit more.

The women's longest drive went to Mimi Overman. Men's longest drive was won by Bill Brassard. Closest to the line was accomplished by Pat O'Shea.

The final results are as follows:

1. Beauvais Insurance (Jim Beauvais, Bernie Feldman, Richard Strout & Ken Rochelau) 55, -17.
2. No Pressure: (Hank Mailloux, Gabriel Mailloux & Anthony Rizzolli) 57, -13
3. TD Bank: (David Urquhart, Dan Dokrant, Bill Brassard, & Joe O'Brien) 58, -12
4. The Journeymen: (Gerry McKean, Mark Landanno, Wes Boutell, & John Walker) 58, -12
5. The Goats: (Noah Raynor, Ryan Moran, Justin Cordray, & Derek Drury) 59, -11
6. Knights of the Inferno: (Dave Bilodeau, Matt Smith, Armand Dube, & Treyton Pasakinskas) 60, -10
7. Team Grout: (Coral Grout, Bill Contreras, Becky Contreras, & Pat O'Shea) 63, -7
8. On the Rocks: (Bud Fletcher, Dan Tenney, Mimi Overman, & Terry Charters) 63, -7
9. Connor/White: (Dave Connor, Pat White, Marc LeBlanc, & David Roache) 63, -7
10. Sold Benefits Group: (Dan Root, Bill Edson, Rob Guinard & Mark Ostberg) 65, -5
11. Lawton Electric: (John Goan, Denny Casavant, Carrie McGrath, & John McNamara) 65, -5
12. American Legion Post 193: (Fran Murphy, Ken LaBrack, Jack Murray & Franco O'Malley) 67, -3
13. The Par-Tee Girls: (Cindy Landanno, Linda Tenney, Bridgett Marinelli, & Joy Charters) 68, -2
14. Morin Real Estate: (Darlene Rossi, Chris Rossi, Amanda Badolato, & Jeff Badolato) 72, 2
15. The Raptors: (Ricky Ward, Chuck Cortis, Kyle Scrivines & Bill Colella) 73, 3

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Athletes of the Week

BOYS
James Anderson threw a touchdown pass in Friday's season football opener.

GIRLS
Mackenzie Lundin was player of the match in a soccer contest at Sizer last Friday.

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approximately three hours. Participants stepped out to share why they attended the reading. Staff member David Tolles of Rindge, said it is the first time the event is forced to be inside because of the rain. "Rain puts a damper on it," Tolles said. "That could be why we have a small crowd." Tolles reflected on where he was 15 years ago. "I lived in Hubbardston at the time," Tolles said. "I went to Marlborough to visit David Benway, a Vietnam veteran. He thought it was World War III or Pearl Harbor. In a sense, it is our next war, because it is still going on."

Tolles said everyone looks back on that day, especially on the 15 anniversaries. Women could be seen hugging each other and crying before the ceremony began.

Kathleen "Kate" Innis of Gardner, remembered her first cousin, firefighter psychologist Michael Edward Roberts of Brooklyn, NY who went down on the north tower.

She went to the memorial site in New York in honor of Roberts shortly after the attack.

"It was emotional to see the fire trucks, shoes and steel plastic melted together," Innis said. "One of the tables was burnt. It was horrendous. All I could think of was Pearl Harbor and how we are really under attack. I was like a bad dream that I could not wake up out of. I was standing in the memorial soldier-to-soldier with complete strangers."

Innis said it was so quiet that one could hear a feather hit the floor even though 1,000 people were inside.

It was a similar sentiment on Sunday. "To sit here and listen to these names personalizes them," Innis said. "Even though, we're all strangers, we carry each other's weaknesses and support each other."

She said the rain did not dampen her spirits.

"That memorial needs to be remembered," Innis said. "It needs to be included in history books. Some people have to face this terror each and every day."

Her sons were in Iraq and Afghanistan, but there were so many who did not.

"That doesn't justify this horrendous attack on all of us and on America," Innis said. "I'm honored to be today taking time to be reverent with all of the people who passed away. We're still carrying the agony."

She heard five people with the same last name. "It's devastating to lose one person in a horrific attack, but to have five members gone, I can't imagine the pain."

The theme of the memorial is from Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 in the Bible. "11. Again, I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. 12. For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them."

