

## Necessary water filtration to cost more than \$15K

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Superintendent of maintenance for public schools James Murphy met with School Committee members to discuss ongoing water quality issues at Tow Town Elementary, steps to be taken, and associated costs since water quality problems have been found.

Murphy explained when water quality problems were found at schools in Boston evolved into testing of all schools throughout

Massachusetts, many schools couldn't afford the testing, and WPS, as many towns and districts, applied for a grant to cover the costs.

Murphy said, "We met at the Superintendent's office with an engineer hired from UMass Amherst to go over the process and map everything out. Once we were ready, we began testing at 4:30 a.m. to get a first draw from each water source before anyone was in the building. We tested everything, sent the samples off, and some of the water bubblers failed for lead,

so we decided to change those out. Once changed they still failed, indicating the problem is in the pipes and not in the fixtures."

After examining various repair costs Murphy went on to say, "A new filtration system for each individual water source though out the school was the most economical course of action based on the age of the school and the pipes. I have applied for a grant though our insurance company, and it won't pay for all of it, but it will pay for a large amount of the

costs if we get it."

The water filtration systems for lead contamination were priced at \$550 per unit, with a total of up to 26 units required at a cost of up to \$14,300. Additionally, Murphy stated the filter on each unit needed to be swapped out every six months, and come in packs of three at \$149 each. This would necessitate an additional expenditure of at least \$1,341 twice every 12 months created by lead building up in the water due to the age of the pipes.

Murphy said once installed, the filters will bring the lead content down to safe acceptable legal levels.

According to the Massachusetts website for the Department of Energy & Environmental Affairs, the action level for lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 15 parts per billion (ppb) which is also listed as the Federal action level.

Murphy said he will be attending an upcoming seminar in a few weeks regarding

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Keith Kent photo

WFD's Sean Marandino, who is the newest full time fire fighter, accompanied by Deputy Chief Ricci Ruschioni, the longest current serving fire fighter, waxing up the 1992 pumper truck which is slated to be replaced in the spring of 2018.

## Help for officers under stress

BY GREG VINE  
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A preliminary report released earlier this year by The Badge of Life, a police suicide prevention program, indicated that 108 law enforcement officers took their own life in 2016. That figure represents a 14 percent decrease in suicides compared to 126 in 2012, and a significant drop from 2009, when law enforcement deaths from suicide hit a peak of 143.

Still, on average, one officer commits suicide every 81 hours, according to the group's website. In fact, suicides took the lives of more officers last year (108) than gunfire and traffic accidents combined (97).

The decrease in suicides can be attributed in part to both individual and department awareness, according to Badge of Life Board Chairman Ron Clark.

That increased awareness extends to officers and administrators in even smaller departments, such as Winchendon's.

Police Chief David Walsh said in recent years, annual training has included such topics as critical incident resilience training, dealing with suicide, "inside the walls of the police culture," and understanding suicide.

"Last year," said Walsh, "the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association discussed officer wellness, and that discussion included suicide. This year, the subject is critical incident stress management."

"Obviously, police officers see things no one should ever have to see," Walsh continued. "This naturally can create a great deal of stress, and officers need to learn how to deal with it. In the

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## Fire department to replace 26 year old pumper truck

BY KEITH KENT  
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WINCHENDON — Fire Chief Tom Smith delivered good news to the Board of Selectmen as he informed the board the order had been placed for the new pumper truck with the fire division of the KME-REV Group and should be in hand sometime in spring 2018.

The project started several years ago, as a future capital planning item to help prepare the town for the cost, and will total \$435,000 over a 5 year lease to purchase, which includes the old pumper truck being traded in as is. A cost study by Smith to com-

pletely renovate and update the existing vehicle documented it would have costed nearly \$180K, to then keep a vehicle with a quarter century of heavy service.

Referring to the long term cost verses benefit to the town Smith said, "The current vehicle lasted us over 25 years, and I have no reason to doubt the next one will also.

The current International Engine 4 pumper truck was purchased in 1992 and as Smith indicated, "Has become increasingly difficult to find replacement parts for it to repair when needed, and is beginning to create a reliability issue, which is a detri-

ment to public safety."

The new vehicle, according to Smith, will have additional features such as a water carrying capacity of 1,250 gallons, verses older models which only carry 750 to 1,000, allowing firefighters to have that extra edge in areas where fire hydrants are either far away, or nonexistent. The vehicle will also feature internal storage for ladders.

Also importantly Smith stated, "I will be meeting with a project engineer so the new pumper truck will have both the cab and instrument panel set up identical to the aerial tower, allowing department

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## Vezenia updates MMS turnaround plan

BY KEITH KENT  
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WINCHENDON — Murdock Middle School Principal Jessica Vezenia updated School Committee members on the current status of the MMS turnaround plan and in what direction the plan takes the school in during an Oct. 5 meeting.

Vezenia, after covering the initial previous background, explained MMS was chosen by the state to take part in the plan as it consistently scored in the 10th percentile in state wide testing, and was one of

five schools in the region to be chosen to participate on a completely voluntary basis.

The program is funded by the Massachusetts District & School Assistance Centers, which gives first priority for assistance to Level 3 and 4 districts. Winchendon is Level 3.

"DSAC funding paid for the work provided for teachers, as well as paying for the consultants to come and observe MMS classrooms and write the related reports. Two teachers previously attended and conducted 19 observations, some-

time observing the same class twice. A meeting which was supposed to take 90 minutes, ended up taking two days," added Vezenia.

A stakeholders meeting was held May 15, followed by a final report this past July 5. Finally, a school turnaround plan was required to be written, in compliance with a format provided the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, which included benchmarks for both student and teacher behavior as well as strategy, rational, and how the district would support the plan.

Vezenia advised committee members MMS next met back with DESE on Aug. 10, and again Aug. 16 regarding the information obtained from

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## MHS students to visit Puerto Rico in 2018

BY KEITH KENT  
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WINCHENDON — Public schools' Spanish teacher Ofelia Maskewich, who met with School Committee mem-

bers to discuss future plans to take foreign language students on a trip to Puerto Rico in April 2018, was surprised as she was honored with the

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## BRIDGE REOPENS...HURRAY!



*Photos by Keith Kent*  
 The long awaited reopening of the High Street bridge, which spans part of Tannery Pond allowing pedestrians and motor vehicle traffic to travel from High Street to the business district, was realized on Monday, Oct. 2.

In addition to the bridge reopening, a new stop sign was installed for safety at the end of Water Street at its intersection with High Street.

## TRUCK

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 staff complete familiarity when switching from one vehicle to the other, and also allows me to have that much more of a better chance of bringing home all the fire fighters at the end of the day." "I met with our fire fighters both full and part time, and asked them one by one what do you feel you needed to do your job? Numerous full time and on-call fire fighters from both realms were given a chance for their input. We looked for anything which would make it safer for the town and safer for the fire fighters. I will be meeting with the manufacturer this October at their Nesquehoning, PA facility, so they will

know what we are looking for, and we will know what they are looking for," explained Smith.  
 In closing Smith said, "Both I, and the entire Fire Department, would like to thank the community for its continued support, in not only replacing apparatus, but continuing support as far as recognizing the job that fire fighters do, and acknowledging they need the proper equipment to do their job protecting both the citizens and themselves."  
 During the meeting with the selectmen, Chair Barbara Anderson said, "Thank you. I think I would prefer not having a truck which is 26 years old if my house was on fire. That's just good sense, and I would prefer it sooner rather than later. You have clearly done a lot of research and I really appreciate

that."  
 Fellow member Austin Cyganiewicz asked where the new truck would be serviced if needed. Smith said, "Woodville, which is down by Hopkinton."  
 Cyganiewicz replied, "I don't know how many of you have seen the tower, but it is a beautiful truck, and to have it the same specs as the pumper will be a benefit to Winchendon and the fire department."  
 BOS member Mike Barbaro added, "What I like is in the meantime, if our truck goes down, the KME-REV Group will give us a loaner. I would like to commend you on all the work you've done to get this done. Hopefully the next truck lasts as long as the last one has, and I think this is an excellent option for us."

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### MMS

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DESE, and has now used that info to write the new school improvement plan.  
 Vezina said, "Kudos to our staff, as I have been told this report is the best of the ones they have received so far."  
 Committee Chair Lawrence Murphy advised Vezina, "We need to know what monies you need for next year, so we can cover things recommended in the plan, so they will be covered in the budget. We need to know what assistance you are being given by DSAC, what other sources of funding you have, and what the difference is that Mr. Haddad needs to know about for what you need to make this happen for the school in the budget. The 10th percentile is not who we are."

Vezina replied, "Yes, and that's why we looked at three years' worth of data."  
 Superintendent Steve Haddad offered thanks to Vezina by saying, "Before we knew anything about this site visit and turnaround plan, she was way ahead early on looking for ways to tip the table over and redesign the school. I really do believe in this personalizing model in a way of teaching the middle school kids on how to be self-motivated, self-assess, and how to achieve their goals."  
 The committee will continue to be updated as the one year turnaround plan progresses, and Vezina informed the committee the school will continue to get the word out about the plan both in the newspapers and other media to keep both the town and parents informed of any continuing developments.