Innis was sitting with Jason Boutelle of Phillipston, who knew Lt. Andrew A. Fredricks of New York, NY, who is missing in action. Boutelle was off duty but responded to the scene.

"His son Andrew became a firefighter in his memory," Boutelle said. "My father John and John Jr. were both Phillipston firefighters. And his family member John Hoffman is a Phillipston firefighter."

Boutelle said he still holds resentment because of the attacks, but the Cathedral is a beautiful place to reflect.

Rindge resident Linda Sargent Tanner has attended the event since it began.

"It's significant for us as Americans," Tanner said. "As an educator, the Oklahoma bombing where we lost children or were severely impacted for the rest of their lives, is most horrible for me. The suspect was executed."

Tanner said up until then, citizens saw ourselves as Americans.

"We now see ourselves as at risk," she

said. "I try to take a little bit out of this day to remember."

The atmosphere was respectful, with participants reflecting, closing their eyes, or praying.

The 9/11 victims' names are read by actress Betsy Palmer, actor Jerry Orbach, Admiral Mike Mullen, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Pentagon, public affairs officer Alan Hicks of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and volunteers at the New York Unit of the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic organization. Palmer read the names of the victims of Flight 11, Flight 175, Flight 77, and Flight 93. The volunteers at RFB&D recorded the names of the victims at the World Trade Centers and the FDNY firemen. Hicks recorded the names of the officers from PANY&NJ. Orbach read the names of the NYPD police officers. Adm. Mullen read the names of the Pentagon victims.

Remember to Remember September 11 was organized by artist/poet James Pelletier in collaboration with RFB&D, the United Nations, and the Pentagon. Production director Todd Palumbo oversaw the recordings read by Palmer, Orbach, Hicks, and the volunteers at RFB&D in their NYC studios. Adm. Mullen recorded the names at the Pentagon. The United Nations Translation and Editorial Division offered their help with the pronunciation of victims' names. The Boston Marathon Bombing and Orlando Shooting victims were read live at the Cathedral of the Pines.

Pelletier, of Winchendon, has been involved with 9/11 memorials since 2001. A visual artist in Manhattan, he volunteered at Ground Zero for several months in the wake of the terrorist attack.

"I know the World Trade Center towers well," Pelletier said, who earned a Bachelor's in psychology with a focus in trauma from Keene State University in 2002. "I've been in there many times."

The recording was first presented in 2002, as part of the first anniversary tributes in Battery Park, NY. In 2008, Remember-to-Remember September 11 was expanded to include all the names



Tara Vocino photos

The American flag was flown at half-mast during the reverent reading of the terrorist attacks victims.

of the victims. Pelletier said terrorists believe in destruction and fighting their enemies with bullets and bombs.

"I believe you run out of my bullets and bombs before you run out of beliefs," Pelletier said. "It's the dignified thing to do, and how we should conduct ourselves."

Remember to Remember September 11 is an all-volunteer effort. Volunteers for the memorial include: students and faculty at Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, American Legion Cheney Armstrong Post 5, Peterborough, NH, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Westminster Amvets, Sons of the Amvets, Ladies Auxiliary of Westminster, and individuals throughout the region.

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found in the course of our investigation that some of the manholes aren't working. So, we're hoping that by the time we're done with this project the town will see an improvement in the area and, hopefully, less buildup of slush and ice and so forth in the winter and rain during larger events."

Lombardo also provided details on a number of aesthetic improvements that will be made site.

"We are truly hopeful that this will be a better functioning area and aesthetically pleasing project as well," he concluded.

The application for the amended fuel storage license was approved by a vote of 4-0.

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the clues. But here you do it on the physical plane. Here, you have the clues to solve without pushing a button... it's right there....

Could you do it? Escape rooms have become an international phenomena, with larger cities boasting dozens of venues and the themed rooms becoming increasingly challenging as

sophisticated players become adept at solving them.

The Escape Room is more of a mental challenge than a physical one, it is located on the first floor of the Morse House and is accessible. It is recommended that participants be at least 15 years old, younger children would need to be with adults at all times and may have difficulties with the game.

All people are required to sign waivers to participate,

children will need an adult to sign.

And if you really can't solve it, don't worry, the rooms will be unlocked for you at the magic hour deadline.

Of course, the best time will get bragging rights, sorry no prizes. But we will keep track of those times on a leader board.

Cost is \$25 per person. Up to six people per group are allowed, but it works best with not more than four or

five. It gets a bit crowded in the rooms with more. If you don't have enough people to make up a full group, you may be paired with other people.

The room is only open during the month of October on Thursday and Friday nights 4-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-10 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. You must pre-register, walk ins will not be accepted. To register go to winchendonescaperoom.com.

🌿 🌿 🌿 **Friday's Child** 🌿 🌿 🌿

Jahlil, Jamarie & Ricardo are a sibling group of three of Hispanic and Caucasian descent whose wish is to live in a family together. Their worker describes all three children as smart and kind and they are doing well in their respective foster homes.

Jahlil, age ten likes to attend school, play soccer, and build with Legos He is described as a very protective older brother who loves his siblings dearly. Jahlil completed the fourth grade where he had a good year and thrived in his classroom setting. He has enjoyed attending an afterschool program offered at his school. Jamarie age seven is the middle child and only girl of the sibling group. She enjoys playing with her dolls, watching television, and being around adults. Jamarie is able to vocalize her feelings and tell stories. Jamarie started playing soccer this year, which she really enjoys. She also enjoys journaling.

Ricardo is five years old and the youngest of this sibling group. Ricardo loves to follow his older brother Jahlil and do everything he does! Ricardo loves Legos and he also loves to sing! He says his favorite singer is Adam Levine. Ricardo was in daycare this year where he did well. He will now be attending Kindergarten in the fall.

Jahlil, Jamarie & Ricardo will need a family that is patient and energetic. A future family should allow them to be the youngest children. The siblings will need a family open to four post-adoption visits a year with their birth mother. The boys have some allergies that would need to be monitored including significant allergies to cats. Ricardo also has allergy symptoms around dogs so it is recommended they not be placed in a home with either animal. All three children are thriving, however they wish is to be in a permanent family and be placed together!

Have you ever considered adopting a child or sibling group from foster care? Learn more about adoption from foster care at "The Adoption Option" on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Jordan's Furniture, 50 Walker's Brook Drive, Reading, MA 01867. Prospective adoptive parents, including those new to foster care adoption, are invited. Families new to the process will have the opportunity to attend an orientation to the adoption process and speak with social workers and experienced adoptive parents who can help answer questions. Waiting children and their social workers will also be in attendance. For more information or to RSVP, contact MARE at 617-542-3678 (toll free: 1-800-882-1176) or www.mareinc.org

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Mount Wachusett Community College Foundation, Inc., Town of Winchendon, Toy Town Partnership, Winchendon Public Schools, Winchendon churches, Wendell P. Clark Memorial YMCA, Council on the Aging, Winchendon Historical Society, Little League, Pop Warner, and the Winchendon Police Department.

Robinson Broadhurst President and Executive Director Lad McKenzie was very pleased to say, "The foundation has funded numerous fire vehicles here over the years and at the cost of what these vehicles cost today I think it is pretty tough for the town to do it on their own, so we are more than glad to be involved

in helping to purchase these emergency vehicles which are so important to the town. That is what the Robinson and Broadhurst families were so interested in as far as health care so this fits in with our mission statement and I think the town does a great job with having these vehicles built for their needs and maintaining them, so we are glad to be able to help the town out."

RBF member Cindy Landanno was very pleased to see the new ambulance on display commenting, "Our community is so fortunate to have Robinson Broadhurst as a foundation. It has always been very supportive to helping contribute to the towns fire department, public schools, education, among many other great causes and organizations in our town. Our foundation's funds provides grants, and it

likes to help projects that benefit the most people. It is great to know we can benefit the entire community with this newest piece of equipment at the fire department, and at a time when the town is kind of in dire straits, it really is a great time and opportunity for us to be able to support the town."

As a very thankful host, Smith took the time during the tour of the ambulance to explain how many Epi-Pens are stored, where certain devices are found in the vehicle such as defibrillators, oxygen, and other life saving devices or supplies are located on board, and again explained how helpful it will be to have a larger interior to work with when answering a call for medical aid or assistance.