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# Benedict: forever on the go

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — You see them in every school, the students who are involved in everything, who are academic, artistic, and athletic standouts and still find time to tutor and get involved in community projects.

At Murdock High School, senior Michaela Benedict fits that description to a t, the kind of kid administrators and teachers themselves are awed by and proud of having in their school. Four AP classes, yearbook co-editor, varsity soccer co-captain, musicals, student representative to the Parks and Recreation committee, the list goes on and on, and Benedict is cherishing every moment of it all.

One scarcely knows where to begin, though academics seems like the logical place with a student who said, "I love science" and to prove it took biology and physics, AP



Michaela Benedict

variety of course, at the same time. Then there's calculus. "I'm a math geek," she laughed.

Then again that too was logical for someone who's intrigued by and might well be headed towards a career in neuroscience and psychology.

"Originally I wanted just to do research" but a couple summers ago (2016) Benedict spent several weeks at Harvard and envisioned other long term professional options — doing both research and patient care. That experience stiffened her resolve and

by the time she graduates next spring, Benedict will have taken nine AP classes.

"I really want to be in Boston," she said.

"There are great hospitals there and there's research money," noted Benedict.

Michaela's interest in medicine came about primarily because of her mother. Becky Benedict, a para-educator at the Murdock Academy for Success was born with a brain clot, but that didn't prevent her from getting her degree and her eldest child now calls her mom her "inspiration."

"She's the reason I want to go into these fields," explained Michaela, "and she's the reason I want to do research along with taking care of patients."

The senior's schedule itself is inspiring.

"I try to plan two weeks ahead of time," she acknowledged.

That's probably a necessity because in addition to that rigorous

class structure, there are all those other activities too. Take the yearbook for example. One of Benedict's priorities there is to make sure the Academy gets included.

"That didn't work out last year and this year it will. They're part of the school like everyone else," she asserted. "Everyone should be included."

Benedict tries to make everyone feel included on the soccer pitch, too. Coach Jason Marshall credits Benedict and fellow captain Maria Polcari as being "real leaders. Before games and at halftime, they're encouraging and supportive and they're positive, which you need," he said.

While MHS hasn't found a triumph yet, Benedict did score her first goal this season.

"That was fun," she said. As for the team struggle to post a 'W', "you can't count victories by wins. There's a

family feel."

Youth Venture? Of course. Benedict had originally developed a project to support band musicians but the override defeat pretty much put an end to that. Undaunted, Michaela is looking at a new project in conjunction with the Gardner Rotary club to raise money for polio vaccines abroad.

"Shots for Shots', we call it," she beamed, referencing the involvement of soccer teammates among others. The effort has already garnered a presidential citation.

All this activism? "She's an adrenaline junkie," noted mom Becky, pointing out Michaela spent her 18th birthday parachuting from a plane.

"Typical," Becky marveled.

Yet for all the accomplishments, for all the 'other' things, Benedict said her favorite school activity has been the musicals.

"When I was a freshman, I was really shy and a little afraid, I guess, to go out there. But now I have the best time. I definitely like the musicals better than anything else."

It seems like her entire high school experience has been pretty good.

"Definitely. In a small school, you get to know pretty much everyone. Mr. (Principal Ralph) Olsen greets people at the door every morning. I'm going to miss that kind of thing. I like being in the same school as my mom. Teachers used to tease me that if I ever did anything wrong they'd know where to find her," laughed Michaela.

While Benedict is preparing her college applications, she's not yet quite ready to see the finish line at Murdock.

"I'm not really thinking about that," she said. Clearly she's still too busy being involved in just about everything high school has to offer.

## Attendance numbers at high school up

BY JERRY CARTON  
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WINCHENDON — It takes a village. That's what we are told and sometimes it takes the village elders to make sure village youngsters are where they're supposed to be when they're supposed to be.

A metaphor to be sure, but that's the approach occasionally taken by Murdock High School Principal Ralph Olsen when it comes to attendance which has surged to about 95-percent so far this year.

There are any number of valid reasons for absences, but every day office secretary Deb Connolly calls the homes of those students whose absences haven't been reported.

That's when Olsen, police resource officer Tracy Flagg and school psychologist Jane Greenleaf might step in.

"We look at the number of days out," explained Olsen, "and then we decide if a home visit is warranted."

Olsen has made more than one of those himself and Greenleaf ("she's my GPS in this community") and Flagg have done so as well.

Olsen's a stickler for attendance because, pointed out Greenleaf, "school is about attendance, attachment, achievement," and Olsen observed neither an attachment to academics or achievement in the classroom is possible without students actually being in the classroom.

"Attendance is a huge ingredient" for the formula to work, he noted.

Additionally, at a small school, what Olsen calls "personalization" works. Not only can administrators, faculty and staff know who's there and who's

not, there's a pretty good chance they'll know where absentees might be. More than one has been brought to school by the absence 'team'.

"We're sending a message about showing up and the message is getting around," Olsen asserted.

"And we're being persistent with parents," added Greenleaf.

Good attendance leads to better performance and Olsen recently pored over progress reports for his student body. He said, for example, if athletes are failing more than one course, that mandates two days of after-school academics rather than practice.

"Teachers now have direct contact with coaches," he said.

Olsen added he understands there are root causes for chronic absences. Some students have specifically difficult situations - chaotic home lives, medical or mental health issues - there are a number of reasons for some of those continued absences. To help students keep up or catch up, the Murdock Academy for Success and taking online courses present potential options.

Regardless of the reasons for absences, Olsen said he is relentless in pushing the importance of attendance.

"It's a grind, but I don't go away," he assured.

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## EDITORIAL

### Turning it around

Pay attention to the news coming out of our school system these days.

It is very, very different from what was there oh, maybe six or seven years ago.

And we should be very, very proud of that.

We on the outside might not always be cognizant of what it is that is happening, we are not the educators and don't always understand the alphabet soup of acronyms thrown about. But we can see happier students with healthier test scores, who are learning and are not guilty of repetitive vandalism or juvenile angst.

We can see students going on to two and four year colleges, good ones with Ivy League names. We can see them entering trade programs, and the military, and skilled labor academies, and learning how to be respectful, contributing members of society.

We can see volunteer parent organizations stepping up and helping at every level of education, whether it's rebuilding a playground or helping coach a team.

We see teachers who care, and who put in the hours before and after school without compensation to accomplish their goals. They attend these seminars without compensation too. And they are home grading papers at night, and entering information on computerized grading sites and setting up new ways for their students to learn by pre-scanning new websites for research and doing lesson plans and....

You get the idea, they aren't just spending the six hours in the classrooms and calling it done. None of them are. And many of them have dedicated several years of their lives to our students in Winchendon. Look at the track record. We have a lot of them with several years here. That speaks

volumes for continuity and security for (no, not the teachers themselves) the students, who have a sense that the teachers know their stuff and know their students.

But we also see ingenuity and a willingness to try new things; to accept change, to challenge the status quo.

With very little change in funds by the way. Not that funds are necessarily the end all and be all for change understand, many changes can happen without a lot of money involved. And Winchendon is proving that.

Sure, they could move faster, do more, make some very positive changes if the funding were better, make no mistake about that. But they are making do, and when the great idea just isn't feasible because it is expensive, they take the idea itself and find a way to adapt it to help our students.

Can't maybe afford the whole program, but maybe we can take the idea of the program for ourselves, how can we do that?

And that's ingenuity. That's what we see.

They also seek grants. They seek other ways to do things. They don't settle for 'no' as the answer to everything.

Because yes, it is for the kids. And they own these kids. These are "their" kids as much as "our" kids; they do feel that way.

Earlier this year a statement was made that within a few years it is intended that Winchendon will be not just a Level 2 school, breaking out of its current Level 3 status, but a Level 1 school, best of the best.

This after being the ONLY school to ever get out of oversight by the state for its underperforming status.

And from what we see happening now, that isn't an impossible dream. It is in process.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### American Flag Project: thanks, and still need help

To the Editor:

The Toy Town Partnership Committee and the Winchendon American Legion would like to thank the following people, businesses and organizations for their donations towards the American Flags flying in the downtown area.

Our goal is to expand on the number of flags flying in the spring of 2018 to include School Street up to the VFW Park (Park Street), and from the Spring Street Bridge down to the pole past the entrance to the parking lot of the new North Central Pathway.