As these donations have been crucial to the financial aid of our community and its

tax base, Town Manager Keith Hickey was extremely pleased to add, "Robinson Broadhurst has been an incredible resource to the community, providing a tremendous amount of funding and resources to the community that we may not have been able to afford if the foundation had not been there. In my almost a year since I have been here, I have found the trustees to be very open and willing to do what ever for the town as a whole to help what ever they feel are the priorities for the funding requests that are submitted to them, and all in town should be very thankful for all that they have done and given with their generosity over the years. Their funding and grant approvals have done much for the town of Winchendon in many ways that some people may not truly understand or appreciate. I can't say

enough about how much good Robinson Broadhurst has done for the community."

In closing Smith said, "By purchasing the new ambulance for us they are not only helping the EMS portion of our department, but they have allowed us to take the old 2005 ambulance which was just taken out of service for that position, and allowed us to re-purpose it to serve as the new dive team vehicle and help out the regional dive team as the old one was no longer serviceable. As a group the foundation members will stop by from time to time to look at things they purchased, talk to people, or inquire as to what possible future needs are. We are so lucky to have the foundation and all its members who are so involved with the betterment of both the town and community."

ZONING BOARD

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floor, plus a common use laundry area. On the upper floor, the second floor, there will be two apartments that will not be handicapped accessible."

"On the first floor they will be studio-style apartments, there will be no bedrooms; it's going to be kitchen, living, dining all in one space. On the second floor, there's a larger footprint. There's extra square footage that will be used for a single bedroom and a small study area."

Heinzer added the existing bathroom, which served a classroom on the first floor, will be retrofitted into a functioning residential bathroom with "a shower, toilet, sink - things of that nature." Kitchen facilities will also be added to the upper floor.

Heinzer explained the building consists of three floors, including a basement that partially rises above ground level. He said the bottom floor will remain undeveloped.

"We're only going to use the two upper floors. The lower level will remain 'as is' - unoccupied. Utilities are down there and that is what will remain down there."

The Leominster architect said there are no plans to

modify the exterior of the building which, he added, was constructed in the 1850s.

John Leahy, director of facilities for the Winchendon School, explained that of the 20 existing parking spaces on the site, eight would be set aside for tenants.

Board member Raymond Benoit wanted to know if that would present a problem when athletes and spectators attend games at the athletic field that sits on the Marvin School property.

"There has been no discussion of adding any spaces," said Leahy. "There is availability for parking on the other side or in the back."

The field sits to the southeast side of the building. "I'm just concerned some of the tenants could end up with broken windshields," said Benoit.

Residents Wayne and Deb Tocci, who reside at 44 Cross St., expressed concern that construction traffic might increase due to the renovation project.

"The school has been doing work in our neighborhood for the past five, six years," said Deb Tocci. "Three neighbors have had issues with water due to damage to the pipes - lines - from construction, due to heavy construction equipment. Overall, the school's been a good neighbor but it's too much, it's just been too much."

"First it was work at the school, then the ice rink,

then work on some apartments, and then two houses. We have town laws that say work can't start before 8 a.m., but they were out there at 7 a.m. I did complain, talk to the contractor, but he basically gave me the finger and told me to go the 'f' home."

Board Chair Cindy Carvill was sympathetic to the Tocci's concerns, but said, "Our role here is to make a decision on the use of the land, the use of the building. Those other issues are important but they're issues that we can't address."

"They can build what they want," Tocci responded, "but we'd like to see our concerns addressed by someone."

"We need to make a determination that this change in use won't be a detriment to the neighborhood," Carvill explained to fellow board members. "We also need to spell out that the special permit is to the Winchendon School specifically for construction of four studio units to serve as faculty housing."

The vote to approve the permit was unanimous. Anyone wishing to comment on the application has 20 days from Sept. 7 to do so. The Planning Board will conduct an informal site plan review of the project at its meeting next Tuesday, Sept. 20. That meeting is scheduled to get under way at 7 p.m.

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 September 16, 2016

Legal Notice
Winchendon Conservation Commission

708 Spring Street; Assessor's Map 9, Lot 110

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at 7:15 pm to consider the Notice of Intent filed by property owner Carol Seidenberg for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 708 Spring Street; Assessor's Map 9, Lot 110. The project entails the construction of a 46' x 46' (2116 square feet) addition to an existing single-family house. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Notice of Intent is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12 noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
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Legal Notice
Winchendon Conservation Commission

16 Monomac Road East; Assessor's Map 11, Lot 5

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Legal Notice
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261 High Street; Assessor's Map 5D-3, Lot 35

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation

Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at 7:05 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner David Romanowski for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 261 High Street; Assessor's Map 5D-3, Lot 35. The project entails the construction of a 12' x 18' (216 square feet) garden/tool shed. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
 September 16, 2016

Legal Notice
Winchendon Conservation Commission

406 Lakeview Drive; Assessor's Map M-15, Lot 14

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at 7:20 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owners Mark & Teresa Tambling for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Lake Monomac at 406 Lakeview Drive; Assessor's Map M-15, Lot 14. The project entails stabilizing an existing retaining wall as needed by replacing the outside edge of the platform with interlocking concrete blocks to ensure a solid foundation. Also, leveling off the platform area by restoring the existing concrete/stone mix using concrete alone, patio blocks, or a combination of the two. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

The Request for Determination of Applicability is available for public review at the Land Use Office, Room 10 (first floor) of the Winchendon Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays during the hours of 9am – 12noon, except for 3pm – 6pm on meeting nights, or by calling the Conservation Agent for an appointment at 978-297-3537.
 September 16, 2016

Legal Notice
Winchendon Conservation Commission

5 Summer Drive; Assessor's Map 5B-3, Lot 102

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Winchendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Winchendon Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at 7:30 pm to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by George Mizhir on behalf of property owner Catherine Mizhir for proposed work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to a Perennial Stream at 5 Summer Drive; Assessor's Map 5B-3, Lot 102. The project entails removal of tree stumps, followed by grading, loaming, and seeding of disturbed areas. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front Street.

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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 Michael L. Maghakian to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated December 23, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35410, Page 188 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 is the present holder by assignment from New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1 dated May 31, 2011 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47468, Page 295; and corrective assignment from New Century Liquidating Trust successor-in-interest to New Century Mortgage Corporation to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity

Loan Trust 2005-1 dated February 9, 2016 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54972, Page 283, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 4 Munroe Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00PM on October 20, 2016, 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 buildings and other improvements thereon, situated on the southerly side of Munroe Street, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING: at an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street at land now or formerly of Merida O. Tardiff;
 THENCE: southerly on said Tardiff land, 129.5 feet to land or formerly of E. Murdock Company;
 THENCE: easterly on line of said E. Murdock Company land, about 83 feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of one Beals;
 THENCE: northeasterly on line of said Beals land and land now or formerly of one Spellman, 145 feet to an iron pin in the southerly line of Munroe Street;
 THENCE: westerly on said southerly line of Monroe Street, 123.25 feet to the place of beginning.

For mortgagor, "s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23330, Page 72.

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.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated as of June 18, 2007 (the "Mortgage") given by John Coderre, Trustee of School Street Trust to GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") at Book 41339, Page 103, which Mortgage was assigned to Sutherland Asset I, LLC (the "Mortgagee") by a certain Assignment of Mortgage, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement effective as of December 10, 2013 and recorded with the Registry at Book 51908, Page 133, of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 14th day of October, 2016 (the "Sale"), upon the mortgaged premises, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of School Street, Rte. #12, in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "3" on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land Prepared for Pauline L. Coderre, Winchendon, MA, February 27, 1996, Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant St., Gardner, MA" recorded with the [sic] Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 704, Plan 60, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the most southerly corner thereof, at an iron pin in the northeasterly line of School Street, Rte. #12, at a corner of other land now or formerly of Pauline L. Coderre, being shown as Lot "2" on the aforementioned plan; thence N 43-48'-05" W, 212.02 feet to a point of curvature; thence northwesterly and northerly by a curve to the right having a radius of 117.00 feet, a length of 151.92 feet to a corner of other land now or formerly of Pauline L. Coderre, being shown as Lot "1" on the aforementioned plan, the preceding two courses being by said road line; thence N 67-51'-31" E, 420.00 feet; thence S 64-11'-17" E, 174.04 feet to an iron pin at a corner of land now or formerly of the first mentioned Coderre and Lot "2", the preceding two courses being by said Coderre land and Lot "1"; thence S 43-04'-37" W, 160.00 feet to an iron pin; thence S 23-04'-37" W, 110.00 feet; thence S 48-04'-37" W, 200.00 feet to an iron pin in the northeasterly line of School Street, Rte. #12, and the point of beginning. Containing 2.640 acres or 115,000 square feet.