- We thank the following:
- A to Z Quality Vending Co.
  - Eugene M. Connor Post #193 American Legion
  - Jason & Heather Mullane
  - Ken & Vicki LaBrack
  - Lorey Tourtellot
  - Lt. Frederick Wilder White Post #2158 Veterans of Foreign Wars
  - Lt. Frederick Wilder White Post #2158 VFW Ladies Auxiliary
  - Robinson Broadhurst Foundation
  - Sons of the Winchendon American

- Legion Squadron #193
- Stone-LaDeau Funeral Home
- Theresa, Cliff, Joyce Beauvais, and Linda Fenlason
- Winchendon Council on Aging (Senior Center)
- Winchendon Lions Club

Our Committee is still accepting tax deductible donations to not only expand but to maintain these flags for many years to come.

You can send a donation to: Toy Town Partnership Committee, Attn: Linda Daigle, 109 Front St., Winchendon, MA 01475

And last but not least a big THANK YOU to the flag team that does all the installing and repairs to the flags on the poles, and to Linda Daigle that does the contracts with National Grid and Verizon.

KEN LABRACK  
FLAG PROJECT CHAIRMAN  
TOY TOWN PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

## LETTERS POLICY



Letters to the editor are always welcome, and may be sent to to ruth@stonebridgepress.news, or The Winchendon Courier, 91 Central Street, Winchendon, MA 01475. Be sure to include a name and residence. Please refrain from sending letters via fax, and be sure to supply a home address and phone number to allow for confirmation. Allow at least 48 hours for a response. Letters must be submitted by noon Friday to ensure publication in the following week's issue. Every effort will be made to accommodate late submissions, but inclusion can not be guaranteed. The rules of good taste and libel will, of course, apply to all submissions. Personal attacks will not be published. The editor retains the right to edit all letters.

## Where does Las Vegas take us?

The horrific tragedy in Las Vegas. While there are no words, there are so many. A good person cannot make sense of the events which took place at a family friendly country music concert. Nothing we can say will change what happened, and is there really anything we can say or do to try to prevent this from every happening again in the future when evil reveals its true and frightening face?

When I got my first glimpse of the nearly unbelievable acts of horror committed against the innocent I will not lie, I could not stop emotion from temporarily overcoming me. After collecting myself I tried

to make sense of it all and like most, I simply realized I couldn't. How does one rationalize the senseless killing of nearly 60 people along with 527 injured for no reason at all? The only answer at least for I was, "Evil is as evil does."

I am going to lay it all out there. While I am a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment, I personally do not believe there is a need to own a fully automatic weapon, or modifications which can assist in the near creation of one.

No, I am not betraying or selling out my own. No, I am not trying to take away gun rights. You can have your beliefs, these are mine. I proud-



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ly legally own an AR-15 and it's locked up responsibly. So called assault rifles, which many people "legally" own, fire one shot per one trigger pull just like a handgun.

To alter them "internally" to become or simulate an automatic is illegal in many states. This time apparently, the assailant skirted the law using

bump-fire type shoulder stocks to drastically increase the firing capacity of semi-automatic weapons.

True military style weapons have two settings, one for three round bursts, and one for "fully automatic." The evil man who created these unthinkable acts rained down on innocent people with weapons which were now much closer to automatic than their original design.

Examining what we now know, this disgusting person, and his name which does not deserve mentioning, was a multi-millionaire who purchased some 47 weapons in Nevada, California, Utah and more, according to the LVMPD

under-sherriff. The suspect even had cameras set up in the hallway of the hotel according to the under-sherriff so he could see law enforcement coming. Clearly this act involved an entirely new level of advanced premeditation and preparation.

Many states have no limits on how many firearms a person can purchase in even a five or seven day span. Authorities have now tracked 33 of the assailant's owned weapons were purchased in just the last month. How does that not raise a red flag for a person not licensed as a legal firearms dealer?

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## The Journey to what purpose?

This is the 631st of this series of essays which began more than 12 1/2 years ago when I penned the first piece, one in which I began to chronicle my, yes, journey of the heart (hence the column title) in the immediate aftermath of the allegedly (according to the cardiologists) near-fatal heart attack I suffered in the Philadelphia airport on March 7, 2005. It was undoubtedly therapeutic to have this outlet then and that remains the case today.

My journey of the last four months has differed from that taken by everyone who knew and loved and miss Courtney. All of us, her mom, brothers, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends — all of us have walked our own individual paths through the grief and despair and

loss. Some days have, fortunately, been better than others but some have been mind-numbingly awful.

I've had an increasing number of the latter recently. I know why. There are multiple reasons. It's because we received the final, formal report from the medical examiner which could pinpoint what took her life but not when it happened. The best they could do was tell us she slipped away sometime between late on the evening of Monday June 5 and sometime in the afternoon of Wednesday June 7. We will never know for sure and



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that haunts me. That lack of specificity has awakened me at 2 a.m. and has overwhelmed me at 2 p.m.

When I hadn't heard from her that Monday or Tuesday I had that feeling you get in your gut when you know something is wrong, terribly wrong. I said at the time - maybe we should go out there, (to Northampton), but then I remembered cell service was always spotty and it was the first week of classes and I told myself she was just busy with that and being with her friends and besides, I don't hear from my other adult kids every day or

even every other day. I'm sure you parents don't either. I was rationalizing for sure. I just knew 'something', but tried to convince myself I was overreacting.

And so to this day, I blame myself for not being pro-active and going out there on Tuesday. I know — it might well have been too late anyway and beating myself up over it is counter-productive and I don't do it 24/7 but I do it a lot and the fact I shouldn't doesn't change the reality. There it is. But that's not the only thing that's been going on.

We got her phone and glucose meter back. We're still working on unlocking the phone. I wonder, incessantly - what texts are in there and are any

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## Our Juvenile-In-Chief

*inspires and produces citizens worthy of becoming future leaders, honorable decision makers and peacemakers.* — Suzy Kassem, American author, philosopher

In 1789, the men writing the U.S. Constitution thought it wise to set the minimum age for anyone aspiring to the office of president of the United States at 35. Since then, we've done a pretty good job picking the kind of leader Suzy Kassem has recommended.

Unfortunately, 228 years later, nearly every American has been shown explicit proof that age, in and of itself, does not guarantee the maturity necessary

to serve as leader of the free world. The man now holding that office, Donald J. Trump, has exhibited a level of immaturity never before witnessed by the American people.

In May, conservative columnist David Brooks wrote in The New York Times: "At base, Trump is an infantalist. There are three tasks that most mature adults have sort of figured out by the time they hit 25. Trump has mastered none of them. Immaturity is becoming the dominant note of his presidency, lack of self-control his leitmotif."

The president continuously exhibits a juvenile sense of grandiosity, an exag-

gerated assessment of his own abilities. Like many a teenager, he refuses stubbornly to admit error, despite solid evidence he is wrong. He often sounds like my then-16-year-old daughter: "Everybody says..."; I read somewhere that...," and; "practically everyone agrees..." No attribution, of course.

He refuses to learn, because learning is just another way to admit he isn't already an expert in whatever topic is under discussion. His childish ego just can't handle it.

The president is a textbook example of

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"Pick a leader who will make their citizens proud. One who will stir the hearts of the people, so that the sons and daughters of a given nation strive to emulate their leader's greatness. Only then will a nation be truly great, when a leader



# CLYDE'S CORNER

## Saturday, October 14

**DEADLY CHATEAU SHENANIGANS:** a comical mystery dinner at the Winchendon School dining hall presented by the Winchendon Kiwanis to benefit the backpack program for Winchendon public schools. Doors open at 5:30, show begins at 6 p.m. sharp. Cash beer & wine bar, raffles. \$45 per person. Tickets available from any Kiwanis member, at To Each His Own Design or by calling Bruce Cloutier, president at (978) 297-1815.

## Sunday, October 15

**DINNER & A SHOW:** United Parish Church, 39 Front St., Winchendon on Sunday, Oct. 15 presents a pulled pork dinner 5-6 p.m. followed by a concert by the Kempter's Family Gospel Band at 6:30 p.m. A freewill offering at both

events!

## Saturday, October 21

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Ladies Fellowship Retreat at United Parish, Saturday Oct. 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Guest speaker: Cherrilynn Bisbano. Lunch is catered by Panera Bread. Cost is \$30 per person. To register call the church at (978) 297-0616. All ladies welcome!

## Wednesday, October 25

**SENIOR WELLNESS DAY:** The Old Murdock Senior Center will once again host their annual Senior Wellness Day on Wednesday Oct. 25 from 9 am to 12:30 p.m. The Center is located at 52 Murdock Ave., Winchendon.

## Thursday, October 26

**OPEN MIC:** at the American Legion Post 193, 295 School St. Beginning at 9 p.m. Like to sing? Play an instrument? Willing to jam with a few other musicians? Then come on down and join us at the lower level. Always a good time. Open to everyone! Non-smoking venue.

**OUR NEIGHBOR'S KITCHEN:** Our Neighbor's Kitchen Winchendon's Community Supper is served on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central St. at 5:30 p.m. On the first and third Thursdays, the supper will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce St. Our Neighbor's Kitchen meals are cooked homestyle from fresh ingredients. We're supported by voluntary donations at the door contributions from Winchendon

churches and organizations and many hard-working volunteers.