Shown as Parcel 2 in that certain deed recorded at Book 37063, Page 287.

Property Address: 703 School Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475
 Assessor's Plat/Lot: 1-0-237

The mortgaged premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that same are in force and applicable, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, existing encumbrances, and all other claims in the nature of liens, now existing or hereafter arising, having priority over the Mortgage, if any there be. The mortgaged premises will also be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

A deposit of **Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** shall be required to be paid to the Mortgagee by certified check or bank cashier's check (cash will not be accepted) at the time and place of the Sale, which deposit shall be increased to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the highest bid at the Sale, which increased deposit amount is to be paid within seven (7) days of the date of the Sale. The balance of the purchase price at the Sale is to be paid to the Mortgagee by certified check, bank cashier's check, or federal funds wire transfer such that it is actually received by the Mortgagee within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Sale, **with time being of the essence.**

The Mortgagee may, at its option, either sell the mortgaged premises to the second highest bidder at the sale of the mortgaged premises or assume the highest bid should the highest bidder fail to fulfill the highest bidder's obligations under the sales agreement to be entered into with the Mortgagee immediately after the sale. In the event that the highest bidder defaults under such sales agreement and the Mortgagee sells the mortgaged premises to the second highest bidder, the Mortgagee may, at its option, assume the second highest bid should the second highest bidder fail to fulfill its obligations under such sales agreement. No such assumption of the highest or second highest bid or sale of the mortgaged premises by the Mortgagee to such second highest bidder shall relieve the highest or second highest bidder, as applicable, from its obligations under such sales agreement nor operate as a waiver by the Mortgagee of its rights and remedies against the highest or second highest bidder.

THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS" AND WITH ALL FAULTS, LATENT OR PATENT, AND WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR IMPOSED BY LAW AND SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to credit bid at the sale of the mortgaged premises and to postpone the sale by auctioneer's public proclamation. The Mortgagee further reserves the right to change terms of sale at the sale or to add additional terms and to qualify some or all bidders.

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

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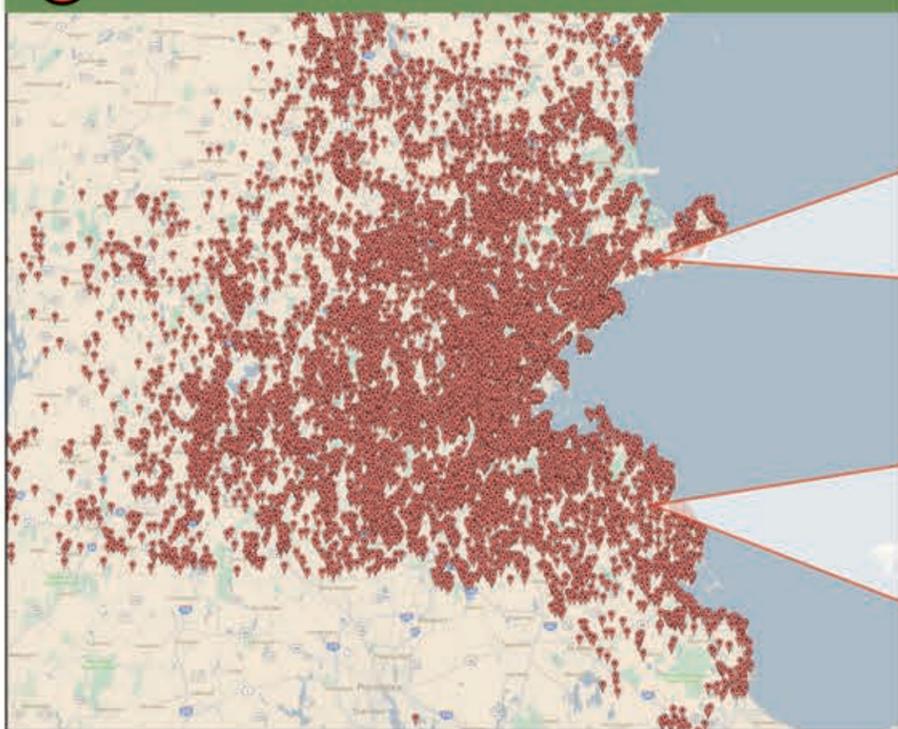
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