## Saturday, November 4

**FALL FAIR:** Fall Fair at the Hyde Park Drive Community Building in Winchendon Saturday, Nov. 4th, 9am to 2 pm. Crafts, flea market, ticket auction, goodies & Good Company.

**TREATS FOR OUR TROOPS OWC:** Holiday Treats for our Troops Operation Winchendon Cares drive. It will be from 9-11 a.m. at the Eugene M. Connor American Legion Post 193 on 295 School St. in Winchendon. We need holiday cards, holiday treats, and the usual array of necessities. Visit winchendoncares.com or our Facebook page for a complete list of needs. Always appreciate cash donations toward postage! And come help! Volunteers appreciated!

# Fitzwilliam Community Church Concert Series

Our October concert on the 15 at 3 p.m. will feature JoAnne Mead, soprano and Stacie Pirozzi, mezzo-soprano accompanied by Thomas R. Martin on piano. The program will consist entirely of duets for soprano and mezzo-soprano.

A recent transplant to Fitzwilliam from the Boston area, originally from Geneva, NY, mezzo-soprano Pirozzi holds a Master of Music in vocal pedagogy from the New England Conservatory of Music, and a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance and music education from Ithaca College. A private voice teacher for the past 20 years, Stacie is currently on the voice and piano faculty at Elm City Music and Saint Joseph Regional School in Keene and voice faculty at The Winchendon School. She made her Boston Lyric Opera New England premiere as the third lady in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*. She has appeared as a concert soloist performing a diverse repertoire. She has performed as professional singer throughout New York and New England.

Mead holds a Bachelor of Science degree in music education (instrumental and vocal), and elementary education. She has extensive post-graduate work in vocal studies. She received her training from teachers at Boston University, Keene State College, and opera singer Anna Gabrieli. She has performed numerous works as a soloist with choral/orchestral organizations, as well as singing opera, musical theatre, concert and recital. She has served as music director and orchestra conductor for many musical productions in the Monadnock Region and is also a vocal coach in the area schools. She is a vocal coach and instructor at MOCO Arts in Keene, and teaches a class for young voices through the Colonial Theatre and the Metropolitan Opera HD Live educational opera program. Students teen to adult learn correct vocal technique for healthy singing in all genres. She resides in Swanzy Center, NH where she maintains an active studio of voice.

Martin, recently retired after 22 years choral director for Keene High

School, where he directed the A cappella choir, the concert chorus and the vocal jazz ensemble. He also served as choral director in Winchendon and Barre, MA. Before embarking on a career in public education, Martin worked as a voice teacher, free-lance pianist, arranger, and musical director in New York, Boston, and Nashville, working principally in musical theatre and cabaret. In addition to teaching in Keene, Martin was the musical director for the *MainStreet\*Broadway* vocal octet, *Mainstreet\*4* vocal quartet and continues in the same capacity with this evening's ensemble. He continues to work as a director and musical director for theatre, guest conductor, clinician, vocal performer, pianist, currently performing with the Keene Jazz Orchestra, and as a composer. He is director of music and organist for the Dublin

Community Church.

We look forward to seeing you all at the concert. We are asking \$10 admittance to support the church and our music program. There will also be a reception with lots of good food downstairs after the concert so you can fraternize with the performers.

### Fitzwilliam Community Church News

Last month, one of our big white pine trees fell. Fortunately, it fell away from the church onto the neighbor's property and there was no damage. Efforts

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## Halloween Haunted Mansion event still has space

WINCHENDON — Have you ever wanted to visit a haunted house during Halloween season? Well, now is your chance to attend the fifth annual Halloween Haunt event at the Murdock Whitney Mansion hosted by Lucky and Candace Belcamino who are the founders of New England Paranormal Society based out of Winchendon.

Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight, the Murdock Whitney Mansion will play host to the fifth annual Halloween Haunt event and will feature a Gothic themed party (costumes optional), catered appetizers,

soft drinks, vendors who will offer psychic and Tarot readings, merchandise, jewelry and much more.

6 p.m.: check in  
6:30 p.m.: appetizers and drinks

8 p.m.: guest speaker James Annitto (Spiritualism)

9 p.m.: Table Tipping Séance demonstration with Lucky

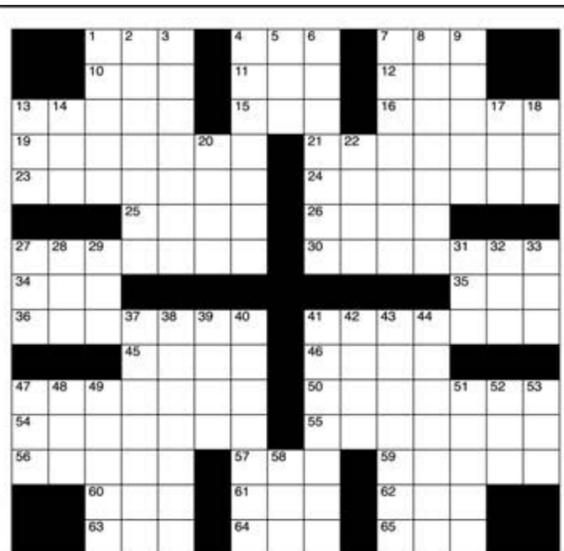
10 p.m.: Group Ghost Hunt featuring Lucky and Candace, Shauna Grace and Kelly LaHoux from New England Paranormal Society Maine

New England Paranormal Society was founded in 2012

and now has chapters in Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Lucky is the official Psychic of the Lizzie Borden Bed and Breakfast, and has been seen on the Travel Channel's Haunted USA and has been cast on Stephen King's new Castlerock Series filming in the area.

For tickets, \$65 per person, contact Lucky or Candace at: luckybelcamino@gmail.com.

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Winchendon Cultural Center.



### CLUES ACROSS

- Current unit
- 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Confederate soldier
- Car mechanics group
- Australian TV station
- Trouble
- Getting up there
- Cool!
- Adventurous English aristocrat Jane
- Glow
- A way to appear like
- Absence of bacteria
- Type of water
- Cool Hand \_\_\_
- German river
- Partial paralysis
- Immobile
- Federal savings bank
- Swiss river
- The Windy City
- Female's genitals
- German courtesy title
- Matter
- Exonerated
- Danced
- Act destructively
- Baked an egg
- 140-character missive
- NYC museum (abbr.)
- Christmas carols
- No (Scottish)
- Heartbeat display (abbr.)
- Rum
- Flop
- Cease to live
- Small Arkansas city

### CLUES DOWN

- For future use
- Church garb
- Winged horse
- Muscular weaknesses
- Helps little firms
- Directories
- Bases
- They clean up manuscripts
- S. Wales river
- Small constellation
- Fuel
- British thermal unit
- Thus far
- One of football's Barber twins
- Manner in which something occurs
- Beginning military rank
- Powdery residue
- Baseball stat
- 007's creator
- Fellow
- A distinct period
- Cap
- Treated a lawn
- Bryant Gumbel's brother
- Mandated
- A route
- Home to the Utes
- Sunday (Span.)
- Involve
- Television tube
- Order's partner
- Make improvements to
- Home to rockers and athletes alike
- Snake-like fish
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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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7	9	5	4	8	1	6	3	2
3	1	4	5	2	6	7	9	8

ANSWER:



PUZZLE SOLUTION

# Downtown Toy Town taken over by festival

WINCHENDON — A new tradition was formed this year as the fledgling Fall Festival, heretofore held at Ingleside, was taken over by the newly formed Winchendon Business Group and moved to Central Street. With the cooperation of many of the

downtown merchants and town administration the street was cordoned off and traffic diverted so pedestrians could move freely among the tents and vendors.

Greg Vine photos



Representatives of Cub Scout Pack 193 sold popcorn and other goodies during Saturday's Fall Festival. (l-r) Deaven Merritt, Brandon Chapman, Bradeigh Peabody, Zackary Merritt, and Zachary Gagne.



David and Danielle LaPointe, members of the band The Toy Town Project, performing during Saturday's Fall Festival.



A '56 Chevy Bel Air owned by Winchendon resident Bob Betourney was one of the entries in Saturday's car show.



Brian Stanislaw, AKA Cole Slaw, waits to get dunked during Saturday's Fall Festival. Stanislaw is a member of Murdock's freshman football team.



Winchendon K-9 Clyde puts on a show on the front lawn of the Clark Memorial YMCA during Saturday's Fall Festival.

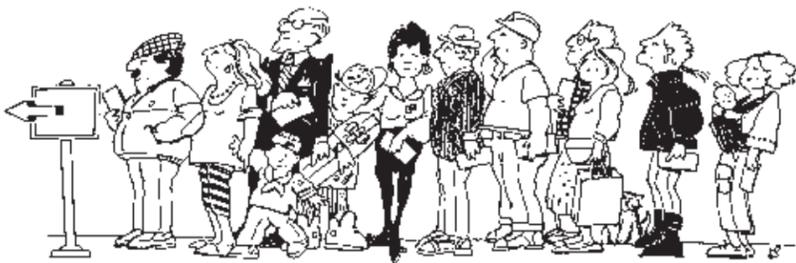


Some festival-goers shooting hoops during Saturday's festivities.



The Winchendon School mascot Wapiti greeted youngsters during Saturday's Fall Festival.

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# OBITUARIES

## Kathy Aldrich, 64

GREENFIELD — Kathy Jean (Girouard) Aldrich, age 64, of High Street, died Tuesday evening, October 3, 2017 at Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield.

Born in Winchendon on November 9, 1952, Kathy was a daughter of Leo W. Jr. and June B. (Rand) Girouard and grew up on her grandparents' farm in Orange and later graduated from Greenfield High School in 1971. Kathy was married to Robert Aldrich, Jr.

Employed by the Greenfield Tap & Die for many years, Kathy was a machinist.

Kathy was a wonderful mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed by her family. She had made holidays with the family extra special, with Christmas being her favorite.

Known as "Miss Fix It", she loved working on projects. She also enjoyed doing arts and crafts, building wooden models, and was known to have much affection for horses.

Survivors include her children,

Amanda Ambrose and Christopher Aldrich, both of Greenfield; grandchildren, Aaron Aldrich, Devin Aldrich, Aiden Aldrich, Jocelyn Ambrose and John Burt; a sister, Barbara Haskins of Pennsylvania; and many nephews and nieces.

Kathy's father died on December 21, 1996 and her mother on May 1, 2005. She was also predeceased by a brother, Leo W. Girouard III on July 25, 2005.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held on October 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Witty's Funeral Home, 158 South Main Street, Orange, with Minister Edward J. Williams of the Franklin County Church of Christ officiating. Interment will follow in South Cemetery, Orange. Flowers may be sent to the service.

Witty's Funeral Home, 158 South Main Street, Orange, is directing the arrangements. You may order flowers or offer your sympathy online at [www.wittyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wittyfuneralhome.com)

## Terrence P. Crickett, 83

AYER — Terrence P. Crickett, age 83, of Ayer, died Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH, surrounded by his family.

His wife of 50 years, Mary A. (Hudlin) Crickett, died in September 2014.

Mr. Crickett was born in Lowell, May 12, 1934, a son of Joseph and Winifred (Mulligan) Crickett and resided in Ayer for over 50 years. He grew up in Westford and was a graduate of Westford Academy. During the Korean Conflict, Mr. Crickett served his country as a military policeman in the United States Army.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time at his summer home in New Durham, NH. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was a member of St. Mary's Church in Ayer.

Mr. Crickett worked for many years in the quality control department of the AVCO Corporation in Lowell and later Wilmington. While working at AVCO, he achieved the "Snoopy the Astronaut" award from NASA for his fine performance on the Apollo/Saturn program.

He leaves three daughters, Linda M. Crickett of Windham, NH, Cheryl L. Crickett-Holland of Westminster, Cynthia J. Thiers of Winchendon; two brothers, Joseph "Sonny" Crickett of Nebraska, John "Jackie" Crickett of New Hampshire; seven grandchildren, Kayleigh Burke, Matthew Burke, Shannon Burke, Trevor Holland, Jared Holland, Samantha Thiers and Alexis Thiers.

He was the brother of the late Alice Kelley of Pelham, NH and Mary V. Scanlan of Providence, RI.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, October 7th at St. Mary's Church, 31 Shirley St., Ayer.

Burial was in the parish cemetery.

Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd. Ayer was entrusted with arrangements. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information.

## Leo G. Tessier Jr., 83

LEOMINSTER — Leo G. Tessier, Jr., 83 years old, of Leominster died Wednesday, October 4, 2017 in HealthAlliance-Leominster Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Jean A. (Bagley) Tessier, son George E. Tessier and his wife Karen of Winchendon; daughters Debra J. Powell and her husband Douglas of Clinton, Robin M. Stanley of Clinton and Sandra A. Van Dyke of Chantilly, VA; sisters Lorraine Pavilaitis of Leominster, Marylou Kurtz of Leominster, and Penelope Joki of Florida; brother Peter Tessier of Virginia; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Bernadette Rich; brothers Donald Tessier and John Tessier.

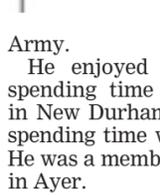
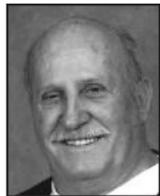
Leo was born May 31, 1934 in Leominster, son of Leo G. and Dorothy

(Hatstat) Tessier, Sr. and was a lifelong resident. He was a U.S. Navy Korean War veteran and had worked for the city of Leominster for 33 years, before retiring as a foreman in the Water Department in 1997. Leo was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Leominster.

Leo was an avid reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, making puzzles, listening to vintage music and any John Wayne movie he could find! His most joyous times however, were spent surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at family get togethers.

Leo's funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 10th from the Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home, 106 West Street, Leominster with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main Street, Leominster. Burial with military honors was in Evergreen Cemetery, Leominster.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main Street, Leominster, MA 01453. [www.richardsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.richardsonfuneralhome.net).



## HEFTY SQUASH

Greg Vine photo

Art Kaczinski of Erving took the top prize at Sunday's Pumpkin Weigh-in at the Phillipston Fall Festival at Red Apple Farm. His entry came in at 1,065 pounds. Second place in Sunday's competition went to Lou Chadwick of Greenfield, with an entry weighing 952 pounds. His wife, Sue Chadwick, took third with an 801-pound pumpkin.

## Winterfest planning underway

WINCHENDON — Leaves are falling and days are cooler, and that can only mean one thing - it's time to start preparing for one of the Winchendon Senior Center's most popular events. While the annual Winterfest will not be held until Saturday, Dec. 2, the preparation begins now. Sponsored by the Friends of Old Murdock group, proceeds from this winter event helps fund programs and activities for local senior citizens at the Center.

Highlights of the Winterfest are the ever-popular display of tables decorated for the holidays by local residents, the wreaths and holiday baskets raffles, and the huge bake sale. The success of this annual fundraising event depends entirely on the generosity and support of local and area residents...so, how can you help?

If you would like to contribute to the Basket Raffle by either donating a basket, or a new item or gift certificate for a basket, please contact either Rose Goodrich at (978) 297-1440 or Nancy Willcox at (978) 297-3969. If you would like to donate a wreath (purchased or personally crafted) for the raffle, please contact Moe Ward at [moe.ward@hotmail.com](mailto:moe.ward@hotmail.com) or (603) 997-2245. All designs and sizes will be gladly accepted.



Courtesy photos

Two examples of last year's entries, this year is expected to be just as spectacular.

If you would like to participate in the holiday table setting display, also contact Moe. As in the past, round tables will be set out with white table cloths ready for you to create your magic. The



holiday theme is up to your imagination.

If you would like to see one of the many programs/activities made possible by such fundraisers as the Winterfest,

stop by and enjoy the International Veteran's Chorus on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Old Murdock Senior Center (handicapped accessible), 52 Murdock Ave.

## CONCERTS

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to clean up the fallen tree and to remove all the remaining white pines have been completed. These pines were very big and old and could have fallen onto the church with catastrophic consequences. Cleaning up this wooded area

behind the church improve its appearance and opened up the back side of the church where the paint suffers from constant shade. This is an unbudgeted project that cost \$3,200. If you would like to help us with this project please send your donation to Fitzwilliam Community Church, PO Box 522, 85 Rte. 119, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447.

Remember to clean out your closets this fall and save your good used clothing and white elephants that you no longer want for our Fall Rummage Sale. Good clothes (any season) and White Elephants (No electronics please) may be brought in Oct. 9 through Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Rummage Sale will

be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stock up on gently used items such as furniture, clothing for the entire family, household items, décor, tools, sports and exercise equipment, antiques and collectibles, gift items, jewelry, books, linens, toys. After noon, fill a bag for \$1.

All are invited to come

in costume and celebrate Spooktacular on October 21, in a safe and friendly atmosphere all around the Common. The Church will be hosting games and activities to coincide.

We are planning to decorate the foyer for Halloween Trick or Treating in the Common and will be passing out candy to the children who stop by.

## WATER

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any developments and updates about the water quality issues with schools, and that in the meantime his staff goes faucet to faucet every morning running the water for 30 seconds at each location before school opens, allowing the water quality to return back to acceptable levels after the water has not flowed during times of school closure.

Committee Chair Lawrence Murphy asked, "So the bottom line is the water is safe?"

James Murphy replied, "Yes, we are following all the procedures that were handed down to us."

Superintendent Steve Haddad asked about any cafeteria issues.

Murphy replied, "This new filter system will be mounted in the kitchen, so anything going in will be taken care of. We need three systems, and we are trying to get two covered by the grant. With the third we will try to get a little creative."



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# SPORTS

## Why I am not a fan of local fans (goodbye Mr. Farrell) and... free speech woes



TALKING SPORTS  
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JERRY CARTON

The American League championship series opens tonight but as I write, I don't know who will be facing the Houston Astros. I'm writing this before the deciding game of the Yankees/Indians ALDS series but here's what I do seem to know. It galls Red Sox fans no end that New York's season has gone longer than that of the Old Towne Team, even if it turns out to be a single game longer.

I have heard and read too much this week about

John Farrell's alleged incompetence. Farrell managed the Sox for five years. During that span, Boston won a World Series and twice took the AL East, arguably the toughest division in all of professional sports. And yet the masses clamored for the dismissal, which happened Wednesday.

This is why Red Sox fandom is so obnoxious. Well, that and the racist garbage that comes out of the Fenway bleachers way too often. The team just won back-to-back division titles. That's pretty impressive and not easy to do. Boston lost the ALDS to a clearly better team. That's the way it goes but from what you see and hear and read,

Farrell gets zero credit for success and all the blame for defeats. Every manager, every coach has their critics of course, but Sox fans seem to take it to another level. Here's some advice. A) It's just a game. B) Your team is, on balance, pretty good.

You want baseball misery? You could be the forever woeful Padres. Hell, you should be glad your team doesn't have the Astros' mournful history. One World Series appearance in 56 mostly wretched years and the year the 'Stros did get there, they got swept. Be grateful your team is a constant contender.

The same goes for fans of the Nationals who as of this writing are down

a game to the champion Cubs, arguably because neither their left nor center fielder remembered the Little League lesson of calling off other players when the ball is in the air. A bloop hit fell between them Monday afternoon, giving Chicago the series lead with a chance to assure an NLCS rematch with the Dodgers with one more win. Los Angeles casually disposed of the improving D-Backs in three straight and still loom as the favorite in the senior circuit. Hard to believe the Dodgers haven't been to the Series since 1988. Still, they've been to a couple LCS. Nats fans, unless their team wins two in

a row including one at Wrigley, are without question the most let-down fans of any team in the game.

Let's talk a bit about how muddled this whole National Anthem issue has gotten. The original point for Colin Kaepernick's kneeling, and the reason other players emulated him this year, was to protest racism and the incidences of police brutality. It wasn't about disrespecting a piece of cloth or a song. Somehow that seems to be what people like the vice-president do think it's been about. His pre-planned stunt in Indianapolis Sunday, ordered by his boss, missed the point entire-

ly. Those rich white owners who locked arms with their teams a couple weeks ago? They didn't get it, either. Jerry Jones certainly doesn't, which he proves every time he opens his mouth on the subject.

Here's an interesting tidbit - players didn't come out for the Anthem before the game, Super Bowls aside, until 2009. Why? Because it was in '09 when the NFL signed a deal with the Pentagon, yes, your tax dollars, for those flyovers and the unfurling of the flag on the field. This wasn't an issue for Roger Goodell's bosses until they could profit from it. Go figure. Shocked, aren't you? Yeah, I thought not.

## Soccer struggling along

BY JERRY CARTON  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — There were bright spots. Sure, the Murdock Lady Devils were blanked by Nashoba Tech Thursday, dropping a 5-0 contest, but Coach Jason Marshall saw some things he liked.

For starters, Marshall said goalie Cassidy Stadtfeld "was a standout in the net, making several great saves."

The player of the match honor went to Marissa Losurdo "for excellent play at midfield as she carried the ball well and made several excellent passes."

Additionally, Murdock earned a first half penalty kick when Maria Polcari was "taken down" in the box. The Nashoba goalie had to guess, as goalies do in that situation and guessed right, making the save to thwart the Lady Devils, and then stopped the rebound as well.

Nonetheless, Marshall liked his team's effort better than he had after a loss to West Boylston.

"We were hoping for a more unified effort from the entire team," he said, and was satisfied that was the case.

"Tough outing" was how he described the West Boylston clash, though he

praised player of the match Kara Vongchairueng "for playing well in her position and putting pressure on the ball."

Gabby Cote was honored as player of the match in a loss to Clinton, "for her hustle and tenacity."

Polcari scored the lone MHS goal.

Marshall reminded the program's marathon event is just a couple weeks away, set for Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. that Saturday until 10 a.m. Sunday at the Clark Memorial YMCA fieldhouse.

The fee is \$64 for an hour of soccer with teams anticipated to be in the 7-10 player range.

"We're trying to build awareness" for the program said Marshall. "We want to get people interested in coming out and watching these girls play."

"We'd like to do this in the pre-season but we're going to do this as a trial run," he noted.

"We'd also like to see teams from all ages and from throughout the community," said Marshall, adding, "that fee is bare-bones, covering one worker."

He said the initial fund-raising goal is \$4,000, noting players from both the boys' and girls' teams are soliciting donations.

## Panthers prove too much for Devils

BY CHRIS MARTIN  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Last Friday the Murdock Blue Devils took on the Ayer-Shirley Panthers at home as the Devils were looking to pick up their third win of the season.

In what was a close first half of play for both teams, Ayer would run away with the second half, and go on to a 37-20 victory.

The Blue Devils got on the board first with 4:05 to go in the first quarter as James

Anderson would run it in from two yards out, the result of a 12 play 65 yard drive, to take a 6-0 lead.

With just 10 seconds left in the quarter, the Panthers would strike with a touchdown of their own to take a 7-6 lead.

The Panthers would strike again with 2:18 left in the first half, to take a 13-6 lead. But Murdock would strike with another TD right before halftime as Anderson would find Kaleb Arsenaull in the end zone on an eight play drive to even things up at 13-13.

Ayer would receive the ball to start the second half, and they would march down into Devil territory, but the Blue Devils would force the Panthers to kick a field goal to allow a retake of the lead 16-13. With 3:34 left in the third quarter, the Panthers would get yet another TD and a field goal to go up 23-13.

The Devils would cut that lead to three with 1:13 remaining in the third, as Anderson would throw again to Arsenaull for a 40-yard touchdown pass and the made field

goal by Anderson would cut that Panther lead to 23-20. As the third quarter came to a close, Ayer was still in the lead.

The fourth quarter was all Panthers, as they managed two unanswered touchdowns in the quarter, one coming at 8:55 and the second with 6:18 left in the game. Final score 37-20.

With the loss, the Devils dropped to 2-3 on the season.

After the game, Coach Billy Wright said, "They (Ayer) out physicaled us, there's no doubt about that. They out physicaled us from beginning to end."

"In the second half, you could tell they were just beating us up physically."

Tonight, Murdock will travel to Maynard, and Wright said, "Maynard does a really good job with their program, we're going to have to improve 100 percent to compete with them. That's just where we are and that's the schedule we play, so we'll just go out and compete."

The Devils will try to pick up their third win tonight as they travel to Maynard for a 7 p.m. game.

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reg Vine photos

The back of the tee shirt worn by all volunteers and participants expresses the driving force behind the United Sports program. The program is for children with special needs ages four and older. The group kicked off its fall soccer season recently at the Winchendon School.



Some last-minute coaching before a game gets under way.

One young participant in the United Sports Program gets some pre-game encouragement from his "buddy." Adult and high school-aged volunteers, called "buddies," are each paired with a child in the program.



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# Donation makes carnival day fun for everyone

BY KEITH KENT  
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

WINCHENDON — Toy Town Students enjoyed the benefits of a special one day outdoor carnival on school grounds before their sendoff entering a three day holiday weekend, all thanks to a very generous donation as a thanks to the school and teachers for all their hard work.

Thanks to Winchendon residents, and parents of a Toy Town student Mark and Kat Ransom, who donated several thousand dollars to Toy Town Elementary at a School Committee meeting, some 300 students combined in grades 3, 4, and 5 were able to celebrate the day with inflatable toys and a

variety of games.

Three very large inflatable activities, shooting hoops basketball, a tunnel where students could compete crawling through, over an obstacle, and racing back through a second set of tunnels to get out the other side first, and a giant blowup slide, kept kids excited. Along with the children, multiple teachers took turns either on the slide, or competing against each other racing through the tunnels, as students cheered their teachers.

Additionally available were other activities and games such as bowling with large inflatable pins, tug-of-war, blongo ball, corn hole, and volleyball. Students enjoyed a bagged lunch, which included popcorn provided by the PTO.

Principal Mary Aker explained, "The Ransoms have a daughter here, and they really appreciated the work that the teachers did with her so they were very kind and made a donation to the school. We still have money left over from the donation, and hopefully we will be able to do this again next year."

"The teachers were thrilled and love being acknowledged for their hard work, they really appreciated it" added Aker.

Angela Suarez, who is a speech therapist, said, "To see the Ransom family give back to the school like this is just wonderful and we really appreciate it. We were lucky enough to have a beautiful day for this for the students to enjoy and everybody is just having a great

time."

Suarez went on to say, "It's nice to have good publicity. People often times hear about all the time teachers get off, and I think it's really nice to be recognized for all the hard work that we do for the students. It means a lot to be recognized for our efforts."

In closing Aker jokingly added, "I at first thought we had done something wrong. We had no idea the Ransoms were going to make the donation as only Suzanne Michel knew about it. It was so nice to hear our school and teachers were being thanked in such a kind way. We are very grateful as both a school and teachers to be recognized by a student's family like this and again we thank them."



Students compete at shooting hoops



Third grade students give it everything they have to win a tug of war



Children do their best to reach the ball during volleyball



Toy Town Elementary School Principal Mary Aker takes a trip down the inflatable slide with 3rd grade student Cathrine O' Donnell



A young 3rd grade student does his best to knock down inflatable bowling pins

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# Clark ready to expand

The Clark Memorial YMCA is excited to announce that preliminary site work is expected to begin by the end of the month in preparation for the construction of a new community building that will be located behind the outdoor basketball and tennis courts off of Summer Drive.

Clark Memorial YMCA Board President Cindy Landanno explains that this is a very exciting milestone for the Clark and for the community.

"We have been working

towards this day for a number of years now and we are delighted to begin the construction phase. The project has received a tremendous amount of support and interest and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2018".

Once completed, the community building will house three rooms for Before & After-School Childcare programming during the school year, as well as space during the summer for the Y's Day Camp program; a spacious multipurpose room for com-

munity classes, meetings, and social gatherings and will also provide space to accommodate the Y's growing gymnastics program. "This will allow us to re-open the gymnasium for a variety of uses including basketball, volleyball, group exercise programs and other functions", stated Michael Quinn, executive director.

This is the second phase of a multi-year capital campaign. Phase I included upgrades to the Clark Memorial's main building

such as the installation of a Fire Alarm system, an elevator and wider doorways for handicap accessibility, family changing rooms and a new lobby entrance. "Still to come is the repurposing of the former Zamboni garage and mechanical space at the end of the former ice-rink (now the indoor field-house) into a teen center" explains Quinn. "We recognize the growing need for positive and enriching teen programs and opportunities within the community as well as pro-

viding teens with a safe and dedicated space that they can call their own. The new Teen Center will provide space for academic support, mentoring, arts, games and a place to relax and socialize with friends".

The Clark Memorial Y is committed to strengthening the community and enriching the lives of all families. To learn more about the Y's programs, visit in person or go to our website [www.clarkymca.org](http://www.clarkymca.org).

## CARTON

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of those texts clues to filling in the too many missing pieces of that week's chronology? And these tough days can be attributed as well to the impending unveiling.

Jewish tradition dictates that sometime within the first year of someone's passing, the headstone at the grave, once it's ready, is covered with a cloth and uncovered, unveiled, in a graveside ceremony. We're going to be doing this very soon. I'm dreading it. I am. To be sure, it will be comforting to be with family and old, cherished friends but the event itself will not be easy. My hope is that this will help bring about a degree of closure and perhaps acceptance but who knows?

There's also this about my personal journey - I have not yet found the right purpose to honor her memory long term.

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For myself, I've written a lot, not just here, not just on social media, but for other publications as well and more of those will follow. These platforms have provided me with the opportunity to tell her story, write about her commitment to service, perhaps as well to educate about type 1 diabetes, and to emphatically as possible stress the urgency of citizen responsibility. As she matured, she recoiled at the sight of Confederate

flags flapping from trucks, was horrified by the racism and bigotry she saw and began joining in protests. As a budding social worker, she was aghast at the bureaucracies which sometimes impeded the delivery of services to the adolescents and teens who were her clients.

I've gotten to write about all these and I'm grateful for that but I've also spent the last few months believing there must be something bigger I can tackle, something more profound. Maybe there's not. Maybe writing about her and soliciting donations to help some currently unknown kids who will eventually get their MSW at Smith is my destiny when it comes to memorializing her. I believe, I really do, those are important projects, I'm not minimizing them in the least, but I keep wondering what else, what more I could do.

I don't know. What I do know is this — four months after her death, while the tears are less frequent, the ache and the

emptiness persist unabated and sometimes there are moments of incalculable and immeasurable grief and yes, anger, blind rage at the universe. There are days when I want to just hide and there are days when I function well.

So to those who have been my support system, who have somehow hung in there with me, there are no words which can possibly appropriately express my gratitude. Your friendships are a debt I can never repay. But believe me when I tell you how much you all mean to me. I miss Courtney more than I can ever say. Her completely unacceptable death has shattered my soul. Hard words to write, perhaps hard to read, but true nonetheless.

And thus this is where I am on my journey, a journey of the heart, a journey of that aforementioned soul, a journey on an unknown path to an unknown destination. The road continues. See you next week.

## STRESS

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old days, when I started, there were no resources for dealing with the stress. There really was no one to talk to. You were just expected to handle it."

Walsh said officers often have to deal with line of duty deaths or injuries of colleagues, the suicide of a co-worker, multi-casualty incidents, and deaths or injuries to civilians.

"In a smaller community like Winchendon, a victim or their family members or friends are

much more likely to be known by any given officer. A victim and officer may have grown up together. That creates a kind of stress many officers in larger departments never experience. It's more personal."

The chief said officers can be affected in a number of ways, including: physically, cognitively, emotionally, behaviorally, and spiritually.

"You need to look for signs, such as changes in behavior," he said.

Walsh said he has been in early discussions with police chiefs in Fitchburg, Lunenburg,

and Templeton regarding the establishment of a system specializing in what he referred to as "critical incident debriefing."

"A lot of officers are reluctant to speak to people who are not themselves police officers," said Walsh. "Right now, there are some resources available through the On Site Academy in Westminster and through the town's employee assistance program. But people who aren't officers just don't understand the pressure. Whether that's legitimate or not, I believe you'll get a better response to resour-

ces if they're facilitated by police themselves."

"Right now, we're just in the discussion phase, but the response has been pretty positive," he added.

"Any line of duty death of an officer, whether it happens close to home or across the country, just brings to light the dangerousness of the job," Walsh continued. "Your job is to run toward danger, not away from it."

The chief added that traumatic incidents, such as an accident on Route 140 in April in which a truck driver was killed, can

leave a lasting impact.

"The problem is the effect doesn't always come to light initially," he said. "You can have flashbacks, bad dreams, frightening thoughts. It amounts to PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) to some degree. An officer's responses vary based upon the event and the individual."

Walsh said there seems to be more of a focus on the mental officers today than there used to be.

"I think a critical response team would be very beneficial to this area," he concluded.

## MHS

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October 2017 Blue Devil Cool award for her teaching efforts.

Chairman Lawrence Murphy immediately addressed Maskewich saying, "You should be very proud that you possess the many qualities that represent Blue Devil Cool, as you have been chosen after only being here a couple of months. This is a big honor, and I want to congratulate you."

Fellow member Greg Vine informed Maskewich his mother was previously head of the Oakmont Regional High School language department. Vine said, "My mom loved the kids, and they loved her. I can tell by you reading the back of the shirt with the qualities listed that you really have a feeling for the job and the importance of teaching another language especially in this day and age I think it is so important. What you have planned is very impressive, and I thank you very much for signing on without

staff."

Member Danielle LaPointe joined in saying, "I just want to thank you and congratulate you. I have a sophomore who is in his second year of Spanish, and he went from wanting to drop it to say this year that it is so much better. I just wanted to thank you for the engagement because that is a big part of it for the students."

Superintendent Steve Haddad added, "In today's global economy, learning a second language is so important. If you're bi-lingual you are raising your stock value when applying for a job in the eyes of employers."

Maskewich who speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian, responded to all members with, "I want to thank you for all the students. They are very well behaved, and they have a lot of knowledge and they are really willing to learn. Thank you for being great community members, and for impacting your children to be accepting also of another culture and another language."

Murphy addressing the recent hurri-

cane which ravaged the island nation of Puerto Rico asked Maskewich to share her plan to address and concerns parents of participating students may have.

Maskewich said, "To speak another language is to be part of a world filled with diversity and acceptance. To travel around the world is to create opportunities in a competitive market."

Maskewich stated she and another teacher are taking students from both Murdock and students from Leominster High School in a joint trip to Puerto Rico.

"Although the island has suffered from a Category 4 hurricane, the company being used has said we should not have any problems once we get there, as the hotels have not suffered structural damage, and they have the ability to transport us to different destinations. We are waiting on restaurant venues and attractions to make sure we can enjoy an educational classroom experience."

A previously planned zip line tour has now been replaced by a day of commu-

nity service Maskewich informed the committee.

Vine asked how many students were attending. Maskewich responded, "We are able to take up to 21 students. At this time, we have 15 students. Four are from MHS, and the rest at this time are from Leominster, with myself as one adult and the other being the accompanying teacher from Leominster, Mrs. Paragas."

It was also explained to Vine by Maskewich that to qualify participating students needed an 85 grade point average in all their classes, be either a sophomore, junior, or senior, have good behavior, and also have outstanding community service.

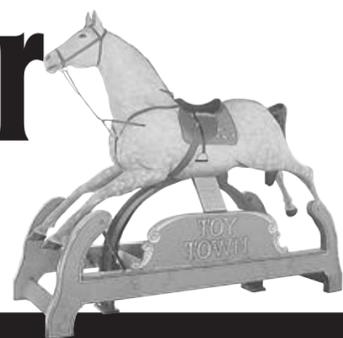
Vine replied, "The experience is one the students will have the rest of their lives, and the trip will give them a chance to use the language as well. I think it's fantastic."

A future upcoming meeting will be scheduled to meet with MHS students and parents to discuss more about the April 2018 trip.

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## VINE

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the Dunning-Kruger effect. Professors of psychology David Dunning and Justin Kruger identified this condition wherein individuals of low ability tenaciously cling to an illusion of superiority, convincing themselves their abilities are greater than the reality exhibits. It is “the inability of low-ability persons to recognize their own ineptitude.”

Like a teenage braggart, he has boasted that “I know more about ISIS than the generals do. Believe me.” He

claimed he knows more about aircraft carrier technology than the U.S. Navy.

Other hits include: “I think nobody knows more about taxes than I do, maybe in the history of the world.”; “Nobody knows banking better than I do.”; “Nobody knows that (U.S.) system (of government) better than I do”; “I know more about Cory (Booker) than he knows about himself,” and; “There is nobody who understands the horror of nuclear war more than me.”

This last quote disturbs me the most. It's one thing to call Sen. Cruz “Lyn’ Ted” or to denigrate Sen. Rubio as “Little Marco.” It is quite another to refer to North Korean President Kim

Jong Un as “Little Rocket Man,” while at the same time threatening him with “fire and fury.” Threats and insults are taken much more seriously in many Asian cultures than they are in the U.S. To deal so cavalierly with a madman with nuclear weapons (I’m talking about Kim here) is not only foolish, it is frightening. But, then again, nobody understands the horror of nuclear war better than Trump does. Just ask him – he said so.

Finally, my father always taught me never to trust anyone who ends a sentence with the phrase “believe me.” And how many times have we heard the president, just like a teen promising

no parties at the house while mom and dad are on vacation, end a sentence with those very words? “Believe me,” “trust me,” and “honestly” – words for suckers; and that’s just how the president is playing us.

As First Corinthians (or as Trump might call it, “One Corinthians”) 13:11 says, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

Someone seriously needs to tell the president it’s time to start moving in that direction.

## KEITH

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Bump fire style shoulder stocks to increase the speed of a semi-automatic firing capacity are in many states easy to purchase, and the Massachusetts Legislature is working on making them illegal here at home. The legislation projected to pass with ease on both sides.

As a legal society, we hardly enforce the mountains of firearms laws already on the books, which adversely cause many firearms owners to dig in their heels as they feel like new ones won’t help and only attack the rights they have left. However, doing nothing at all is simply not an option. Sadly, we all too often base many decisions on emotion, and not fact, and then fail in the end as a

people to find common ground.

Our federal government documents that over 98 percent of all gun crimes are committed with handguns, yet all too often we only go after rifles due to the size of their horrific mass shootings. Not to in any way downplay tragedy of what happened, but when is the anti-gun crowd going to pursue the 98 percent of 12,000 deaths and 24,000 injured annually by

handguns almost always illegally possessed the way it does many rifles? Don’t all those deaths and injuries matter?

In the end, being a multi-millionaire this evil person could have gotten his hands on virtually anything he wanted to commit these unthinkable acts. He even had many pounds of ammonium nitrate for additional actions.

We can’t go back, but we

can move forward. However, please remember, this kind of person was going to carry this event out no matter what laws existed and what laws may get passed in the future. You can’t stop a person who doesn’t care about the value of life, especially if that person possesses lots of money.

# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Christopher A. Caouette and Bethany L. Snow to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated March 8, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38524, Page 249 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-1 is the present holder by 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 2006-1 dated December 17, 2012 recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50187, Page 323, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 104 Elm Street, Winchendon, MA 01475 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on November 1, 2017, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Winchendon in the County of Worcester, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing on the westerly line of Elm Street at land formerly of Nelson D. White, now or formerly of Napoleon Breton;

THENCE: Westerly on line of said Breton’s land eight (8) rods to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of Peter Lamothe;

THENCE: No. 38 3/4 E on line of said Lamothe’s land ten (10) rods to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of Orlando W. Betterley, now or formerly of Peter Diamantopoulos;

THENCE: easterly on line of said Diamantopoulos’ land eight (8) rods to the westerly line of Elm Street;

THENCE: southerly on the westerly side of Elm Street ten (10) rods to the place of beginning.

For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38524, Page 247.

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 2006-1

Korde & Associates, P.C.

900 Chelmsford Street

Suite 3102

Lowell, MA 01851

(978) 256-1500

Caouette, Christopher A., 15-022858

September 29, 2017

October 6, 2017

October 13, 2017

October 20, 2017

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Dean R. Gray and Linda M. Gray to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prime Mortgage Financial, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated February 23, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35781, Page 139 subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prime Mortgage Financial, Inc., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55039, Page 369; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on October 27, 2017 at 38 Whitney Street, a/k/a 28 Whitney Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, on the westerly side of Whitney Street in Winchendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts being shown as Lot “6” on a plan entitle “Plan of Lots prepared for Rural Housing Improvement, Inc., Winchendon, MA February 7, 1986 Szoc Surveyors, 32 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA” which plan is recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 552, Plan 87 bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING at a point in the westerly line of Whitney Street at the northeast corner of lot “5” shown on said plan; THENCE North 66° 27’ 48” West by said lot “5” 169.79 feet to a point in line of land now or formerly of Robert N. Mickler et ux; THENCE North 09° 45’ 34” East by said Minkler land 143.42 feet to a point in the southerly line of River Street; THENCE South 58° 00’ 00” East by the southerly line of River Street, 105.00 feet to a point; THENCE South 67° 07’ 38” East by the southerly line of River Street 97.24 feet to a point at the intersection of River Street and Whitney Street; THENCE South 22° 14’ 19” West by the westerly line of Whitney Street, 125.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 23,558 square feet. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by a deed from Alan J. Drouinand Steven J. Kosakowski, Trustees of S & A Realty Trust dated January 30, 1997 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 18575, Page 260.

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

## TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank

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

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

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

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PO Box 540540

Waltham, MA 02454

Phone: (781) 790-7800

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October 6, 2017

October 13, 2017

October 20, 2017

## LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Winchendon will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 6:45 PM at the Winchendon Town Hall, 109 Front St. Winchendon MA 01475 to solicit citizen comments and input on the following Community Development Block Grant activities:

- FY’16 Grant: Review of the completed activities for the Town’s infrastructure improvement project and the regional housing rehabilitation and fuel assistance programs within the Towns of Winchendon and Ashby.

- FY’16 Grant Request for Time of Completion Extension for Housing Rehabilitation projects in Winchendon and Ashby.

- Any other Grant related issues.

Any person or organization wishing to participate or provide comment is strongly encouraged to attend or contact the Board of Selectmen.

Winchendon Board of Selectmen

Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman

October 13, 2017

October 20, 2017

## MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Stephen P. Lafrennie to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GSF Mortgage Corp, its successors and assigns, dated July 12, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41474, Page 326 subsequently assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50167, Page 385, subsequently assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51882, Page 121 and subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as

Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Bayview Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56675, Page 106; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on November 3, 2017 at 22 Woodlawn Street, Winchendon, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in the Northerly part of the village in Winchendon, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING at a stake and stones at the Northeast corner of the lot at the junction of the streets laid out by W. H. Tucker, now known as Woodlawn and Cedar Streets; thence Southerly on the West line of Woodlawn Street five (5) rods to a stake and stones; thence Westerly eight and 44/100 (8.44) rods to a stake and stones; thence Northerly five (5) rods to a stake and stones on the South line of Cedar Street; thence Easterly on line of Cedar Street eight and 44/100 (8.44) rods to the place of beginning. This instrument creates no new boundaries. Meaning and intending to convey and hereby conveying the same premises convey to me by deed of Virginia Sibley, Executor u/w of Heidi Lafrennie, dated July 12, 2007, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 41474, Page 324.

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

## TERMS OF SALE:

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

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,

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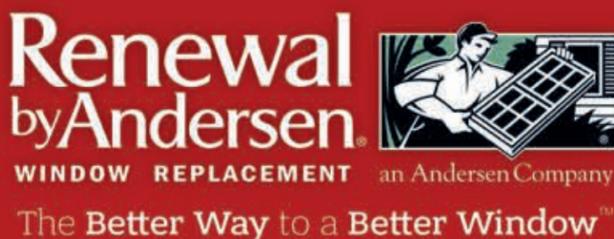
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